

CLRC Introduction Video Podcast (English Version)

My name is Albert Yeh (葉季港). I'm the founder and Executive Director of Christian Leadership Renewal Center (基督僕人更新中心).

I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior in 1954 in Shanghai, China. Two years later, God miraculously bought me out of Communist China and then to America in 1961. After finishing my studies, I began my career with IBM in Poughkeepsie, NY, in 1967. While in Poughkeepsie, several of us started the Chinese Bible Study Group which later became the Mid-Hudson Chinese Christian Church. In 1982, I transferred to IBM in Raleigh, NC. There we joined the Chinese Bible Study Group which became the Raleigh Chinese Christian Church (RCCC) two years later. Since then, I served in various capacities for more than 25 years.

By God's providence and guidance, I retired early from IBM in 1992, after 25 years of service. In 1994, I enrolled in the Moody Bible Institute Graduate School and received a Master of Arts degree in Ministry. The initial concept of CLRC came about while I was studying at Moody. It is documented in my research paper on "A Ministry Proposal to Strengthening the Leadership of Chinese Churches in North America." In retrospect, CLRC is really the product of God's working in my entire life through various circumstances and experiences. 2015 was the 10th anniversary of CLRC's formal establishment as a non-profit corporation dedicated to the strengthening of Christian leaders, especially in the Chinese churches.

One of the key questions facing the Chinese churches today is how do we meet the challenges and seize the opportunities in the 21st century in terms of the Great Commission? I believe

that, based on the biblical teachings, an analysis of the characteristics of Chinese churches and current realities, there is an urgent need for more strong and mature spiritual leaders. CLRC attempts to address this need by providing a holistic 3 fold ministries in an intimate and naturally beautiful setting:

1. Systematic and continuous leadership training seminars, focusing in the areas of the character, the vision/calling and the skills of a God's servant.
2. Genuine, intentional and disciplined fellowships focusing on the deepening of trusting relationships among God's servants so as to develop like minded and mutually supportive coworkers for the kingdom of God.
3. Personal renewal focusing on the relationship with God, with oneself as well as physical refreshment.

To achieve these objectives, God has graciously enabled us to find a wonderful site on Lake Gaston in southern Virginia and to build a facility to hold these seminars, fellowships and retreats. He has also provided us with top notch speakers and faithful volunteers for the programs and operations. Many obstacles were overcome along the way and we have witnessed His guidance every step of the way. We continue to depend on Him for the continuation, improvement and expansion of the existing ministries. We will explore new opportunities to serve the churches, including resources to support other like-minded ministries, in order to fulfill the Great Commission. May He receive all the glories and His people all the blessings in the years to come!