

## **The serving of Brother Liu Suey in the church in San Francisco and the churches in the Bay Area:**

We thank the Lord for sending Brother Liu Suey to San Francisco in the late 80s. At that time, he was 60 years old, at the prime time of his human life. He was a gift to the church in San Francisco and to the churches in the Bay Area. Brother Liu was a brother who was diligent in nature, possessing the character of a proper worker in the Lord. Our loving God has chosen such a brother to serve Him. Throughout the years of his serving, he never wanted to be uplifted or take the lead but kept abiding in Jesus Christ, his Lord and his Savior, living under the cross and remaining in the Lord all the time. Christ became wisdom to him, as we have observed.

Brother Liu Suey was a pattern of a God-man. He always rose early in the morning, waiting for the appearance of the morning star. He would pray and prepare himself before the Lord, repent, and come to the Word. Then he would come diligently with the saints for morning prayer, to sing, to pray, to pray-read the Word of God, and to enjoy riches of one another's spirit. He trained the saints how to pray at the prayer meetings, how to exercise their spirit, and how to sing hymns, memorize hymns, and sing throughout the day. He led the saints to practice the God-man living, to live an ordinary life in the Lord Jesus.

In 1986, when Brother Liu Suey moved to San Francisco, it was the beginning of a very demanding period. The turmoil which was beginning in the Lord's recovery also impacted the church in San Francisco. Though the dissenting ones who left to form divisive gatherings significantly reduced the attendance in the church life, Brother Liu Suey was able to lead the remaining saints, particularly the Chinese-speaking saints, to gather with a strong spirit. The preaching of the gospel continued. New ones were gained. Shepherding continued. Training continued. A strong testimony of the Lord was maintained. The saints learned and practiced "the new man walking on the new way" and continued to follow the ministry of the age.

At other local churches in the Bay Area, dissenting ones also left to form separate gatherings. Some might have stopped meeting totally. Many saints who remained were experiencing a low point in their spiritual life. To shepherd these saints, on Lord's Day evening, Brother Liu Suey would come to meet with them at the meeting hall of the church in San Jose. He did not speak too much to these saints but simply led them to enjoy singing hymns in their spirit. At first, it was still hard, but he would encourage them to memorize one or two hymns each week. He would then come back the following week to listen to the saints singing and reciting the hymns. Many saints were willing to practice. And very soon, the saints became happy again and their spirits were made alive. Two to three years after, new churches started to form in the Bay Area. The Lord's testimony was strengthened.

During the following years, Brother Liu Suey trained the saints to exercise their spirit in their human life and in the church life. He perfected them in prophesying to build up the church, by preparing a prophesying write-up during the week, praying over it and speaking with their spirit. He brought the saints into the 96 lessons, the truth gathered in the Lord's recovery, spoken by leading co-workers and ministers before Him.

Brother Liu Suey was also a pattern of a diligent deacon. He led and trained the saints to serve the church in all the practical essentials—cleaning the hall, cooking, ushering, making announcements, the service office, and the children and young people's service of the church.

Brother Liu Suey was a pattern of a caring elder. He took the lead in preaching the gospel, shepherding the saints, teaching the truth, conducting trainings, visiting the saints and caring for the saints personal situation, initiating the weekly "evergreen" meeting to care for the elderly saints, helping them to come together during the day to fellowship and burdening them to pray together for the needs of the church, and caring for the sisters' meeting. His fellowship was always short and to the point, touching the saints' hearts and meeting their needs.

He served the saints day in and day out. He considered how to reach and touch the saints' spirit in a very brief fellowship. Soon after his arrival to San Francisco, he was appointed as an elder among eight elders in San Francisco. At the time of his appointment, brother Witness Lee specifically stated that brother Liu Suey should be the "leading elder" among the elders. He fulfilled what was asked of him by the Lord, taking the lead to follow the minister of the age and the ministry of the age.

Brother Liu Suey was a pattern of a co-worker in the Lord and a teacher. He was diligent to labor, bringing together the English-speaking and Chinese-speaking leading ones into coordination of the churches in the Bay Area. He reached out to train other leading ones of nearby churches around the Bay Area at least once every week, coaching them how to care for their locality where they served. He conducted numerous 24-hour trainings of the saints from the churches in the Bay Area, helping the saints to learn how to prophesy, pray at the Lord's table meeting, and choose the proper hymns.

Besides conducting trainings, he led the churches in Northern California to come together, initiating what was known as the "Kingdom Camp," a three-day conference during the Labor Day weekend, with the Chinese-speaking saints from different local churches. Soon, seeing the blessing on the Chinese speaking saints, the English speaking saints also joined two years later. Many saints were perfected and learned to prophesy throughout years of practice and enjoyment, entering into the Word and studying the truth during the week. This weekend conference has become the blessing to the churches for blending for more than 20 years and is still being practiced and carried out these days.

He never spoke differently, Always being harmonious and keeping the oneness of the Spirit. He displayed no ambition. In 2006, when he was departing from the US for a longer period, to catch a flight and return to Taiwan, he left a meeting where he served with some elders and co-workers whom he was with for some years. He simply picked up his Bible bag and left the meeting. No celebration. No farewell. No sending away. Not wanting to be noticed – a lowly man.

In 2007, there was a difficult period in the church in San Francisco. He was asked to return to San Francisco to help. At the age of 82, he took his wife to come back to San Francisco, to care for the needs. In 2009, he made his last visit to San Francisco.

Brother Liu Suey had a very broad heart. Though living thousands of miles away, in 2014, he invited a group of brothers from Northern California to visit the churches in Taiwan. He took the lead, arranging the visitation of churches around the island, not for sightseeing, as he stated, but to see the spiritual assets, riches, and the proper practice of the church life in Taiwan, which include the caring of the young vessels in neighborhood children's meetings, service in the community, gospel preaching, shepherding, the meeting of the elders and leading of the senior elders in the church, and even simple items such as keeping track of the attendance of the saints.

Throughout the years, he and his wife lived a very simple life. He never asked for any special support but was always so willing to give, to host the saints, to love them, to care for them – always so personable, following the pattern of His Lord, like a sheep that is dumb before its shearers, willing to sacrifice to serve His Lord.

Brother Liu Suey encouraged the saints, "Let's not be afraid of old age but be fearful of our spirit getting old. We need to love the Lord, pray and reconsecrate ourselves, sing and enjoy the hymns every day, and praise and thank the Lord all the time. Then our spirit will become strong, God's life will grow, and we'll be full of vitality."

劉遂弟兄在舊金山召會及灣區眾召會的服事:

感謝主差派了劉弟兄於八十年代末期來到了舊金山，那時他才六十歲，正是在他人生的壯年期，他是神對舊金山和灣區眾召會所賜的恩賜。他勤奮服事的性格，具備了作主工人的條件；我們慈愛的神揀選了這麼一位弟兄來侍奉祂，侍奉召會。弟兄一生的服事讓我們看見，他是一個不願被高舉的人，也不願被看作帶頭的弟兄；他就是簡單地連於他的救主基督耶穌，總是在主基督裏面過一個十字架的生活。基督成了他的智慧，這也是我們共同見證的。

劉弟兄是一個神人的榜樣。他總是清晨早起，等候晨星出現，禱告並在主前預備自己，先是悔改，再進到話裏。然後再勤奮地和聖徒們一同晨禱、唱詩、禱告、禱讀神的話，並在靈裡享受彼此豐富的供應。他教導聖徒如何在聚會中禱告、操練靈；也帶領聖徒唱詩、背詩，作為週間每日的操練。他帶領聖徒們操練過神人生活、過一種在主基督裏的日常生活。

在 1986 年，劉遂弟兄搬到舊金山，是在一段艱難時期的開始。在主恢復中開始的動亂也影響到舊金山召會。異意者離開去建立分裂的聚會，大大減少了在召會生活的人數，但劉遂弟兄卻仍繼續帶領剩下的聖徒，特別是華語聖徒，在堅強的靈裡聚集。福音傳揚依然繼續、新人得救、牧養從未間斷、訓練照常進行。留下的聖徒仍然保持著基督剛強的見證。聖徒們學習並操練新人走新路、繼續跟隨時代的職事。

在灣區的其他地方召會，異意者也離開去建立分裂的聚會。有些也可能完全停止聚會。有許多留下來的聖徒，難免經歷著靈命的低谷。為了牧養這些聖徒，主日晚上，劉遂弟兄會到聖河西召會來與他們聚會。他沒有對這些聖徒說太多的話，只是帶領他們在靈裡享受唱詩歌。起初還是很困難，他會鼓勵他們每週背一兩首詩歌。然後他會在下週回來，聆聽聖徒的歌唱和背誦詩歌。很多聖徒都願意操練。很快，聖徒們靈得更新恢復快樂。兩三年後，新的召會開始在灣區形成，主的見證更加堅固。

在接下來的幾年裡，劉遂弟兄訓練聖徒在為人生活和召會生活中操練靈。在申言建造召會上，他帶領聖徒藉著撰寫每週的個人申言稿，並在靈裡禱告和講說來成全聖徒。

他利用同工們釋放的真理信息所集成的 96 課訓練課程，帶領聖徒進入並操練來侍奉神。

劉遂弟兄也是一位勤奮執事的榜樣。總是帶領並成全聖徒來服事召會的事務需要，如清潔會所、飯食、招待、宣布事情、服事配搭、兒童及青少年服事等。

劉遂弟兄也是一位牧養長老的榜樣。他總是領頭傳揚福音、牧養聖徒、教導真理、成全聖徒，和看望並關心每一位聖徒的屬靈光景。他開始每週的常青排顧惜年長的聖徒，利用白天時間來在一起交通，將召會的需要作為他們禱告的負擔；他也關心姊妹們聚會的交通。劉弟兄的交通總是簡潔有力，摸到聖徒們的內心深處，和滿足聖徒所需。

劉遂弟兄的服事也是從不止息的。他總是關切如何能最短的交通裏摸著聖徒的靈。他到舊金山後不久，就被立為舊金山召會八位長老之一。李常受弟兄在案立長老時，特別提出劉遂弟兄是領頭的長老。他也盡了他被托付的職任，領頭跟隨時代的執事和職事。

劉遂弟兄是一位主內同工的榜樣。他辛勤地勞苦，帶領灣區眾召會的英語、華語負責弟兄們相互配搭。他每週至少一次邀集灣區各處召會的華語負責弟兄們，參加一個成全聚會，幫助他們服事所在的召會。他也發起了多次的 24 小時成全聚會，幫助聖徒們操練申言，禱告，在擘餅聚會中選擇合適的詩歌。

除了成全訓練外，他還發起了一個“國度營”特會。那是一個為期三天的勞工節華語聖徒相調特會，邀請各處的華語聖徒聚集相調。看見華語聖徒蒙福之後，英語聖徒也在兩年後跟著響應。許多聖徒因而被成全並學習到如何在週中進入主話、研讀真理並申言。那次的週末特會成了眾召會 20 多年來實行相調的祝福，直到今日。

劉遂弟兄從未有傳講不同的教訓，總是溫和適應地保守那靈的一，毫無野心。2006 年在他離開美國搬回台灣的那天早上，和有些與他服事多年的同工和長老弟兄在一個聚會上，出發時間將近，劉弟兄就是簡單地拿起他的聖經包離開了；沒有所謂的慶祝或是歡送，甚至不想讓他的離開驚動任何人，這是何等的榜樣！

2007 年舊金山召會遇到一些困難，同工邀請劉遂弟兄來給予幫助。當時劉弟兄已 82 高齡，境然帶著年長的妻子劉師母回到了舊金山服事。兩年後, 2009 年是劉遂弟兄最後的一次訪問舊金山。

劉遂弟兄的心胸十分寬廣。儘管遠在數千哩外，2014 年他依然邀請了北加弟兄們去訪問台灣的眾召會。他負責策劃行程，不是為著看風景，而是要訪問全台各地的召會，去挖掘各地的屬靈珍寶，和領受正確的召會生活實行，包括社區兒童排牧養幼童、社區服務、傳揚福音、牧養聖徒、和長老團的交通，甚至細微到聖徒到會的紀錄等等。

這些年間，劉遂弟兄和劉師母過著簡單的生活，從不要求給他們特別的供應，反倒是他們樂意的擺上自己，去愛聖徒，並關心他們，總是讓你覺得他們十分親近和暖心 - 遵循他主的榜樣，就像羊在剪毛的人面前無聲，他也是這樣不開口，願意犧牲來侍奉他的主。

### 劉弟兄給我們勉勵的話：

“我們不應懼怕年紀老邁，倒要預防靈裏老舊。我們要愛主、禱告主、並更新奉獻自己。每天都要唱詩和享受詩歌，常常讚美感謝主。如此行我們的靈必定剛強，神的生命就能長大，我們也必滿了活力！”