



ANAHEIM, CA

Rev. Yi Wang

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am pleased to provide an update on developments at the Chinese church plant here in Anaheim, California. As you know, We are the confessional Reformed church serving the Mandarin-speaking community. Since early 2024, we have welcomed a number of believers from Mainland China and other parts of Asia. There is considerable interest in Reformed theology, as evidenced by many attendees participating in additional catechetical services. Our latest new member class consists of over 25 people, including 5 new adult converts and 5 children for baptism. We appreciate your continued support for these important milestones.

Many members of our congregation who are new immigrants encounter considerable challenges: adapting to a different culture and lifestyle, securing housing and employment, navigating local school systems, and getting a driver's license, just to name a few. Despite these difficulties, opportunities for joy and fellowship have emerged. For instance, the celebration of the Chinese Lunar New Year in the spring this year, featuring handmade dumpling preparation, provided a meaningful occasion for community connection. Numerous families reported that this experience contributed to a sense of belonging within our congregation.

The Lord has provided us with elders. Brother John Li, who just graduated from Westminster Seminary California, has been confirmed by the congregational vote to be the new elder. He has been granted license for exhortation in the past summer, and has been involved in the ministry of the preaching. We are thankful to the Lord for answering our prayers by raising up men for the offices. Lord willing, we will train and elect more new officers and take another steps toward particularization.



Financially, the first half of the year has been challenging. Despite our numerical growth, contributions have fallen below budget for several consecutive months. Many in our congregation are new immigrants who are either unemployed or working low-income jobs. Yet, we trust in the Lord's provision and are grateful for any support you may feel led to offer (For online donations, please visit www.ccreformmed.org/offering/).

We are deeply grateful for your prayers and support as we continue to labor in this ministry. May the Lord bless you abundantly as you partner with us in advancing His kingdom.

With gratitude in Christ,
Rev. Yi Wang



Prayer Requests

- **Servant Leaders:** Pray for brother John Li the new elder and also for more elders and deacons to be called.
- **Financial Provision:** Pray for God's provision to meet the needs of the Chinese church and our members.
- **Spiritual Growth:** Pray for peace, unity, and spiritual maturity within the congregation.





ONTARIO, CA

Rev. Taylor Kern & Rev. Daniel Ventura

Breaking Down Barriers, Building Up the Body

An Update from El Mesías – Ontario United Reformed Church's Spanish Language Ministry

"For [Christ] himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility."

— Ephesians 2:14

This past year, our Spanish Language ministry, El Mesías, has faced fresh challenges as changes in immigration enforcement have unsettled many in our community. Across Southern California, we've seen a rise in fear and anxiety among Latino families—citizens and sojourners alike—who live with uncertainty about their future. But as always, moments of cultural instability also become moments of gospel opportunity. In the midst of it all, we have seen our people continue to gather, worship, and grow in grace. Our Lord has not abandoned his church.

By God's mercy, the core of our community has remained faithful. Despite external pressures, the work of discipleship continues, and we see the Spirit producing genuine fruit: deepening faith, steady hope, and a resilient love for one another.



One of the most striking moments this year came on Pentecost Sunday, when our entire church family—both English and Spanish-speaking members—worshipped together in a bilingual service. The beauty of voices raised in different languages, united in the same praise, offered a powerful witness to the gospel's reconciling power. That week, protests against ICE and immigration policies stirred division and hostility in the broader Los Angeles area. But within our sanctuary, we caught a glimpse of something better: a peace that does not erase differences, but redeems them in Christ.

This summer, Pastor Daniel Ventura was granted a well-earned sabbatical. Among his various goals, he dedicated time to growing in Spanish fluency so that he might more freely exhort in our services and minister more deeply across language lines. We're grateful for his rest and eager for what lies ahead.

In addition, we're excited to announce the launch of a new Spanish-language podcast, *Permaneciendo en Cristo* ("Abiding in Christ"). In this short weekly series, Pastor Taylor Kern is walking through each Lord's Day of the Heidelberg Catechism, offering accessible and gospel-rich teaching to help Spanish speakers grow in their understanding of the Christian faith. We invite you to share this resource widely.

