

# APPLICATION FOR LONG-TERM MISSIONS SUPPORT

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Thank you for your interest in applying for long-term missionary support from Chinese Church in Christ, Mountain View / Redeemer Bible Fellowship. Please complete all relevant parts and ensure that you read the appendices at the end of this application. We are honored that you would consider us to be one of your supporting churches!

## PART 1: PERSONAL DATA

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Male       Female

English Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chinese Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a current photo of you and/or your family, if possible.**

Current Address Line 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address Line 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address Line 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address Line 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address Line 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address Line 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Skype Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:  Single     Engaged     Married     Widowed  
 Divorced     Separated     Remarried

Spouse/Children's Names and Dates of Birth:

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Have you been baptized as a believer?  Yes  No

Are you a licensed or ordained minister?  Yes  No

If yes, by what church? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you or your spouse received marital or family counseling in the past three years?  Yes  No

Have you ever been under church discipline?  Yes  No

Have you ever used illegal drugs?  Yes  No

Have you ever been arrested?  Yes  No

Please use the space below to provide additional explanation if you answered "Yes" to any of the previous four questions.

Optional: How would you describe your overall health?  Excellent  Good  Fair  Poor

If you did not check "Excellent," why not (please indicate any physical disabilities which could affect your ministry here)?

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## PART 2: CHURCH AND AGENCY AFFILIATION

Home Church Name in Country of Origin: \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastoral Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastoral Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastoral Contact E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Board or Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Board or Agency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Board or Agency Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Board or Agency Contact E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** If you have an alternative agency arrangement (e.g., dual agencies, sending agency and separate organization on the field, etc.), please provide details in an attached statement, including any relevant contact information.

1. Describe your involvement with your home church (please include how long you have been involved and whether or not you are a member of the church).

2. What was your initial connection with CCIC-MV/RBF and with whom do you now have contact?

3. In what ways do you envision CCIC-MV/RBF partnering with you in your ministry in the future?

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### **PART 3: MINISTRY SCOPE** *Additional pages can be attached if necessary.*

1. Describe your mission field and the nature of your ministry (e.g., evangelism, church planting, church strengthening, etc.). Briefly address the people who benefit and the challenges you face.

2. Briefly describe what led you to this mission field and ministry.

3. What is the strategic importance of your work?

4. If this is not a new ministry, have there been any significant changes in your work in the past three years?

5. How do you see your ministry changing over the next three years? Six years?

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## PART 4: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Current Budgeted Financial Needs (e.g., \$3,000/month or \$40,000/year): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a detailed budget, if possible.**

Current Percent of Financial Needs Pledged: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Where does your financial support come from?

	Churches	Individuals	Others
Number of Entities			
Percentage of Pledged Support			

2. Do you have any other financial considerations that we should be aware of (e.g., debts, support of dependents, special travel or medical expenses, etc.)?

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**PART 5: PERSONAL TESTIMONY AND EXPERIENCE** *\*This section only needs to be completed by those applying for support for the first time. Additional pages can be attached if necessary.*

1. How and when did you become a Christian? Describe your growth in Christ and what He means to you.

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2. Describe events or individuals that have had significant impact on your spiritual growth as a Christian.

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3. Describe how you decided become a long-term missionary. Include any past missionary experiences, both short-term and long-term, and any cross-cultural experiences that played into your decision.



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4. Describe how you have been gifted by the Holy Spirit for ministry.

5. Please attach a resume with references or indicate your educational and work experience and references below.

Educational Institution or Employer and Location	Dates	Degree Received or Title	Reason for Departure

Reference Name	Relationship	Address	Phone/E-mail

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## PART 6: AFFIRMATIONS

- I affirm that I have read Appendix A: "Chinese Church in Christ, Mountain View / Redeemer Bible Fellowship Statement of Faith."

As far as you have formed an opinion, are you in general agreement with the doctrine expressed therein?  Yes  No

Are there areas of disagreement?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain.

Are there areas in which you have not yet formed an opinion?  Yes  No

Please state the areas.

- I affirm that I have read Appendix B: "Long-Term Missionary Expectations" and agree to abide by them if accepted as a long-term missionary by the church.
- I affirm that I have not knowingly withheld any information that might adversely affect my chances for acceptance as a support and that the information and answers provided herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that omission or misstatement of material fact(s) on this application or on any attached documentation shall be grounds for rejection of this application or for immediate termination of support.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## APPENDIX A: CHINESE CHURCH IN CHRIST, MOUNTAIN VIEW / REDEEMER BIBLE FELLOWSHIP STATEMENT OF FAITH

### Preamble

Since the time of the Apostles, Christians have laid out their beliefs in brief, definitive statements. We believe that it is necessary to set forth in succinct fashion the foundational truths of our church as guided by Scripture. Our statement of faith summarizes essential Christian beliefs necessary for the well-being of the church and calls us to hold fast the biblical truths we hold so dear.

We recognize that any doctrinal statement is but a fallible human attempt to summarize and systematize God's inexhaustible revelation. Though we hold that a statement of faith is both practical and biblical, it is not intended to supersede the Word of God; it derives its validity and authority solely from its agreement with the Word of God.

2 Thessalonians 2:15; 2 Timothy 1:13

### I. The Scriptures

We believe that the Holy Bible consists of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, and is God's revelation of Himself to man. All Scripture is inspired by God and written by men carried along by the Holy Spirit, is inerrant in its original manuscripts, and is the infallible and supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct. Under the enlightenment of the Spirit, men are able to understand the Scriptures.

Psalms 19:7-10; Proverbs 30:5-6; Isaiah 40:8; John 17:17; 1 Corinthians 2:12-14; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:19-21

### II. God

We believe there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite spirit, perfect in all His attributes, one in essence (consubstantial), eternally existing in three Persons (coeternal)—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—each equally deserving of worship and obedience, equal in every divine perfection (coequal), and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation and redemption.

Genesis 1:1, 26; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; John 4:24; Romans 1:20; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Colossians 1:15-20; Revelation 4:11

#### A. God the Father

We believe that God the Father orders and disposes all things according to His own purpose and grace. Perfect in holiness, He is all-powerful, all-knowing, all-loving, and all-wise. He has graciously chosen from eternity past those whom He would have as His own, saving from sin all who come to Him through Jesus Christ; His fatherhood involves both His designation within the Godhead and His relationship with mankind. As Creator, He is Father to all men, but He is spiritual Father only to believers.

Psalms 145:8-9; 147:4-5; Isaiah 64:8; Matthew 23:9; John 17:11; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 1:4-6, 11; 1 Peter 1:3

#### B. God the Son

We believe that Jesus Christ is God's only Son. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He took on a fully human nature, yet without sin, so that two, whole, perfect and distinct natures were inseparably joined together in one Person. Thus, the Person, Jesus Christ, was and is truly God and truly man, yet one Christ. He represents humanity and deity in indivisible oneness.

Matthew 1:18-23; Luke 1:34-35; John 1:14; 3:16; Galatians 4:4; Philippians 2:6-8; Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 4:15

We believe that Jesus Christ lived a perfect life and died in the place of sinners as their substitutionary atonement for the forgiveness of sins. He was physically resurrected from the dead, ascended to the right hand of His Father, and intercedes for them as their Advocate and High Priest.

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Isaiah 53:5; John 5:26–29; Romans 1:4; 3:24–25; 5:18–19; 8:34; 1 Corinthians 15:3–4, 20; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 1:3; 2:17; 1 Peter 3:18; 1 John 2:1

We believe that Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly to receive the church, establish His millennial kingdom on earth, and judge all mankind—both believers and those who fail to place their trust in Him as Lord and Savior.

Psalms 2:12; John 5:22–23; Acts 1:9–11; 17:30–31; 1 Corinthians 3:10–15; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 20:1–6, 11–15

### C. God the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit possesses all of the attributes of personality and deity. He was sent by the Father and the Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit indwells and seals believers at the moment of their salvation, and He is an abiding Helper, Teacher and Guide. Furthermore, He bestows spiritual gifts to believers for the edification and building up of the church. Tongues, prophecy, and the working of sign miracles during the foundation-laying process of the church were for the purpose of pointing to and authenticating the apostles as revealers of divine truth and were not intended to be characteristic in the life of the church.

Psalms 139:7–10; Isaiah 40:13–14; John 14:16–17, 26; 15:26–27; 16:8–14; Acts 5:3–4; Romans 8:9–11, 26–27; 1 Corinthians 2:10–13; 3:16; 12:4–11, 13; 13:8–10; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Galatians 5:22–26; Ephesians 1:13; 2:20; 4:30

## III. Man

We believe that man is the crowning work of God's creation, directly made by God in His own image, both male and female. Man was created free of sin to glorify God. However, by the sinful disobedience of Adam, man lost his innocence, incurring the penalty of spiritual, physical, and eternal death. Man was placed under the just condemnation of God having become subject to His wrath. Because of Adam's sin, all men with the exception of Jesus Christ are thus sinners by nature, by choice, and by divine declaration, morally corrupt and enslaved to sin, both unwilling and unable to choose or do that which is acceptable to God apart from divine grace.

Genesis 1:26–27, 31; 2:7; 3; Psalm 8:3–5; 14:1–3; 51:5; Isaiah 43:7; Jeremiah 17:9; John 8:34; Romans 3:10–11, 23; 5:12, 19; 6:23; Ephesians 2:1–3; Hebrews 11:6; 1 John 1:8

## IV. Salvation

We believe that salvation is wholly of God by grace through faith. It is based on the redemptive work of Jesus Christ and the merit of His shed blood alone and not on any human merit or works.

Romans 3:23–25; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8–10

### A. God's Sovereign Initiative in Salvation

We believe that God's sovereignty in salvation extends to before the foundation of the world, when He chose in Christ those whom He graciously regenerates, saves, and sanctifies. This is not dependent upon man's decision or will; it is completely of God and solely of His grace and mercy. Nevertheless, God's sovereignty does not contradict or negate man's responsibility to repent and believe in Christ as Savior and Lord. God's saving initiative is the glorious display of His sovereign goodness and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable, excluding boasting and promoting humility and praise.

John 3:16–19; 15:16; Romans 8:28–30; 9:10–24; Ephesians 1:3–12; 1 Peter 1:1–2

### B. Man's Willing Response to Salvation

We believe that man responds to the full, free, and unrestricted offer of salvation as the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth regenerates him. This willing response to the divine provision of salvation

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manifests itself in repentance from sin and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, relying on Him alone as the only and all-sufficient Savior. Man becomes a new creature with a new heart, a new mind, and new affections.

Isaiah 45:22; 55:7; Ezekiel 36:26–27; Matthew 11:28; Mark 1:15; John 3:3–7; Romans 2:4; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:8; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 1:23

### C. God's Justifying Act of Salvation

We believe that God justifies those who repent and believe in Christ through an act by which He pardons their sin and declares them righteous on account of the work of Christ. This righteousness is apart from any virtue or work of man and is solely through faith in Christ, involving the imputation of their sin to Christ and Christ's righteousness to them. Justification brings peace and favor with God, as well as every other blessing necessary for time and eternity.

Romans 3:28; 4:5–8; 5:1; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 2:16; 1 Peter 2:24

### D. God's Continuous Grace in Salvation

We believe that God demonstrates his continuous grace in salvation through the process of sanctification in which a believer is conformed more and more into the image of Christ by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. This process begins at regeneration and extends until glorification, the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed. God's grace is also displayed in the perseverance of all true believers as they are kept by His power through faith unto salvation.

Psalms 37:28; John 6:37–40; 10:27–29; 17:17; Romans 8:30; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Philippians 1:6; Colossians 3:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; 1 Peter 1:5

## V. The Church

### A. Its Institution

We believe in the universal Church, composed of all those who are chosen by the Father in Christ and united to Him through faith by the Spirit in one Body, with Christ Himself as the all-authoritative Head.

Ephesians 1:22; 3:6; 4:15–16; 5:23; Colossians 1:18

We believe that the purpose of the Church is to glorify God, united by faith and fellowship in the gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges given to the Body by His Word. The commission of the Church is to make disciples of all nations, seeking to advance and communicate the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Matthew 28:18–20; John 14:15; 15:12; Acts 2:41–47; Romans 12:4–8; 1 Corinthians 12:14; 14:12; Galatians 6:2; Ephesians 3:21; 4:7; Philippians 1:27; Colossians 4:5–6; 3 John 7–8

We believe that the establishment and continuity of local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament and that the members of the one spiritual Body are directed to associate themselves together in local assemblies.

Acts 14:23, 27; 1 Corinthians 11:18–20; Galatians 1:2; 1 Thessalonians 1:1; Hebrews 10:25

We believe that the only scriptural officers serving under Christ are elders (also called overseers and pastors) and deacons whose qualifications, claims, and duties are defined in the New Testament.

Acts 6:1–6; 20:17, 28; Ephesians 4:11; Philippians 1:1; 1 Timothy 3:1–13; Titus 1:5–9; 1 Peter 5:1–3

We believe that the purity of the Church is dependent upon discipleship, mutual accountability of all believers to each other, and the disciplining of sinning members of the congregation in accord with the standards of Scripture.

Matthew 18:15–22; 28:19–20; Acts 5:1–11; 1 Corinthians 5:1–13; 2 Thessalonians 3:6–15; 1 Timothy 1:19–20; 2 Timothy 2:2; Titus 1:10–16

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We believe that it is scriptural for local churches to cooperate with each other for the presentation and propagation of the faith. Nevertheless, the local church is autonomous, free from any external authority or control with the right of self-government in accord with the standards of Scripture.

Acts 15:19–31; Titus 1:5

### **B. Its Ordinances**

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ committed two ordinances to the local church: baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38–42; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

We believe Christian baptism by immersion is a solemn and beautiful emblem of a believer showing forth his faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Savior, and his union with Him in death to sin and resurrection to new life. It is also a sign of fellowship and identification with the visible Church of Christ.

Acts 8:36–39; Romans 6:1–11; 1 Corinthians 12:13

We believe that the Lord's Supper is an ordinance in which gathered believers, by the sacred use of the elements, commemorate together the dying love of Christ. We do this in remembrance of the Lord, and thus proclaim His death until He comes. Participation in the Lord's Supper should always be preceded by solemn self-examination for though the elements are only representative of the flesh and blood of Christ, the Lord's Supper is nevertheless an actual communion with the risen Christ who is present in a unique way, fellowshiping with His people.

Matthew 26:26–30; 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:23–30

### **VI. The Family**

We believe that God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption. Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in a lifelong covenant commitment that provides the framework for intimate companionship, the channel of biblical sexual expression, and the means for procreation of the human race. The marriage relationship models the way that God relates to His people, picturing the loving, submissive, and exclusive relationship between Christ and His church. Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to teach their children spiritual and moral values and to lead them, through consistent lifestyle example and loving discipline, to make choices based on biblical truth. Children are to honor and obey their parents.

Genesis 1:26–28; 2:18–24; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 6:4–9; Psalms 127:3–5; Malachi 2:14–16; Matthew 19:3–9; Ephesians 5:22–33; 6:1–4

### **VII. Last Things**

We believe in the blessed hope that at the end of the age Jesus Christ will descend from heaven, visibly, physically, and suddenly in power and great glory. He will establish His kingdom and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution. A solemn separation will take place: the wicked will be consigned to everlasting conscious misery and the righteous will enter into the everlasting joy of their Master. This righteous judgment of God will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell.

Psalm 16:11; Daniel 12:2; Matthew 3:12; 24:23–31; 25:31–46; Mark 14:61–62; Luke 21:27; Acts 1:9–11; 24:15; 1 Corinthians 6:9–10; Philippians 3:20–21; 1 Thessalonians 5:2–3; 2 Thessalonians 1:9; 2 Timothy 4:1; Revelation 14:11

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## APPENDIX B: LONG-TERM MISSIONARY EXPECTATIONS

Long-term missionaries supported by the church are expected to...

1. Adhere to biblical standards of conduct.
2. Remain faithful in their ministry to their family and community on the field.
3. Maintain regular communication with the church and its Missions Committee. Missionaries should provide the church's Missions Committee with an update regarding their status and ministry at least every three months and provide a written report of their work on an annual basis. This written report shall include the missionary's prayer requests, present and projected financial status, ministry and personal goals for the upcoming year, challenges and progress during the past year, and an evaluation of the support and guidance received from the sending agency.
4. Re-apply for support from the church at least every three years. Note that the church's Missions Committee will reach out to missionaries when re-application is required.
5. Contact the church's Missions Committee for a possible in-person visit when back in the Northern California area on furlough.
6. Participate in the church's annual missions emphasis activities when available.
7. Notify the church's Missions Committee regarding any changes in field of service, changes in sending agency or board, or significant changes in ministry.
8. Notify the church's Missions Committee of any changes in key doctrinal beliefs.
9. Notify the church's Missions Committee of any changes in marital status.

Failure to abide by the expectations above may result in suspension or early termination of support by the church.