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What is 316NOW?

316NOW is a ministry of WELS and ELS members who are committed to bringing the gospel to the Chinese people by empowering Chinese Christian leaders and churches through Scripture study, mentoring, and consulting. As a partner ministry with the WELS, 316NOW collaborates with other WELS ministries that are China-focused.

At the core of our ministry is a commitment to be Bible-honoring Confessional Lutherans, to live out a Christ-centered urgency to our mission, to focus our attention on the spiritual needs of China, to enlist volunteer servant-partners, and to be responsible with all the resources the Spirit gives us.

316NOW seeks to raise up leaders in China's Christian community who understand and promote Confessional Lutheran theology and practice. Our ministry has four major focuses: outreach to Chinese church leaders wherever they live, mentoring and consulting, teaching, and sharing.



Expatriate Outreach

316NOW, working with other Confessional Lutheran organizations, is developing a strategy to invite expatriate Chinese church leaders to attend

our Bible institute and to benefit from our mentoring and consulting ministry. The goal is to prepare them to raise up Biblically sound house churches.



Mentoring and Consulting

316NOW's Mentoring and Consulting Ministries (MCM) Division exists to support 316NOW's

organizational goal to help raise up biblically sound Christian leaders in China.

It works with key Bible institute students to help them develop into Confessional Lutheran leaders. It also consults with the groups of Christians those leaders serve in order to guide those mission churches to develop into spiritually strong congregations with an outreach focus.

MCM seeks to assist our students in connecting with other like-minded leaders, so they can encourage each other, build one another up, and instruct each other.



Teaching

316NOW helps Chinese church leaders grow spiritually through our Bible institute and share what they have learned in their congregations and communities. Our curriculum includes the key teachings of Christianity, the central books of the Bible, and sound pastoral practice. Our classes are taught online by Confessional Lutheran pastors.

Spiritual growth for families

Chinese families are struggling. 316NOW offers materials that will transform them into places where God's grace blesses parents and children.

Sheep to Lambs equips Chinese Christians to teach children about God's grace in Jesus. This is important in China because it's illegal to teach anyone under 18 about the Bible. Sunday schools, Christian camps, and Christian schools no longer exist in China. *Sheep to Lambs* provides training and lesson materials so any teacher can be successful. It also provides age-appropriate and Biblically sound materials for students.

Marriage and family materials 316NOW is building a clearinghouse for marriage and family materials that Chinese church leaders will use to help their congregational families and families in their communities enjoy the blessings of Christ-centered homes.



Sharing

316NOW shares information about the Chinese culture with American Christians. God has been remarkably generous to China, the most populous nation in the world. We share the stories of those blessings. We also highlight the spiritual challenges there so believers here can consider how God has positioned them to help. You'll find our blog at 316NOW.org/connect.

316NOW makes presentations to congregations, Bible study groups, Sunday schools, elementary schools, youth groups, and gatherings of friends. Our pastors are also available for preaching at a worship service.

Depending on the number of questions and comments during the presentation, our presentation will last between 45 and 60 minutes.

Our presentations can be in-person or online. We prefer that our travel costs are covered; that allows us to use those funds for ministry in China. However, we are happy to work with groups on our covering costs.

Bible Institute

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