

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Church-wide Parents & Serving Ones Fellowship, Feb. 1, 2020, 9:30am – 3:30pm (Breakfast and lunch will be provided), Hall 1
- The International Chinese-speaking Conference, Feb. 14-16, 2020, in Anaheim, CA
On Feb. 15, Saturday afternoon, there will be two special fellowship sessions held at the MCC; one for all the Chinese-speaking saints who are presently in school, and one for all the Chinese-speaking working saints. For those who plan to attend these sessions, please register online at www.2020icsc.org. The registration deadline for the special fellowship sessions is January 31, 2020.
- NYC Middle School & High School Retreat, Feb. 16-18, 2020, in KPCC

PRAYER BURDENS

- The banners for the church in NYC for 2020:
 - a. The family life for the church life and the church life in every household
 - b. Take root downward and bear fruit upward (Isaiah 37:31)
- The Church-wide Parents & Serving Ones Conference on Saturday, Feb. 1, in Hall 1
- The strengthening of the small group meetings and the church meetings in all nine halls of the church in NYC
- The Lord's move in the United States--FTTA gospel trips in the upcoming weeks to the following cities:
 - a. In the Midwest: Minneapolis, MN; St. Louis, MO; Lexington, KY; Cincinnati, OH
 - b. In the Mid Atlantic: Pittsburgh, PA; Richmond, VA
 - c. In the Southeast: Charlotte, NC; Columbia, SC; Memphis, TN; Orlando, FL
- The health of all the co-workers, elders and responsible brothers in the churches in the Lord's recovery

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Northeast College Conference, Feb. 21-23, 2020, in Connecticut
- Regional Sisters' Blending, Feb. 29, 2020, Hall 1
- Regional Spanish-speaking Conference, Mar. 13-15, 2020, in KPCC
- Young Working Saints and Young Families Blending, Mar. 20-21, 2020, in KPCC
- International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones, Mar. 27-29, 2020, in Anaheim, CA
- Memorial Day Conference, May 22-25, 2020, in Atlanta, GA

PARENTS & SERVING ONES CONFERENCE

Date: February 1, 2020

Location: Hall 1 of the church in NYC in Jamaica Estates

Schedule:

8:30-9:30am Light breakfast

9:30-11:00am Session 1

11:00-11:30am Break

11:30am-1:00pm Session 2

1:00-2:00 Lunch

2:00-3:30pm Session 3

We encourage all the parents and serving ones of the children and young people (including college students) to attend, as well as any saints who are burdened for the next generation in the church life. On that day there will be much fellowship regarding having a family life for the church life and the church life in every household, which is one of the banners for the church in NYC this year. Please pray for this gathering.

Ministry foretaste for the preparation of the upcoming church-wide Parents & Serving Ones Conference on Feb. 1, Sat., in Hall 1:

Concerning eternal life, the Bible takes an individual, not a household, as the unit. However, concerning salvation, it shows that men are saved household by household. The unit of salvation is the household... We can inquire of God according to these words. We can deal with Him not only for ourselves individually but also for our whole family.

We hope that all the children who are born among us will not need our extra effort in the future to bring them to salvation and to rescue them out of the world. Some have already been born into our fleshly family. We should make sure that they are born into our spiritual family also... The Lord has placed them in our hands. We should not let them go; we must make sure that they are saved.

All the little fishes born of our big fishes should be on our side; we should not let them go back into the sea and then struggle to catch them again... Whether or not the church will go on in the next generation, whether or not those after us will go on, depends on whether we can bring our own children to the Lord. If we lose as many as are born to us, our second generation will be gone.

If generation after generation all those who are born into our midst stand fast and if we also have some increase from the outside, the church will be strong and its number will increase. We must never give birth to a child only to lose it later. Instead, those who are born to us must be regenerated.

—*Raising Up the Next Generation for the Church Life, ch.5*

LORD'S DAY ATTENDANCE – JAN. 12

A total of 1,005 adults, young people, children and infants attended the church-wide semi-annual celebration meeting on the past Lord's Day.

A REPORT OF THE SEMIANNUAL CELEBRATION:

Joy Unspeakable and Full of Glory

The church-wide semi-annual celebration was held at Queens College on January 12, 2020. Saints from all the nine meeting halls throughout New York City convened together for the much anticipated blending. As the saints gathered in from all directions to the Colden Auditorium, singing and prayers were mingled with warm greetings to one

another. From the ushering brothers to the sisters distributing hymnal sheets, there was joy unspeakable written on their countenances.

The Lord's Table meeting was filled with praises and prayers in all languages; the grace and harmony could almost be seen and touched. The fragrance of Christ was released from the prayers that ascended in the whole congregation.

The brothers released the burden for this year with the banners, (1) *"The family life for the church life and the church life in every household;"* and (2) *"Take root downward and bear fruit upward,"* to direct the going on of the church in New York City. The Lord has blessed the church particularly in the past several years according to each of the banners which have been proclaimed.

The last session of the meeting was the singing by our children, and they certainly became the climax of the meeting without even trying. Saints raised up their phones to record the procession and the singing of our precious next generation, and the joy was indeed unspeakable and full of glory.

Banners of the Church in New York City (2015-2020)

2015: Advancing and Enlarging

2016: Trailblazing

2017: Blending, Relevancy, Truth Pursuing

2018: Shepherding, Recovering, Growing
(in Life and Numbers)

2019: All Ages for the Lord's Testimony with an
Emphasis on the Next Generation

2020: The Family Life for the Church Life and the
Church Life in Every Household; Take root
downward and bear fruit upward
(Isa. 37:31)

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: *Knowing and Experiencing the All-Inclusive, Extensive Christ - Week 2: "Knowing and Experiencing the All-Inclusive, Extensive Christ as the Good Land—Our Allotted Portion"*

Corporate Reading:

"The Christian Life" Chapter 4