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Welcome to the Florida Chinese Christian Summer Retreat 2023!

Dear Fellow Chinese Church,

Greetings and peace be with you! Once again the annual Florida Chinese Christian Summer Retreat is right around the corner! The Florida Chinese Christian Summer Retreat will be taking place on **Friday, May 26th through Sunday, May 28th**. The theme for this year is “**Arise and Shine**.” The speaker is **Rev. Danny Lee**. Rev. Danny was born in Taipei, Taiwan but lived most of his life in the United States. He grew up in Texas and received his Mechanical Engineering (BS) from the University of Texas in Austin, and a Master of Science in Engineering Management from Syracuse University. Upon graduation from UT-Austin, he worked as a quality and manufacturing engineer for 8 years before transitioning into the IT Profession in 2001. He currently works as an IT Professional in SAP integration. In 2019, Rev. Danny received his ThM degree with emphasis in Leadership Studies from Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS). He has since been accepted into the Doctor in Ministry (DMin) program in the Church Health, Leadership, and Multiplication cohort at DTS. In May 2021, Rev. Danny was certified by Tulsa International Baptist Church with the license to preach for the Gospel Ministry, and in June of the same year, he was ordained as a practicing minister by Chinese Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. As preparations are underway for the Florida Chinese Christian Summer Retreat, we would like to provide an opportunity for members in your English Ministry/Youth Group to come serve with us this year.

As you all know, every year we are in need of male and female counselors to help lead small groups. We believe this is a fantastic opportunity not just for brothers and sisters to help build up and encourage our youth from across various Chinese Churches in Florida; but this is also a great opportunity for counselors to grow, encourage, and challenge each other spiritually. We will be needing counselors to lead small groups from middle school up through young adult/post-grad. **This year we will have increased emphasis on high school, college, and young adults.** As a counselor, you will be responsible for leading discussions in your small group, keeping track of your members, and overseeing the cabins you have been assigned to.

Please circulate this among your English Ministry/Youth Group congregations. Included in this packet is a copy of the **Counselor Application Form, Pastor/Co-Worker Recommendation Form, and Application Instructions**. Upon completion of the forms, please email everything to **Matthew (Matt) Ong** at matt.ong91@gmail.com. If you have any questions or concerns regarding counseling or being a counselor, please feel free to direct them to Matt. For all other questions regarding the Florida Chinese Christian Summer Retreat, the speaker for the English side of the retreat, the theme of the retreat this year, etc.; please contact **Brother Jimmy Chen** at docjimmychen@gmail.com or **Pastor Pao Lee** at paolucylee@gmail.com.

As Christians, we are constantly experiencing spiritual warfare in our daily walks with God. We look forward to serving with everyone this year, and we look to not only encourage and equip the attendees of the Florida Chinese Christian Summer Retreat but also each other as fellow counselors as we continue to run this race. Peace to you all!

In Christ,

Florida Chinese Christian Summer Retreat 2023 English Planning Team

“Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.” – Ephesians 6:13