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與您聯繫

聯會總幹事冼志儉牧師

自從去年受邀擔任美加華人浸信會聯會的總幹事起,常常馬不停蹄地走訪在北美各地的教會, 在不同的場合與牧師和教會領袖一起配搭服事。我為到大家給我熱情的款的感謝主; 也為著教 會在一同擴展神的國度上的熱忱而讚美神。 在走過這許多里路的當中,我反思了華人浸信教會 彼此聯繫的目的。 我想到保羅在羅馬書 15 章中跟羅馬教會所分享的旅行計劃,以及他在羅馬 書 16 章的問候。 保羅 "這好幾年… 切心想望" 去拜訪羅馬的教會,在他的信中,我們找到 了彼此聯繫的要點。

我們聯繫在一起,是因為我們擁有共同的信念。在聯繫中,我們享受在一起的美好時光,但這 是建基在我們所共同持有的信仰和信念上。保羅在羅馬書告訴我們他所相信的。許多聖經學者 將羅馬書視為保羅的系統神學。在同一本書中,他也向我們展示了信徒該如何活出他們的信 仰。我們之所以聯繫在一起,是因為我們作 華人浸信會,我們對自己的信仰和實踐有著與相 同的理解。

我們聯繫在一起,是因為我們在宣教上團結一致。保羅為他前往西班牙的旅程尋求羅馬教會的 支持。他聯繫了馬其頓和亞該亞的教會,來幫助耶路撒冷教會的需要。有很多地方需要新的教 會。我們與北美宣教部合作,在這幾年裏我們很高興看到在南卡羅來納州、阿拉巴馬州、佛羅 里達州、加利福尼亞州,紐約州和加拿大開始建立許多新的植堂教會。這些新教會需要我們的 支持。最近,我參觀了國際宣教部的培訓中心。在那裏我讀到了死在工場上的宣教士的名字, 他們中的許多人年紀輕輕就犧牲在中國。在普世宣教事工上我們實在欠福音的債。







我們聯繫在一起,是因為我們需要共同努力去應對問題和挑戰。保羅請羅馬教會為他禱告,使他"脫離在猶太不順從的人,…"保羅在他的事工中面臨許多挑戰。華人浸信會教會在大流行期間面臨各樣的挑戰。美加華人浸信會聯會與教會和教會領袖合作,提供了不同的培訓和工作坊。當有暴力行為影響加州華人社區時,我們發出祈禱的呼籲。我們需要攜手禱告,並共同努力。

我們聯繫在一起是因為我們需要彼此聯絡。 在羅馬書 16 章,我們看見保羅向羅馬教會推薦非 比。在同一章中,我們見到保羅問候許多的人。我經常收到主 肢體給我的電子郵件和電話, 查詢在他們要旅行或搬遷時在不同城市中的教會的信息。教會在尋找工人時也會聯繫我們來尋 求更多的資訊和建議。我們對同工的了解,不僅僅只是 讀成績單上的分數,而是要知道這個 人是否有"僕人"的心態,並"素來幫助許多人"。有神家裏的人的推薦就最好了!

我們為到華人浸信會這大家庭中的聯繫感謝主。為著我們的信仰、我們的大使命、我們的事工、並一起培養領袖,和為到神的國度,我期待與您聯繫。

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Connecting with You

Pastor Jeremy Sin, Executive Director

When I was asked to serve as the executive director of the Chinese Baptist Fellowship of US and Canada last year, I found myself constantly on the road, visiting churches in different cities in North America, ministering alongside pastors and church leaders on different occasions. I thank the Lord for the warm welcome I received; and I praise Him for the passion of the churches for advancing God's kingdom together. As I log the many miles traveled, I reflect on the purpose of having Chinese Baptist churches connecting with one another. Paul's traveling plan shared with the church in Rome as recorded in Romans 15, and his greetings in Romans 16 came to mind. Paul has "strongly desired for many years" to visit the church in Rome, and in his letter, we find insights on connecting with one another.

We are connected because we share the same beliefs. In being connected we enjoy the good times we have together, but this is founded on the same faith and convictions we hold. In the Book of Romans, Paul tells us what he believed. Many Bible scholars see the Book of Romans as Paul's systematic theology. In the same book, he shows us how believers should live out their faith. We are connected because we have the same understanding of our faith and practice as Chinese Baptists.

We are connected because we are united in a mission. Paul is seeking the support of the church in Rome for his journey to Spain. He has connected the churches in Macedonia and Achaia for the needs in Jerusalem. There are so many places that needed new churches. Working with the North American Mission Board, we are glad to see many new church plants started in South Carolina, Alabama, Florida, New York, and Canada. These new church plants need our support. Recently, I visited the International Mission Board training center. I read the names of missionaries who had died on the field, many of them in China and at a very young age. We have a debt to pay in getting the gospel to the rest of the world.







We are connected because we need to work together to deal with issues and challenges. Paul asks the church in Rome to pray for him that he "may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea, ..." Paul faced many challenges in his ministry. Chinese Baptist churches faced challenges during the pandemic. The Fellowship worked with churches and church leaders to provide training and workshops. When there were violent acts that affected the Chinese communities in California, we voiced out our prayers. We need to join hands to pray and work together.

We connect because we need the connection. In Romans 16, we find Paul commending Phoebe to the church in Rome. In the same chapter we find Paul greeting many individuals in that city. I often receive e-mails and phone calls asking for my recommendations of churches to visit when they travel or move to a new city. At the same time, churches contact us for reference and recommendations when they are looking for workers. We need to know the person, not just information from a transcript, but to know if that person is "a servant", and "a benefactor of many". It is good to be recommended by one in the family!

We thank the Lord for the connections we have in the Chinese Baptist family. I look forward to connecting with you, for our faith, for our mission, for our ministry, for raising leaders, and for His kingdom.

Please let us know how we might serve you. Contact me at: Jeremy.sin@cbfusacanada.org





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