

# The Church in New York City

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2023 International Chinese-Speaking Conference (Feb. 18-19)**

We will watch the 2023 International Chinese-Speaking Conference via Zoom. The meeting schedule is as follows:

Message 1: 9:00am Sat., February 18, 2023  
Message 2: 11:00am Sat, February 18, 2023  
Message 3: 7:30pm Sat., February 18, 2023  
Message 4: 11:00am L.D., February 19, 2023  
Message 5: 7:30pm L.D., February 19, 2023

Meeting ID: 841 8744 5644

Passcode: 2023

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84187445644?pwd=d0d5UXBhMEZUS3duREt1TjBTTEwwUT09>

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- **NYC Young People's Winter Retreat (Feb. 19-21)**

This year's NYC Young People's Winter Retreat will be held at **Camp Penuel** from **February 19 to 21** (Lord's Day afternoon to Tuesday afternoon). We encourage the young people in grades 6 through 12 and their families to attend. Please register at [www.tinyurl.com/2023ypretreat](http://www.tinyurl.com/2023ypretreat). **The registration remains open.**

- **Northeast Spanish-speaking Conference (Mar. 10-12)**

The Northeast Spanish-speaking Conference will be held at **Camp Penuel (KPCC)** from **March 10 to 12**. English translation will be provided for all messages.

Please see details in the invitation link posted at [www.churchinnyc.org](http://www.churchinnyc.org). The registration deadline is **February 26**. We encourage all the saints to

register with brothers Henry Gonzalez, Ivanhoe Frederick or Osmar Suarez.

- **Service Office Hours**

Service Office hours are available for saints to call in to fellowship or to pray with some serving ones.

**Day & Time:** Monday through Saturday (except Wednesday), 10:30AM-11:30AM.

**Zoom**

<https://zoom.us/j/3785123114?pwd=dEpzN2ZGZ21aaGV5dTfob3AwQlBodz09>

**Meeting ID:** 378 512 3114

**Passcode:** 3131

**One tap mobile:** +19294362866,, 3785123114#

The burden for holding these office hours is that the hearts of the saints can be comforted and that their souls would be restored.

### PRAYER BURDENS

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for the citywide gathering of the church in NYC this past Lord's Day and prayer for the Lord to take the church on this year according to the three banners for the church in 2023:
  - a. **Truth constitution (1 Tim. 3:15)**—That all the saints, from the youngest to the oldest, would: (1) receive “the love of the truth” (2 Thes. 2:10); (2) contact and enjoy the Word of God daily; (3) be constituted with the truth so that the church would be the pillar and base of the truth and shine forth as the Lord's testimony in the midst of this dark age
  - b. **The prayer ministry of the church (1 Tim. 2:1)**—That the Lord would strengthen the prayer ministry of the church so that the church would pray prayers in ascension and of authority for the binding of the enemy, for the building of the church and for the bringing in of the kingdom

- c. **Loving the Lord and loving one another for the building up of the church as the Body of Christ (Eph. 4:15-16)**—That all the saints would enjoy the love of the Lord and be renewed in their love for the Lord daily and then love one another and function in the Body out of that love
- The burden for the gospel and the spread of the gospel in NYC and Upstate NY this past week:
  - a. Thanksgiving to the Lord for the visit of the 6 FTTA trainees who went out in the gospel this past week with local saints (they went out primarily to college campuses in Manhattan, such as NYU and Columbia University, and to some communities in Brooklyn)
  - b. Prayer for the team of 6 FTTA trainees who, together with some brothers from NYC, visited Ithaca, Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo this past week in order to labor in the gospel with local saints in each of these localities
- The young people’s serving ones’ fellowship held at Hall 4 in Brooklyn yesterday, February 11
- The Winter Retreat for all the young people in the church in NYC which will be held in Camp Penuel from February 19-21
- The International Chinese-speaking Conference (ICSC) to be held in Anaheim, CA over the weekend of February 17-19

## MORNING WATCH

### **HWMR: LOVING THE LORD AND LOVING ONE ANOTHER FOR THE ORGANIC BUILDING UP OF THE CHURCH AS THE BODY OF CHRIST**

#### ***Week 6: The Lord’s New Commandment Given to Us—That We Love One Another*** **Portions from Days 1 & 4:**

In John 13:34 and 35...[the] commandment is the message which we “heard from the beginning, that we should love one another” (1 John 3:11). We should not try in a natural way to fulfill this word. We may realize that God is love (4:8) and that we are commanded to love one another. Then in a natural, religious, and ethical way we may try to love others, imitating God’s love...This kind of love is ethical, natural, and even cultural. However, real love is the issue of enjoying the processed Triune God in the

divine dispensing. When we are in the fellowship of the divine life, that is, in the enjoyment of the Triune God, this enjoyment will have a certain issue or outcome. The outcome of the enjoyment of the Triune God is the divine love...With this love we spontaneously love others. In particular, we love all those who are organically related to our begetting Father (1 John 5:1). We have been begotten of the Father, and many others also have been begotten of Him. If we enjoy Him, the result will be that we love all His children. Therefore, loving the brothers is the issue of enjoying the Triune God.

It should not be with our natural love that we love God and His children. On the contrary, our natural love needs to be put on the cross. We should love God and His children with the divine love, the love that is conveyed to us through the word of the Lord and that becomes our experience and enjoyment.

**Corporate Reading:** *“The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity” Ch. 11: Becoming a Useful Vessel in the Lord’s Hand (1)*

## MINISTRY READINGS

### **God Being Enjoyed by Man in the Spirit**

He said to them, “Take, eat; this is My body.” And He took the cup and gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you” (Matt. 26:26-27). Seemingly, He was saying, “If I do not go, I will not be able to come back to you. I need to be crucified, not merely to accomplish redemption for your sins but in order that you can eat Me.” Poor Christianity! It only sees that the death of Christ is for redemption. It does not see that Christ’s death is even the more for eating. When the children of Israel killed the Passover lamb, they did not merely shed the blood of the lamb for their redemption. They also ate the meat of the lamb as their food. In the same way, when the Lord Jesus went to the cross, His death was not merely for redemption through the shedding of His blood. It was so that we could eat Him, drink Him, and enjoy Him.

*Excerpts from “How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God”, Chapter 10: How God Becomes Man’s Enjoyment in the Spirit (part 2)*