

Chinese Evangelical Church of Portland, 波特蘭華人福音教會, is a non-denominational Bible centered church. Its members are mainly oversea first generation Chinese with growing English speaking congregation. Our church started around 1970 by a group of new immigrants from Taiwan speaking mandarin. They formed a Bible study group and started meeting together in homes. God has blessed these brothers and sisters and added numbers to them. In 1973 we formally registered with the State of Oregon and established the church. A few of the original founders are still with us today. We have moved into this location at Hillsboro since 2002. Over the years God has blessed us with increased numbers and brought people from Mainland China, Southeast Asia, and Hong Kong as well as American-born/raised individuals of Chinese descent. To meet the needs of the English speaking individuals of our church an English worship service and congregation have been started around 1994. Currently we have about 150 Mandarin/Cantonese speaking Chinese congregation and about 40 English speaking brothers and sisters.

Most of the Chinese speaking congregation members work in the high-tech industry where Intel is the largest employer in this area. The majority of Chinese congregation is from Mainland China and the percentage is still growing. Many of Chinese congregation have graduate degree. The main age group is from 30-40 with school aged children (more than 50%). The second largest age group is those in the 50s. We also have quite a few of retired people (60-70+). There are two Universities in the Portland area and we have a campus site reach out fellowship, but there are not too many college students in our congregation.

The Lord has blessed CEC with an abundance of children. Each Sunday we have about 80 children and 50 youth. All children and youth Sunday Schools are conducted in English.

Organization wise we are a congregational church. We have an annual congregation (member) general assembly that decides important issues of the church through voting. Special general meeting can be called anytime following procedure defined in the Bylaw. Membership is required to vote in the general meeting. Membership in our church can be obtained through baptism at CEC or through attending membership class and publically declaring the desire to join CEC. Deacons assist pastoral staff in administrative tasks. There are 8 to 9 deacons with at least one or two from English congregation while the others from Chinese congregation. Our monthly leadership meeting is in English. Pastoral staffs are part of the regular deaconate/leadership meeting. Deacons, when elected, serve a two-year term with possibility of one re-election. After two terms, a deacon must rest for a year before he or she can be re-elected. Half of the deacons are elected on the odd years and the other half on the even years. The chair person for the deacon board is elected by members of the current deacon board and serves for one year.

Currently we have two pastors. Chinese mandarin pastor, Pastor Huang Rong Guang has decided not to seek renewal of his term. Our current English pastor, John

Slivkoff, is serving his three year term in English congregation. And John Tae is our youth minister responsible for youth program.

During the week our schedule includes prayer meeting and Bible study fellowship meeting. Each Sunday we have worship service and Sunday school in both Chinese and English. And the children and youth also has their Sunday school and worship service. Please check our website for details, www.cechurch.org.