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Chinese Churches United in Purpose, Listening Across Generations



Today, the plenary sessions of the 10th CCCOWE Congress focused on “Chinese Churches.” Rev. Arnold Chow, Senior Pastor of North Point Alliance Church, delivered a keynote address titled “Chinese Churches at a Generational Crossroads.” Drawing from Numbers 27–32, he led participants to reflect on the challenges and mission

of Chinese churches amidst generational transitions.

Rev. Chow’s message unfolded across several dimensions based on the appeal, context, and outcome of the daughters of Zelophehad: “Name and Inheritance; Crisis and Tension,” “Next Gen, the Marginalized, the Vulnerable, and the Overlooked,” “Breaking Rigidity, Adapting

Faithfully,” and “Rooted in Truth and Grace.” He guided participants to re-examine through the Scripture how the church should respond to changing times.

Although Moses held great authority at the time, when faced with an unprecedented situation, he did not rigidly adhere to the law passed

“As we reach this generational transition, can we hear the voices of the second and third generations? Can we hear the stories and contexts of new immigrants? Can we hear what young people—who carry a burden but have never had an opportunity—are saying?”— Rev. Arnold Chow

down over 40 years. Instead, he faithfully came before the Lord to review and update the regulations. This judgment and decision stemmed from faithful obedience to God, serving as a vital model for today's church.

He also referred to the tribes of Gad and Reuben, whose discovery of a favorable place to settle gave rise to the challenges of material security and family comfort. He used this account

to invite participants to reflect on the situation facing Chinese churches today, including structural contraction and the struggle simply to sustain themselves—for example, aging congregations, the significant loss of young people, declining numbers of pastors and seminary students, and reduced financial capacity.

Facing these challenges, he emphasized that the core task

and mission of the church have never changed! Just as the two tribes ultimately remained committed to their mission by leading the army at the forefront, the church today—despite differences in language, region, and generation—must seek unity amidst diversity. With patient communication and an open heart for new things, we must connect and explore the future together.

Facing Opportunities and Challenges with the Four Mores



In the face of rapid global shifts, how should the Chinese church respond to the challenges of our time? Rev. Abraham Liu, Senior Pastor of River of Life Christian

Church in Silicon Valley, pointed out that the Chinese people are standing on a new stage of history, and the Chinese church must press boldly forward, answering God's call through "Four Mores":

More Engaged in the World: Actively promote marketplace ministry, recognizing that impacting a generation cannot rely on clergy alone. The church must mobilize believers across all professions to bear witness for the Lord in their respective fields.

More Caring: Emulate Christ by stepping into

the crowds, attending to people's holistic physical, mental, and spiritual needs, and responding to an era filled with suffering and pain.

More Courageous: Fulfill the Great Commission by going out to all nations and peoples to make disciples of more souls. The era we live in today is different from that of the early church; now is the time to go all out and press valiantly forward.

More Impactful: Become the light of the world, actively transforming communities and cities so that people may glorify God through the good deeds of believers. Do not complain that the world is too dark—what we can do is simply shine!

Quoting **Isaiah 40**, Rev. Liu noted that the world needs a highway. The church must prepare the way of the Lord and serve as a bridge connecting the Gospel with the world, faithfully carrying its mission through this generational shift.

"Today, Chinese people can boast that we are numerous, smart, and well-resourced. But in the global mission field, where are we?"— Rev. Dr. Tong Liu

Young People Aren't Leaving God; They're Seeking Another Way to Draw Near to Him!



Rev. Dr. Albert Ng from Island ECC in Hong Kong mentioned “three rumors” often heard in Hong Kong: international churches are growing rapidly,

local believers are switching to international churches, and young people are moving to international churches as well.

Data from Hong Kong’s Chinese-speaking churches between 2014 and 2019 showed an 11.9% decline in worship attendance, while international churches saw a 37% increase. Clearly, those are not rumors or impressions, but a reality. However, Rev. Dr. Ng stressed that international churches

are not competitors, nor are they meant to replace Chinese churches. Instead, through an English-speaking cultural environment, they complement resources that Chinese churches may lack—serving returnees, overseas Chinese, international school students, and local believers.

In recent years, many young people have turned to international churches not simply because of language, but because they long for a different church culture.

Rev. Dr. Ng believes that what truly attracts people is never language, but church culture. He emphasized that young people seek a gospel that can be lived out daily, genuine relationships, partners to grow together, and a sense of mission to make the world a better place.

The Era of Polycentric Mission Has Arrived, Churches Should Walk Alongside Gen Z!



Global missions have entered the era of “polycentric mission”—no longer moving merely from the West to the rest, but from everywhere to everywhere. The

Chinese church must rediscover its role in global missions.

Dr. Allen Yeh from International Theological

Seminary noted that, topologically speaking, there is no purely “Chinese theology,” because theology emerges through a continuous dialogue among Biblical revelation, historical tradition, and contemporary context. The key is whether theology returns to and remains faithful to Scripture. At the same time, he integrated intergenerational reconciliation into missions, applying Paul’s teachings on race, class, gender, and age to a polycentric understanding of missions.

Dr. Yeh reminded the church that instead of overly blaming young people for leaving, we

“How a church engages in ‘culture building’ is often more important than what ‘ministry activities’ it runs. Our responsibility is to cultivate an attractive church culture that remains faithful to the gospel.”— Rev. Dr. Albert Ng

should listen, learn from one another, walk with them, pray alongside them, study the Bible together, practice shared leadership, and trust that the Christian faith can address today's complex issues. He also encouraged churches to prioritize gospel work among children aged 4 to 14, as this is the most critical window for building a lifelong faith.



Participant Interviews



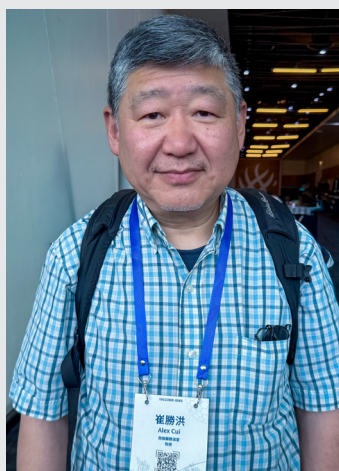
Ps. Anthony Chong
(Chinese Youth Ministry, BCCM Kota Kinabalu)

“The gospel is not just an idea; it is an action. My breakthrough at this conference was reinterpreting the meaning of the gospel. Upon returning to my church, I hope to help youth rediscover this essential concept.”



Ps. Joy Cheng
(Director of the Program Department of Far East Broadcasting Company Chinese Ministries)

“I am committed to bringing myself, my family, and my ministry back to the core of the gospel. I pray that God helps us walk daily in the light of His truth, so that the gospel we preach aligns with our life testimony, genuinely living out what we believe.”



Ps. Alex Cui
(Evangelical Chinese Church of Seattle)

“This is my third time attending the CCCOWE Congress, and I've seen many changes compared to the past. There are more young people and greater vitality, reflecting the shifts of our era. Of course, challenges have grown as well, which is why we must stay focused on the gospel to respond to this rapidly changing world.”



“A vital contribution of Chinese theology is restoring reconciliation with the era—especially when the West is doing the opposite by idolizing youth. However, Chinese churches must be careful to avoid overly venerating elders and instead build biblically grounded intergenerational relationships.”— Dr. Allen Yeh

From “Me” to “We”: Mobilizing Missions Together



The ministry exhibition area, “Kingdom Commons,” featured a vibrant array of organizations ranging from Bible translation to Christian publishers, social care, cross-cultural missions, and outreach to unreached people groups—each serving according to their gifts. With the rapid

development of network technology, the gospel has transcended geographical boundaries, opening new opportunities for digital missions. Whether through field missions or digital outreach, any effort that brings salvation to more people is a vital work for the expansion of God’s Kingdom.

Searching for JESUS

 www.searchforjesus.net/volunteer-tc/

In partnership with local churches worldwide, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) promotes the digital outreach ministry “Searching for Jesus.” It creates online touchpoints for people seeking Christ, providing clear gospel content along with trained online volunteers who chat, pray, and guide seekers toward local churches for ongoing discipleship. Combining content creation, online care, prayer support, and church partnerships, it establishes a complete pathway from digital evangelism to physical pastoring.



WE Initiative

 www.weinitiative.me/

A young Chinese mission mobilization network centered on the concept of “From Me to We,” encouraging believers to move from personal faith toward Kingdom mission. Established in Taipei in 2021, its team spans Taiwan, Japan, the UK, North America, Hong Kong, and Malaysia. Operating mainly through online gatherings, prayer groups, and collaborative platforms, it connects churches, mission fields, missionaries, and agencies to share resources and partner together. Through its “Big Story” training, it also promotes children’s mission education, mobilizing Christian parents to cultivate a Kingdom perspective and missional mindset in their children from an early age.



Behind the Scenes

