



# Newsletter

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## More about Acting Justly: Magnify the Lord • Walk with God



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### Doing justice means treating our neighbors well and sharing our blessings and grace

2016 was the 65th anniversary celebration of the founding of HKBTS. The "Magnificat" of Mary was the theme song chosen for our 65th anniversary celebration. Our faculty and students sang the song as a spiritual song and as a song of freedom.

In Mary's time, people, in general, were very poor and endured heavy taxation and the whims of King Herod who sought out war and enjoyed violence. Nevertheless, when Mary sang the "Magnificat," her soul was joyful. She glorified the Lord, praising God for His steadfast grace. She thanked God for not disparaging her humble state but instead choosing her to bring into our presence the long-awaited messiah.



President's Word

Not only did Mary sing a song of life, but she also sang a song of freedom for those faithful poor people. She believed in the promise that God gave to Abraham and hoped that God's justice would bring about a reversal of fortunes, "He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty." (Lk 1:52-53) Mary foretold that God would dethrone the evil ruler from his high position. He would put a road in the wilderness of injustice where a person can walk and act justly.

Mary's "Magnificat" reminds me of Micah 6:8: "To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." The prophet Micah saw that the nation was eating away at the lives of its people and the



surprise, the man also picked up another piece of cake! She was all the more angry and kept staring at the man. At that moment, that man picked up the very last piece of cake and smilingly gave her half of it. She was furious. She paid the bill at once and left. Upon reaching the station, she opened her handbag to find some money to buy a ticket. Then, she noticed that her cake was still in her handbag!

That lady's experience can also be ours. Sometimes, we feel like we own things that don't actually belong to us but that we take for granted are ours. To act justly is to return items to their original owner.

### **To love mercy is to have a sense of solidarity**

To love mercy is to have a loving heart full of mercy (*hesed*), a behavior that is linked with justice. Justice and Mercy have some overlapping qualities. To a certain extent, we may look at justice through the aspect of mercy. The Hebrew word for mercy may refer to kindness, mercy, or it may refer to a specific connection between certain related persons. It may also mean loyalty. When it refers to the loyalty of God, it means God is loyal to the covenant He established with us even as He loves the unfaithful Israelites with His everlasting love. He never forsakes or leaves His people. There is a sense of solidarity between God and His people. It is a mercy born out of attention, patience, and hope, not a top to bottom autocratic style of leadership.

Similarly, one who loves mercy must learn from God's style of faithfulness to nurture relationships and to develop a mutual affection of solidarity. A real Christian will not be indifferent to other people or turn a blind eye to their needs. Instead they will diligently use their strength to generously help overcome the difficulties of others. The constancy of loving mercy is an indispensable element of a true faith.

### **The root cause of acting justly and loving mercy: Humbly walking with God**

What is most important is that a person who acts justly and loves mercy is one who walks humbly with God. Humbly walking with God follows acting justly and loving mercy. On the one hand, acting justly and loving mercy are the antecedents and conditions of walking humbly with God. On the other hand, humbly walking with God is a precondition for acting justly and loving mercy. When we walk humbly with God, we are willing to live in love and justice. In other words, the root cause of these two requirements — doing justice and loving mercy — is walking humbly with God.

government kept expanding its military forces while the people suffered under tyranny and heavy taxes. He also saw the wealthy enjoying their lives full of luxurious comfort and pleasure. There was no concern for the poor people around them. Micah pointed this out saying: These bullying and unequal relationships go against the justice of God. He called out to the government to study what justice is and how to do justice. Meanwhile, Micah also called upon the Israelites to be kind to their neighbors, and not to go against justice. In fact, they planned iniquity and plotted evil, seized other people's fields and took away their houses. They should not have pushed other people around or defamed them, nor turned a blind eye to neighbors in need. God expects the Israelites to take action to abide by the covenant with Him: To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God.

### **To act justly is to return the object back to the original owner**

To act justly is God's main expectation. "To act justly" (*mispal*) is not only giving others what they deserve. It is not a cool, calculative, contractual decision. To do justice is to care well for one's neighbors, to share God's blessings and grace with orphans, widows, travelers and the poor.

From another angle, to act justly is to not take away what other people possess or take their things for our own. To act justly is to use self-reflection, to find out what belongs to others, and to return items to their original owners.

Walter Brueggemann once told the following story. A fine lady went to a coffee shop to have a cup of tea. She ordered a teapot of tea and was planning to take some cakes from her handbag to eat. Just then, a man from Jamaica entered the coffee shop and sat down opposite her. He also ordered some tea and the lady tried to ignore him and continued to read her book. As she was enjoying her reading, she picked up a piece of cake from the dish on the table and ate it. However, she noticed the man sitting opposite her also picked up a piece of cake to eat. She tried hard to restrain her anger and continued to read. A moment later, she picked up another piece of cake. To her

However, a lot of time, while we are willing to accept acting justly and loving mercy as an ideal, we often forget the importance and the ultimate nature of God. Some people would rather walk with false gods (for example, talent, fame, wealth, an increase in knowledge), the pursuit of their desires becomes what they trust most. One of the false gods that people worship most is the ego. Ego is the most ugly and most pitiful among all the false gods. It seems to be free, independent, full of style, but in fact, that person is shamefully willing to be a slave. If a person walks with their ego, itself a false god, then his spiritual life will become debauchery, like getting drunk with wine. If one takes his ego as god, then he may become wealthy and influential; however, what is inside his ego is something thin and weak, incomplete, poor, and empty. Such a kind of god cannot save themselves nor bring about salvation because they are just idols, not the eternal God.

### **Walking humbly with God: Let God be my God**

When the prophet Micah uses the phrase “your God,” he clearly knows that “your God” is not the false god that contemporary people worship. The God Micah refers to is the God who is faithful, willing to be present, and who walks with us with a sense of solidarity. He is full of goodness and kindness: In His merciful and faithful love, He is not only the God of Israel but also the God of all the nations of the Earth. In the light of the garden of Gethsemane and at Calvary, we can see more clearly “your God” is the God who is willing to humble himself to be human and to sacrifice himself on the cross. Then, “to walk with your God” is not only a requirement, but it is also God’s gracious gospel. It is the presupposition of all commandments. Therefore, to act justly and to love mercy is not something that is too great a burden for us to shoulder but rather a call to freedom that God in Christ offers you and me.

Then, “to walk humbly with God” is to be humble before God, implying that we trust God, taking God as the giver of life, not forgetting that God is our creator, savior, and transformer. We have to cast away the false gods that we depend on, and not accept the temptation of the devil, nor rely on our own strength (turning stone into bread, hoping ourselves to be the source of life); nor covet worldly power and glory (fond of becoming the center of worship for people in the world); nor seek to control God (hope to jump down from the top of the temple, force God to provide protection). To walk humbly with God is to refuse all these temptations and to let God be God.

### **Humbly walk with God and with others**

The commercial culture of society urges us to forget who God is, to let go of the covenant, to let go of living like the people of God should; it advocates competition rather than cooperation, self-contentment rather than mutual dependence, and individualism rather than a sense of solidarity as the mode of social operation. We need to step away from this thinking and express reverence for God as our God by living out the identity of God’s people, humbly walking with God. We must know that we ourselves only represent Jesus Christ and act in his name. What we need to do is to faithfully fulfill the responsibility of being “representatives,” not to see ourselves as “the ones who have the answers,” not to assume that we have God’s character, having the authority to draw people to us. Our authority will not exceed the authority we serve God and others. The accomplishments of our ministry must come through the empowerment of God’s grace. Instead of taking the place of Jesus Christ, we are just vessels chosen by Him.

Such “co-walking” drives us to regard other co-walkers as fellow companions. When we act as a guide in the name of Christ, we also walk on the same journey. Just when we show others the way ahead, we will likewise show ourselves the way to go. We are not standing high above on the top step to issue orders but rather we are standing on the flat ground, talking with others and moving forward with them.

In thinking about the significance of “walking with God,” I remember Rev. Chow Lien-hwa, who was the speaker for HKBTS’s 60th Graduation Ceremony. He is from our elder generation, our senior. In his 70 years of ministry, he paid special attention to the political problems in Taiwan society and was also concerned with its poverty problem. Rev. Chow served as the Chairman of World Vision Taiwan for a good number of years. From 1990 up to the week before he died, he annually took part in the World Vision Taiwan “30-Hour Famine” to personally experience the plight of the poor and the famine victims with a heart full of love. He fasted for 30 hours annually for a total of 27 years, and each time he fully completed the 30 hours of fasting. This 96-year-old elder had no longer been a Chairman, but he still insisted on caring for the people in need, willingly joining the 30-hour famine to show empathy by action and persevering to help the poor. Rev. Chow’s example of talk the walk and walk the talk is a demonstration of the true meaning of “to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.”

In this school year as there are two couples among our new students, King-yan and Wing-mui is one of them. In this issue, we publish three articles of students' testimonies of God's call, the first two are from King-yan and Wing-mui. It is hoped that our readers will be able to see from these two stories how God's call comes to each of them respectively and how God puts His son and daughter together and leads them in a wonderful way to step onto the path of consecration at the same time.

## The Same Call at the Same Place

*Fong King-yan (M.Div. I)*

### **Suddenly I found it was the end of my life as a player**

I came to Christ in 2003. It was a pity that I knew so little about the salvation of Christ, like the seed fell on shallow soil. Several years later, I took up rugby and it slowly took over my life and I stopped going to church. During my university days, as I spent a lot of time receiving training and took part in competition five to six days a week, I was feeling increasingly alienated from my family and ignored their advice.

At that time, I won many awards and could have been promoted to a higher level of rugby competition. Yet, I could not see that it was because of the grace of God. Instead, I became arrogant and self-centered. In 2007, I was seriously injured on the rugby field twice. I suddenly felt that my life as a rugby player and my entire life had come to an end. The gracious Lord looked for and found me in this dark time. On a church brother's invitation, I went back to church. In a pastor's sermon quoting 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, the phrase "love is not self-seeking" touched my heart. The word of God is like a light that shines on my sin, prompting me to reflect upon my relationship with my family and to confess and repent for my past selfishness and pride.

### **To experience that only the gospel offers true hope**

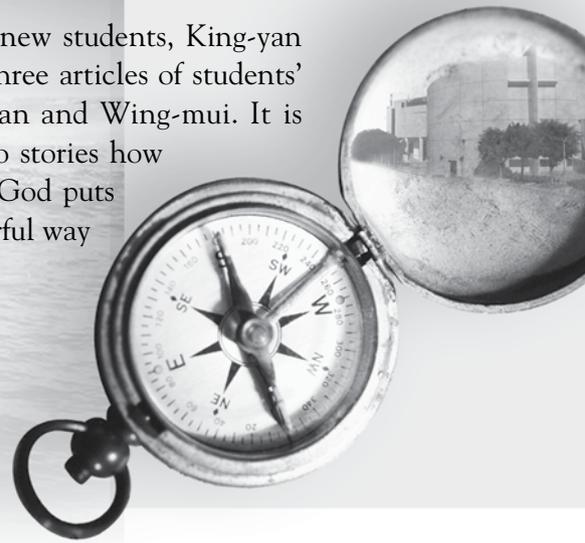
In 2008, I was baptized into the church and my life was renewed and transformed by the Lord, no longer was I going after the success in rugby matches and fan's appreciation. I made an oath to abide by God's teaching and to share with others the abundant salvation of God. I no longer took pride in my own ability and talents but hoped to take pride in the acts of God in my life.

The same year I took part in the church's basketball

ministry through which I could shepherd teenage Christian believers and share the gospel with new comers. Then I began being a mentor for teenagers and became the group leader of the fellowship for professional youth. Ministering to teenagers in the fellowship from my beginning when I learned quietly to when I became a group leader, I came across teenagers facing different situations. The most profound experience was in finding that only the gospel can guide people to the right direction and offer true hope to them. They may be from a broken family, at a cross-roads not knowing which way to go, feeling desperate about life, or even coming from a happy family, an academic achiever, active and optimistic. Through the experience accumulated from such experiences, God seems to sow the seeds in my heart so that I have a soul-loving heart, looking forward to seeing many more people receive the precious gospel.

### **All sorts of problems made me thirst for the truth of the Bible**

Being a group leader in the fellowship for professional youth, I came across many difficulties in shepherding. Whether I myself or brothers and sisters, we came across many different kinds of needs from the struggles of life and people's weaknesses. There may also be challenges in ministry, strife in the fellowship, and schisms in society that urge us to keep reflecting on how to be Jesus' disciples in all sorts of situations. From 2013 through 2015, while serving as a church deacon, I began to think about these problems: "What is a church?" How should a church carry out the work of teaching, shepherding, and caring according to biblical truth? When there is a split in the faith community or a need arises concerning an individual church member, how should the pastor or a deacon handle it? How should the church distinguish and respond when the church is



impacted by the charismatic movement? All sorts of problems drive me to hunger to go deeper into biblical truth.

Along the journey of faith, despite often being weak and even though I often tumble, God's abundant grace enables me to overcome; the salvation of Jesus Christ enables me to see the love of God and a person's restrictions; the Holy Spirit also guides me to go after God's truth. I hope that the souls of other people will be saved and learn to seek first the kingdom of God. These experiences seem to prepare me and encourage me to step onto the road of faith, serving God all my life.

### **“You will regret it if you don't respond!”**

In May 2014, I attended HKBTS's Concert of Praise with the theme “On Earth as in Heaven” to support my friend who was performing. For me, as one who was not yet familiar with traditional Christian hymns, it was the very first opportunity to appreciate and listen to such a powerful concert. Throughout the concert, every song brought me back to my past, from childhood to the moment when I came to Christ, one episode after another popped up in my mind. I was deeply touched by Christ's salvation.

I had not thought that the speaker would make the consecration call for full-time ministry. At that time, my heart was stirred and moved and I could not help shedding tears. I began asking God, “Are you calling me?” Being nervous and confused, a thought suddenly came to me during my inner struggle, “You will regret it if you don't respond.” At that moment, I took a look at my fiancée, Wing-mui, who made a nod. Immediately I went up to the front, feeling very nervous as if I were in a hurry to make a confession. After the speaker's prayer, I sat aside and continued to pray. My feeling was very complicated. Thereafter I shared my resolution with Wing-mui who expressed support but with some reservation. Her worry was: If I engage in full-time ministry in the future, that will affect our future family and its finances. For the following six months, both of us discussed the matter, quarreled about it, and prayed fervently for it but we came to no consensus. Yet, actually God had silently been doing something.

At the end of the same year, with a desire to discern the truth in the Bible, Wing-mui and I set out on a journey to find another church. At that time, we did not know which way to go. We only know that we should pray and ask God. We thank God for leading us to Tai Po Christian & Missionary Alliance Church and the Chief Pastor and other pastors are concerned about our situation. After a period of praying and seeking for God's will, we have gradually immersed into the church life there. In the beginning, because we needed to adapt to our new church life

and face the impacts and struggles of faith, I had unconsciously put God's call aside.

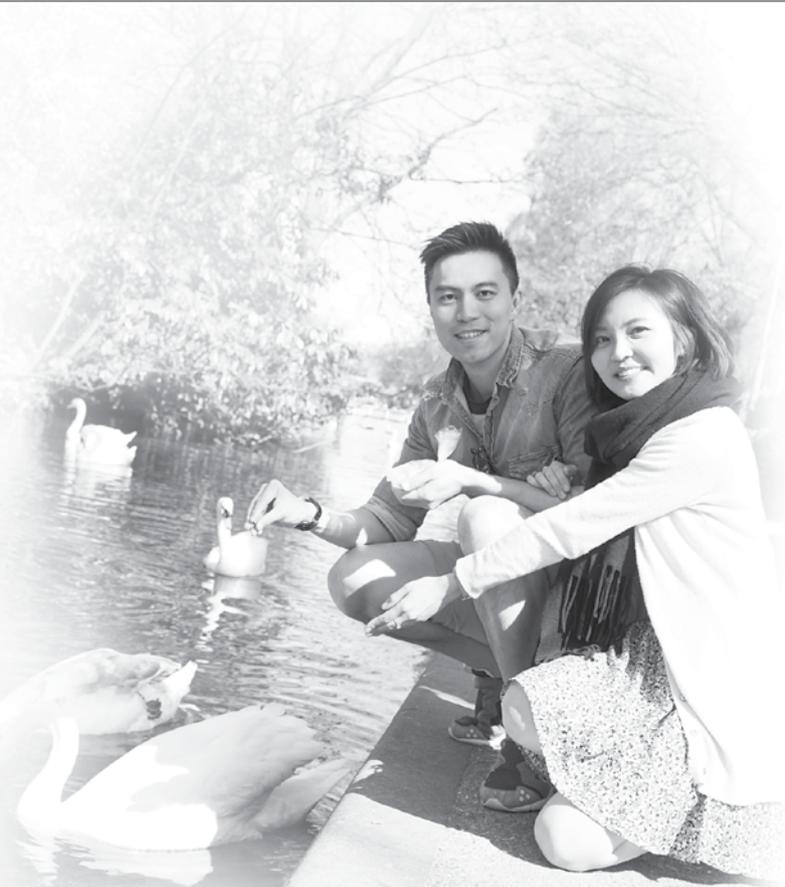
### **“If this call is really from you, please move my other half as well!”**

In June 2015, God cleverly led me to attend an annual spiritual enrichment concert of another seminary. Incidentally, it was held at the same venue where I had received God's call the previous year. I did not expect that at the same venue and almost at the same seat God issued the same call! As if God had brought me back to the same situation as it happened the year before. In my heart, there were all kinds of feelings! In the year that went by a lot of things had happened and I had needed to face many difficulties and challenges but at that moment God's call still touched my heart. Tears rolled down my cheeks again as a thanksgiving to God's mercy and resolutely in response to His call. This time I changed my ways. I did not actively mention this incident to my fiancée. I just silently prayed, “O Lord, if this call is really from you, please move my other half as well!”

In August 2015, one month before our wedding, Wing-mui went on a short-term mission trip to Mainland China. During the trip, God wonderfully called her to support my full-time ministry. On that same evening, God not only helped Wing-mui overcome her struggle but He also moved her to respond to His call to make a resolution to step onto the consecration path as well! God answered my prayers and He truly moved my other half in a way that is more than anything I could have ever expected.

### **You have to seek after His kingdom and His righteousness**

After that, we decided to trust God's grace and prepared to enter the seminary to receive training for full-time ministry together in 2016. We thank God for His grace and care, during the period when we applied for seminary study, we both often received pastoral care from our church pastors, support from the Deacon Board, and finally even support from both of our own families. Now I have resigned from the Immigration Department, making myself ready to enter HKBTS for equipping. I pray to God to mold me, help me become a servant who is faithful in preaching the word of God and who does a shepherd's work as God's servant according to biblical truth. Although I gave up a stable job without knowing what lies ahead and knowing that my ability is insufficient, my weaknesses are many, and my finances may fall in difficulty in the future, I am convinced that the grace of God is sufficient as promised in Matthew 6:33: “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”



# It Is You Who Wants Me to Let Go

*Fung Wing-mui (B.Th. I)*

### **Stumbling and searching for love**

During my adolescence, I was a rebellious and egoistic person who sought attention from others. From childhood my family was full of all sorts of trouble. Finding my family life unsatisfying, I thirsted for other people's love and began dating since I was in form 3. In 2003, my boyfriend whom I had dated for five years suggested we breakup. I was deeply hurt, cried everyday upon waking up, gradually ran out of steam, and even gave up my studies.

Thank God that during that period, a friend of mine shared the gospel of Christ with me. It was through her care and

encouragement that I managed to see the love of the Lord who helped me endure those days of darkness. I resolved to follow Jesus. But at that time I did not know much about the Christian faith and still took charge of my own life, selfishly asking God to help me. Being accustomed to seeking love from romantic love, I soon began a new romance which ended in another breakup. After that painful experience, I took the initiative to ask my former boyfriend to begin a new relationship. I assumed I had found the one that I really loved.

I was baptized in 2008 and resolved to follow Christ and to learn to serve. However there was a great tension between me and my boyfriend who was not a Christian. Our values varied more and more. I hoped to learn about "love" from the Bible by first learning to love God, seeking the unchanging love of God, and then learning to love men. Yet, the more I got close to God, the greater the struggle between me and my boyfriend. After struggling and feeling restless for more than a year, I proposed a breakup. I knelt to ask for my Lord's forgiveness, asking Him to be Lord of my life from then on, to help me know Him more and to devote myself to ministries of the church.

### **Imbalance in ministry and beginning a new journey again**

In the following five years, I was a group leader for a group of young people and constantly saw many young people gradually withdrawing from the church after coming to Christ. I did not know what to do but hoped that I could be trained to help myself and others to lay a good foundation for my Christian faith. Since my church had not offered any appropriate training, I turned to theological programs offered by Christian organizations to learn not only how to be a group leader but also to learn about counseling and spiritual healing. At that time, even worse, the fellowship for professional youth came to a halt. I was frustrated. Owing to the loss of brothers and sisters, my church ministry was off balance and my faith was becoming adversely affected. I was grateful that every time I went back to the word of God, my heart was brightened.

In May 2014, my fiancé King-yan and I attended HKBTS's Concert of Praise with the theme "On Earth as in Heaven." That night King-yan received God's call and planned to be equipped for full-time ministry. His plan was to enter the seminary the following September and our wedding ceremony would also be held in the same month. I was very upset by his unexpected plan. Incidentally there had been difficult circumstances in my

church and both King-yan and I felt an imbalance in ministry as we were spiritually tired. Added to the great discrepancy to my fiancée's plan, we sought pre-marital counseling and yet came up with no resolution.

Several months ago something happened in the church that drove King-yan and me to consider leaving for another church. We thanked God for leading us to Tai Po Christian & Missionary Alliance Church near our home. They have morning prayer meetings everyday where we can come close to God and pray in silence. After the meeting, we can always talk with brothers and sisters and the pastor during breakfast where we can explore our Christian faith deeper. Because this church emphasizes the word of God, we have been assisted to grow and be renewed through the word of God and prayer. During that time God led me to reflect upon my whole experience of faith and to set off on the journey once again counting on His abundant grace. Later, I once again learned to serve in a youth fellowship in this church.

### **Understanding that God would want me to let go**

In August 2015, I joined a short-term mission team to visit churches in Mainland China and to organize a three-day-two-night summer camp for local students. Throughout the trip whenever I heard about different experiences and testimonies about God's grace, I would be deeply touched. I wished to serve God with our team members. In these few days my heart struggled because I understood that God would want me to let go — let go of what I felt and support King-yan's seminary study. Tears kept falling as I felt touched by the lives of one after another witnesses and I also shed tears for my own inner struggle. I did not expect that the meeting on the last day was on the theme "letting go." At the consecration call, I finally responded God by saying, "Yes, I do." After so many struggles, I ended up letting go of my feelings and supporting King-yan to study in the seminary. I was immediately relieved and my heart was full of joy. More unexpected was when the speaker kept on making the full-time ministry call, my heart was beating very fast and my tears kept rolling down once again. This prompting and urging that evening drove me to stand up in response to God's call.

Returning to Hong Kong, as I was busy preparing for my wedding in September, I was obsessed with the things that need to be done so much so that what had touched me in the mission trip gradually faded away. I kept telling myself not to be

too compulsive. The response to God's call need not be in a hurry as I can choose to let my husband study in the seminary first. As for myself, I can wait for a few years when the family finances are stable and I am mentally prepared.

A month after my wedding, I received a short message from the short-term mission team telling me that a teenager whom I had come to know in the camp had committed suicide. At that moment a verse emerged in my mind: "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." (Peter 5:8) I was very sad. I remembered God's call during the trip and I came to realize that I had to act now and delay no longer. Once again I wanted to look for the call from God. Incidentally, another seminary organized a Dedication Camp in November. Through God's wonderful leading, my husband and I could join together. In the camp, I was deeply moved as God helped unravel the knot in my heart and adjust the way I see things—not from a human point of view but from God's. Accordingly, my husband and I decided to study in the seminary together to be equipped for full-time ministry.

### **Before we pray**

We hesitated about how to explain our resolution to take seminary study to our family. I did not expect that God had prepared an appropriate opportunity for us to explain our choice. Family of both sides invariably came to support our decision. In particular, my mother who is a devoted Buddhist has always had difficulty with my faith. But now, even she did not object. That was really incredible. We could not help praising God's way of doing things. In addition, the church's support was very important to us. Under the grace of God, we formally joined the Tai Po Christian & Missionary Alliance Church. The church and the Chief Pastor and other pastors have always been encouraging us. The church also recommended that we apply to study at HKBTS, and they have given us a lot of support. Praise the Lord for allowing us to experience His faithfulness and making our hearts so greatly encouraged. Although the study and ministry ahead may be difficult and full of challenges, we believe that as we look up to God's grace, the difficulties and obstacles along the way can be overcome — because He knows what we need. Before we pray to Him, He has already prepared it for us.



# Disciple ● Missionary

*Leung Bik-yu (M.Div. I)*

### **An awakening: Learning to be a disciple of Jesus**

I was born into a non-Christian family. God wonderfully arranged for me to study in a Christian high school where I had the opportunity to know Jesus Christ. Having been a Christian for just a short period of time, I often thirsted to experience God but the foundation of my faith was not very deep. During my university years, I joined the disciple training program run by the Campus Crusade for Christ, and I came to know that God not only wants us to believe in Him but also calls us to be His disciples offering our sovereignty to Him. In the meantime, I also became aware that the Great Commission is the Lord's order for every disciple. This awakening urged me to begin learning how to be the Lord's disciple, and also learning how to proclaim the gospel and build up disciples. Later in a camp I heard for the first time about this message — many people in the world have not heard of Jesus. This message was like a sharp siren that rang in my ears, making me feel sad for the many who have not heard the gospel.

I was baptized in Tai Po Baptist Church in 2007. After having graduated from university, I joined the short-term mission team of the church to live with minorities and serve them for two months as a preliminary experience in cross-cultural mission work. Although there was a language barrier, we could still share the unobstructed love of God during that period of time. I felt how joyful and contented we all were to testify to the love of God in a foreign land.

### **To share God's joy in bringing back a lost sheep**

I studied nursing at university and after graduation I began serving as a nurse in a hospital. Some of my colleagues who

knew that I yearned to join the mission ministry told me, "A nurse can also give witness to God and you don't have to go into full time ministry!" However, in my heart I had a different idea. I still remember at a concert, I felt touched by a mime act that depicted the end-times. At that moment, I said this to God, "O Lord, I do not hope to just give injections or distribute pills all my life!" I understand that a nurse can be a good witness in their job but I always thirsted to serve more people and to help them know the salvation of Christ. Another thing that shocked me was that my neighbor who came to Christ in the hospital committed suicide the following day when she was discharged from the hospital. Her death made me feel the urgency of gospel work. I came to realize that one who comes to Christ must truly know Christ in order to have a new life; the Lord Jesus can meet the needs of the human flesh and only He can satisfy our spiritual yearnings.

In 2010, I went on a tour to India, going down many different streets and into the dark corners of the city. I saw a crowd of people begging for food. The sight of their hopeless eyes made a long-lasting impression on my heart. This reminded me of Jesus who in his time went through all the towns and villages and saw the crowds being harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. At that very moment I heard God say, "Rejoice with me!" (Luke 15:6) I realize that God is willing to work with me and share the joy of having found the lost sheep!

### **To step onto the path of mission is to "go to where Jesus is"**

Step by step, Jesus led me to take part in the church's mission ministry and to learn to walk with missionaries. Although I am not yet clear about God's call, I unconsciously think about which minority or country I can help most and in what way I can serve God. God repeatedly spoke to me with the same



scripture verse: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." (Prov 3:5-6) While thirsting to serve God and waiting for His guidance, I was often unsure about my abilities and afraid that I had no competence or spiritual gifts. I had no confidence to step onto the mission path nor affirm the will of God. It was not until November 2010, several days after the church's annual mission rally, that God responded to me three times through the passage when Peter walked on the water (Matt 14:22-33). Although I, like Peter, was doubtful about my abilities, the Lord Jesus responded to me in the same way as he responded to Peter; "Come." I could feel that Jesus likewise also calls me to go to where he is. I also realize that to step onto the path of mission is "to go to where Jesus is."

In June 2011, in a cross-cultural mission practicum training camp, God called me through the scripture "open your eyes and look at the fields!" (Jn 4:31-42). I realized that He wants me to move forward, opening my eyes and looking at the needs of mission work. I actually responded to God's call by joining the short-term mission experience to Chiang Mai, Thailand, which was jointly organized by my mother church and the Gospel Operation International for Chinese Christians for the past three years. This experience helped me understand the importance of incarnation. I realized that only through living in the midst of a non-Christian tribe for a long period and getting along with them and building relationships with them can we communicate the love and truth of Christ to them. Living among the Thais, I can see the urgency of proclaiming the gospel of Christ. As the world is constantly tempting people to sin, we must grasp the opportunity — as long as it is day we must do the work of Christ (Jn 9:4). Not only can I see Jesus asking us to do His will, He also expects us to "finish his work" (Jn 4:34).

**Don't you think the Lord is worthy to receive the greatest response?**

During the Thailand mission trip, I continued to seek God's will as to whether I should walk onto the full-time ministry path.

God repeatedly put in my heart the stirring to join a mission. Would I really have to leave my family and friends to engage myself in a life of ministry in response to the Lord Jesus Christ? In my heart I was still a bit hesitant. In early 2015, when I read a book written by Rev. Andrew Chai on Christian ministry, reflecting upon the sacrifice that Jesus made for me, I realized how unworthy I was to receive such a great grace from the Lord. One sentence in the book served as a wake-up call, "Because of the fact that He had paid the greatest price to save me from death, don't you think the Lord is worthy to receive the greatest response?" In my heart a voice constantly asked, "Are you willing? Are you willing?" "Yes, the Lord Jesus Christ is worthy to receive the greatest response from me. At that moment, I responded, "O Lord, I am willing!" However, soon I became doubtful again. I was worried about what God's exact call would be and what I should do in the future. In the past, didn't God let me see the needs of the mission fields? If I did not respond, how could I come to see him face to face? I felt that God had already entrusted me with the responsibility of going to the whole world to preach the gospel, but I was still struggling.

In June the same year, I returned to Hong Kong to join the annual activities of the missionary society and was asked to share my testimony during a church worship service. I did not expect that God would once again help me to make a resolution in that service. Through a hymn in the service, God reminded me of the call to mission work, "The workers are few but the crops are plenty. Who is willing to work hard for the Lord? ... To offer a living sacrifice at the holy altar; no more delay in saving people's souls. ... Preach the gospel quickly. Who is willing to be the pioneer? As long as it is day, work hard at the holy work ...." As I was singing along, I heard the call in my heart, "Who can be the pioneer? Who is willing? Who is willing?" That moment I knew God urged me not to be hesitant but to make a resolution to respond by offering myself to be a missionary in a foreign land to a foreign tribe. I, who was weak, once again was touched by the Lord's call and finally I firmly responded, "O Lord, I am willing!" I am willing to offer myself up as a living sacrifice, all my life I will be faithful to the call of the Lord. I truly hope that HKBTS's holistic equipping will help me understand God more, understand myself more so that in the future I can be a servant for the Lord's use.

## Academic Affairs News

- **Exploration Camp on Full-Time Ministry**

The camp was held from October 14 to 15, 2016. In the camp, Rev. Brian Lam conducted a workshop on “Discernment·Life·Call” and Dr. Andres Tang (Professor of Christian Thought: Theology and Culture) explored with the participants “What Is Theology?” through a dialogue format. The program also included a sit-in classroom session, testimonies of God’s call, talks with our professors, sharing and praying with seminary students, along with an introduction to HKBTS’s curricula, field practicum arrangement, and a brief description of seminary life. The camp enabled participants to have an opportunity to think and explore further about full time ministry, to understand more about theological training and our study programs.

- **Joint Programs Graduation Ceremony**

The Joint Programs Graduation Ceremony of the Main Program, Lay Theological Education Department, and Distance Education Program was held at Queen Elizabeth Stadium on November 13 last year. There were 54 graduates from the degree programs or diploma or certificate graduates from the same LTED’s BCS program, together with 189 graduates from the diploma and certificate programs.

- **Winter Intensive Program**

The Winter Intensive Program has just been held in early January this year in which two courses were offered: “New Testament Book Study: Philipians” and “Advanced Preaching” taught by Dr. Jonathan Lo (Assistant Professor of New Testament) and Dr. Sam Tsang (Adjunct Professor) respectively.

- **Faculty Movement**

Dr. Lindsay Robertson, Associate Professor of Christian Thought (Theology and Philosophy) will take his furlough in Australia from January to June in 2017.

## Publication News

*Hill Road*, our biannual academic journal, (issue 38) was published last December with the theme “Christian Education.” There are six thematic articles: “The Concept of Knowing in Wisdom and Gadamerian Perspectives” (Wong Fook-kong), “Reformation of Education during the Reformation” (Nathan Ng), “Nurturing of Christian Agency: Christian Education in the Midst of the Rise of Asian Civil Society” (Lim Teck Peng), “Teaching in the Church-Community from the Perspective of Sanctification” (Andres Tang), “The Teaching Office that Crosses the Divide: Priesthood of All Believers” (Ip-Shea Chi Fung), and “Education as Hospitality: The Perspectives of Parker J. Palmer” (Brian Lam). Included in the Journal are miscellaneous articles and book reviews. *Hill Road* is available at the seminary or in Christian book stores. For inquiries, please call the Publication Office at 2768 5168.



## Visitors

- Dr. Sheryl Silzer, Senior Anthropology Consultant of SIL International (Summer Institute of Linguistics, Inc.) visited the seminary on October 20 last year and preached a message entitled “The Image of God and Cultural Differences” in the chapel service.
- Dr. Michael Schluter, Adjunct Associate Professor of Talbot School of Theology, visited the seminary on November 1 to deliver a message “A Society after the Heart of God” in the chapel service.
- Dr. Danny Yeung came to the seminary on November 8 to share a message “Sickness of the Soul and Healing” in the chapel service.

## Faculty News

- **Dr. Andres Tang**, Professor of Christian Thought (Theology and Culture), spoke at a course entitled "The Reasons for Growth: Catechesis and Worship" offered by "C Perspective," on November 12 and 19. Dr. Tang also served as a response speaker in a seminar "The Holy Spirit and the Community in Biblical Hermeneutics" organized by Virtue & Wisdom Link Books Limited on November 24. Dr. Tang spoke on the topic, "Looking at the Relationship between the Government and the Church from the Baptist Tradition," in a lecture series entitled "On Earth as in Heaven: The Theology Chapter of Church and State Relation" organized by Hong Kong Christian Institute on December 9.

## Student Union 2017

The Executive Committee of the Student Union 2017 has just taken office this January. Please pray to support the officers and for the activities to be implemented this year.

Chairperson	: Chan Chi-wang
Vice Chairperson	: Ho Man-chiu
Treasurer	: Cheung Yat-chung
Spiritual Devotion	: Tsang Wing-shan
Mission	: San Yung-yung
Living	: Lam Chun-yin



*A new term of Executive Committee of the Student Union 2017*

## Alumni News

- Alumna **Lee Yin-shan** (class of 2015) was ordained pastor by the Association of Kowloon Pentecostal Churches Limited on October 2, 2016.
- Alumna **Chan Lai-mei** (class of 2006) was ordained pastor by the International Church of The Foursquare Gospel Hong Kong District on November 13, 2016.
- Alumnus **Lai Hong-ping** (class of 2001) was ordained pastor by Tseung Kwan O Baptist Church on December 4, 2016.
- Alumna **Leong Law Lai-kong** (class of 1973 & 1991) was ordained pastor by the Kuantan Good News Baptist Center on December 18, 2016.

## Lay Theological Education Department

### • Women's Theological Training Diploma/ Certificate Programs

The program provides holistic and practical theological training for women and seeks to establish mature Christian lifestyles allowing them to manage individual growth, family responsibilities, church service and the challenges of the times in an active way.

You are welcome to take "Two Thousand Years that the Church Has Walked Past," lessons on every Thursday from 9/2 – 30/3) and "The Book of Joshua" (morning lessons on every Tuesday 11/4 – 13/6, class suspended on 2/5 & 30/5).

Recruitment of registered students will begin from July to September.

### • Certificate Program in Elderly Ministry (Classes begin in April)

To provide holistic and systematic training in ministerial skills and basic theological training so that students can achieve holistic growth and prepare 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 8 subjects, including the core course on "Caring for the Elderly" will be awarded the Intermediate Certificate.

Deadline for enrollment: March 31 (Students who enroll on or before March 10 will enjoy a 50% discount on the registration fee; those registering by post will be judged by the mail chop date).

• **Diploma / Certificate Program in Church Administration and General Affairs** (Classes begin in April)

The program is designed for those who aspire to handle church administrative affairs and clerical work, or hope to be trained to handle church administrative duties (such as a church clerk, or church management staff). The program provides holistic and systematic training for them. The contents include individual spiritual nurturing, the art of getting along with people in a community setting, personnel and administrative management skills, biblical and theological studies. It enables students to have holistic equipping, construct a proper view of service and upgrade their ministerial skills in an effort to serve the churches more effectively.

Lessons will meet on every Tuesday afternoon. The program can be completed in one year.

The deadline for enrollment is March 31 (Students who enroll on or before March 10 will enjoy a 50% discount on the registration fee; those registering by post will be judged by the mail chop date).

For inquiries or application: call 2711 2552. You can log-on the Lay Theological Education Department website: [www.hkbts.edu.hk/ited](http://www.hkbts.edu.hk/ited) to download an application form.

**Teaching Venue:**

**Mongkok Education Center** (10/F, Chung Kiu Commercial Building, 47-51 Shan Tung Street, Mongkok)

**Applied Theological Education Center** (7-9/F., Christian Building, 56 Bute Street, Mongkok)

## Distance Education Program

**Exploring Truth • Reflecting upon Faith • Equipping for Ministry.**

Student Recruitment: The new diploma programs will begin in March 2017 while the certificate programs can begin 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 gain in in-depth understanding of the Bible.	Secondary school leavers with their church pastor's recommendation	March and September	<b>March semester :</b> Hong Kong: February 10
Diploma in Christian Studies Program	Designed for equipping students for ministry, the program helps students strengthen their foundation in the Christian faith and doctrine.			<b>Overseas:</b> January 10
Higher Diploma in Biblical Studies / Christian Studies Programs	Further studies for students having completed the diploma program.	Completion of the diploma program and with a church pastor's recommendation		<b>September semester :</b> Hong Kong: August 10  <b>Overseas:</b> July 10
Certificate in N.T./O.T. Studies Programs	Introductory programs in biblical studies, leading students to study each specific book of the Bible systematically.	All are welcome	Register at any time	

**Elective students:** a portion of the subjects offered in the correspondence courses according to their own personal interest. For details, please log-on to the Distance Education website: [www.hkbts.edu.hk/dist](http://www.hkbts.edu.hk/dist).

Online Program	Program Description	Date of Commencement
<b>Online Version:</b> <b>Online Certificate in Old Testament Studies Program</b>  <b>Online Certificate in New Testament Studies Program</b>	<b>Description:</b> * The program content is the same as the correspondence program. * Students can read and download learning materials and course work directly from the website. * Upon completion of the course work, a student may upload it for the tutor to mark and provide comments. * Time-saving, quick, and efficient.	* Students can begin at any time with fee concessions. * Trial study of the online program is welcome: <a href="mailto:helearning@hkbts.edu.hk">http://helearning@hkbts.edu.hk</a>

For inquiries, please call 2768 5105, email [deinfo@hkbts.edu.hk](mailto:deinfo@hkbts.edu.hk), or log-on to the Distance Education website: [www.hkbts.edu.hk/dist](http://www.hkbts.edu.hk/dist).

# Pastoral Continuing Education Center

## January – March Quarter

Course/Talk	Speaker	Date	Time
Church Management and Leadership	Dr. Lau Chung-ming	Jan 9, 16, 23	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Transcending Death	Dr. Andrew Luk	Jan 9, 16, 23	2:00 - 5:00 pm
Contemporary Message from the Book of Isaiah	Dr. Joe Wong	Feb 13, 20, 27	2:00 - 5:00 pm
The Discipleship System and Self-Sustained Growth of the Church	Rev. Leung Ting-yick	Feb 20, 27	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
A Great Epoch, the Great Commission, the Change in Mission Strategy	Dr. Gerard Chan	Mar 6, 13	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Catechesis and Worship: The Experience from the Pre-Constantinian Church	Dr. Andres Tang	Mar 6	2:00 - 5:00 pm
The Pastoral Care of Divorced Church Members	Mrs. Ho-Wan Mei-yee	Mar 13, 20, 27	2:00 - 5:00 pm
The Psychology of Pastors and Their Spiritual Growth	Rev. Gordon Siu	Mar 20	9:30 am - 5:30 pm

Fee concessions : (1) A 10% discount for graduates from the Seminary's degree programs, ministers of Baptist churches, and students taking degree programs in our Lay Theological Education Department; (2) a 20% discount for cardholders of HKBTS Alumni Association; (3) a 50% discount for full-time seminary students. For details, please refer to the application form or our website: [www.hkbts.edu.hk/pce](http://www.hkbts.edu.hk/pce).

Teaching location : 8/F, Christian Building, 56 Bute Street, Mongkok

Enrollment : Application forms can be downloaded from the Seminary's website or submitted online: [www.hkbts.edu.hk/pce](http://www.hkbts.edu.hk/pce).

Inquiries : Please contact us by calling 2768 5179 or by emailing [pce@hkbts.edu.hk](mailto:pce@hkbts.edu.hk).

## Concert of Spiritual Revival 2017

# This Is My Father's World

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**Sermon Message** : Dr. Nathan Ng HKBTS's Professor of Christian Thought (Church History)  
**Testimonies** : HKBTS's students
- Date** : April 2 (Sunday)  
**Time** : 7:30 pm  
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(224, Waterloo Road)

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**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**

**Date of Application for Admission**

Hong Kong : January 3 to June 2

Overseas : January 3 to April 28

**Date of Admissions Examination**

Individual arrangements within the Seminary's office hours

## Discernment

Christian  
Life  
•  
God's  
Call

## Experiencing Seminary Life Camp

Date : February 15-16 (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 call, praise singing, message, sit-in-class lesson, workshop on "Discernment • Life • Call," and talk with professors and current seminary students

Fee : First Group HK\$280 per person (beginning 2:00 pm February 15) or  
Second Group HK\$250 per person (beginning 7:30 pm February 15)

Application Deadline: February 7

**For Inquiries:**

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Email: [admissions@hkbts.edu.hk](mailto:admissions@hkbts.edu.hk)

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## Financial Report

### General Fund, 1 September - 30 November 2016

	HK\$
Income	7,824,567.54
Expenditure	<u>(8,845,471.63)</u>
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基督教豐盛生命堂	3,000.00	蔡慧英	200.00		HK\$ 11,000.00
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啟聞基金	500.00	盧淑勤	500.00	Chinese Gospel Church of Dublin	8,063.36
無名氏	10,500.00	薛聲明	1,000.00	Ernest & Sylvia Ho	1,000.00
	HK\$ 515,505.95	羅佩珊	100.00	何鏡煒伉儷	20,000.00
Chinese Indep. Baptist Church-S.F.	US\$ 540.00	羅凱慈	500.00	鄒小寶	1,200.00
		譚日旭伉儷	30,000.00	無名氏	444.00
<b>Education Fund (Individual Donor)</b>		譚嘉敏	2,000.00		HK\$ 30,707.36
Mr. & Mrs. Cheng Kwan Hon	200.00	關志偉	100.00	<b>Graduation Ceremony</b>	
Wong Hang Ling	500.00	關德華伉儷	200.00	上水浸信會	200.00
孔美珍	200.00	主知名	300.00	牛頭角浸信會	300.00
方志強	200.00	無名氏	10,000.00	香港仔浸信會	200.00
王紹良	700.00	無名氏	10,000.00	彩坪浸信會	500.00
王群	800.00	無名氏	10,000.00		HK\$ 1,200.00
白智信伉儷	500.00	無名氏	8,000.00	<b>DE: Special Need Training Program</b>	
伍志龍	500.00	無名氏	4,000.00	視障人士福音中心	HK\$ 500.00
朱沛德伉儷	10,000.00	無名氏 (15名)	2,030.00		
朱活平伉儷	300.00	無名氏	1,000.00		

## DONORS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2016

<b>Education Fund (Church / Organization)</b>		吳國傑伉儷	500.00	無名氏	300.00
九龍國際浸信會	13,719.00	杜國維伉儷	5,000.00	無名氏	200.00
上水浸信會	15,000.00	洪坡拉	100.00	無名氏	43.60
大埔浸信會	12,000.00	洪錦漢	200.00		HK\$ <u>83,343.60</u>
小西灣浸信會福音堂	2,000.00	洪鷹輪	100.00	Gloria S. F. Seung	US\$ <u>100.00</u>
屯門浸信教會	500.00	胡文恩伉儷	500.00		
以馬內利浸信會	4,300.00	徐詩雅	300.00	<b>Lay Theological Education Program</b>	
香港(西區)潮語浸信會	5,000.00	曹啟明伉儷	400.00	丘佳華	200.00
香港仔浸信會	15,066.80	梁麗嫦	300.00	沈鈺鳳	200.00
香港浸信教會	117,250.00	許鋒威	1,000.00	林耀民	200.00
香港堅尼地城浸信教會	1,200.00	陳玉駒	3,000.00	洪美英	200.00
恩典浸信會	10,000.00	陳先生	3,400.00	孫詠秋	200.00
柴灣浸信會	3,000.00	陳偉生伉儷	2,000.00	張艷萍	200.00
荃灣潮語浸信會	1,000.00	陳偉倫	200.00	郭賢標	200.00
基督浸信會	18,000.00	陳偉權	500.00	黃燕軒	1,000.00
將軍澳浸信會	500.00	陳麗英	500.00	劉偉強	200.00
深荃浸信會	500.00	勞家怡	500.00	劉錦成	200.00
筲箕灣浸信會	5,000.00	曾慶忠	500.00	蔡艷桃	500.00
置富浸信教會	2,000.00	馮德華、鄧如玉	200.00	黎慶華	200.00
廣林浸信會	3,239.00	黃麥定倩	10,000.00	謝寶芳	300.00
澳門浸信教會	10,000.00	黃華娟	100.00		HK\$ <u>3,800.00</u>
興田浸信會	1,000.00	楊玉環	10,000.00		
麗城浸信會	5,000.00	溫祥、黎琮珍	500.00	<b>Theological Education for Filipino</b>	
觀塘浸信會	1,802.00	葉煥章	300.00	<b>Leaders Program</b>	
鑽石山浸信會	15,000.00	劉永生、鍾梓萍	300.00	林礪中	2,000.00
香港浸信會神學院校友會	3,000.00	劉建紅	600.00	張智理伉儷	5,000.00
浸信宣道會明道堂	500.00	蔡慧英	200.00	陳麗英	200.00
基督教四方福音會彩坪堂	1,000.00	鄭鵬程	300.00	溫祥、黎琮珍	400.00
基督教宣道會華基堂	2,000.00	羅佩珊	100.00		HK\$ <u>7,600.00</u>
啟關基金	500.00	羅凱慈	500.00		
	HK\$ <u>269,076.80</u>	譚嘉敏	2,000.00	<b>Distance Education Program</b>	
		關志偉	100.00	Ernest & Sylvia Ho	1,000.00
<b>Education Fund (Individual Donor)</b>		關德華伉儷	200.00	鄒小寶	1,200.00
方志強	200.00	蘇敏儀	200.00	無名氏	500.00
王紹良	700.00	主知名	300.00	無名氏	444.00
王群	800.00	無名氏	8,000.00		HK\$ <u>3,144.00</u>
白智信伉儷	500.00	無名氏	5,000.00		
伍志龍	500.00	無名氏	4,000.00	<b>Graduation Ceremony</b>	
朱活平伉儷	300.00	無名氏	3,000.00	青山浸信會	400.00
何仲儀	1,000.00	無名氏	1,000.00	鑽石山浸信會	300.00
何偉明	200.00	無名氏	1,000.00		HK\$ <u>700.00</u>
何錦燕	1,000.00	無名氏	500.00		
何譚惠如	1,000.00	無名氏	500.00	<b>Bursary fund</b>	
吳炳榮伉儷	8,000.00	無名氏	400.00	北角浸信會	
		無名氏	300.00	明義神學助學金	HK\$ <u>652,212.00</u>

# Precious Moments



## October 25-27, 2016 Baptist Heritage Week

Baptist Heritage Week was held three days in a row with the theme, "The Contribution of the Baptist Theologians to Ecclesiology." The topic and speaker of the first day lecture was "Ecclesiological Issues Addressed by E. Y. Mullins, Baptist Statesman and Educator," by Dr. Jerry Moye, Professor Emeritus of Old Testament and Spirituality.

On the second day, Dr. Andres Tang, Professor of Christian Thought (Theology and Culture) spoke on the topic, "The Theology of the Church and the Theological Church: The Contribution of James Wm. McClendon, Jr. to Ecclesiology."



On the third day, Dr. Lindsay Robertson, Associate Professor of Christian Thought, spoke on the topic, "Bound to Love" — The Covenant Ecclesiology of Paul S. Fiddes."

## November 13, 2016 Joint Programs Graduation Ceremony

HKBTS's Main Program (the 65th class), Lay Theological Education Department (the 17th class), and Distance Education Program (the 16th class) was held on November 13 at Queen Elizabeth Stadium, Wanchai. In the 2015-16 school year, there were 54 graduates from the degree programs or diploma or certificate graduates from the same LTED's BCS program, together with 189 graduates from the diploma and certificate programs. Thank God for His faithfulness and kindness in leading the seminary throughout these 65 years. Pray that He will also lead each of our graduates in the ministry path.



The Seminary Choir sang "Praise Him," wishing all glory be to God on high.



President Cho preached a message to exhort all the graduates with the theme: "Glorify the Lord · Walk with God."





**November 24, 2016 Thanksgiving Day**

Every year on the Thanksgiving Day, all the teachers, students, and staff together offer God our thanksgiving. During the chapel service on Thanksgiving Day, each of the classes showed their creativity by expressing their thankfulness to God and to each other in different ways.



**December 19, 2016  
Christmas Worship: Teachers,  
Students, Staff, and Alumni Sang  
the Coming of the Lord**

The Christmas Worship Service was jointly organized by HKBTS and the Alumni Association. This is the day we remember the Savior's Birth together and the day when alumni make an appointment to have a joyful reunion. Thank God for leading more and more alumni to come home and set a new record high for this year. That morning we worshiped together and prayed with one heart for all the nations on earth, the government and society of Hong Kong, the testimony of the church, the seminary's development, and the ministry of our alumni.



*Happy  
Lunar  
New  
Year*



We thank the Alumni Choir for coming back to alma mater to sing for each year's Christmas worship service, especially for Mrs. Helen Wan who conducted the choir even during her rehabilitation.