

The First Leadership Summit 2023

Sowing Seeds for Transformation

Come September 18-22, 2023, more than 200 pastors, church leaders, brothers and sisters from Chinese Baptist churches from all over the US and Canada will gather on board the cruise ship Carnival Radiance sailing from Long Beach California heading for Ensenada, Mexico with a stop at Catalina Island for the Chinese Baptist Fellowship's first Leadership Summit. (The Summit)

The idea of the Summit came as the new leadership of the Fellowship met right after the 21st Biennial Conference and felt that Chinese Baptists should come together more often to fellowship with one another and encourage each other more than just once every two years. It would also be an opportunity for all of us to be equipped to engage in the many issues pastors and churches face in their ministry, and especially when ministries in churches were negatively impacted by a three-year long pandemic and pastors and church leaders having to encounter unprecedented challenges that tested and continue to test the very core of their being as ministers and the foundation of the fruits of their faith and faithfulness was built! Such Summits are planned to be held during off years of our Biennial Conferences in different parts of North America.

This Summit will have two separate tracks – Mandarin and English - under a common theme - "Sowing Seeds for Transformation". Each track will address issues that are relevant and crucial to the ministry of ministers and churches unique to each language group. We have put together a team of experienced pastors and professionals in their field to help us in those areas through the workshops they will lead. Our goal for these workshops is to help participants visualize the way forward for churches in uncharted waters, post pandemic, that enable their ministry to grow and thrive.

The keynote speaker for the English track is Rev. Port Wilburn, Executive Director of Missions for the Bridges Bay Area Association, a network of 200 churches throughout four San Francisco Bay Area Counties. He and his wife were also instrumental in replanting an Anglo church in the region to become a thriving cross generational and multiethnic church. The keynote speaker for the Mandarin track is Rev. Benny Wong, the immediate past President of CBF and the Senior Pastor of the First Chinese Baptist Church Los Angeles where he had served for 30 years. He is also the newly appointed Director of the Chinese English Bilingual (CEB) Program and Professor of Leadership Formation at Gateway Seminary.



Workshops and Workshop Leaders include the following:

English Track:

- Reaching Generation Z – Rev. Nate Parrow is an IMB missionary serving as the West Region Church and NextGen Mobilization Strategist with a passion for reaching out to NextGeners.
- Racial Reconciliation – Pastor Port Wilburn, Executive Director for Bridges Bay Area Association, a network of 200 churches throughout four San Francisco Bay Area Counties.
- A Guide to Navigating the Rainbow 2.023 – Mrs. Marshelle Wilburn uses her gifts and talents in administration and teaching and serves alongside Port as Systems and Operations Administrator
- “Moving from “I to We”. Is it possible?” – Brother John Blake, founder, and president of “I to We”, a ministry focused on creating unity in the Body of Christ. He led such consultations with churches the world over.
- Building Bridges through Shared History – Husband and wife team, Baldwin and Larissa Chiu, are musicians and film makers of the acclaimed documentary “Far East Deep South” which was billed as the “Best of 2021 on PBS”.

Mandarin Track:

- Healthy Intergenerational Ministry – Pastor William Eng, Retired Pastor of Orange County Chinese Baptist Church and a Vice President of the Fellowship and the lead member of the English/NextGen Ministry team.
- Healthy Leaders, Healthy Churches – Rev. Brent Hoover, Senior Consultant, “LeaderSource”
- Building Healthy Team Relationships – Husband and wife team, Dr. Harry and Nancy Liu, President of “Love and Conflict Peacemaking Ministries”
- Emotional Effectiveness of Pastoral Leadership and Management – Dr. Melvin Wong, California Licensed Clinical Psychologist with 34 years of experience in the field.
- Healthy Financial Provision – Rev. Hoon Im, Relationship Manager for GuideStone Financial Services with many years of experience in helping pastors to financially prepare for their retirement.

While we expect churches to be able to fund their pastors to attend the Summit, scholarships and stipends are available to help those whose churches are not able to do so. In order churches to send those from within their congregations who are actively serving in their churches and feel inclined to the call to the vocational ministry (especially those in the English speaking ministry) and on the recommendation of their pastor or in the absence of a pastor, the church.. More details can be found on our website: <https://chinesebaptists.org/leadership-summit-2023-q-a/> Participants have to book the cruise through CBF online in order to qualify for the scholarships and stipends. The Northern California Chinese Baptist Association will provide a stipend of \$100 for pastors serving in member churches and each of their immediate family members who attend the Summit.

We thank God for the Southern California Chinese Baptist Association for fully supporting this event by providing the Steering Committee to plan and making the local arrangements and onboard the cruise liner to help us host this event.

Although the early bird registration for Summit has expired, we are still accepting registration for the Summit. Please go online to <https://chinesebaptists.org> to register, book the cruise and pay online. If you have any questions about the event, please contact Mrs. Sylvia Chan, our administrator via text: 626-297-7156 or email her at: sylvia.chan@cbfusacanada.org



首屆「北美華浸教會增長大會」 「更新、結果子！」

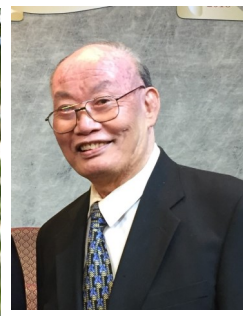
2023 年 9 月 18 日至 22 日，來自美國和加拿大各地的 200 多名牧師、教會領袖、弟兄姊妹將齊聚在從加州長灘出發前往墨西哥恩塞納達 (Ensenada) 並在卡特琳娜島 (Catalina Island) 停留的「嘉年華光輝號」 (Carnival Radiance) 游輪上參加美加華人浸信會聯會舉辦的首屆「北美華浸教會增長大會」。(簡稱「增長大會」)

「增長大會」的構思是在第 21 屆雙年會後，聯會的新一屆職員覺得華人浸信教會應該更頻繁地聚在一起，彼此團契，互相鼓勵，而不是每兩年才開會一次。這也將是一個機會，讓我們教牧同工們一同接受裝備，面對各種的問題，特別是當教會的事工受到長達三年的大流行的負面影響，教牧和教會領袖要面對前所未有，且不斷考驗我們各人的核心價值觀，信念和信心的挑戰！我們更計劃以後在雙年會中間的那一年在北美不同地區舉行增長大會。

這「增長大會」將分為國語組和英語組——但有共同的主題——“更新、結果子！”。每組都將針對與每一個語言群體的教牧和教會事工相關和特有的關鍵問題。我們集合了一個由經驗豐富的牧者和專業人士來組成的團隊，通過他們所將帶領的研討會將在不同的領域上幫助我們，讓參與者思考大流行後教會未來的導向，使他們的事工能夠更興盛和長進。

國語組的主題講員是黃守謙牧師。他是美加華人浸信會聯會前任會長，在加州羅省第一華人浸信會擔任牧師和主任牧師長達三十年。他最近被任命為加州金門浸信會神學院之中英雙語課程的主任及領袖學塑造教授 (Professor of Leadership Formation)。

英語組的主題講員是 Port Wilburn 牧師。他是灣區橋樑區聯會的總幹事，該區聯會是由三藩市灣區四個縣分的 200 多間教會組成的一個網絡。他和他的師母還在該區重新栽植了一間白人教會，使之成為一間興盛的跨代和多種族的教會。



大會研討會及講員包括如下：

國語組：

- **健康的跨代事工** – 講員伍偉濂牧師是加利福尼亞州橙縣華人浸信會退休牧師。他目前擔任美加華人浸信會聯會的副會長和英語/下一代事工團隊的領導成員。
- **健康的領袖，健康的教會** – 講員胡牧是資深 LeaderSource 同工專注裝備教會培養健康的領袖。
- **健康的團隊關係** – 講員劉哲沛博士在加州執業超過 30 年，是前洛杉磯高等法院調解律師。他是「愛與衝突和睦事工」的會長。他和他的妻子 Nancy 一起領導研討會。
- **管理健康的情緒** – 講員黃偉康博士是加州執照資深臨床心理治療師，他在該領域有 34 年的執業實踐和教學經驗。
- **健康的財務供應** – 講員林勛牧師是美南 GuideStone Financial Services 客戶經理擁有多年經驗幫助傳道人為退休做好財務準備。

英語組：

- **接觸 “Z” 世代** – 講員 Nate Parrow 牧師，是美南國際傳道部事奉美國西部地區教會和動員跨代事工的策略員。他熱心接觸下一代。
- **種族和解** – 講員 Port Wilburn 牧師，他是灣區橋樑區聯會的總幹事，該區聯會是一個由三藩市灣區四個縣的 200 多間教會所組成的網絡。
- **彩虹導航指南 2.023** – 講員是 Marshelle Wilburn 師母，她在行政和教學方面發揮她的恩賜和才能，並與丈夫 Port 牧師一起事奉，擔任系統和事務主管。
- **「從“我到我們”。可能嗎？」** – 講員為 John Blake 弟兄，他是“我到我們”（“From I to We”）的創始人兼總裁。這是一個專注於在基督的身體中建立合一的事工，他在世界各地為教會作資詢。
- **「通過共同的歷史架起橋樑」** – 講員是 Baldwin 和 Larissa Chiu 的夫妻團隊，他們是被廣受讚譽為“PBS 2021 年最佳”的紀錄片《遠東深南》（“Far East Deep South”）的電影製作人和音樂家。

雖然我們希望教會能夠資助他們的傳道人參加這次的增長大會，但大會亦準有助學金和津貼來幫助那些有需要的傳道人。為了鼓勵在浸信教會積極事奉並考慮全時間服侍的信徒(特別是在英語事工中)，若他們得到他們所屬教會的主任牧師或教會（如果他們沒有牧師）的推薦，我們有額外的助學金 給他們。更多詳細資訊可以在我們的網站上找到：<https://chinesebaptists.org/2023-cbf-leadership-forum-qa-chinese/>。參與者必須通過聯會在線預訂遊輪，才有資格獲得助學金和津貼。北加州華人浸信會區聯會會也為屬下會員堂服侍的傳道人及其每位參加大會的直系親屬提供 100 美元的津貼。

我們為著南加州華人浸信會區聯會全力支持這次活動感謝神。他們提供籌委會成員來計劃和執行在當地及郵輪上一切的安排，協助我們舉辦這次活動。

儘管增長大會的「早鳥註冊」已過期，但我們仍然接受報名。請在 <https://chinesebaptists.org> 在線註冊，預訂遊輪並在線上支付。若你對郵輪或大會有些資詢，請用短信 626-297-7156 或用電郵 sylvia.chan@cbfusacanada.org 與聯會幹事陳譚北蓮師母聯繫。

