

*A Pioneer and Pattern
in the Propagation
of the Divine Revelation*

A Meeting to Remember Brother Andrew Yu

December 30, 2020, 7:30 pm
Central Taiwan Blending Center

Hymns

Returning to the Lord Himself

- 1 Lord, dearest to my heart, I to Thine arms return;
All things from Thee apart can nevermore disturb.
When first in love Thou called, my heart to Thee was drawn;
On silent paths we trod, love's covenant, our bond.
- 2 I consecrated, then, by mighty love constrained;
This Thou would'st ne'er forget; 'twas in Thine heart engraved.
At dawn of youthful days, what lay ahead shined bright;
The altar should have blazed till day of radiant light.
- 3 Man's hearts do idols snare, befuddle, captivate;
They steal them unaware, beguiling them astray.
But love of youth, I found, called ceaselessly, always;
How could I let heart's ground uncultivated stay?
- 4 Though timid, slow my stride, Thou tender yet dost guide,
My vineyard dost provide, enrapture me with wine.
Here I respond to Thee, in Achor's Vale, hope's door;
Thy face unveiled I see, my long-lost Love's restored.
- 5 I labored long and hard; as "Master" knowing Thee;
Now Thou my "Husband" art; in love I'm trothed to Thee.
Dry cisterns I forsake, life's Fount again embrace;
Love's feast with joy partake, immersed in depths of grace.
- 6 Dear Lord, I'm wholly Thine: our hearts are twined today;
I'd live, yet "No more I," be one with Thee for aye.
One space for Thee and me, so loving, intimate,
I'd disappear in Thee, fore'er inseparate.

The New Dawn, New Revival

1 The sun from eastern sky calls me to sing and rise,
The healing rays of Christ the Sun awaken and revive;
As dew descends His grace, my cold heart melts apace;
The shining rays from His dear face my idols chase away.

New dawn draws near, revival's here;
O Lord, my heart is Yours today.
Overcoming, life renewed,
Till we see Your dear face.

2 Each moment rooted in Him, we're budding, blossoming,
Each morn we rise, fresh manna draw, His Word our food and drink;
Unceasing is our prayer, we're lilies, pure and fair;
New wine and olive oil we bear, Christ's glory to declare.

3 The Lord will surely restore the locust-eaten years;
By resurrection's mighty pow'r, all sin and death must flee.
He comes forth hour by hour, Ascending Songs we sing;
All name and glory fade and flee; we share God's history.

4 We build in vain no more our worthless house of straw,
We gather wood in one accord His dwelling to restore;
Clean, open homes, expand; draw sinners from all lands;
Bring in the sheaves and clap your hands; lost sheep lead to the Lord.

5 Revival's law today is active night and day;
Rise, preach always, in every place, till earth resounds with praise.
The corp'rate God-man life, it's heaven's life on earth;
Oh, keep us, Lord, at every time still fresh till Your return.

Drink Offering

Who can match the “waste” He tendered,
Willingly so much surrender?
Who can count the fruit of His labor?
Who else can such rich harvest render?
Though all drank, the cup’s o’erflowing;
Though all ate, the table’s loaded;
He sought nothing, yet caused others’ blessing,
Ne’er sought payment, to others dispensing.
Free from bondage and frustration,
Free from sorrow and vexation,
E’er outpouring, love bestowing,
Ever surging, ever o’erflowing.

To flow out this life, He was willing to taste death,
To be broken that resurrection’s fragrance spread.
These are just the footsteps You left behind,
Quietly calling, “Follow Me.”
From their shining faces we can see
Just how glorious this path’s end will be.

I’ve clearly counted the cost to take this way,
And gladly now all for You lay down today;
Just a drink offering, joy to others I’d bring,
Ceaselessly pouring out through all my days;
Let me love, O Lord! You be my reward!
Let Your presence forever with me stay.
Cause me to maintain, Lord, Your joy within,
Let eternity wash my tears away.

Acknowledgement: The three hymns used in the memorial meeting were written by Brother Andrew Yu in Chinese and translated by various saints into English. The English lyrics reproduced here are taken from www.hymnal.net, where the music is also available.

A Pioneer and Pattern in the Propagation of the Divine Revelation

Brother Andrew Yu, a faithful servant of the Lord who labored tirelessly and unreservedly with us for the Lord's move, finished his life journey in Anaheim, California, US, in the evening (PST) of December 20. The co-workers in the Taiwan Gospel Work and the saints in the churches in Taiwan, though saddened by our brother's passing, could only submit to God's sovereignty, being persuaded that our brother had finished his course and entered into rest to await resurrection for his reward. Our brother's way of life has left us a wonderful pattern that deeply moves us to follow his example of faithfully serving the Lord in preparation for the Lord's return.

America: Called by God

Brother Andrew was born in 1948 and grew up in the church life in Hong Kong. After he was saved at the age of sixteen, he fervently pursued the Lord. In 1968, at the age of twenty, he already had a very strong desire to serve the Lord full time. At that time Brother Lee was leading an international conference in Taipei; thus, Brother Dan-liu Yu introduced Brother Andrew to Brother Lee. As Brother Andrew was still in school at the time, Brother Lee did not respond to his request. In 1969, because Brother Andrew felt that the Lord's speaking was in Los Angeles, he, for the sake of serving the Lord full time, decided to go there for his studies and went to America in December of that year. In 1972 Brother Samuel Chang brought him to Brother Lee to reiterate his desire to serve full time, but Brother Lee still showed no response. In 1974 the Living Stream Ministry office was established in Anaheim. Brother Andrew seized the opportunity to serve as a volunteer at the ministry office. From then on, he gradually began to serve by Brother Lee's side, learning and coordinating in many ways, and gradually gained Brother Lee's trust. In 1982 Brother Andrew began his full-time service, which lasted for the rest of his life.

Taiwan: Full-time Training and Gospelization of Taiwan

In 1984 Brother Lee, seeking a breakthrough in the Lord's work, returned to Taiwan to lead the churches and study the God-ordained way to meet and to serve for the building up of the Body of Christ. In 1986 Brother Lee began the

full-time training to train the young people. Although Brother Andrew's children were very young at that time, he brought his family to Taiwan to be with Brother Lee. He received from Brother Lee the weighty commission for the training and faithfully and absolutely carried out the heavy responsibility of changing the system through the training according to the blueprint received from the Lord. At the same time, he began to coordinate closely with the brothers in Taiwan. Since then, Brother Andrew's service has been extremely crucial in promoting the blending and oneness between the churches and the co-workers from the East and the West.

In 1987 Brother Lee sounded the call for the gospelization of Taiwan, and Brother Andrew served as the main driving force in its implementation. From then until the first half of 1989, when the gospelization move actually commenced, Brother Andrew was thoroughly involved in coordination with the brothers to work out the proper directions and steps of the move.

Affirmation and Critique: Fighting the Good Fight for the Truth

In the summer of 1989, after the direction of gospelization in Taiwan had been established, the focus of Brother Lee's work turned back to the US. Brother Andrew thus also returned to the US with Brother Lee, and Brother Andrew began to serve in managing the affairs of the Living Stream Ministry. From 1991 onward, the co-workers in Taiwan would regularly travel to the US to have fellowship with Brother Lee, and Brother Andrew was always by his side.

In 1994 Brother Lee had the burden to publish the journal *Affirmation and Critique* to defend and confirm the pure and orthodox truths among us for the English-speaking Christians. Brother Andrew immediately invited some Chinese-speaking co-workers to participate in the writing of the Chinese edition of *Affirmation and Critique*. As he had been nurtured by Brother Lee over a long period of time, Brother Andrew had a deep knowledge of Brother Lee's inner burden and was thus always able to carry out his burden strongly and absolutely.

Seven Points of Reaffirmation

After Brother Lee passed away in 1997, Brother Andrew and the co-workers made a statement called "Seven Points of Reaffirmation concerning the Direction of the Lord's Recovery as Established by Brother Witness Lee":

- I. A reaffirmation of the direction of the Living Stream Ministry to publish the ministry of Watchman Nee and Witness Lee.
- II. A reaffirmation of the seven conferences and trainings held each year by the ministry to release the truth and to blend the saints.
- III. A reaffirmation of the Full Time Training to perfect the young people to know the truth and to serve in the building up of the Body of Christ.
- IV. A reaffirmation to practice the church life in every place according to the God-ordained way, with the function of every member replacing one man's speaking.
- V. A reaffirmation to practice the blending of the saints and the churches in every way to build up the universal oneness of the Body of Christ.
- VI. A reaffirmation to support the spread of the Lord's Recovery to Russia, to Europe, and to the whole earth.
- VII. A reaffirmation of the co-workers and leading brothers on the whole earth to continue the struggle of our Brother Lee in one accord for the building up of the Body of Christ consummating in the New Jerusalem.

These seven points of reaffirmation established the accurate direction for the way of the Lord's recovery. Under this principle, Brother Andrew and the co-workers continued to pioneer aggressively in the Lord's work. Brother Andrew and other brothers served in a blended way in the ministry of the word to supply all the churches and the saints with timely leading and shepherding. The scope of Brother Andrew's labor and service spanned the entire earth.

Responding to the Ministry and Fulfilling the Commission

It is worth mentioning that one day after Brother Lee had passed, Brother Andrew and another co-worker went to visit Brother Lee's gravesite. That brother asked Brother Andrew, "Now that Brother Lee has departed, what do you think we co-workers should do?" Immediately Brother Andrew replied, "We have followed Brother Lee for decades. We all have been branded with Brother Lee's work and ministry. You cannot deny this; neither can this history be changed. You have followed this ministry and have been molded by the word of this ministry. Therefore, what we should do for the rest of our life is very simple: just continue to carry on this ministry further. For those who have never heard this ministry, we need to be faithful to bring this ministry to them; for countries and places that do not have this ministry yet, we must spread this

ministry there; and for places that already have this ministry, we need to strengthen and improve upon the existing foundation. Moreover, we should spread the truths which Brother Lee has contributed to the Christians so that all God's children can receive them. If we do this, our life will be worthwhile. Both of our lives have been molded. Since we have been molded, we have become a certain kind of vessel. If you want to change, then you are dishonest and irresponsible toward yourself and toward the one who has led you.”

In 2000, in a fellowship with the co-workers in Taiwan, Brother Andrew earnestly said that he had no thought of reputation and position and only hoped to follow the ministry singleheartedly, and he vowed to remove all stigmas and accusations against Brothers Watchman Nee and Witness Lee during his lifetime. Eventually, our brother truly spared no effort in this endeavor until his death. For the defense and confirmation of the truth, Brother Andrew encouraged co-workers to endeavor to attend any truth seminars or theological forums held in China. In addition, he also encouraged brothers in other countries to hold similar forums and invite scholars from different fields to participate in the discussion. This caused people from various backgrounds to have a reversal in their understanding regarding the orthodoxy of the theology in the Lord's recovery.

On the other hand, Brother Andrew deeply understood Brother Lee's care and burden for the churches in mainland China. Brother Lee's deepest longing was for the different groups of brothers and sisters in any given city to become one as the testimony of the Body of Christ. Brother Andrew often earnestly exhorted the leading brothers in each place to let go of their prejudices and come together to pursue the speaking of the ministry and have strong prayers. Brother Andrew also encouraged them to go overseas to visit and blend with the churches. This has greatly benefited the churches in China.

Leading the Young Working Saints' Conference: Perfecting the Young People and Bringing in New Vitality

Another great influence Brother Andrew planted in Taiwan was due to his visit in 2004 to coordinate and lead the young working saints' conference for all the churches in Taiwan. During this conference, many young working saints saw the divine vision and consecrated themselves to be the witnesses of the Lord's resurrection and to spread the Lord's testimony in foreign countries. This

was how the annual young working saints' conference for all the churches in Taiwan began.

In 2009 Brother Andrew encouraged the churches in Taiwan to set the goal of leading ten thousand young people to believe and be baptized into the Lord each year. This caused the churches in Taiwan to take more concrete actions in the practice of the new way. Meanwhile, Brother Andrew repeatedly explained that the crucial concepts of the God-ordained way are to turn from “big” to “small,” from “coming” to “going,” and from “meeting” to “people.” Over the last decade or so, through what Brother Andrew did in Taiwan, the Lord perfected flocks of young people and increased the number of young people in the church life. This infused the Lord's work with fresh vitality and prepared many useful vessels for the Lord's recovery.

Raising up the Lord's Move in Asia (LMA)

In 2010 Brother Andrew initiated the Lord's move in Asia (LMA). In this move, all the co-workers in the countries in Asia that already have churches are blended together in order to perfect and support the young people who have a heart for propagation, enabling them to go to countries where either the testimony of the Lord's recovery needs strengthening or there is not yet such a testimony. Within ten years, over two hundred young co-workers went to nineteen countries in Asia to propagate, brought in at least 18,000 saints, and raised up churches in 302 localities. It was through our brother's service that the co-workers and churches in Asia were brought into the one accord in the preaching of the gospel of the kingdom.

Publication Work: Spread of the Ministry and Shepherding in Life

In 1974 Brother Andrew entered into the service in the ministry station as a learner and later became a very important propagator of the ministry. Over these past 46 years, one little-known yet important work of our brother was his labor in collecting, compiling, and publishing all the messages of our two brothers, Brother Nee and Brother Lee.

With regards to the completion of the entire set of 62 volumes of *The Collected Works of Watchman Nee*, and the entire set of 138 volumes of *The Collected Works of Witness Lee*, Brother Andrew not only was tireless in the areas of planning, coordinating, and supervising, but much more, he was

personally involved in the areas of collecting the materials, editing, translating, and publishing. Take *The Collected Works of Watchman Nee* as an example, Brother Andrew went all over the world to search for and collect materials. As long as there was any clue of where the materials were, he would not give up.

After the Chinese version of *The Collected Works of Watchman Nee* was published, there was the need to translate it into English. At that time, it was not easy to find someone who was fluent in both Chinese and English and could properly translate Chinese into English both faithfully and elegantly. Without any hesitation, Brother Andrew took up this enormous burden. Regardless of how busy his service was, he set the goal for himself to translate 30 pages a day and thus tirelessly and diligently completed this difficult task. Actually, oftentimes he worked late into the night, without sleep or rest.

There are many unknown stories of labors and sacrifices behind the publication of these two collected works. Because many of these messages were given in an era when printing was not so advanced and common, not much of the earlier works of Brothers Nee and Lee had survived in print. But under the Lord's sovereignty, the notes left by Brother Weigh Kwang-hsi and the shorthand notes by Brother Liu Jun-huan have been preserved. These notes became the basis for many previously unpublished messages. However, to decipher, compare, and edit these notes that few could understand was undoubtedly a great challenge. Although those serving in the Gospel Book Room did their best, there was still no way to accomplish this work. This was especially so with the messages given from 1932 to 1962 in *The Collected Works of Witness Lee*. Other than deciphering the notes, there were few clues as to how to reconstruct the messages from that period. At this juncture, Brother Andrew, though physically sick, once again took the lead to pour himself into the tedious work of deciphering and comparing stacks of notes and eventually edited them into volumes. Our brother's persevering, absolute, and faithful attitude in service also influenced the ones coordinating with him. Not only so, the availability of these two collected works have had a far-reaching and inestimable effect on perfecting the saints in truth and shepherding them in life.

Our brother is well-known for his faithfulness, diligence, and self-discipline in following the ministry. But few saw how our brother, in a hidden way, fearfully and conscientiously labored on the publication work to propagate the

ministry. When he first began to serve as a volunteer in the ministry station, his first job was to take boxes of vaguely marked and unorganized message audiotapes from years past and label each one according to the year with its subject, time, and category for them to be transcribed and edited into books. Brother Andrew worked with three tape recorders simultaneously, cross-comparing when necessary, and thus was able to complete the task in a short time. As a young man who was still a student at the time, his extraordinary qualities and absolute faithfulness in his service were already clearly evident. Through almost half a century, with the same attitude and spirit that characterized his whole life, he gave himself for the completion of the two great works in the Lord's recovery.

Here is an excerpt of Brother Andrew's speaking, which gives us a glimpse of how much he treasured and loved this ministry. Brother Andrew said, "A person can only live on this earth once. Even if he can live twice, it is not guaranteed he can live the way he wants. In this short journey of life, I was able to meet Brother Lee and serve together with him for some years; this is the most valuable thing in my whole life. In the second half of 2004, I was diagnosed with nasopharyngeal carcinoma. On December 31 of that year, alone in my apartment in Hong Kong, I counted the days of my life, and I was deeply grateful that during my lifetime I was able to know the true God and receive the Savior. Moreover, He led me to know Brother Lee and allowed me to follow this servant of God who loved God and was also loved by God, and to accompany him to the end of his life. For this, I can only give thanks and praise Him for His ways."

Marching on Dauntlessly: An Everlasting Pattern

After Brother Andrew was diagnosed with nasopharyngeal carcinoma, he went through a very difficult series of treatment. Yet, our brother did not stop serving because of his illness but would still be in coordination from time to time to supply his wisdom which came out of the Holy Spirit and exerted his influence as salt and light. Several years ago, he suffered a stroke while serving overseas and once again suffered the pain of physical illness. However, that did not deter him from continuing to march on dauntlessly. It was during this time that *The Collected Works of Witness Lee* was gradually completed.

In recent years our brother's physical condition prevented him from speaking

on the podium. But he never retired from laboring in the publication work and in leading and shepherding the churches and the saints. Several months ago, he was still organizing Brother Nee's messages that were found later and was planning to collect them together for publishing. However, in a recent letter to a few brothers serving in this regard, he said, "I do not have the strength to take up this work, but someone should coordinate this and facilitate its publication."

This year, even with the pandemic going on, our brother was not hindered. He would go online from time to time to encourage the saints to watch and pray and to seize the opportunity to spread the Lord's kingdom. The move to propagate in 81 towns in Taiwan that do not have churches yet is the issue of our brother's prayer and fellowship with the brothers during this pandemic. Now that our brother has rested from his earthly labors, as we recall all the blessings he brought to the churches in Taiwan, we are very reluctant to see him go. We can only give glory to the Lord and thank Him for granting His recovery such a special gift.

Respectfully,

The co-workers in the Taiwan Gospel Work

Verses

But you have closely followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, long-suffering, love, endurance.

2 Timothy 3:10

The kingdom of the heavens is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid, and in his joy goes and sells all that he has, and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of the heavens is like a merchant seeking fine pearls; and finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Matthew 13:44-46

But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice, and I rejoice together with you all.

Philippians 2:17

For I am already being poured out, and the time of my departure is at hand.

2 Timothy 4:6

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all

This booklet is a translation of the Chinese brochure used for
the memorial meeting of Brother Andrew Yu held in Taiwan.