

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Chinese Christian Church of Thousand Oaks:

Peace in our Lord Jesus Christ! This is Pastor Ming Li from Henan province, Mainland China. I was born in the 1980s and grew up in a Christian family at a small village. I am the fourth generation Christian in our family. My wife Jingjing and I have two boys, Isaac who is four and Isaiah who is two.



My wife and I grew up together and both of us were called by God during college. From 2009 to 2014, we went to Cambodia as missionary and also received theological training there. Then God led us to Westminster Seminary California for further theological training. In May 2017, I graduated from WSC with the degree of Master of Divinity. In September 2017, I passed the ordination exam of Presbyterian Church in America and was called by the Chinese Reformed Church to be their pastor. So far, I have been serving at this church as a full-time pastor for about three years.

How time flies! In a twinkling of an eye, it has been 11 years since my wife and I were called to serve God. Looking back on this period of time, there have been laughter and tears, gains and losses, strength and weakness, but most of all, I am grateful that God's grace is with me, as apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15:10, *"by the grace of God I am what I am."* I give thanks to our God for He not only called me to serve Him, but also gave me an excellent wife to be my helper. During the ten years of serving and shepherding experience, my wife Jingjing not only took care of our family wholeheartedly, but also served faithfully as a pianist for the church. She also often accompanied me to visit and cared about the brothers and sisters who were in need in the church.

We are also very grateful for this opportunity to apply to serve God and all of you at the Chinese Christian Church of Thousand Oaks. Looking into the future, if God allows, my wife and I would like to come to Thousand Oaks and continue to serve God at CCCTO, because God's Word, God's love and God's presence are here. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.

Sincerely,  
Pastor Ming Li

親愛的千橡城基督教會的弟兄姐妹們:

主內平安！我是李明牧師，80後，在中國大陸河南省的一個小山村的基督徒家庭出生和長大，是我們家第四代基督徒，與師母晶晶育有兩個孩子，大寶恩恒今年4歲，二寶恩宣今年2歲。



我和師母青梅竹馬，雙雙在讀大學時蒙召，並於2009年至2014年在柬埔寨宣教和接受神學培訓。之後，神又帶領我們來到美國加州西敏神學院接受裝備，2017年5月我從加州西敏畢業，獲得道學碩士學位，並於同年9月份通過了美國長老會的按牧考試，被聖地牙哥華人歸正教會呼召為牧師，截至目前我已經在這間教會全職牧會了三年之久。

時光飛逝，轉眼之間，我和師母蒙召侍奉神已經走過了11個年頭，回首這一段歲月的點點滴滴，有歡笑和淚水，有收穫和失敗，有剛強和軟弱，然而，最多的還是感恩，因為神的恩與我同在，正如使徒保羅在哥林多前書15章10節所言，「然而我今日成了何等人，是蒙神的恩才成的」。感謝我們的神，祂不僅呼召我侍奉祂，還將師母賜給我作我的幫助者。在這十多年的侍奉和牧會中，師母不僅盡心地照顧我們的家庭，而且在司琴方面忠心地服事，還經常陪同我一起去探訪、關心教會中有需要的弟兄姐妹。

我們也很感恩這次申請來千橡城基督教會侍奉神和服事大家的寶貴機會。展望未來的歲月，若神允許，我和師母願意來千橡教會繼續侍奉神，因為這裡有神的話、神的愛和神的同在。願主耶穌基督的恩常在眾弟兄姐妹心裡！願頌贊、榮耀、智慧、感謝、尊貴、權能、力量，都歸給我們的神，直到永永遠遠。阿們！

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