

Editorial

Dear Readers,

With best wishes for the Chinese New Year, today we would like to present to you the first issue for the year 2018 of *Religions & Christianity in Today's China* (中国宗教评论).

As usual this number includes the regular series of News Updates on recent events and general trends with regard to religions and especially Christianity in today's China.

In a short article, Katharina Feith, China-Zentrum, gives a portrait of Bishop Lucas Ly Jingfeng from Fengxiang Diocese in Shaanxi who died on November 17, 2017 at the age of 96. He was one of the most prominent personalities within the Chinese Church and one of the last Chinese bishops of the "old guard."

Prof. Dr. Leopold Leeb, Renmin University Beijing, presents a book review of: Huang Guangyu 黄光域 (ed.), *Jidujiao chuanxing Zhongguo jinian* 《基督教传行中国纪年》 (*Chronicle of Protestant Missions Development in China 1807-1949*), Guangxi Normal University Press 2017. This monumental work of 1,183 pages in A4 format is the first book in China that endeavours to list all the names of Protestant missionaries - some 13,000 persons up to the year 1949.

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