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Welcome to Lake Yale 2021!

Dear Fellow Chinese Church,

Greetings and peace be with you! Time has flown by and once again, despite a pandemic, the annual Lake Yale retreat is right around the corner! For the first time ever, Lake Yale will be taking place as an online retreat, with the English portion taking place over 3 sessions on **Friday, May 28th and Saturday, May 29th**. As preparations are underway for Lake Yale's first ever online retreat, we would like to provide an opportunity for members in your English Ministry/Youth Group to come serve with us this year.

As you all know, every year we are in need of male and female counselors to help lead small groups. We believe this is a fantastic opportunity not just for brothers and sisters to help build up and encourage our youth from across various Chinese Churches in Florida; but this is also a great opportunity for counselors to grow, encourage, and challenge each other spiritually. We will be needing counselors to lead small groups from middle school up through young adult/post-grad. As a counselor, you will be responsible for leading discussions in your small group and keeping track of your members.

Please circulate this among your English Ministry/Youth Group congregations. Included in this packet is a copy of the **Counselor Application Form and Application Instructions**. Upon completion of the forms, please email everything to **Matthew (Matt) Ong** at matt.ong91@gmail.com. If you have any questions or concerns regarding counseling or being a counselor, please feel free to direct them to Matt. For all other questions regarding Lake Yale, the speaker for the English side of the retreat, the theme of Lake Yale this year, etc.; please contact **Pastor Moses Han** at enhan04@gmail.com.

Additionally, please feel free to let your youth or English ministries know that they can check out the worship set list for this year's Lake Yale on either **Spotify** (https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2t8YJ4KqcoDqwdQM06Yj1T?si=3pJ_grZvSw-e1bkdUnLktg) or on **YouTube** (https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0egHCg5NuStf2Ynn7TzDdB100_1HsrIW). Our hope is that as people become familiar with the worship songs, it will help us truly worship as one body in Christ.

As Christians, we are constantly experiencing spiritual warfare in our daily walks with God. We look forward to serving with everyone this year, and we look to not only encourage and equip the attendees of Lake Yale but also each other as fellow counselors as we continue to run this race. Peace to you all!

In Christ,

Lake Yale 2021 English Planning Team

“Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.” – Ephesians 6:13