

CHINA

October 12-21, 2024

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From October 12-21 you are invited to take a step deeper and wider in China with The Outreach Foundation. National and provincial leaders of the church in China have expressed a strong desire to receive us and expand our connections in provinces new for us. This visioning visit is our next step and includes participating in Amity Foundation's Table Tennis tournament, a national event! Our trip will feature many visits with Christian leaders at different levels and meals with some emerging church leaders, giving us a multifaceted encounter with the church in China.

On Saturday, October 12, our team will arrive at Shanghai (PVG airport) and from there we will travel to Hangzhou, Zhejiang, and stay for 3 days. We will worship at the historic Gu-Lou Church and meet senior church leaders to feel their joy and resilience in the Lord.

Yangzhou 泰州市

Shanjing 南京市

Changzhou 南通市

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Hangzhou, one of the most historic cities in China, has a rich American Presbyterian mission legacy. This is where The Outreach Foundation's formal partnership with the Church in China began in 1993 when we saw firsthand China's fervent Christian revival. Since then, our work in China grew while the church in Zhejiang Province faced many challenges. We are glad to return after several years to hear their stories and experience mutual encouragement.

Departing from Hangzhou, we will stop by the T.C. Chao Memorial to pay tribute to an eminent Chinese theologian, and then arrive in Wuxi, Jiangsu. We will meet Rev. Yan Zheng, a beloved and long-term friend of The Outreach Foundation. She is a visionary church leader and chairs the Wuxi Municipal CCC&TSPM. While Yan and her team look forward to engaging us in discussing church ministries, they will also eagerly introduce our team to the annual crab festival activities and local delicacies.



The third city we will visit on our trip is Nanjing. We will visit Jiangsu Provincial Theological Seminary where we will meet with the faculty and students as well as the leaders of Jiangsu Provincial CCC&TSPM. While in Nanjing. we will also visit the Bible Printing Company run by Amity Foundation and participate in the Amity Table Tennis Tournament. This will be a rare opportunity for us to observe and amplify the public presence and witness of Chinese Christians under the current increased restrictions.

Our visit concludes in Shanghai, where we will worship at the prominent Shanghai International Community Church. We will learn from its leadership and staff team about their thriving ministries of choral music, liturgical retrieval, small group discipleship, church planting work, and community service in a cosmopolitan setting. On Monday, October 21, we will meet with the newly elected national leaders of the CCC&TSPM, then return to the U.S. from Shanghai (PVG airport).

The cost for this visit is \$1,900 per person for double-occupancy (+ \$600 for single-occupancy), which includes all land costs for transportation, lodging, and meals. Please indicate your selection of double or single occupancy along with your online trip registration. The price does not include roundtrip airfare to/from Shanghai Airport (PVG). Plan to arrive in Shanghai no later than Saturday, October 12, and depart for the U.S. no earlier than 5 pm on Monday, October 21.

You can apply <u>online</u> or <u>print the application and waiver</u> and mail it in. A non-refundable \$150 deposit is required to secure your place. For more information, email Carol at <u>carol@theoutreachfoundation.org</u> or call (615) 778-8881.