

Newsletter

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Prophetic Preaching

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The Preacher Is Both a Pastor and a Prophet

In the past two years, God has continued to bring renewal, teaching the Seminary to embody the "excellent" heart of Jesus Christ. During this time, we have entered a stage of synergy as a community of disciples has formed who seek consciously to practice what we proclaim in the pulpit and move toward a life practice of embodying our "preaching." Throughout our effort to bring renewal, our hearts have been filled with so much joy and contentment.

When it comes to the life practice of preaching, I pray that God will continue to empower us with the gift of preaching as we serve our churches. I fervently pray that God will continue helping HKBTS's teachers and students to be wise heralds and effective pastor preachers.

In the February issue of the Seminary's *Newsletter*, I talked about the importance of mutuality as heralds and pastors preach. I discussed at length the pastoral aspect of preaching, highlighting the preacher's need to integrate his or her heart with the hearts of the congregation and the importance of sharing renewal experience through the sermon. I pointed out that a good preacher is one who listens, observes and loves while ministering to the congregation. However, I need also to emphasize that a preacher must not only be a pastor but also a prophet.



President's Word



Prophetic preaching is both significant and necessary. In prophetic preaching, we proclaim that God's sovereignty must always be clearly acknowledged as always remaining as over and above the authority of the world's rulers and leaders. A prophet must speak the truth in love, proclaiming the truth with courage and daring to uphold clearly the truth through deeds. Faithful preaching must always include the prophetic element. Therefore, I trust that HKBTS students will learn and practice the art of prophetic preaching.

Prophetic Preaching Points out the Identity Crisis of Our Churches

In the current world, prophetic preaching needs to address the identity crisis of our churches. It is obvious that some of our contemporary churches have been unconsciously swallowed up by secularism as they have allowed the world to set their agenda so that they have left little room for Jesus Christ who has called them. As a result, too many churches have become chameleons so thoroughly defined by the secular environment that they are no longer able to safeguard their unique identity and mission or to stand firmly as witnesses of Christ Jesus.

How then must today's churches deal with this severe identity crisis? This problem can be closely connected with the erosion of faithful preaching. Recognizing the watering down of preaching, pastors are challenged to renew their commitment by faithfully proclaiming God's truth in our secular age. When we become aware of the secularism of today's churches, we are jolted into acknowledging the necessity of prophetic preaching.

If this is the case, we must then ask, what is prophetic preaching?

Prophetic Preaching Is Not Moralistic Preaching

Before exploring the nature of prophetic preaching, let us first consider what it is not. Prophetic preaching is not moralistic preaching resulting from finding texts that have moral connotations for the congregation's lives. Such moralistic preaching reduces the gospel to a rule book for moral conduct and legalistic thinking and burdens hearers with guilt. Sermons will then become moralistic


exhortations and the gospel message will actually be distorted so that "God's will" is replaced by the preacher's "human will." What the preacher presents is a straight forward action plan while failing to proclaim the gospel as God's will and His transforming action plan.

To be sure, the Bible certainly contains moral discourses. At the same time, we must remember that the Bible is far more than a set of moral instructions. The Bible's concern is primarily theological and not merely moral. Even as the Bible records the history of humans acting upon other humans, God remains at the center of the Bible acting upon men in ways we can never imagine or predict. Preaching must then be much more than human advice or moral command. Moralistic preaching distorts the gospel of God so that God's grace is reduced to human action and power.

Another important fallacy of moralistic preaching is that the preacher exerts his or her "superego," assuming the role of the congregation's parent in order to put forth his or her way as the model to be followed. Such preaching will produce two kinds of believers. One type comprises those "child-like" believers willing to rely on the "parent-like" preacher to tell them what to do and what not to do. The other type is made up of those who quickly become resentful and are likely to defy everything an authoritarian preacher says. This group will quickly react to an over-controlling preacher who insists that his or her high moral ground is indisputable. Such individuals will refuse to be taught and influenced by such a controlling preacher.

Prophetic Teaching Comes from a Preacher's Sincere Heart in the Presence of God

In contrast with moralistic preachers, prophet preachers are keenly aware that they themselves always stand under God's judgment and demand, and always remember there can never be any other high moral ground. Being fully aware that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," they acknowledge that they too are weak, always facing many temptations, just like everyone else. It is this pure-hearted humility in the presence of God that prevents the prophet preacher from giving in to the temptation of flinging moralistic abuses at the congregation or sliding into simplistic moralizing. If



the preacher sincerely confesses facing personal moral dilemmas, then the congregation can identify with the preacher and find the message credible. The sincerity of the preacher can change an otherwise moralistic message into prophetic preaching teeming with personal concern and care. In this way, putting on a prophet's robe does not mean that the preacher must ever take off the garment of pastoral care.

It must be pointed out that the "pastoral care" aspect of prophetic preaching must involve a considerable degree of confrontation. This comprises a kind of "protest" spirit. The prophet who is faithful to the Word of God must make every effort not to be affected by people's reaction and must not dread the price that must be paid for an uncomfortable message. Instead, such a preacher always strives to confront wrong attitudes and action with courage, exposing the deep-rooted sin and pointing out ways men get entangled in sin. No one would deny confrontation is sometimes a bitter experience. Nevertheless, confrontation is an indispensable part of responsible pastoral care. Confronting is made for healing and to ensure that failure is not repeated. Stated simply, to confront is good; not to confront is bad.

Paradoxically, the preacher who does not confront his congregation will negate love. For example, an overly kind mother who does not punish a disobedient child does not love responsibly. Again, a non-confronting preacher can be compared with an adult who sees a boy sitting in a place infested with many vipers and warns the boy, "Don't sit here. You will be bitten to death!" When the boy refuses to listen to him, this adult explains to another adult, "Since this boy refuses to take my word seriously, we have to drag him out or even beat him to rescue him from this place of death." Unwisely the other adult replies, "No! Leave him alone! Don't beat him!" The tragic result is that the boy is bitten to death.

The Prophet's Proclamation Is to Help Men Stand in the Light of Truth

These shocking examples are warnings that sometimes before the gospel can be seen as good news, it must come as judgment. Before there can be healing, the gospel must first come as bitter pain. If we want to experience the abundance of the gospel and the sincerity of a God who cares for us, there must sometimes be confrontation. That is why the true prophets who continually called out, "Peace! Peace!" The prophet's mission is to help people face even the most uncomfortable reality and stand bravely in the blinding light of truth. When men can bear disturbing truth, they are ready to be changed and able to make hard choices.

Matthew 18:15-20 involves prophetic confrontation. This passage points out that if a brother sins, the victim of the wrongdoing or the one discovering it must go to confront that person privately, pointing out his fault. If the person is willing to repent, we who confront the person have won the sinner over and have found the lost sheep. If this initial attempt fails, we are told to take one or two others along to confront him as witnesses so that every

matter can be verified by the testimony of two or three witnesses. If that person still refuses to listen, then we must share the problem with the church so that the matter is exposed to the entire congregation. If the person still refuses to listen even to the church, then he or she must be treated as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector. This is the last step in confrontation: treat the one who refuses to repent as a non-believer and excommunicate that member. This is a kind of spiritual deportation, implying spiritual death.

Matthew 18:18 points out the need to have church consensus and the need to exercise authority through confrontation. The truth that Jesus wants to teach us can be found in Matthew 16:19: Peter, the cornerstone, or the rock, is given the authority to bind and to loose. In the same way, a local church is authorized to bind or to untie anyone. In this context, the community of disciples is granted the authority to proclaim the truth by testifying to the truth, pointing out sins, and announcing God's judgment and promising the grace of redemption. The church does in accord with God's will as it continues to call men to God.

As the cornerstone of the church, Peter assumes the prophet's role denouncing sins, especially those sins that alienate people from God. In Acts 5:1-11, we see Peter denouncing the sin committed by Ananias and his wife Sapphira in the early church when they sold a piece of property, claiming to give all the money to the church. In fact, they kept back part of it for themselves. Peter condemned them first of all for lying to the Holy Spirit and then for allowing Satan to control them as they lied to the church. Worst of all, they had lied to God, thus alienating themselves from God. After being confronted by Peter, the couple fell down dead before his feet.

In today's society, Peter's bold confrontation goes against the acceptable way of doing things. The socially acceptable way of dealing with wrong behavior is to do everything possible to reduce conflict and always to avoid conflict at all costs. The popular way today would be to appease the Ananias and Sapphira in the church or try to help them reduce their anxiety but never even consider

condemning them. The popular way is to appropriate the findings in contemporary counseling and see this couple as all the other couples who are bound to have problems; the pastor needs to appease them and accept them unconditionally, allowing them plenty of space and making them feel at ease.

This principle of always making someone "feel at ease" is in fact a dangerous way of encouraging people to settle for a kind of self-deceiving peace. The church ministers excuse themselves by claiming they bear patiently with the sinfulness of "Ananias" and "Sapphira" out of love for them. In reality, they are agreeing to bear with liars in order to keep large offering coming in which means they let money and power dominate the church. Without knowing it, such churches allow the possession of property to become the basis of power. The prophet preacher must confront the illusionary "peace" that results and point out the unrecognized idolatry of bowing to power and wealth. They must help churches avoid this self-deception and the false comfort zone of the church. This means they must hold up the mirror of truth before them, allowing them to see their own chameleon image and challenging them to free themselves from the paralyzing tentacles of the secular environment. As a prophet preacher, one must always struggle to have a pure heart, practice self discipline and pray for self understanding in order to confront himself or herself as well as others. Such a preacher strives not to be self-deceiving but longs to be honest before God, honest with men and honest with oneself.

Pray that God Will Build up Pure Pastors and Prophets

Consequently, a prophet preacher can help the church be honest before God, able to face God and Christ in order to face the truth. This kind of preaching is an important component of true pastoral care. Only then can the church safeguard her unique identity, mission and witness in this present age. I pray that God will build up more pastor prophets and that the teachers at HKBTs will join together to train and produce many more pastor prophets.



Diamond Jubilee Concert of Praise

Song of Thanksgiving

Like the Rolling Surge, the Ever-Flowing Waters

The Diamond Jubilee Concert of Praise held on May 16 was the climax of the Diamond Jubilee celebration activities 2011 and was presented to God as our fragrant offering to express our deepest longings and gratitude to Him.

This concert was carefully planned so that each segment coherently flowed together. The performers were devoted to singing and playing the musical instruments the best they could while the congregation were immersed and touched again and again by each of the musical items.

It was the premier performance of Dr. Cainan Mui's new song "A Prayer of Thanksgiving" which was the ultimate climax of the entire evening. The audience found this fresh new song both pleasing to the ears and uplifting to the spirit. The sound of the mega-choir formed by many church choirs was like a rolling surge and the ever-flowing waters so that the congregation experienced a closeness to God and their hearts were filled with thanksgiving and praise.

The mega-choir consists of about 250 members, representing 18 local Baptist churches together with the HKBTS's joint choir. That evening when these choir members appeared at the back and one by one joined the procession to walk to the front of the sanctuary, our hearts were filled with indescribable excitement. In our hearts, this thrilling moment is stamped indelibly on our hearts and minds as a seal. It became a seal of the unity between HKBTS and local Baptist churches walking together whether the Seminary remains for another 60 years, 120 years or longer as we accept God's call to walk shoulder to shoulder together in support of excellent theological education.



A Response from an Attendant

I have taken part in countless number of HKBTS's concerts of praise. Yet, this Diamond Jubilee Concert of Praise was most memorable. I can see that tremendous effort had been put in its preparation ... I was touched not only that members of the Seminary and the Alumni Choir took time off their busy schedule to whole-heartedly practice singing a song of considerable difficulty. I was especially moved by the outstanding performance of a number of music teachers, and the unforgettable singing of the mega-joint choir and the Sunshine Choir. What touched me most was the participation of choirs from so many churches. Although they put on their own church choir robes of many different colors, they sang as if with one voice. This made me feel as if I had gazed in to a beautiful worship service in heaven ... I was really touched by this. I think this is also a manifestation of unity in diversity! Added to all this was, President Cho's brief and concise narration ... This was indeed an evening that impressed me deeply! May this singing in unison revolve around the throne of the Lord, pleasing His heart! And may our Heavenly Father continue to expand the Seminary's boundary!

Margaret Choi (an alumna)



Beginning a New School Year with **Preaching** *The Diamond Jubilee Belote Lectures* Will Be Held in **August**

The new school year 2011-12 will begin on August 23. We are pleased to have Professor Thomas Long, a renowned American scholar, as the speaker of the Diamond Jubilee Belote Lectures to mark this special anniversary year. Professor Long will explore in depth the preaching ministry and its relevance for these times. The theme topic of the four-day morning lectures will be "From Preparation to Proclamation" and the lectures will be divided into part I, II and III while the topic for the three-day evening lectures will be "The God of Love in a Suffering World."

As the seminary seeks to accentuate the Bible and preaching, we endeavor to nurture our students to be preachers witnessing to God's truth and proclaiming His truth with fresh insight. This year's Belote Lectures not only allow our students to begin their seminary study with the challenge of preaching, it also provides a valuable exchange platform. It also gives all the church pastors and ministers attending an opportunity to exchange ideas

with those teachers and students from our seminary and sister seminaries. As such a diverse audience listens to the outstanding speaker, there is bound to be a rich exchange of ideas about the ministry of preaching.

Professor Long has both an outstanding exegetical ability and preaching skills and is referred to as the prince of biblical preaching. As an expert in numerous subjects within the areas of biblical and theological studies, he is both a well-informed scholar and a gifted pastor. This makes him an effective, powerful speaker on stage. Professor Long is not only well respected in the academic arena, he is also well-loved by local congregations.

As the Belote Lectures are open to the public, seminary teachers and students, church pastors and ministers, brothers and sisters are all welcome to attend.



Professor Thomas Long

He is the Bandy Professor of Preaching at Candler School of Theology at Emory University, USA. He is widely recognized as on a level with Billy Graham. As an authority in New Testament studies and preaching, Professor Long writes extensively in areas ranging from pastoral theology to New Testament studies. His magnum opus includes *Preaching from Memory to Hope* and *Matthew*.

From Preparation to Proclamation: Expounding on the Sermon Preparation Procedure and Its Demonstration

Morning Lectures

Date : August 23-26, 2011
(Tuesday - Friday)
Time : 10am - 12:30 pm
Venue : Sai O Chapel, HKBTs
(1 Nin Ming Road, Sai O,
Sai Kung North, N.T.)

Title : From Preparation to Proclamation I, II, III

August 23 First Lecture Respondent: Dr. Wong Fook Kong
August 24 Second Lecture Respondent: Dr. Luke Cheung
August 25 Third Lecture Respondent: Dr. Sam Tsang
August 26 Fourth Lecture Up Close and Personal Dialogue
with Professor Long

Presentation in English with simultaneous Chinese interpretation

Evening Lectures

Date : August 24 -26, 2011
(Wednesday - Friday)
Time : 7:30-9:30 pm
Venue : Chapel, Tsim Sha Tsui
Baptist Church
(31, Cameron Road, Tsim Sha Tsui)

August 24 The Shaking of the Foundations:
Evil and Suffering as a Theological Problem
August 25 Fellow Pilgrims: Possible Responses
to the Problem of Evil
August 26 Walking through the Valley of the Shadow:
What Preachers Can Say about God and Innocent Suffering

Presentation in English with Chinese interpretation

**Preaching
the God of Love in
a Suffering World**

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**Registration: Please call 2768 5130
for reservation**

**Registration Date: From now to
August 19 or when the quota is filled**

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Back to the Bible

Going into Churches

Going to Every District

Island South **Bible Study Conference**



Organized by HKBTS and assisted by the Fellowship of Pastoral Workers in Island South, the Bible Study Conference has been held five Sunday afternoons in succession at Aberdeen Baptist Church beginning May 1. This conference was made possible through the cooperation of a number of Island South churches. These churches have encouraged their church members to attend with the result that almost four hundred people were in attendance each time. Five Biblical Studies teachers from the Seminary went to the church successively to share their spiritual food and service with our brothers and sisters. These meetings gave our teachers an opportunity to get to know these churches as they served them. It was also heartening to see the thirst and excitement for the Word of God in the hearts of our brothers and sisters!

The theme of the conference was "The Lord of All Nations and All Peoples: We Are the People of God." This was the third district-wide spiritual enrichment Bible Study Conference after Shatin and Tsuen Wan. The next Bible Study Conference will be held in September and October at Kwun Tong Baptist Church with the theme "Blessed are the Poor? Biblical Teachings on the Poor." This Bible Study Conference will also be held on five consecutive Sunday afternoons with our five Biblical Studies teachers as speakers.

The Seminary will continue to go to every district, sharing the spiritual feast from one place to another. Through such a series of Bible Study meetings, we can visit and serve brothers and sisters in the different districts. In the past two years, God has blessed the Seminary with a particularly strong faculty team in Biblical Studies and our rich blessings from God have compelled us to make a greater effort to share the Word of God. Furthermore, as a seminary that lays great emphasis on the Word of God, we particularly hope to have the opportunity to study God's Word with our brothers and sisters. We want to encourage them and equip them to learn more about God's Word so that their spiritual lives can be imbued with biblical wisdom and vision.

Responses from Two Attendants

Chow Yuen-wah

Chan Kam-cheong

In May, I feasted on a rich banquet which was the Bible Study Conference. Its theme was "The Lord of All Nations and All Peoples: We Are the People of God" and it was held for five Sunday afternoons in succession. I was privileged to attend the whole five-day seminar and witnessed how brothers and sisters enthusiastically expressed their strong thirst for God's Word. It was heartening to see different age groups actively participating in the event and encouraged one another in studying God's Word. I was deeply touched and invigorated!

Five Old and New Testament teachers from HKBTS spoke on the theme, "We Are the People of God" befitting their respective fields and giving free play to each teacher's expertise. Although divided into five meetings, the seminar was coherent in thought and had a unity in style. On the one hand, most importantly it aroused our interest to keep studying the Bible in greater depth; on the other hand, it has aroused our thinking, helping us to reflect on the state of our spiritual lives. Each of the seminary professors had their own distinctive style: some were concise, in-depth and presenting in good order and with good reasoning; others had distinct personality, and made vivid presentations with humorous delivery; some spoke soul to soul, pleasantly but with an earnestness. Each was outstanding in his unique way.

I must thank the many HKBTS teachers who shared with us precious teaching at the Bible Study Conference. In the meeting on "To Look at the Affirmation of Israelites' Self Identity from the Book of Joshua," it was pointed out that the Israelites resolved to follow God and be His people took place after they had come to understand God's love and grace. I think this ought to be the experience of generations of Israelites seeking their own identity of being the people of God and also of us, the Christian community, who becomes the people of God because of our faith in Christ Jesus. Besides, from the message of Judges that "We People of God Are of the Same Family," I came to realize the importance of observing and obeying what God commands, not only individually but corporately as a nation; not only in this generation but to pass down the conviction from generation to generation.

The meeting "I Will Become a Jew?" has not only helped explain the doubt I had had in mind, but has also corrected and prepared me to continue learning "God's People's 'Family Code'" (that is, the community of faith must treat one another and people in general under the governance and guidance of the Holy Spirit and seek to live out the new rule to "love others as oneself.") In the meeting on "The Importance of the Identity of Being God's Children to Spiritual Growth," I learned to have the hope of glory and the biblical basis of the inheritance of God's children so that my heart was filled with an inner joy. I hope to know more about God and through Him I hope to live out "the family code" which is by no means easy to keep.

Advance Notice

Bible Study Conference in Kwun Tong District

It is jointly organized by HKBTS and Kwun Tong Baptist Church

Date : September 11 to October 9 (5 Sunday afternoons in succession)

Time : 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Venue : Kwun Tong Baptist Church (83, Kung Lok Road, Kwun Tong)

Theme : Blessed are the Poor? Biblical Teachings on the Poor

- September 11 Dr. Wong Fook Kong
"Who Is My Neighbor? The Mosaic Laws' Perspective on the Poor and Powerless"
- September 18 Dr. Sam Tsang
"Ministry to the Outsider: The Poor in Luke"
- September 25 Dr. Tony Sher
"God Is on the Side of the Poor: A Warning to the Israelites (Church) from the Book of Isaiah"
- October 2 Dr. Alexander Mak
"Poverty: Spiritual Crisis or Opportunity?"
- October 9 Dr. Clement Shum
For Whom You Are Really as Busy as Bees? A Brief Look at Paul's View of Work

Fee : 5 sessions for \$100, 1 session for \$30

For registraion or enquiries, call 2343 6745 or email info@ktbc.org.hk(Miss Chan)

≡≡≡ Academic Affairs News ≡≡≡

1. Mission Trips

Our students joined several mission trips this June, including a visit to Sichuan by the Seminary's choir "The Voice of Hill Road" (June 1-8), a visit to Yingde Shi, Guangdong Province organized by the Missions Department of the Student Union (June 10-12), and a visit to the Republic of Mongolia, organized by the Hong Kong Baptist Mission, by a group of graduating students (June 15-23). These mission visits will teach our students to learn, serve and care for those they meet as they travel to different places in the Mainland.

2. Faculty Movement

Rev. Pak Loh has joined our faculty team beginning August 1 to be the Director of the Missions Dynamic Resource Center and to teach practical theology subjects. Rev. Loh is a Canadian Baptist Ministry missionary who has a passion for missions and the pastoral ministry and is amply experienced in related fields.

3. Faculty Retreat

The Faculty Retreat was held from August 9 to 11 with the theme "The Enhancement of Exchange and Interaction among HKBTS Faculty Members."

4. The Opening Convocation

The Opening Convocation of the 2011-2012 school year will be held on August 23 and we pray that God will guide our students as they begin a new year of studies.

5. Belote Lectures

This year's Diamond Jubilee Belote Lectures will have as its speaker, the renowned American Professor Thomas Long. As in previous years, there will be morning and evening lectures. The morning lectures will be held from August 23 -26 (Tuesday to Friday) from 10 am to 12:30 pm at our Sai O campus. The topic for the morning lectures will be "From Preparation to Proclamation I, II, III" while the evening lectures will be held at Tsim Sha Tsui Baptist Church

from August 24 to 26 (Wednesday to Friday) at 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. The topic for the evening lectures will be "Preaching the God of Love to a Suffering World."

6. Kwun Tong Bible Study Conference

The Conference is jointly organized by HKBTS and Kwun Tong Baptist Church. It will be held on September 11, 18, 25, October 2 and 9 for five successive Sunday afternoons at Kwun Tong Baptist Church. The theme will be "Blessed Are the Poor? Biblical Teachings on the Poor." The speakers are the Seminary's Biblical Studies teachers: Dr. Wong Fook Kong, Dr. Sam Tsang, Dr. Tony Sher, Dr. Alexander Mak and Dr. Clement Shum. All brothers and sisters are welcome.

≡≡≡ Visitors ≡≡≡

- ◆ **Dr. Ryan Clark** and **Mr. Neil Boggan** from Philippines Baptist Theological Seminary paid a visit to the Seminary on March 31.
- ◆ **Dr. Billie Hank**, President of International Evangelism Association visited the Seminary on May 9.
- ◆ **Prof. Frank Rees**, President of Whitley College, University of Melbourne, Australia visited the Seminary on May 13.
- ◆ A team of ten teachers and students from Virginia Theological Seminary visited the Seminary on May 25.

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- ◆ **Dr. Andres Tang**, Professor of Christian Thought (Theology and Culture) spoke on the topic "A Theological Reflection on Minimum Wage" in a meeting on "How Christians Respond to Minimum Wage" organized by the Hong Kong Christian Council on March 25. Also Dr. Tang's revised translation of Wolfhart Pannenberg's "Theology and the Kingdom of God" was included in *The Early Works of Wolfhart Pannenberg* (Hong Kong: The Logos and Pneuma

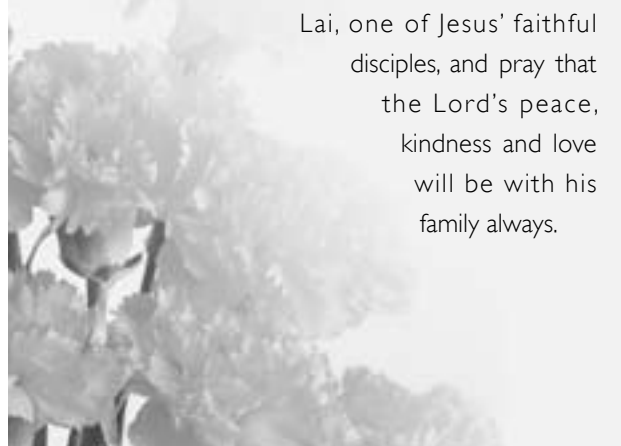
Press, 2011) which is edited by Jason Tsz-shun Lam. Dr. Tang's article, "Mou Zongsan's 'Transcendental' Interpretation of Huayan Buddhism," appeared in *Journal of Chinese Philosophy* 38/2 (June 2011).

- ◆ **Dr. Vincent Lau**, Assistant Professor of Practical Theology (Christian Ethics) spoke on the topic "Evangelism of the Church and the Church of Evangelism" in a seminar for pastors and deacons organized by Evangelize China Fellowship on April 10. Dr. Lau also spoke on the topic "The Peaceable Kingdom" in a series of lectures on the theme "The Ethics of Jesus" organized by Logos Ministries Ltd. on May 29.
- ◆ **Dr. Sam Tsang**, Associate Professor of New Testament, has recently published two books: *Being Christ's Body, Walking in Christ's Path in Luke-Acts: Selected Reflections on Corporate Discipleship* (Hong Kong: Ming Dao Press, 2011) and *Embodying Jesus: Luke-Acts Characterization* (Hong Kong: Logos Publishers Ltd., 2011). Dr. Tsang's article, "The Danger of Efficiency: Rhetoric and Entertainment," appeared in *Behold* 49 (May 2011).

Obituary

Mr. Lai Tai-wah, a member of the Seminary's President Council, went to be with the Lord on April 23 and the funeral service was held on May 8 at the Hong Kong Funeral Parlor. Brother Lai had been a member of the President Council since 1994. In the past seventeen years, he had been an accompanying partner and supporter of the theological education ministry. We miss Mr.

Lai, one of Jesus' faithful disciples, and pray that the Lord's peace, kindness and love will be with his family always.



Distance Education Program

The new diploma programs will begin in September 2011 while the certificate programs can begin at any time

Name of Program	Program Description	Admission Requirements	Date of Commencement	Registration Deadline
Diploma Program in Biblical Studies	Through an in-depth study of a specific book of the Bible, students are trained to do systematic hermeneutics and Bible study.	Secondary school leavers with their church pastor's recommendation	March and September	September semester : Hong Kong: August 10
Diploma Program in Christian Studies	Designed for equipping students for ministry, the program helps students strengthen their foundation in the Christian faith, doctrine and theology.			Overseas: July 10
Higher Diploma Program in Christian Studies	Further studies for students completing the diploma program	Completion of the diploma program and with a church pastor's recommendation		March semester : Hong Kong: February 10 Overseas: January 10
Certificate Programs in N.T./O.T. Studies	Introductory programs in biblical studies, leading systematically to the study of a specific book of the Bible.	All are welcome	Register at any time. Concessions in fees are available. Students can begin at any time.	
Elective Students: Students can choose part of the subjects offered in the correspondence courses according to their own personal interest. For details, please log on the "Distance Education" webpage.				

On-line Program	Program Description	Date of Commencement
On-line Certificate Program in New Testament Studies	An introductory program for the study of an individual book of the Bible in Chinese. There is a choice of either the traditional Chinese or the simplified Chinese versions. This is a diversified program providing an on-line resource room as well as a platform for communication between tutors and students.	Students can begin at any time with fee concessions available. Trial study of the on-line program is welcome: http://distance.hkbts.edu.hk The User ID for the traditional Chinese version: 04YM0001 Code: guest The User ID for the simplified Chinese version: 04YM0002 Code: guest

For enquiries, call 2768 5105 or log on the distance education program webpage www.hkbts.edu.hk/dist.

Pastoral Continuing Education Center

September to December

Course/Talk	Lecturer	Date	Time
Leadership Series I: Servant Leaders	Dr. Ricky Szeto	September 12, 19(Mon)	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Exegesis and Preaching of the Narrative Text	Dr. Sam Tsang	September 12, 26(Mon)	2:00 - 5:00 pm
Innovative Ideas for Adventure Games	Mr. Wu Yu-yung	October 10(Mon)	9:30 am - 5:00 pm
Children Development	Dr. Poon Wai-chi	October 17, 24, 31(Mon)	1:30 - 4:30 pm
Drinking at the Fountain of Power	Dr. Alexander Mak	October 24(Mon)	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Application of Church History in Pastoral Ministry	Dr. Nathan Ng	November 14(Mon)	2:00 - 5:00 pm
Life and Sexuality: Contemporary Meaning of Christian Ethics	Dr. Kwan Kai-man	November 28, December 12, 19 (Mon)	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
A More Beautiful Worship Service	Dr. Andrew Ng	December 5, 12, 19(Mon)	2:00 - 5:00 pm

The detailed content of each course can be found in the pastoral continuing education center webpage www.hkbts.edu.hk/pce. For application and enquiries, please call 2768 5179, fax 2630 1391 or email to pce@hkbts.edu.hk.

* Members of Alumni Association, graduates of the Seminary, ministers and theological students of Baptist churches (including ministerial training program students and students taking degree courses in our Lay Theological Education Department, full time students in the 14 member seminaries of the Hong Kong Theological Education Association) can have tuition fee concessions. For details, please refer to the application form in the course pamphlet.

Lay Theological Education Department

Student Recruitment 2011-2012

◆ **Master of Christian Studies Program (Major in Christian Communication)**

Aim: To enable lay Christians with university level of education to integrate their Christian faith with communication theories. This is to equip them to engage in theological reflection on our current society and communicate the Christian message more effectively in this setting.

Classes are conducted two evenings per week.

Deadline for application: August 13

◆ **Bachelor / Diploma / Certificate Program in Christian Studies**

This is a part-time evening program and students can choose to study the following programs:

Certificate Program: Certificate Program in Christian Studies, Certificate Program in Music Ministry

Diploma Program: Diploma Program in Biblical Studies, Diploma Program in Music Ministry, Diploma Program in Care and Counseling Ministry

Bachelor Program: Students can choose to major

in Biblical Studies, Music Ministry, or Care and Counseling Ministry.

Classes are conducted two or three evenings per week.

Deadline for application: July 31

◆ **Childhood Ministry Diploma / Certificate Program**

Target: Lay Christians devoted to ministering to children aged from 6 to 12. The program will provide holistic and systematic techniques with theology training in children ministry.

The certificate program takes a year to complete. Classes will begin in October and take place every Tuesday evening.

Program Characteristics: Its contents include: Faith and IQ and EQ, the ministry-provider's personal growth, children's life education with a positive view of life, children's family care and cultural trends of our society. These topics are blended with ministry technique in tutoring children in Bible reading, memorizing scripture verses, prayer, mission and evangelism. The purpose is to help students face the challenges in nurturing a new generation of children.

Deadline for application: August 31

◆ **Early Childhood Ministry Diploma / Certificate Program**

Target: To provide holistic and systematic technique with theology training in early childhood ministry for lay Christians devoted to ministering to young children from new-born babies up to five-year-old children. The certificate program takes one year to complete and classes begin in October (every Friday evening).

Program Characteristics: Its content include: EQ and the Christian Faith, the ministry-provider's personal growth, spiritual discipline, a basic understanding of the Bible, games, drama, stories and science. Students are trained to use these diversified ministry techniques for young children as they face the challenge in nurturing a new generation of children.

Deadline for application: August 31

◆ **Topical Lecture as well as a Meeting for the Introduction of the Christian Studies Program**

Topic : Jesus' Discipleship Training as Viewed from the Literary Skills of the Book of Mark

Speaker : Dr. Alexander Mak (HKBTS's Assistant Professor of New Testament)

Date : July 14 (Thursday)

Time : 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Venue : Applied Theological Education Center, (9/F., Christian Building, 56 Bute Street, Mong Kok)

Fee : Free admission

For enquiries and enrolment: 2711 2552 Email: ltedinfo@hkbtn.edu.hk Webpage: www.hkbtn.edu.hk/lted

Tuition Locations:

Mong Kok Education Center: 10/F, Chung Kiu Commercial Building, 47-51 Shan Tung Street, Mong Kok.

Applied Theological Education Center: 8/F., Christian Building, 56 Bute Street, Mong Kok.

=====**Alumni News**=====

Alumna **Chan Sau-yee** (class of 2006) was married to Mr. Kwan Yee-kin at Tai Po Baptist Church on July 1. We offer them our blessing and pray that the hand of the Lord will lead this family along life's road.

Walking with HKBTS for More Than 28 Years

Dr. Grace Lo Retires



Being known to countless number of HKBTS's folks as "Miss Lo," Dr. Grace Lo wears a silver-haired crown and has been a partner walking with HKBTS for almost 30 years. She is our Associate Professor of Christian Education and the Dean of Student Affairs. Miss Lo has a heart for students' well-being; she is strict and focused but yet kind-hearted and gentle in disposition, serving God and students in humility. She went to great effort to help a seriously ill student; she invited a lonely student boarder out for dinner and had a hearty conversation one Christmas night...

At the Award Presentation Ceremony on May 26, the Seminary's Board of Trustees presented Miss Lo a keepsake on behalf of the teachers and students. The keepsake was given as a token of our gratitude for her devotion and to convey our blessings for the future. The words inscribed on the keepsake are from Psalm 16:2: "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing." We are thankful that Miss Lo will not be fully retired as she is asked to teach two subjects in the new school year. We pray that our Lord will lead Miss Grace Lo in her future ministry and remember all the lives she has touched.

Publication News



Hill Road (Issue 27) was published in July with "Family" as its theme. There are six thematic articles: "'Father's House' (בת אב) in the Old Testament: Family or Household?" (Tony Sher), "Judges as a Narrative about Family: Metaphor and Reality of Israel's Family" (Sam Tsang), "Divorce and Remarriage in the Bible" (Alexander Mak), "The Purpose of the Family in Theological Perspective" (Lindsay Robertson), "The

Covenant Family in Karl Barth's Theology" (Cheng Suet Ling), and "Raising Children as the Church's Social Mission? Hauerwas's Theological Critique of the Modern Notion of Family" (Huen Chi Wai). In addition, there are several miscellaneous articles and book reviews. *Hill Road* is available in local Christian bookstores or you may obtain a copy at our Seminary in one of our urban centers. For enquiries or subscription, call 2768 5168.



Please Pray for Us

◆ Students' Spiritual Formation Camp (August 15-17)

The camp for 2011-12 school year will be held from August 15 to 17 (Monday to Wednesday) with the theme "From Fear ... to Awe ...". The aim of the camp is to help students experience a life transformed from fear to awe through worship and praise, listening to sermons and learning individual and communal discipline so that they can set out on a new journey with God's grace and God-given courage.

◆ Diamond Jubilee Belote Lectures (August 23-26)

Pray that God will use Professor Thomas Long through these lectures to build up the Seminary's teachers and students and all the attendants.



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Financial Report

General Fund, 1 April - 30 June 2011

	HK\$
Income	7,435,578.61
Expenditure	<u>7,644,269.35</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>(208,690.74)</u>

DONORS REPORT FOR APRIL 2011

Education Fund (Church / Organization)

九龍城潮語浸信會	80,000.00
九龍國際浸信會	14,365.20
大埔浸信會	10,000.00
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香港堅尼地城浸信教會	1,200.00
香港懷恩浸信教會	15,000.00
粉嶺浸信會	25,000.00
基磐浸信會	1,500.00
將軍澳浸信會	500.00
深水埗浸信會	18,836.80
第一城浸信會	3,750.00
博愛潮語浸信會	5,662.00
愛群道浸信會	5,000.00
置富浸信教會	3,000.00
銅鑼灣浸信會	3,000.00
觀塘浸信會	3,102.00
鯉魚涌浸信會	45,000.00
啓關基金	300.00
基督教四方福音會彩坪堂	1,000.00
基督教宣道會華基堂	1,000.00
HK\$	<u>408,191.00</u>
Brooklyn Chinese Baptist Church	400.00
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US\$	<u>940.00</u>

Education Fund (Donor)

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崔燕琼	2,000.00
曹偉彤	4,000.00
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許鋒威	400.00
陳偉倫	200.00
馮德華	300.00
黃仲麒	200.00
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葉煥章	300.00
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劉建紅	600.00
蔡惠芳	100.00
蔡慧英	200.00
龐凌玉珍	1,000.00
羅佩珊	100.00
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關志偉	100.00
關德華伉儷	140.00
溫祥、黎琮珍	400.00
蒙恩者	500.00
無名氏	300.00
無名氏	1,000.00
無名氏	400.00
無名氏	6,000.00
無名氏	500.00
無名氏	5,000.00
無名氏	10,000.00
Margaret Anderson	CAD 105.00

Scholarship and Bursaries

香港(西區)潮語浸信會	5,000.00
愛子伉儷	300.00
蒙瀚恩	20,000.00
HK\$	<u>25,300.00</u>

Distance Education Program

Lee Mei Lin	2,000.00
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Wong Kam Bing, Belinda	500.00
何鏡煒伉儷	3,000.00
鄒小寶	700.00
無名氏	1,200.00
無名氏	1,000.00
無名氏	10,000.00
無名氏	1,000.00
無名氏	1,000.00
HK\$	<u>21,400.00</u>

Lay Theological Education Program

丘佳華	1,000.00
杜桂鵬	500.00
蔡艷桃	500.00
蕭桂娥	1,800.00
無名氏	2,000.00
HK\$	<u>5,800.00</u>

Edna Wong Christian Workshop and Arts Education Centre

無名氏	HK\$ 500.00
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60th Anniversary Celebration

鑽石山浸信會	1,000.00
何鎮東伉儷	3,000.00
HK\$	<u>4,000.00</u>
Margaret Anderson	CAD 45.00

Mrs. Au Yeung Chan Wai Ping Memorial Scholarship

歐陽學詒	HK\$ 50,000.00
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Local Filipino Program

張智理伉儷	5,000.00
溫祥、黎琮珍	200.00
HK\$	<u>5,200.00</u>

Theological Education for the Hearing Impaired

溫祥、黎琮珍	HK\$ 200.00
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2011 Music Concert

九龍城浸信會	5,000.00
利群浸信會	200.00
香港仔浸信會	2,000.00
粉嶺浸信會	2,000.00
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黎婉媚	1,000.00
鍾建偉	1,500.00
無名氏	200.00
HK\$	<u>41,900.00</u>

DONORS REPORT FOR MAY 2011

Education Fund (Church / Organization)

九龍城浸信會	33,000.00
上水浸信會	15,000.00
大埔浸信會	10,000.00
屯門浸信教會	300.00
牛池灣竹園潮語浸信會	1,000.00
以馬內利浸信會	3,500.00
北角浸信會	120,000.00
尖沙嘴國語浸信會	1,500.00
旺角浸信會	30,000.00
紅磡浸信會	3,500.00
香港仔浸信會	25,818.20
香港浸信教會	108,300.00
香港聖尼地城浸信教會	1,200.00
基磐浸信會	1,500.00
將軍澳浸信會	500.00
圓洲角浸信會	5,000.00
置富浸信教會	1,500.00
筲箕灣潮語浸信會	25,000.00
銅鑼灣浸信會	3,000.00
鴨脷洲浸信會	10,000.00
觀塘浸信會	2,328.00
基督教四方福音會彩坪堂	1,000.00
基督教宣道會華基堂	1,000.00
啓聞基金	300.00
禧年行基金有限公司	50,000.00
	HK\$ <u>454,246.20</u>
Brooklyn Chinese Baptist Church	US\$ <u>400.00</u>

Education Fund (Donor)

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朱活平伉儷	300.00
何仲儀	1,000.00
何偉明	200.00
何錦燕	500.00
吳炳榮伉儷	8,000.00
吳國傑伉儷	500.00

呂志華	1,000.00
胡文恩伉儷	500.00
韋理信	2,000.00
徐詩雅	300.00
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梁廣華伉儷	500.00
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陳麗英	1,000.00
馮德華	300.00
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劉永生	300.00
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蔡慧英	200.00
薛聲明	1,000.00
謝兆祥伉儷	5,000.00
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關志偉	100.00
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溫祥、黎琮珍	400.00
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蒙恩者	500.00
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Scholarship and Bursaries

香港(西區)潮語浸信會	5,000.00
香港浸信會聯合會	3,000.00
溫恩智執事伉儷助學金	20,000.00
愛子伉儷	300.00
	HK\$ <u>28,300.00</u>

Distance Education Program

Ernest & Sylvia Ho	1,000.00
何鏡煒伉儷	3,000.00
鄒小寶	700.00
	HK\$ <u>4,700.00</u>

Lay Theological Education Program

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杜桂鵬	500.00
蔡艷桃	500.00
鄧炳光伉儷	1,000.00
蕭桂娥	1,800.00
鍾德芬	120.00
教會行政事務證書課程	1,110.00
	HK\$ <u>5,530.00</u>

Local Filipino Program

張智理伉儷	5,000.00
溫祥、黎琮珍	200.00
	HK\$ <u>5,200.00</u>

Theological Education for the Hearing Impaired

溫祥、黎琮珍	200.00
無名氏	500.00
	HK\$ <u>700.00</u>

2011 Music Concert

譚日旭	1,000.00
饒炳剛伉儷	500.00
	HK\$ <u>1,500.00</u>

DONORS REPORT FOR JUNE 2011

Education Fund (Church / Organization)

九龍城浸信會	165,000.00
九龍國際浸信會	25,440.00
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屯門浸信教會	300.00
牛池灣竹園潮語浸信會	1,000.00
以馬內利浸信會	3,500.00
尖沙嘴國語浸信會	1,500.00
沙田浸信會	7,000.00
旺角浸信會	5,247.50
青山浸信會	15,000.00
紅磡浸信會	3,500.00
香港天樂浸信教會	1,500.00
香港仔浸信會	27,702.80
香港浸信教會	108,300.00
香港聖尼地城浸信教會	1,200.00
恩典浸信會	10,000.00
基督浸信會	1,500.00
將軍澳浸信會	500.00
愛群道浸信會	6,000.00
置富浸信教會	1,500.00
銅鑼灣浸信會	3,000.00
廣林浸信會	1,000.00
觀塘浸信會	2,809.00
鑽石山浸信會	7,500.00
宣道浸信會佐敦堂	3,000.00
基督教四方福音會彩坪堂	1,000.00
基督教宣道會華基堂	1,000.00
基督教銘恩堂	3,000.00
啓開基金	300.00
HK\$	<u>423,399.30</u>

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王群	500.00
白智信伉儷	500.00
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何仲儀	1,000.00
何偉明	200.00
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龐凌玉珍	1,000.00
羅佩珊	100.00
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關志偉	100.00
關德華伉儷	140.00
溫祥、黎琮珍	400.00
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無名氏	500.00
無名氏	400.00
無名氏	500.00
無名氏	200.00
無名氏	500.00
無名氏	300.00
HK\$	<u>42,840.00</u>

Scholarship and Bursaries

香港(西區)潮語浸信會	5,000.00
香港浸信教會婦女部	15,000.00
愛子伉儷	300.00
HK\$	<u>20,300.00</u>

Distance Education Program

Ernest & Sylvia Ho	1,000.00
何鏡偉伉儷	13,000.00
鄒小寶	700.00
遙距講座	730.00
HK\$	<u>15,430.00</u>

Lay Theological Education Program

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鄧炳光伉儷	1,000.00
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HK\$	<u>4,800.00</u>

Local Filipino Program

"SEED MONEY" Book Fund	1,000.00
溫祥、黎琮珍	200.00
HK\$	<u>1,200.00</u>

Theological Education for the Hearing Impaired

溫祥、黎琮珍	200.00
HK\$	<u>200.00</u>

Precious Moments



Former President, Dr. George Wilson, Jr., visited the Seminary and preached in the morning chapel.

April 28 Dr. George Wilson Visited the Seminary



After the chapel, Dr. Wilson took a photo with President Cho and our teachers.

May 3-4 Morning Chapels Conducted by Graduating Classes

As the school term came to an end, the two graduating classes from BAPS and M.Div. programs took the opportunity to conduct a morning chapel to say farewell to their teachers and fellow schoolmates.



Singing at the top of their voices, these graduating students still could hardly express their inner gratitude for God and their teachers and fellow schoolmates.

It is their Lord who called them, enabling them to soar like eagles on the road of consecration and to have the final victory in the midst of difficulties.





May 5 Commissioning Ceremony for Graduating Students



In the ceremony, a teacher gave the graduating students a final word of encouragement and all the seminary's teachers, staff and students prayed aloud for these students. President Cho lit the candle held by each graduate. It symbolizes the passing of HKBTS's torch which represents our heritage from God above. May the light and warmth received from God be passed on from generation to generation.

May 26 Awards Presentation Ceremony

This year, a total of 18 awards were presented together with long service awards to the faculty and staff members and a trophy to an emeritus professor. After the ceremony, officiating guests, donors and the student and staff award-recipients took a photo together.



A representative of the student award-recipients, Tam Ka-man, gave a thanksgiving speech.

June 4 Distance Education Program Topical Lecture



The DEP regularly organizes topical lectures and the response is often very enthusiastic.

The picture shows Dr. Wong Fook Kong, our Associate Professor of Old Testament, speaking at our Applied Theological Education Center on the topic "Spiritual Pursuit as Viewed from the Old Testament."