

Welcome to the Chinese Alliance World Fellowship (CAWF) RendezVous 2016 @ Toronto FAQ page. The following provides answers to the frequently asked questions received regarding RendezVous this Summer (July 2016). Check out the [poster](#) and the [registration form](#).

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What?

1. What is this RendezVous 2016 about?
RendezVous 2016 is a two-part event focused on missions. It is designed for emerging leaders, primarily in the Millennial age group. There will be two tracks: A and B. Track A will be based in the Greater Toronto Area in Canada. (See [Track A](#) below.) For Track B, there will be three concurrent short term mission (STM) trips. (See [Track B](#) below.) Check out the [poster](#), [invitation letter](#), and [registration form](#).
2. How is this conference different from other short term missions (STMs)?
First, perhaps the most distinguishing feature of RendezVous is its international background. It unites fellow Chinese Christians from around the world to answer God's calling for global evangelism. Through this event you can expect an eye-opening experience through the merit of interacting with fellow Christians from the Chinese diaspora around the globe. Second, RendezVous is more of a vision STM trip and less of a generic STM. The goal is to have your eyes opened to the long-term needs of global missions by interacting with a global evangelical community rather than focusing on serving a local community through philanthropic service, and then leaving them behind when you return home to your comfort zone.

Why?

1. What is the intended purpose of RendezVous 2016?
It is CAWF's continual effort to promote the call for incarnational mission to our next generation of leaders. In particular, delegates from around the globe will gather. This will provide a community of missions-minded believers where delegates can fellowship and share, learn from one another, support and encourage one another. RendezVous 2016 is not meant as a tourist vacation. Find out what's happening from delegates from locales different from our own: Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, etc..
2. For those who are from Toronto (local delegates), will their experience be affected as they are not tourist?
RendezVous 2016 is not meant as a tourist vacation. The delegates are those with a serious concern for missions, including current and potential missionaries. They can act as tourists before and after.

However, our main objective is to raise the consciousness of the missions ministry, especially with cultures other than our own and across cultures. Missions is a key tenet for the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Whether it is global or local missions, this is the Lord's Great Commission to His followers

Who?

1. Should I attend?

This event is designed for those with a passion for missions. This includes emerging leaders, those discerning God's calling to them, and those who have a desire to serve in the missions fields (local, overseas), long term or short term.

2. Is there an age restriction?

This is open to anyone, with some exceptions. Please bear the following in mind.

- *There will not be any childcare provided. For Track A, please make arrangements for care/babysitting of your children.*
- *Minors (under 18 years old) must be accompanied by their parent(s) and/or guardian(s). They must also provide a consent form signed by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s).*
- *For safety reasons, Track B is for those 18 years old and older. However, minors meeting the requirement above are welcome.*

3. What are other considerations?

The event will be conducted mainly in English. For example, the sessions in Track A will be in English. For Track B, the majority will also be in English. However for the Panama and Peru STMs, some Spanish will be helpful; for the Northern Quebec STM to the Cree Nations, some French and Cree languages will be helpful. Don't worry, if you don't know these languages now, you will learn some by the end of the STM.

When?

1. When do I need to be there?

The conference starts on July 4, and wraps up on July 14. Please arrive in Toronto by Sunday, July 3.

2. Tell me more.

Track A kicks off on Monday morning, July 4, through to Thursday @ noon. (See [Track A](#) below.) Track B starts on Friday, July 8, through to the following Thursday. (See [Track B](#) below.)

Where?

Track A:

1. There are two "tracks." What is the difference between Track A and Track B?

Track A has two goals. First, RendezVous specifically focuses on hearing from God's word, and discerning His call to us in terms of ministry. We aim to equip delegates on missions with powerful messages and workshops for the upcoming trip in Track B. Track B is a short-term mission trip that is aimed to align with Track A. More on Track B below. Second, track A will also show the delegates the needs of the local city (namely Toronto). This will involve visits to neighbourhoods visits included some contested spiritual hot spots (e.g. Hindu temples, Muslim mosques, Rainbow community) and undertaking prayer walks around them.,

2. Where is Track A held?

The Greater Toronto Area (GTA) provides a venue for urban missions, with focus on prayer. We will visit key places the purpose is to pray for the people (e.g., Toronto's LGBT district, Toronto City Hall, Ontario Parliamentary Legislative Assembly, milestone locations (CN Tower, Chinatown, the C&MA National Ministry Centre).

3. What can be expected for Track A.
Rev. Vijay Krishnan, lead pastor of the Upper Room Community Church, will be our keynote speaker. The theme for the conference is "New Generation, New Vision, New Passion." Pastor Vijay will minister to us each morning. There will also be workshops and team building activities. We will also visit some major sites in the GTA, and take prayer walks to lift up the city, the province, the country and the World to the Lord. We will join some of the local churches at their weekly prayer meetings.
4. Will we be meeting in one place?
Several local Chinese Alliance Churches (CACs) extend their warm welcome to the delegates:
 - *Monday, July 4, Cornerstone CAC will be our host*
 - *Tuesday, July 5, North Toronto CAC will be our host*
 - *Wednesday, July 6, Toronto Jaffray will be our host*
 - *Thursday, July 7, Zion Alliance Church will be our host*

Track B:

There will be three options for the short term mission trip. *See below.*

Track B: Mission Trip to Northern Quebec

1. Tell me about this STM like where are we going?
Our mission field will be ministering to the Cree First Nation in Northern Quebec.). The primary mission is to the Oujé-Bougoumou (OJ) Reserve (Cree and English-speaking). The nearest town is Chibougamau, PQ (Français).
2. How do we get there?
The STM team will drive up from Toronto northward to the James Bay Region (southern tip of Hudson Bay). We will drive up Friday morning. It will take ½ day, so we will stop along the way for lunch and dinner, and other breaks as necessary. Note that we will likely see some wildlife along the scenic nature drive as we drive north. We will return the following Wednesday morning and get back to the GTA that evening.
3. What will we do? *The plan is to visit some families at the OJ Cree Community, and some in town. This will include prayer walks on the Reserve and in town. We will visit local sites of interest to get exposure to and appreciate the culture (rural, Cree, Quebec), e.g., heritage/Aboriginal cultural village and centre.*

Track B: Mission Trip to Panama

1. Tell me about this STM like where are we going?
The STM will minister to the youths. We will visit them, teach them, learn about their life situations and needs, and pray for and with them. We will also visit some local areas and villages.
2. How do we get there?
The STM team will travel as a group by airline to and from Panama.
3. Should I be concerned about the recent Zika virus outbreak?
We are aware of the issue, and we will keep on top of the latest news and inform you of any concerns. At this point, we believe the Zika is relatively mild in Panama, but we will trust in God's leading in this matter.

Track B: Mission Trip to Peru

1. Tell me about this STM like where are we going?
The Peru team has been organized to go to the Iglesia Alianza Cristiana y Misionera de San Felipe (San Felipe Alliance Church, one of the Alliance churches in Lima) and also visit the San Borja Chinese

Alliance Church. The team members will be exposed to the local Alliance Church culture and ministry experiences.

2. How do we get there?
The STM team will travel as a group by airline to and from Panama.
3. Should I be concerned about the recent Zika virus outbreak?
We are aware of the issue, and we will keep on top of the latest news and inform you of any concerns. At this point, we believe the Zika is relatively mild in Peru (city area), but we will trust in God's leading in this matter.

How Much?

1. What are the costs?
The conference fees (Tracks A & B) and the accommodation charges are provided in the poster, registration form, and invitation letter. The full A+B registration costs will cover: accommodation in Toronto, meals during Track A + B, and travel to/from STM locations.
2. Do I need to bring additional money?
You should bring money (Canadian currency) for personal expenses.
3. What expenses am I responsible for?
Travel between the hotel from airport is not included in the registration costs. We are currently working on official transport arrangements. You may also account for purchases for personal use; e.g. extra snacks and refreshments, gifts and souvenirs, etc..
4. What about travel insurance?
Each delegate will be responsible to organise their own travel insurance. We strongly recommend comprehensive travel insurance.

How?

1. How do I get to Toronto?
Each delegate is responsible for organising travel to/from Toronto.
2. How do I get to the STM?
Transport costs to/from the STM locations are covered in conference registration costs. The Quebec Team will travel by bus, the Panama and Peru teams will travel by airlines.
3. How will we get around in the GTA for Track A?
We will charter and provide official bus transportation.
4. How will we get around in the STM for Track B?
This will vary depending on the STM location, but in principle, transportation will be arranged for the STM team.

What If?

1. What if I need to contact my home?
There should be relatively good Internet access during Track A, but assume little or no connectivity on Track B. If there is an urgent need (e.g. emergencies) to make a phone call, the leaders should be able to arrange it upon request. However, this official arrangement cannot be guaranteed, so you may opt to arrange for a personal mobile phone with roaming capabilities.
2. What if there is a health advisory / travel ban to the STM locations?
Check with the World Health Organization (WHO) for travel advisory. Check with your family/personal healthcare provider (e.g., family physician). You may have to take precautionary steps such as vaccinations and medication.
3. What is the cancellation policy and procedure?

In the event you need to cancel, please contact your region representative ASAP. Depending on the remaining time until the conference, some costs may not be refundable.

So What?

1. Thank you for the information. What do I need to do next?
If you would like to join us, go to the CAWF website to access the registration form. Complete it and send it to the representative in your region before the deadline (March 7, 2016).

Other

1. How can I find out more about RendezVous?
You can find information at the CAWF website. Click [here](#) for the Chinese version; click [here](#) for the English version. There is information about previous CAWF conferences. You can download the registration forms from these sites as well: [Chinese form](#), [English form](#).
2. What if I have more questions?
Please do not hesitate to contact the conference representative in your region:
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