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The Rev. Gao Feng, president of the government-approved China Christian Council, told the head of the World Council of Churches, the Rev. Dr. Samuel Kobia, that in his home province there is only one trained pastor for 40,000 Christians.

“One of the challenges is that we need to train more pastors,” stated Gao, who at 47 years old is the youngest president in CCCA’s history, last Friday.

Because of the shortage of trained pastors, Gao explained, churches in China have relied on lay leaders. There are nearly 150,000 lay leaders – who, for the most part, do not have formal theological training – working as pastors in local churches. ...

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