

## ***Ministry to Wives of Ministers — San Francisco Bay Area***

### **支援師母事工 — 三藩市灣區**

CBF recognizes the sacrifices that wives make in order that their minister husbands are able to fulfill the calling God has for them in the church. Some of them are home makers but many of them have careers of their own and yet they are supportive of their husbands in carrying their share of the ministry load be it in the different areas of ministry, visitation, caring, counseling and the list goes on.

They serve as “tag along” ministers who have no job description and yet there are unspoken expectations that come with being “the wife”. Invariably, they are sometimes the ones who are the least appreciated and affirmed. But they are the most important and indispensable partner for a minister. CBF seeks to minister to this group of partners in ministry for our ministers and we have created a Supporting Ministry that seeks to reach out to Pastors/Ministers and to their wives.



The Supporting Ministry to Wives of Ministers is headed by Mrs. Sarah Chiu of Milpitas, CA. and Mrs. Kate Leong of Houston, TX. Their plan is to host periodic gatherings of wives of ministers regionally to provide mutual support and encouragement among them. They are in the process of raising funds to pay for such gatherings. For more information, please contact: Sarah Chiu ([schiu4678@gmail.com](mailto:schiu4678@gmail.com)) or Kate Leong ([kate.k.leong@gmail.com](mailto:kate.k.leong@gmail.com)).

On December 16 2017, they hosted such a Chinese speaking group in Los Altos in the San Francisco Bay Area in cooperation with the Northern California Chinese Baptist Association (NCCBA). 24 wives of ministers attended the High Tea event and for all of them, it was the first time that they had a chance to be up close with each other in an event just for them. It was a breath of fresh air for them just getting to know each other and exchanging electronic addresses. Many of them acknowledged that they should have more of such gatherings to mutually support and encourage one another and this was a good start. A gift was given to each participant as a token of our appreciation of what they do in the church. The cost of the event was underwritten



by the NCCBA. (Thank you NCCBA!) A similar event for wives of English speaking ministers will be held at a later date.

「美加華人浸信會聯會」明白到傳道人的配偶往往作出很大的犧牲來幫助作為傳道人的丈夫完



成神在他們身上的召命和服侍。這些傳道人配偶中，有些是家庭主婦。但有更多是有自己的事業，亦需同時支持丈夫在教會的事奉。她們在各個領域的事工上積極地分擔和參與。例如：兒童、青年和成人事工，探訪，關懷和輔導等。還有其他方面的服侍，不能盡述。這群師母協助牧者，同心肩並肩地事奉，完全不計較名銜、崗位或職能及回報。總之，幫得就幫，全心全意地付出，支持丈夫和教會。此外，這個「師母」的身份，或許因對她們存有過高的要求和期望，而附加更

多無形的壓力。無可否認，在一些人的心目中，師母所付出的一切是理所當然的，並不需受到重視、欣賞或肯定。然而，師母確實是牧者最重要和不可缺的事奉夥伴。因此，「美加華人浸信會聯會」致力尋求途徑，支援在前線事奉的牧者，同時也支援牧者的配偶。

「支援傳道人配偶事工」是由加州 Milpitas 市的招世超師母及德州休士頓市的梁德舜師母合力帶領。她們計劃按地區，定期舉行傳道人配偶聚會。藉此，讓傳道人配偶互相支持和鼓勵，現正積極籌募經費。如果你想獲取更多資料，或了解詳情，請發電郵給招世超師母

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2017 年 12 月 16 日，「美加華人浸信會聯會」與「北加州華人浸信會區聯會」在三藩市灣區的

Los Altos 舉辦了一個以這樣為目標的聚會。當天，共有 24 位傳道人之太太出席下午茶聚。對她們所有人來說這是第一次，大家可以彼此接觸交談。在這次專為傳道人配偶而設的聚會裡，只是互相認識，彼此交換電郵地址，她們已感到非常快樂舒暢。當中有許多人認為，應該有更多這樣的聚會來互相支持和鼓勵。這是一個好的開始。每一位參加者都獲得一份禮物，以向她們表達我們感激之情。多謝她們在教會中一切的付出。這次活動的費用由「北加州華人浸信會區聯會」承擔。（謝謝「北加州華人浸信會區聯會」！）



在不久未來的日子，將會以英語舉行類似聚會，讓操英語的傳道人配偶同樣得到支援和鼓勵。