

Newsletter

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We Love Nature

At the end of last year, I met our recent graduates again during the joint graduation ceremony. Time has crept on; they have left the seminary for five months. In other words, they have been serving in their pastoral positions for several months. I often hear about their wonderful testimonies. In addition to some compliments from churches, one of our board members lauded them publicly in the board meeting. This outpouring of support profoundly delighted me, for they are the honor of our teachers, the honor of our seminary and the honor of God. I treated that occasion as my "President's Time" in which I exhorted our graduates and explained to them the issues that our seminary is currently focusing on. I would also like to share the message with all of you.

God-centred Education

In the new academic year, the seminary started focusing on a new theme: "Ecological Theology." This theme, in fact, is a continuation of our theme from the previous year. First of all, let us review what "God-centred education" involves. In last academic year's opening convocation ceremony, I noted that God-centred education concerns God's actions in the past and future, as well as His present actions. Therefore, we should "remember" God's creation and redemption, be "aware" of God's commandments, and

"look forward" to the land that God will give us to inhabit. *The content of God's redemption, commandments and his promised land are all about "shalom" (peace).*



Joshua Cho

"Shalom" correlates to the relationship between humans and God, humans and each other, as well as humans and the land. Firstly, peace is the proper and harmonious relationship between humans and God. Secondly, peace is the proper and harmonious relationship between humans and each other. These two relationships of peace are founded in Ephesians 2:13-18: "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility... thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit" (NIV; same version hereafter). Jesus came to the world to destroy the walls between humans and God,



President's Word

and humans and each other; thus bringing a genuine peaceful relationship to all.

The third peaceful relationship is the proper and harmonious relationship between humans and the world. Jesus not only destroyed the walls between humans and God, humans and each other, but also the wall between humans and the entirety of creation; thus He brings a truly peaceful relationship to humans and the world. The Book of Isaiah describes peace in this way: "The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest." (Is 11:6-8) This passage projects an image filled with peace: a peaceful coexistence between animals and humans. Of course, it is an eschatological condition, yet this condition also has implications for the present.

Ecological Peace or Ecocide

As "*shalom*" relates to the harmonious relationship between humans and the world, I thus talked about ecological peace in the opening convocation ceremony last August, and now I would like to continue the discussion on this topic.

What does the relationship between humans and the land look like today? Unfortunately, nature is being increasingly devastated. The destruction of the environment, in turn, severely endangers the existence of humanity. The earth loses its balance, moving closer and closer toward ecocide. In fact, ecocide also reveals a kind of human spiritual illness, which is an addictive behavior. On the one hand, we understand that destroying nature is ruining our own lives. On the other hand, we cannot stop doing it. We continue to deplete the ozone layer, contribute to deforestation, damage farmlands and destroy thousands of species every day. This is because we cannot manage and get rid of our bad habits. We maintain our addictions.

How about Christians? Some Christians regard themselves as the earth's regents, who can rule over the dominion as they want and freely exploit the earth for their benefits. This is wrong. God orders humans to "rule over" the land, and this implies the meaning of taking care of the land. Genesis chapter two shows God's care toward the created world: "Now the Lord God had

planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed....The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." (Gn 2:8, 15) ***In God's plan, humanity is not just the ruler of the land; humans are also the gardeners, the caretakers of the land.***

Furthermore, from the perspective of Christian theology, ***the land can be renewed, since the Holy Spirit is not only God's Spirit, but also the Spirit of Creation.*** His work is to create, sustain and renew humanity and other species so that they can live in solidarity. The Holy Spirit grants the breath of life. The Holy Spirit works in all spheres of life. The Holy Spirit is intimately related to the earth, yet unconstrained by nature.

If we understand all creatures and our environment in this way, we can neither think that humanity is the regent of the land, nor think that we can rule over the land and destroy everything on the earth freely. Instead, we need to take care of creatures who face natural and human-made disasters. We care about God's created world not only for our self-interest but because ***this created world belongs to God.***

The Future Hope of the Created World

Now I would like to explore a bit further with you. Let us talk about humans' love of nature. Let us examine two passages from the Scripture — Romans 8:18-22 and Colossians 1:19-20 — which are often cited in discussions about environmental protection issues.

We deal with Romans 8:18-22 first, in which the passage discusses the future of the created world. In verse 18, "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." Paul points out that the future hope of the world is glorious; glory comes from God's work in Christ. In verses 19-22, "For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time." "Creation" appears in every verse from verses 19 to 22. "Creation" means the entire universe created by God. Most of the modern exegetes see "creation" as sub-human creatures which exclude humanity. Paul

indicates that the creation “was subjected” to frustration and was in “bondage to decay.” God is the One who announces the curse, pointing out why creation cannot yet achieve its created purpose. Meanwhile, the natural world is affected by human sins and the subsequent fall, thus it faded from the original created goodness. Creation, however, groans and patiently waits for the day of freedom and liberation. Paul is describing the expected glory of nature. Therefore, ***the fate of nature is not mere destruction, but transformation.***

Present Renewal of All Things

Then, let us have a look at Colossians 1:19-20: “For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.” Paul mentions the present situation of the created world. “All things” in verse 20 points to the universe created by God, and proclaims that ***the whole created world has reconciled with God in Christ.*** “Reconciliation” is God’s work through Christ on the cross, restoring creatures who betrayed Him back to His sovereign dominion. “Reconciliation” is “a universal restoration or renewal.” Here, we can somewhat consider the situation of nature within the entire creation. Although Paul’s argument does not focus on nature, “all things” in his usage includes the natural world. The natural world is also under the sovereignty of Christ’s reconciling rule. The restoration of the world includes the restoration of nature, and the restoration of nature involves the land.

We have briefly portrayed the core message of several verses in Romans chapter 8 and Colossians chapter 1 at a stretch. Up to this point, I will not go further into the passages; yet I hope that these two passages will become a “post-graduation assignment” for our graduates, an assignment for them to study continuously after graduation. I invited them to talk about these two passages in Sunday service preaching, or to discuss the ecological implications of the passages in Sunday schools, fellowships and Bible study groups.

An Already-But-Not-Yet Peace

In addition, from Romans chapter 8 and Colossians chapter 1, as well as Ephesians chapter 2 that we discussed above, we can notice that “reconciliation” is a restoration of relationship. “Reconciliation” includes conciliation of the relationship between

humans and God, as well as conciliation of the relationship between humans and nature. In Christ, nature is now restored to its originally created status. Evil will be abolished, the land will be liberated from its bondage to decay. Of course, this peace has not yet been fully established. It is an “already-but-not-yet” reality. In principle, peace is achieved on the cross by Jesus Christ; it is as of now, in which every Christian can already experience. Nevertheless, peace has not been fully established until the End in which its fullest extent will come forth.

Love People, Love Nature

Under the umbrella of God’s “reconciling gospel,” we, as Christians, have to protect nature and be fond of it. We ought to help people to love one another as they love themselves, to cherish others’ lives and to cherish various lives in nature as well.

Maybe, you have heard some excuses from people who do not care about the world — this world will vanish and only human souls can survive the fire of judgment; therefore, only human souls deserve our attention. Based on our discussion on the Scripture above, however, we may reply: perhaps the world will be destroyed into zero, yet the Bible orders Christians to engage in the world and take care of the needs of the world. This message is fairly obvious. It is similar to our physical bodies which will decline and deteriorate one day, but we are not going to forsake our daily physical needs and ignore our health because of this fact.

Moreover, ***knowing that God’s plan for the future is to restore the world He created, we should participate in this world, establishing righteousness in the creation.*** Just as we should lead more people to experience the reconciled relationship with God, we should also maintain the original perfection of the creation. The “not yet” of a restored created world needs an “already” ethics, which is engagement in God’s created world. So, we only need to engage the world faithfully, be responsible to our duty, and let God rule over everything. We are neither pursuing “Green Utopianism,” nor deluding ourselves that our efforts are sufficient to end the environment’s “pains of childbirth.” We are mere participants in a plan of which God is in charge and in which we love people and protect humanity’s environment. We need to know: the created world is owned by God. The cosmic order is designed by God, and it decides how humans should live in this universe. Humans have to learn how

Students' Testimonies of God's Call

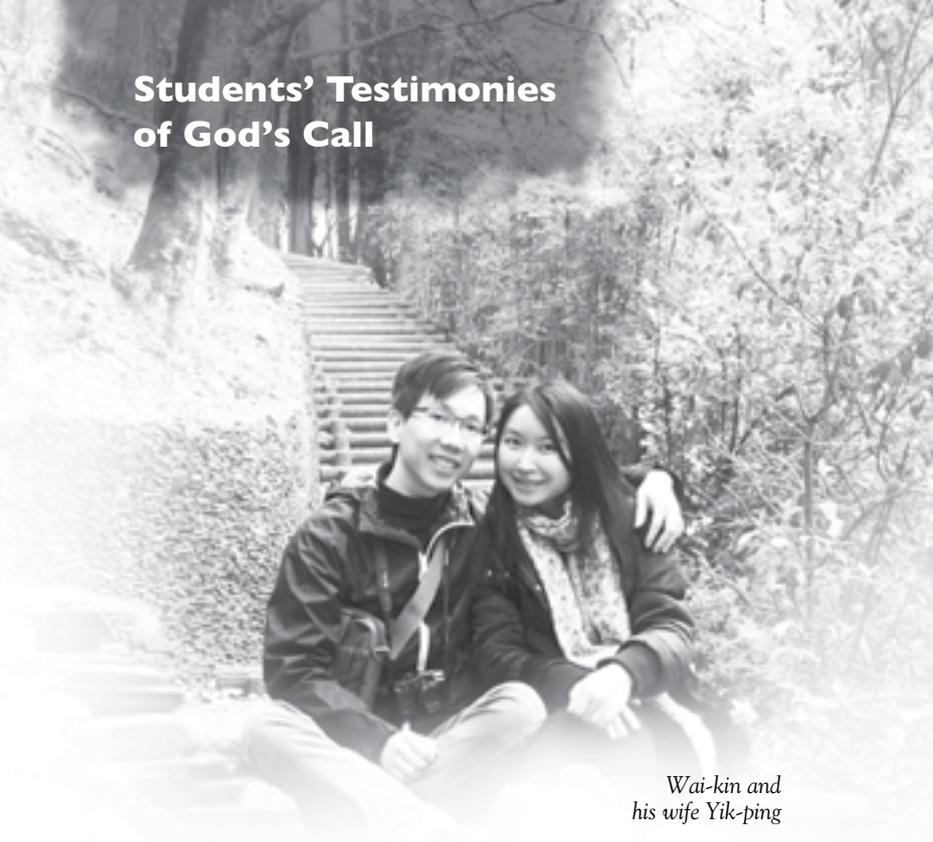
to live in step with this order:

To conclude, nature needs our love and protection. When we practice “loving one another as oneself,” we have to take care of our living environment at the same time. When we protect the poor, we have to protect the living environment of the poor. In fact, the environment where others and the poor live is our environment as well. More fundamentally and importantly, the created world is God's world. If the land and all other creatures are created by God, then, because of God their dignity must be respected and thus be protected.

Conclusion

I bless our graduates to be excellent preachers who proclaim the gospel of peace. I urge them to help their brothers and sisters in churches to “remember” God's creation and redemption, to be “aware” of God's commandments and to “look forward” to the land that God will give us to inhabit. God's redemption, commandments and his promised land link with “shalom.” “Shalom” correlates to the relationships between humans and God, humans and each other, as well as humans and the land. Jesus not only destroys the wall between humans and God, humans and each other; but also the wall between humans and the entirety of creation, thus bringing the true peaceful relationship between humans and all things. In that day, “[t]he wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear; their young will lie down together; and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest” (Is 11:6-8).

Let us love nature with one heart!



*Wai-kin and
his wife Yik-ping*

Praising God: *From Death to Life*

Chau Wai-kin (M.Div. I)

For you, Lord, have delivered me from death
[...]. What shall I return to the Lord for all
his goodness to me?

— Ps. 116:8,12 (NIV)

Growing up through Adversity and Hardship

Though I walk down a difficult path, the Lord has been walking beside me all along.

I have been going to church since 1989 when I was in the fourth grade. Though I did well in primary school, I was allocated to a secondary school of the lowest band (Band 5) due to unknown reasons. My Form 1 classmates would smoke, fight, bully, and generally misbehave in class. I worried about what would become of me due to this environment. I thank the Lord that I did not go astray thanks to the guidance of my church mentors and my many close friends in the church who were good influences. I had a hard time during my rebellious teenage years even though I grew up in a church. Even though I

was often late for church services, slept during church meetings and seldom read the Bible or spent quiet time with God, during my secondary school years, the love and grace of the Lord never left me. Gradually I grew up in the church, and came to know the Lord more deeply. I learnt that He loves me so much that He sacrificed Himself on the cross for our sins. Because of His sacrificial love, I decided to accept Jesus when I was in junior high school.

I began to study hard when I was in Form 3. When I was in Form 5, preparing for the HKCEE that year, I found that the brothers and sisters in my fellowship did much better than I did at school, so every day after school I would either study in a study room or go to tutorial classes. However, I still did poorly in my HKCEE and A-Level Examinations and had to retake them as a private candidate. As I saw my brothers and sisters in the fellowship enter university one after another, I could not help but feel inferior. There were even times when I no longer wanted to live. I thank God for His care and compassion during those times. As I walked through the dark valley and felt inconsolable, I had wonderful mentors as well as brothers and sisters who were there for me and through whom I was healed by the love of God.

Because my examination result was not good enough to get me into the social work program that I wanted I had to settle for courses in civil engineering, which I was not interested in at all. I was grateful that after working in a building management job for the better part of a year after graduation, God led me to a new job providing social services for the elderly in 2005. By throwing myself into my work and further studies, I was promoted from an activity worker to social worker, and eventually to managerial positions like officer and manager. My salary greatly multiplied over 12 years' time.

Purified by Suffering and Pain

I have also gone through a series of unfortunate events over these past 12 years. In 2005, I had a severe retinal hemorrhage when the retinal vein in my right eye burst. It came as a bolt from the blue, but it was just the beginning of my sufferings. Soon after that, my father had severe acute renal failure while at the same time a family member was under criminal prosecution and another was

hospitalized for mood disorder. A series of unimaginable happenings occurred in the six weeks preceding my wedding: my fiancée's father fell into a coma following a serious traffic accident; a cousin of hers died in another traffic accident; my fiancée's grandfather passed away because of illness; and a family member of my fiancée was also hospitalized. In addition, there were struggles with office politics and slanders from colleagues. I nearly fell into depression due to stress from work.

I was completely exhausted. Sometimes I would angrily ask God, "Why me again? Can't you give me a few quiet years?" What I experienced was a lot of frustration, disappointment, sorrow, confusion, distress, fear, anger, sadness, uncertainty, anxiety, helplessness... But I thank God for supporting me and blessing me with brothers and sisters, mentors, pastors and my wife, who all helped me with their advice, encouragement, consolation, care, company, prayer and support. Without them, I would not have withstood the agony.

God not only gave me suffering but also abundant grace: I can still see it with my eyes to this day; my fiancée and I got married as planned; my father-in-law, who was comatose due to the car accident, can now walk, talk and help with the dish washing. What is more amazing is that he even asked us to bring him to the church, when he had always previously disliked Christianity. My mother-in-law was also converted to Christianity. ***God has disciplined and purified me and corrected my values through all these sufferings.*** Influenced by worldly values, I used to build my self-worth on external elements like the approval of others, income level, social status, academic qualifications and my job title. Now I understand that the Lord has accepted me unconditionally and that I need not seek my self-worth from things outside of Him. Those incidents have shown me that all things work together as God turns sufferings into blessings. With those experiences, God has helped me gain a better understanding of what I failed to see for many years. ***I have come to a heartfelt realization of how small we are and how fleeting life is. The Lord alone is our eternal hope. He always keeps His promises.***

I have been thinking about committing myself to full-time ministry since 2013, yet the plan was postponed due

to many circumstances. However, the voice that keeps asking me to serve full-time has been growing louder year by year, so in 2015 I participated in the Full-Time Ministry Seminar organized by Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary (HKBTS), though I did not commit at that time.

Enlightened by the Cords of Death

The year 2016 was both a turning point and one of the most difficult periods of my life. So many things happened within only half a year: my mom collapsed at home and was rushed to hospital; I was hospitalized twice for vasculitis; dad fainted during his follow-up medical appointment and was hospitalized again. The second time I was admitted to hospital, the doctor told me, "What you have is no ordinary disease... I had a patient who passed away last week, who died of this very disease. Be prepared for 'heavy medication.' We will decide on the next step of the treatment depending on your condition." Only then did I realize what helplessness is like. *In the past, I managed to accomplish my dream despite my less-than-satisfactory public examination results by working tirelessly. But could I, for all my efforts, add a single hour to my life if I fall ill?* I began to contemplate the meaning of life. What is the Lord's calling for my life? I went to the Full-Time Ministry Exploration Camp organized by HKBTS in 2016 with this question in mind. The "Discernment, Life, and Calling" workshop led by Rev. Lam taught me how to discern my calling. I kept silent, prayed, had a devotional quiet time and read the Bible before finding the Lord's calling for my life: to be a hospital chaplain. But just like Gideon, I did not have enough faith at that time, so I asked God for a sign. I said to the Lord, "If this is indeed your will, please prepare the way for me. I especially need the unconditional support of my wife, my pastor and my parents."

A Sign of God's Grace

In October 2016, the pastor at my church preached to my father again before he was admitted to hospital. To my surprise, my father, who had always been indifferent to the gospel despite hearing it for more than ten years,

decided to believe in Christ, and supported my decision to study theology. Even my mother, who dislikes Christianity, supported my decision unconditionally. This had greatly boosted my faith in the Lord. In November, twice in my devotion, I happened to reflect on scriptures about Jesus calming the storm. Jesus said to His disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" (Mk 4:40) The Lord spoke to me again as I was reading the Bible. Once again I heard Him say, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" (Is 6:8)

The Lord also helped me make up my mind to become a full-time minister through the pastor's sermon and the speaker's call at the Spiritual Revival Conference organized by the Baptist Convention of Hong Kong. The pastor preached on chapter 12 of the Book of Jeremiah. Listening to the sermon was like hearing the Lord ask me, "As a full-time minister you will walk an even more strenuous path than you do now. In the past you did not want to face suffering, but now you have to go to places full of suffering, walk with those who suffer, comfort them with the comfort you receive from me, bring them the gospel and shepherd them. Are you willing to do so?" I was crying the whole time, something I had never done in my 26 years of listening to sermons. I responded, "Yes, I am. I owe you my life, my knowledge and my wealth. Everything I have, I owe to you. May you use my life! Here am I. Send me!"

Through various experiences, God has "uprooted, torn down, built and planted" me, showing me the power of the gospel and how it comforts so that I can better serve Him and shepherd His flock. We could have true hope only when we put our hope in our Lord, who never gives up on us, and be strong in His mighty power and grace. I wish to become a chaplain, devoting all my time to shepherding those in need, walking with patients and their families and bringing the gospel to them so that they too may receive comfort and salvation from the Lord.

To our Triune God be glory!

The *Unending* Call



Ng Siu-man (B.Th. 1)

Siu-man, his wife Sze-man and their children

Unruly Pupil / God's Disciple

I was certain from the moment I accepted Jesus that it was He who had chosen me to be His disciple.

I used to be uncontrollable during my primary school years, a problem child for every teacher. Ever since fourth grade, I was more often than not placed in a special seat reserved for those who misbehave in class as a punishment; often was the seat next to the teacher, the seat in one of the four corners of the classroom or the outward-facing seat by the door. You can imagine how much my teachers hated me. I was frequently scolded and punished. I felt rejected by everyone, making my self-worth and self-esteem fade away.

When I was given the option to choose a secondary school as a sixth grader, my class teacher persuaded my mother to change her mind in favour of a newly established Christian secondary school. She gave two reasons: firstly, I was so unruly that only a religious school could help me (though neither she nor my mom were Christians); secondly, being in its first year, the school would have more resources to keep me from going astray. My mom happily agreed, and so I got to learn about Christianity when I was in secondary school. I not only

gained knowledge of Christianity at school but also, more importantly, felt the acceptance of Christian teachers. When I was in Form 2, I decided to accept Jesus Christ at an evangelistic meeting at school.

How Can It Be Me?

I felt being called for full-time ministry as early as when I first went to church as a Form 4 student. Having no sense of self-esteem back then, I reckoned that pastoral ministry is not for someone like me, especially because the brothers and sisters in the church were more capable than me. Nonetheless I kept the calling in my heart. A few years later, in 2003, I had the opportunity to participate in a dedication camp organized by the Campus Crusade for Christ, in which I renewed my pledge to become a full-time preacher. This time I felt even more helpless as I saw a lot of university students, who were more knowledgeable and capable than I was, commit themselves to serving God. I was a nobody compared to them. That observation reaffirmed my belief that I do not deserve to be a preacher. Once again I put aside my passion as I fell into the cycle of "called – touched – feeling inadequate – give up," though I still served in the church.

Isn't That Enough Already?

I landed an administrative job in an insurance company after I graduated, and got a promotion a few years later. I had planned to stay in the industry after the promotion, but then a voice came to me, "Are you really going to take the promotion? Didn't you promise to serve me full-time?" I responded at that time, "I have already taken up a lot of ministerial work in the church. I just don't want to be a preacher. Can we leave it here?" God did not speak to me after that.

Yet, His words stayed with me. After careful consideration, I resigned from my job at the insurance company and went to serve at a children's home, a Christian institution, taking care of children from broken families. I served there for four years. At first I did it just to keep God silent, "I am kind of serving full-time now. Please don't bother me anymore." Though God no longer talked to me in the way He used to, He helped me grow in His love by blessing me with great colleagues during those four years. ***What surprised me even more is that He chose to heal me with the difficult children that I was serving, and helped me rebuild my broken life.*** In them I saw how naughty I used to be, but I no longer harped on how I used to be punished. Instead, I realized that God had accepted me. He had chosen me to be His disciple and to know Him more deeply. More importantly, during my time working at the children's home, God had intensified my determination and passion to serve Him, and improved my attitude towards the ministry calling.

Do You Really Mean Me?

My wife was pregnant after we got married. The job at the children's home required irregular working hours, keeping me from looking after my family, so I eventually decided to quit. After a discussion with my supervisor, my last working day was set for October 31, 2014; after

that, the pastor at my church told me that Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary was going to host a Full-Time Ministry Seminar on November 1. The timing was perfect. At that time I was still not enthusiastic about full-time ministry at a church, but it was a good thing to go to that seminar after leaving my job, so I enrolled myself in it.

I had a fever on October 22 when I was at work, and was diagnosed with hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD), which meant I had to be quarantined. As the viruses causing HFMD can spread from the mother to the placenta, I must live away from my wife. God had set aside a period of time for me to be on my own so that I could seek Him and contemplate what I would like to do in the years to come. I would definitely go on to serve God. Looking back upon the four years I spent at the children's home, ***I found that what I liked most was reading the Bible with children, sharing my faith with them and taking them to church.*** The illness gave me a chance to re-adjust the direction of my ministry and to make up my mind to serve full-time in the church. I made a full recovery on October 31 and participated in the Full-Time Ministry Seminar at HKBTS the next day.

As I reaffirmed my calling in the seminar, I wanted to immediately enroll in a theology program, but the senior pastor at my church advised me to serve as a gospel assistant first before deciding whether I really had a calling for full-time ministry. God led me to a position of gospel assistant at the Hong Kong Baptist Church Henrietta Chapel. Through various ministry tasks, I gained a much clearer confirmation of God's calling.

Today, responding to the Lord's calling together with my fellow students, I am admitted into the Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary to learn how to serve the Lord with a faithful heart and become a worker who does not need to be ashamed.

Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary

Student Recruitment for 2018-19

Bachelor of Theology

Master of Divinity

Master of Divinity (Further Studies)

Master of Religious Studies

Master of Christian Studies

Master of Theology

Doctor of Theology

Application Date for Admissions

Hong Kong : January 2 to June 1

Overseas : January 2 to April 27

Admission Examination Date

By individual arrangement during the seminary's office hours

Experiencing Seminary Life Camp

Date : February 28 - March 1 (Wed - Thu)

Venue : Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary
(1 Nin Ming Road, Sai O, Sai Kung North, N.T.)

Contents : Getting to know HKBTS, testimonies of God's calling, group discernment, praise singing, message, sit-in-class lesson and talk with professors and current seminary students

Fee : First Group HK\$280 per person (beginning 2:00 pm February 28) or
Second Group HK\$250 per person (beginning 7:30 pm February 28)

Application Deadline: February 20

For Inquiries Telephone: 2768 5130 Email: admissions@hkbts.edu.hk Website: www.hkbts.edu.hk

Academic Affairs News

- **Joint Graduation Ceremony**

The Joint Graduation Ceremony of the Main Program, Lay Theological Education Department and Distance Education Program was held at the Queen Elizabeth Stadium on November 19 last year. There were 68 graduates from the degree programs, diploma or certificate graduates from the equivalent LTED program, together with 170 graduates from the diploma and certificate programs.

- **Winter Intensive Program**

The Winter Intensive Program was conducted last December. The course offered was “Ezra and Nehemiah” taught by Dr. Wong Fook Kong, Professor of Old Testament.

- **Faculty Movement**

Dr. Andres Tang, Professor of Christian Thought (Theology and Culture), is on sabbatical leave from January to May this year.

- **Baptist Mission Week**

Baptist Mission Week will be held from March 13 to 15, offering academic lectures in the day session and public lectures in the evening session. The speaker, Prof. Scott W. Sunquist, is a renowned scholar in the history of Christian mission. The main theme of Baptist Mission Week is “Asian Mission in Suffering and Glory.” The morning lectures with the topic “Historical Vignettes and Theological Integrity in Mission” will be held from 10 am to 12 noon at Sai O Campus. The evening lectures on the topic “Asian Christian Mission in the 20th Century: Church, Society and Identity” will be held from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm at Immanuel Baptist Church.

Publication News



The new book of President Joshua Cho, **Forging of Theologia: Eight Years of Impression**, was released in December 2017. The book records the trajectory of the Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary over the past eight years (2009-17). From the

author's reflections on the seminary's orientation and direction, one discovers how the seminary has been trying hard to cultivate *theologia* in its students and endeavoring to develop such praxis as preaching, mission, pastoral care and Christian education on the basis of *theologia*. The overall goal is to turn the students into the servants of our time, excellent and humble, capable of leading the Church to take up the challenges of our society and the world.



The seminary's biannual academic journal, *Hill Road* (issue 40), was published last December with an essential but not-much-discussed theme, **“The Discipline of the Faith Community.”** There are five thematic articles: “Divine Wrath and Discipline: An

Old Testament Discussion” (Wong Fook Kong), “A Reflection on the Church / Believers Going to Law before Unbelievers : An Exploration of 1 Corinthians 6:1-11” (Joyce Wai-Lan Sun), “The Sinews of Christ's Body — Church Discipline according to John Calvin” (Daniel Y. K. Lee), “Is Discipline a Mark of the Church? — An Anabaptist Perspective” (Andres S. Tang), and “Bonhoeffer's Theology of Church Discipline” (Samuel Chiow). In addition, there are miscellaneous articles and book reviews.

Hill Road is available at the seminary, its town centres and Christian book stores. For inquiries, please call the Publication Office at 2768 5168.

Visitors

- The NAMB Representative of the Chinese Baptist Fellowship of United States and Canada, Rev. Jeremy Sin visited the seminary on November 22, 2017.
- The eight-person delegation from Yunnan Province Christian Association, with the company of the Executive Director of Hong Kong Baptist Mission, Rev. Man Chan-yun, visited the seminary on December 8, 2017

Faculty News

- **Dr. Jonathan Lo**, Assistant Professor of New Testament, spoke on “Pastoral Care in the Midst of Suffering” in the Clinical Pastoral Education Lecture organized by the CPE Training Centre of Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital on September 21, 2017.
- **Dr. Andres Tang**, Professor of Christian Thought (Theology and Culture), spoke on the topic “The Subversive Love” in the Interfaith Dialogue Month Lecture Series II organized by Department of Religion and Philosophy, Hong Kong Baptist University, on October 31, 2017. His article “My Faith and My Theology Journey” is published in *Lead Us Not into Temptation: More than One Way in Faith* (Hong Kong: C Prospective, 2017). He also wrote an introductory article, “The Meaning and Hope of Life,” for the Chinese version of Jacques Ellul’s book *the Reason for Being: A Meditation on Ecclesiastes* (Taipei: Campus Books, 2017).
- Three of our professors were speakers at a lecture series organized by Virtue and Wisdom Link, entitled “Ten Lessons the Church Must Urgently Consider After the Umbrella Movement”: **Dr. Andres Tang**, Professor of Christian Thought (Theology and Culture), spoke on “The Christian View of History (Including Eschatology)” (September 21, 2017); **Dr. Jonathan Lo**, Assistant Professor of New Testament, spoke on “Jesus and Politics” (October 12); **Dr.**

Freeman Huen, Assistant Professor of Practical Theology (Social Ethics), spoke on the “Christian Communal Discernment and Radical Democratic Practices” (November 9).

Student Union 2018

The Executive Committee of the Student Union 2018 took office in January. Please pray for them and support their activities this year.

Chairperson	: Tsang King-chung
Vice-chairperson	: Lam Heung-na
Secretary	: Tsang Wun-lam
Treasurer	: Ng Kenny
Spiritual Devotion	: Lee Ka-fai
Mission	: Yip Tong-kin
Living	: Chan Hon-kui



*Executive Committee members
of the Student Union 2018*

Alumni News

- Alumnus **Salem S. L. Fung** (class of 1995) went to be with the Lord on November 3, 2017. May the Lord’s consolation, grace and peace be with his family.
- Alumna **Fong Shi-fong** (class of 1969) rested in peace in the Lord’s embrace on November 4, 2017. May the God of peace keep and care for her family.
- Alumnus **Chong Pui-kit** (class of 2009) was ordained as a pastor by the Hong Kong West Point Baptist Church on November 12, 2017.

- Alumnus **Jesse Sae Kang Chaiya** (class of 2008) was ordained as a pastor by the Hong Kong Baptist Church on November 26, 2017.
- Alumna **Chan Hoi-yi** (class of 1998) was ordained as a pastor by the Shatin Baptist Church on December 10, 2017.
- Alumnus **Cheung Lin-sang** (class of 2011) was ordained as a pastor by the Hong Kong Kennedy Town Baptist Church on December 31, 2017.
- Alumnus **Keven Ng Ming-ki** (class of 2015) and alumna **Chau Tsz-wan** (class of 2015) were married in a wedding ceremony held at the Chapel of HKBTS on October 5, 2017.
- Alumna **Wong Fung-kuen** (class of 2007) was married to Mr. Leung Wai-hung in a wedding ceremony held at the Chapel of HKBTS on November 18, 2017.
- Alumna **Lam Ming-wai** (class of 2009) was married to Mr. Ho Ka-keung in a wedding ceremony held at the Kowloon City Baptist Church on November 18, 2017.
- Alumnus **Herbert Chan Ho-pang** (class of 2007) married Ms. Ivy Lam Chin-fung in a wedding ceremony held at the Kowloon Tong Baptist Church on December 3, 2017.
- Alumnus **Tsang Wai-hung** (class of 2015) married Ms. Veronica Leong Shan-mei in a wedding ceremony held at the Chapel of HKBTS on December 16, 2017.

Distance Education Program

Exploring Truth • Reflecting upon Faith • Equipping for Ministry

Student Recruitment: Diploma programs will begin in March 2018, while certificate programs can be joined at any time.

Correspondence Program	Program Description	Admission Requirements	Date of Commencement	Registration Deadline
Diploma in Biblical Studies Program	Through an in-depth study of a specific book of the Bible, students can get in in-depth understanding of the Bible.	Secondary school leavers with their church pastor's recommendation	March and September	March semester : <i>Hong Kong:</i> February 10 <i>Overseas:</i> January 10 September semester : <i>Hong Kong:</i> August 10 <i>Overseas:</i> July 10
Diploma in Christian Studies Program	Designed for equipping students for ministry, the program helps students strengthen their foundations in the Christian faith and doctrine.			
Higher Diploma in Biblical Studies / Christian Studies Programs	Further studies for students having completed the diploma program.			
Certificate in N.T. / O.T. Studies Programs	Introductory programs in biblical studies, guiding students to study each book of the Bible systematically.	All are welcome	Register at any time	

Elective students: Students may choose subjects offered in the correspondence courses according to their own personal interests. For details, please log on to the Distance Education web page at www.hkbts.edu.hk/dist.

Online Program	Program Description	Date of Commencement
Online Version Online Certificate in Old Testament Studies Program Online Certificate in New Testament Studies Program	* Students can read and download learning materials and course work directly from the website. * Upon completion of the coursework, students may upload it for the tutor to mark and provide comments. * Time-saving, quick and efficient.	* Students may join the program at any time with fee concessions. * You may try the trial study of the online program: http://elearning@hkbts.edu.hk

For inquiries, please call 2768 5105, email deinfo@hkbts.edu.hk or log on to the Distance Education web page at www.hkbts.edu.hk/dist.

Lay Theological Education Department

Women Theological Training Diploma / Certificate Program

The program provides holistic and practical theological training for women. It seeks to help them develop mature Christian lifestyles and enable them to manage individual growth, family responsibilities, church service and societal challenges in a positive way.

Two courses, "Getting Along with the Elderly" (10/4-12/6, every Tuesday morning; class suspended on 1/5 and 22/5) and the "Jewish Tradition: Meaning and Inspiration" (12/4-31/5, every Thursday morning), are now open for enrollment.

Applications to become a registered student for the above programs can be submitted from July to September.

Elderly Ministry Certificate Program

The program provides holistic and systematic training in ministerial skills and basic theological training so that students can achieve holistic growth and be prepared for the challenges of an aging population.

Students who have completed any four subjects and have attended the spiritual formation meetings twice will be awarded the Basic Certificate; those having completed eight subjects, including the core course on "Caring for the Elderly" will be awarded the Intermediate Certificate.

Class Start Date: April

Early Bird Enrollment Date:

Before March 2 (50% discount on registration fee)

Registration Deadline: March 16

Church Administration and General Affairs Certificate Program

The program provides holistic and systematic training for church staff and those aspiring to manage church administrative affairs and clerical work. The program includes the development of individual spiritual life, the art of getting along with others in a community, personnel and administrative management skills, and biblical and theological studies. It enables students to have holistic training and gain a broader view of service and to upgrade their ministerial skills so that they may serve their church more effectively.

Class will be held every Tuesday afternoon. This program can be completed in one year.

Class Start Date: April

Early Bird Enrollment Date:

Before March 2 (50% discount on registration fee)

Registration Deadline: March 16

All the program courses above are conducted in Chinese. For inquiries or registration, please call 2711 2552, email ltedinfo@hkbtts.edu.hk or log on to our website at www.hkbtts.edu.hk/lted to download the application form.

Tuition Location: **Mong Kok Education Centre** (10/F., Chung Kiu Commercial Building, 47-51 Shan Tung Street, Mong Kok, Kowloon)

Pastoral Continuing Education Centre

Courses and talks offered from January to March 2018

Course / Talk	Lecturer	Date	Time
Funeral Service: A Side View of the Core Christian Faith	Rev. Au Pak-ping	15/1, 22/1, 29/1	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Reading Community: The Core of Youth Ministry	Dr. Cheung Man-chung	15/1, 22/1	2:00 - 5:00 pm
The Prophet who Loves Reading Bible: Intertextuality in the Book of Zechariah	Dr. Anna Lee	5/2	9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Reflection on The Writing Purpose of the Book of Judges and Its Contemporary Significance	Dr. Wong Fook Kong	26/2	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Expository Preaching	Dr. Lo Lung-kwong	12/2, 26/2	2:00 - 5:00 pm
Passing On Our Faith and Some Reflections	Mrs. Shirley Loo and Rev. Peter Ho Chi-dik	5/3, 12/3	2:00 - 5:00 pm
"Eden of Life" Workshop: How to Reestablish Space and Boundaries in Relationship	Dr. Lawrence Chen	12/3, 19/3, 26/3	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Meeting among the Baptists and the Quakers: Practice and Faith Foundation	Dr. Andres Tang	26/3	2:00 - 5:00 pm

Fee concessions:

- (1) A 10% discount for graduates from HKBTTS's degree programs, pastors of Baptist churches and students in our Lay Theological Education Department;
- (2) A 20% discount for cardholders of HKBTTS Alumni Association members;
- (3) A 50% discount for full-time seminary students.

For more details, please log on to www.hkbtts.edu.hk/pce to download the application form.

Venue: 8/F., Christian Centre, 56 Bute Street, Mong Kok, Kowloon.

Registration: Application forms can be downloaded from the seminary's website, or you may enroll online at www.hkbtts.edu.hk/pce/apply2.html

Inquiries: Please call 2768 5179 or email pce@hkbtts.edu.hk

Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary

2018 Baptist Mission Week 13 – 15 / 3

Asian Mission in *Suffering* and *Glory*

Prof. Scott W. Sunquist is the Dean of the School of Intercultural Studies and Professor of World Christianity at Fuller Theological Seminary. He was a missionary serving in the Republic of Singapore, where he was a lecturer in church history, ecumenics and Asian Christianity at Trinity Theological College (1987-1995). In Singapore he also served as pastor of the Covenant Presbyterian Church. His publication *Understanding Christian Mission: Participation in Suffering and Glory* (2013) received *Christianity Today* 2014 Best Book award in the "Missions / Global Affairs" category.



Morning Academic Lectures:

Historical Vignettes and Theological Integrity in Mission

13/3 *Missio Dei*: Christian History Envisioned as Cruciform Apostolicity

14/3 Four Theorists, Three-Self, Two Countries, One Goal: Missionary Practice in China and Korea

15/3 Moffett, Mateer, McClure: Three Models, Two Continents, One Mission

Time : 10 am – 12 noon

Venue : HKBTS Chapel (1 Nin Ming Road, Sai O, Sai Kung North, N.T.)

Evening Public Lectures:

Asian Christian Mission in the 20th Century: Church, Society and Identity

13/3 God's Mission and the Church: Outpost

14/3 God's Mission and Society: Social Change

15/3 Suffering and Glory in Asian Mission

Time : 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Venue : Immanuel Baptist Church

(1 Fortune Street, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon; near Exit B of Cheung Sha Wan MTR station)

English lectures with Cantonese translation

Free public lectures Online registration All are welcome

For inquires or registration, log onto the HKBTS website www.hkbts.edu.hk.

Financial Report

General Fund, 1 September - 30 November 2017

	HK\$
Income	7,485,328.73
Expenditure	<u>(9,321,608.29)</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)	<u><u>(1,836,279.56)</u></u>



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愛群道浸信會	8,000.00	陳麗英	500.00			
新希望浸信會	1,500.00	勞家怡	500.00	Theological Education for Filipino Leaders Program		
置富浸信教會	3,000.00	曾慶忠	500.00	星月餐廳	1,000.00	
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基督教宣道會華基堂	2,000.00	劉永生、鍾梓萍	300.00	無名氏	444.00	
港九培靈研經會：釋經研究 與講道之獎勵計劃	5,000.00	劉建紅	600.00			HK\$ 1,744.00
啟聞基金	500.00	蔡慧英	200.00			
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Dr. & Mrs. David Mui Chi Wing	1,050.00	關志偉	100.00			HK\$ 1,200.00

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香港(西區)潮語浸信會	5,000.00	梁麗嫦	300.00		HK\$ 1,700.00
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香港天樂浸信教會	24,000.00	勞家怡	500.00	袁明哲	200.00
香港仔浸信會	15,966.40	曾慶忠	500.00	梁志洪	200.00
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置富浸信教會	3,000.00	劉建紅	100.00	韓平	200.00
廣林浸信會	3,448.00	蔡慧英	200.00	<u>HK\$ 10,400.00</u>	
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基督教宣道會信愛堂	1,000.00	無名氏	4,000.00	無名氏	200.00
基督教宣道會華基堂	2,000.00	無名氏	3,000.00	無名氏	100.00
啟聞基金	500.00	無名氏	2,000.00	<u>HK\$ 11,544.00</u>	
星月餐廳	2,000.00	無名氏	1,000.00		
<u>HK\$ 258,301.40</u>		無名氏	500.00	Theological Education for Filipino	
		無名氏	500.00	Leaders Program	
Education Fund (Individual Donor)		無名氏	400.00	何鏡煒伉儷	10,000.00
方志強	200.00	無名氏	300.00	星月餐廳	1,000.00
王紹良	700.00	無名氏	300.00	陳麗英	200.00
王群	800.00	無名氏	200.00	溫祥、黎琮珍	400.00
朱活平伉儷	300.00	無名氏	51.00	<u>HK\$ 11,600.00</u>	
何仲儀	1,000.00	<u>HK\$ 43,751.00</u>			
何偉明	500.00			Bursary Fund	
何錦燕	1,000.00	Graduation Ceremony		北角浸信會: 明義神學助學金	<u>HK\$ 1,374,500.00</u>
吳炳榮伉儷	8,000.00	青山浸信會	400.00		
吳國傑伉儷	500.00	鑽石山浸信會	300.00	Campus Maintenance and Repairs	
洪錦漢	100.00	<u>HK\$ 700.00</u>		鄒小寶	<u>HK\$ 1,200.00</u>
洪鷹輪	100.00				

**First Public
Performance in Hong Kong**

Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary Easter Worship Concert 2018 **Easter Cantata**

(Music by An-lun Huang, Op. 38. Text by Rev. Samuel Tang)

Conductor Ms. Josephine Li *HKBTS Lecturer of Church Music*
Singers HKBTS Choir, HKBTS Alumni Choir, Ms. Esther Fung,
Mr. Allen Mui, Dr. Roy Chan, Ms. Grace Lee
Guest Choir The Sacred Singers (*conductor* Mr. C. C. Chiu)
Piano accompanist Mr. Dennis Tam
Speaker Dr. Andres Tang *HKBTS Professor of Christian Thought (Theology and Culture)*

April 29 (Sunday) 7:30 pm
Kowloon City Baptist Church (206 Argyle Street, Kowloon)
Free admission Free seating Anyone over age 6 is welcome
Inquiries: 2630 1257 / 2715 9511

Precious Moments

September 29, 2017 A Day of Fun and Games for Both Teachers and Students

Teachers and students came together at the Pak Tam Chung Holiday Camp, and through a variety of group games and activities, the HKBTS teacher-student team bond was strengthened.



October 24-26, 2017 Baptist Heritage Week

The theme of the Baptist Heritage Week 2017 was "The Legacy of Walter Rauschenbusch," exploring the theology of Rauschenbusch and its significance to the contemporary Church and the society. The speaker was Dr. Rev. David P. Gushee, one of the leading ethicist in American Christianity. The three morning academic lectures were held at our Sai O campus, and the respondents were respectively Prof. Jerry Juergens, Prof. Jerry Moye and Prof. Lo Ping-cheung. The three evening public lectures were held at Immanuel Baptist Church, and Dr. Tony Sher served as the Chinese interpreter.



November 19, 2017 Joint Graduation Ceremony



President Cho delivered a message on the topic "We Love Nature" and exhorted all the graduates.



The Joint Graduation Ceremony of HKBTS Main Program (66th class), Lay Theological Education Department (18th class) and Distance Education Program (17th class) was held at the Queen Elizabeth Stadium. In the school year of 2016-17, there were 68 graduates from the degree programs, diploma or certificate graduates from the equivalent LTED program, together with 170 graduates from the diploma and certificate programs. Thanks to God for leading the graduates to experience a learning journey of amazing grace among the disciple community at HKBTS. Pray that God may continue to bless them in their next journey of ministry.

December 18, 2017 Christmas Worship: A Child is Born

The Christmas Worship Service, jointly organized by HKBTS and the Alumni Association, is an occasion when we come together to remember the birth of our Savior. This was also a day when alumni returned to their alma mater for their annual reunion.

Thanks to God for leading more and more alumni to join this joyful celebration, and to set a new record high for this year. The Alumni Choir led the whole congregation to worship. Dr. Eric Kwong spoke on the topic "From Being Rich to Being Poor" and reflected on the true meaning of Christmas. He encouraged us to follow the example of our Savior.

