

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2021 International Chinese-Speaking Conference (continued)**

The last two messages of the 2021 International Chinese-Speaking Conference will be broadcasted on **the Lord's day, February 14**. Translation will be provided in English, Spanish and Korean.

Meeting Schedule:

Message Four: 9:00am, Lord's Day, February 14

Message Five: 11:00am, Lord's Day, February 14

Join via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/99416615325?pwd=Y01UdnJHZk1rVHpLaUMvenYveFJNUT09>

Meeting ID: 994 1661 5325 Passcode: 2021

Tel: +19294362866,,99416615325#

For more details, please visit the church website:

www.churchinnyc.org.

- **NYC Middle School & High School Retreat**

We will have an online retreat for the New York City young people in middle school and high school from **February 15-20, 2021 (Monday - Saturday)**. This is the annual retreat that we usually hold over the February school break. There will be fellowship and fun, recreational activities.

Registration is **closed**. Any questions can be directed to the young people serving ones in the halls or email to churchinnyc.yp@gmail.com.

- **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), 11AM-12PM.

Join via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/3785123114?pwd=dEpzN2ZGZ21aaGV5dTFob3AwQlBodz09>

Dial-in by Phone: +1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 378 512 3114 (Password: 3131)

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

- That the Church as the Body would pray from the position of ascension (Eph. 2:6), expressing the authority of Christ as the Head (Matt. 28:18), for the accomplishing of His purpose on the earth (Matt. 28:19-20)
- The International Chinese-Speaking Conference (ICSC), which began on the past Saturday, and will end on Lord's day February 14 – The general subject of the conference is *The Intrinsic and Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body Christ*
- The winter retreat for the middle school and high school age young people in the church in NYC being held online this week (February 15-20)
- The strengthening of the church life in NYC:
 - a. The strengthening of the church meetings and group meetings this week
 - b. The shepherding of all the saints and the reaching out to any who have not been attending the meetings regularly
- The new term of the FTTA and the arrangements at Camp Penuel where a number of trainees are being housed
- The various needs of the saints both locally and in other localities (e.g. physical and emotional, health-related, job-related, family-related, etc.)

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones—October 2020

Subject: The Christian Life, The Church Life, The Consummation of the Age, and The Coming of the Lord

Week 6: Entering into the Intrinsic Significance of the Reality of the Body of Christ—the Highest Peak in God’s Economy and the Top Revelation of the Bible

Portion from Day 2:

Today in the church age, the God-men who were perfected and matured are Zion, the overcomers, the vital groups within the churches. But in the new heaven and new earth there will be no more Zion, only Jerusalem, because all the unqualified saints will have been qualified to be Zion. In other words, the entire New Jerusalem will become Zion. What is Zion? Zion is the very spot where God is, that is, the Holy of Holies.

There is no other way to reach this high peak except by praying. It is more than evident that Jerusalem is here as a big realm of Christians, but where is Zion, the overcomers? ...The overcomers are the very Zion, where God is. This is the intrinsic reality of the spiritual revelation in the holy Word of God. We have to realize what the Lord’s recovery is. The Lord’s recovery is to build up Zion. (*CWWL, 1994-1997, vol. 1, “The Practical Points concerning Blending,” pp. 138-140*)

Zion is the high peak, the center, the uplifting, the strengthening, the enriching, and the reality of the church, the holy city. If there are no overcomers in a local church, that church is like Jerusalem without Zion....A local church must have some overcomers, and these overcomers are the peak and the center of that local church. They are the uplifting, the strengthening, the enriching, and the reality of that local church. If you take away these overcomers from that local church, that local church becomes like a flat tire. (*CWWL, 1993, vol. 2, “The Training and the Practice of the Vital Groups,” pp. 274-275*)

Today God is looking for the one hundred and forty-four thousand amidst the defeated church, who will stand on Mount Zion (Rev. 14). God always uses a small number of believers to pass on the flow of life to the church and to revive the church. (*CWWN, vol. 11, pp. 762-763*)

Corporate Readings: “*The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures*” Chapter 1: God’s Plan & Chapter 2: Christ’s Redemption

A Ministry Portion from “The Prayer Ministry of the Church”:

THE EFFECT ON MAN

What is the church? The church is a group of people on earth who maintain the Lord’s name. God has called men out of the nations into His name. This is the church. The church maintains the Lord’s name on earth. This is why the church can use the Lord’s name and apply it to people. We can say to others, “Rise up and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on His name” (Acts 22:16). When the Lord Jesus was on earth, He said to a woman, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace” (Luke 8:48). Another time He told a paralytic, “Take courage, child; your sins are forgiven” (Matt. 9:2). Brothers and sisters, if we are standing on the ground of baptism and we have the vision and revelation, we will realize that we are in charge of the Lord’s name. When we preach the gospel to someone and they receive it, to some extent we can say, “Brother, go home. The Lord Jesus has forgiven you.” We do not have to wait for him to say anything; we can pronounce him saved.

THE EFFECT TOWARD GOD

Praying in the name of the Lord Jesus is saying to God, “I am not trustworthy. I am useless. But I am praying in the name of Jesus.” ... To stand before God in the name of the Lord Jesus is to say that you do not stand on your own merit but on the merit of the Lord’s name. It is to say that you are not counting on what you are or what you will be, but on what the name of the Lord is. Many people pray with the hope that they will be answered in the future. ...But we have to realize that our prayer is answered because of His name and not because of our name. We have to completely deny our flesh, and we need to be in the name of the Lord Jesus. All the ground we have is gained through Him. We stand before God because of Him and not because of ourselves. It is not because of our righteousness but because of His blood; it is not based on what we want but on what He wants. We are here in the name of the Lord.

- Excerpts from “*The Prayer Ministry of the Church*”, Chapter 3 In the name of the Lord Jesus – God’s commitment (sections five & six).