

Newsletter

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One Big Classroom — Discerning the Heart of Jesus Together

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"For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." (Pr 2:6)

Looking back over the past six years of my presidency, besides shouldering heavy administrative duties, one important aspect of my work that I have never forsaken is research and writing. As a theological educator, I like doing research and writing. Through the study of various academic fields, I can discern the heart of Jesus Christ and then put this into practice through teaching, living, and bearing witness according to Jesus' heart. Moreover, I can joyfully work with God and thereby meet difficulties and challenges in my life and ministry with greater ease. This ability to "discern the heart of Jesus" is *theologia*, which helps us understand the thoughts, feelings, and practices of Jesus and adopt them as our own thoughts, feelings, and practices. Over the past few years, I have taken the opportunity to explore such issues as hospitality, preaching, mission, and pastoral care along with our teachers and students to learn from our mentor Jesus Christ as to how we can make HKBTS a disciple community that is humble, eager to learn, and willing to integrate theological knowledge into life practice. And together we turn to Jesus who is our mentor, to discern Jesus' heart, to become a community under God, and to be willing to integrate theological knowledge into everyday practices.

Learning Hospitality: The Manifestation of a Seminary with Spirituality

Hospitality is something that a preacher should practice and it is also the manifestation of unity. In the Opening Convocation of the 2009-2010 school year, I gave a sermon entitled, "The Unity of Hospitality," pointing out that *philoxenia* means hospitality, referring not only to a love toward strangers but also the passion for practicing friendliness as expressed by both the host and the guest. God is present in the communion of such a display of hospitality and He cheers us on in our midst as we experience the sweetness of unity.

I envisioned that teachers and students in HKBTS could learn together to practice hospitality with love in their daily lives. Even though we have different personalities, temperaments, backgrounds and experiences, we are, however, willing to focus on our mutual understanding and divine calling by treating one another with hospitality. Acting in such a way, we can be a spiritual community with unity and love, being



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able to serve God together in this world that has been torn apart.

Learning Preaching: The Spirituality of Preaching about Life

“Preaching” is an extremely important vocation for a preacher because we have to faithfully and humbly proclaim the gospel message as we proclaim nothing except Jesus Christ and his crucifixion, without having to dress it up in euphemistic, decorative language. In the Opening Convocation of the 2010-2011 school year, I spoke on the topic, “Foolishness: The Preaching of Life,” in which I exhorted teachers and students to live out a life worthy of the gospel of the cross and to go back to the core calling of a preacher: Not to pursue the wisdom and common practice of the world, but to whole-heartedly trust in the Spirit of God and preach the “foolishness” of the gospel of the cross. When we do our preaching faithfully, we will not fall into the shackles of trivial interpersonal relationships. We do not seek to make others “feel good” but hope to invite them to enter into a change of life. This is the spirituality of the preaching of life.

I encouraged students to offer a beautiful service each and every time they preach. Using a culinary metaphor, my hope is this: Even if students have not yet reached the level of a five-star chef, they can still cook nutritious family dishes. As HKBTS seeks to train preachers who can walk the talk and walk the walk, I encouraged our students to be prepared to practice the preaching of life in their future ministry posts, to be an “evangelist” who passes on the word of God faithfully, to be a “shepherd” who listens to and cares for the sheep, and to be a “prophet” who dares to speak the truth and to uphold the truth via their actions.

Beginning in the 2009-2010 school year, the Seminary restored the practice of “Graduate’s Preaching” in order to provide preaching opportunities and training for our graduating students. Our teachers also focused on preaching by word and by deed as they diligently preached their messages during morning chapel services, preaching Sunday sermons, spiritual enrichment meetings, and revival meetings. Besides holding the expository preaching week together with preaching-related seminars and topical lectures, we held the Diamond Jubilee Belote Lectures in August 2011. We were honored to have Professor Thomas Long, an outstanding leader in Biblical Homiletic, come to explain and demonstrate the preaching process—from preparation to actual preaching. The Lectures were inspiring and generated vigorous discussion among the

attendees.

Learning Missions: Theologia That Crosses over to the Church and the World

“Missions” is an integral practice of a disciple community that is determined to face the church and face the world. In the Opening Convocation of the school year 2011-2012, I spoke on the topic, “The Missional Mission of a Disciple Community,” and I emphasized the missional aspect of theological education: A disciple community does not pursue a colony-like life but one which is ever-extending; our theology is not a private, personal matter but a public, communal one; as a disciple community having received the missionary call, we need to proclaim God’s authority and trust that God will lead us into His kingdom.

A preacher nurtured by HKBTS may not be a missionary, but every one of them will have a heart for missions and a full understanding that missions is the essential nature of a church. In fact, “hospitality” is also an aspect of missions. Not only do we practice hospitality within the disciple community, we also know that our vocational call is to give cordial hospitality to strangers by actively sharing with them the great love and grace of Christ. Jesus once taught his disciples, saying “I was a stranger and you invited me in ... I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Mt 25: 35, 40) From this we can see that to be hospitable to the strangers is to put into practice the Christian integral mission. To give a cordial hospitality is to open the church’s doors and receive strangers, welcome them into God’s family, care for their needs, and in some cases, share their pain.

In this way, the Seminary’s teachers and students learn to cordially receive the “least” of those strangers by actively visiting the homeless, at-risk youth, new immigrants, and prison inmates, and by testifying to them about the vitality and joy of the gospel. Strangers live not only in Hong Kong, but in Mainland China, Asia, and different corners of the world. Our teachers and students go to different mission fields to provide hospitality and to communities in those areas by acting as witnesses of the love of Christ. When hospitality becomes a life habit of the HKBTS disciple community, people will recognize that we are Christ’s disciples.

Learning Pastoral Care: Pastoral Theology from Hospitality to Forgiveness

“Pastoral theology” is what a preacher, after having experienced God’s hospitality and God’s infinite, unconditional forgiveness, earnestly experiences along with God’s mysterious

grace together with different people. In the Opening Convocation of the school year 2013-2014, I spoke on the topic, "A Forgiving Community," and led our teachers and students to think together about the question of choosing between our priorities of "forgiveness" and "righteousness." Chapter 18 of the Gospel of Matthew records that Jesus teaches his disciples to forgive his people in God's kingdom seventy-seven times. Jesus himself has left behind a model in which he sincerely makes friends with the gentiles and tax-collectors even before they responded to his friendliness. We can see that magnanimous forgiveness must come before a gradual change in the life of any wrong-doer. Magnanimous forgiveness can bring about real life transformations in righteousness and relationships. It can also bring about a change in men's hearts and create a community of peace.

Hospitality with a heart of forgiveness is a complete hospitality. Over the past five years or more, practicing a kind of complete hospitality has been the Seminary's common goal: We seek to be a hospitable community built around a heart of forgiveness. Our vocational calling requires not only to provide cordial hospitality for our co-walkers, but we must also provide hospitality to strangers and even those who have harmed us. We must learn to nurture the hospitality of seventy-seven times since we firmly believe that hospitality with a heart of forgiveness can bring about far reaching changes, bringing unity and solidarity to the Seminary, and bringing unity and solidarity to our churches.

Apart from having a heart of forgiveness, to be a preacher is to be a care-giver who needs to also have an "understanding" of empathy, which allows him to enter into the experiential world of others. Empathy requires that we temporarily let go of our own way of thinking and sincerely enter into another person's worldview. This does not mean that we lose sight of ourselves but that we can step out of the serenity of our own lives and enter into the chaos of others' lives, allowing us to cognitively learn and passionately understand their worlds. Then, we need to leave their worlds in order to communicate back to them what we have interpreted and try to reframe their problems and thus change the meaning of the event. Such empathy must be exercised and nurtured in order to enable it to become the second nature of the care-giver.

Prayer is an essential practice of pastoral care that is needed to establish a fellowship (*koinonia*) between man and God or a person with another person. In light of the gospel, our prayer is wholeheartedly God-centered and seeks to bring

man's needs before God. This is an important part of our divine duty. Being linked to prayer, ethical thinking must also comprise theological wisdom, embrace the heart of Jesus Christ, and be able to master and understand the sequence of ideas. Behind all kinds of thinking, the most important element is still prayer. Prayer helps us to discern God's heart so as to make the most suitable choice of plans. Soon, from March 10 to 12, we will host the Belote Lectures on the theme "Being with God." Professor Samuel Wells, a world renowned British theologian with rich pastoral experience, will be invited to be the speaker who will help enrich our understanding of Prayer.

A Big Classroom — Discerning the Heart of Jesus Together

The road that we have walked over the past five years or more gives witness to how God has led us to grow and to advance, from "hospitality" to "preaching" and "missions", heading toward "pastoral care." During this time, I thank God for guiding me to integrate what I have learned and thought into my leadership and services in the Seminary's ministry. I also thank Him for preparing a team of good teachers to co-walk with me. In 2009, the teacher team launched a new "synergy" stage. Their mutual consensus is: Each teacher not only makes contribution in his own special research area, he also covers areas beyond his own specialty and moves toward the creation of cross-disciplinary study and dialogue. This cross-disciplinary integration practice not only can eliminate the compartmentalization present in theological teaching but can also produce a tremendous surge in the synergy of the teacher team to drive the Seminary forward. In this way, theological education can help future ministers and pastors understand the culture and situation of society so that the church can both meet the needs and challenges of society and more effectively shoulder its calling during challenging times.

HKBTS has many classrooms, which can be combined into one large classroom. I thank God for establishing our teacher team to enable us to have synergy and also co-walk with me in an effort to mold the Seminary into a pluralistic and yet unified disciple community. In this big HKBTS classroom, teachers and students think together, learn to read and study together, and train in order to gain wisdom for the discernment of "Jesus' heart." This road of learning will continuously extend further. God, who is the source of wisdom, is pleased to give knowledge and understanding to those who fear the Lord.

Students' Testimonies of God's Call

Three Opened Doors

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A Sudden Urge

More than ten years ago, a Christian brother asked me, "Will you serve God full-time?" I replied without hesitation, "That might have to wait until I retire." He said, "Will that be too long?" I replied offhandedly, "If you don't want that to happen, will you pray for me so that I may retire earlier than usual!" In fact, I was not opposed to full-time ministry, but at that moment I did not feel moved to pursue it.

By chance in 2011, I got to talking with a secondary schoolmate with whom I had not seen for more than ten years. She had gone to the United States for further studies and had received three degrees, one each in literature, law, and theology. At that time, she was finishing her doctorate in theology and was hoping to go to China to share the gospel after she graduated.

But then, shockingly she was diagnosed with cancer which had progressed into the fourth stage, making her physically unable to finish the Th.D. program. She had to give up her studies. This news was a wake-up call for me, telling me that life should not be taken for granted. I realized that I do not have full control of the remainder of my life and that I was not getting any younger, meaning that there may not be much time for me to be of use to God. When I realized that time could pass by so quickly, the urge to serve God sooner rather than later welled up in my heart.

After that, during every Gospel Sunday when people came to Christ and walked up to the front of the church, I would become filled with emotions. I hoped that I too could bring others to meet with Christ. What a precious thing it would be! I used to be a stoic person who did not easily shed tears. But now when I am met with such situations, I can no longer hold back my emotions. From that year on, when singing hymns in praise of God's grace and love, I would often feel touched and tears would begin to fall. My heart would be filled with an urge to serve and a sense of guilt about neglecting this urge in the past.

Three Doors That Cannot Be Opened

In one fellowship meeting, I hinted my intention of serving God full-time. Among those Christian brothers and sisters, only two persons fully understood my meaning. The first one was of course my wife, Ji-mei. Upon returning home, she asked me if I had God's spiritual prompting to go into full-time ministry. I affirmed that I did and she responded by saying, "I have not yet had any prompting from God. Give me some time to pray and I will ask God for a confirmation." I replied, "Good, but don't tell me what kind of confirmation you ask for." The second one who understood my intention was the pastor's wife. She told me that to serve God was a beautiful thing, and she encouraged me to pray fervently to seek God's will for my life.

In the following year of 2012, I had many difficulties because I felt a great internal struggle and a great deal of confusion about my future. I felt that in front of me there were three doors that could not be opened.

The first door was that my wife had not had the same prompting from God. I knew that without her walking alongside me, sharing one heart and mind, it would not be possible for me to step onto the road of consecration. The second door was the difficulty of leaving my job. I worked for an export company which had just begun developing its self-owned brand product for the Chinese market. I felt that I must not resign from my job during such a critical time for the company. The third door was my own inner struggle. Even if I was willing to serve God, there were all kinds of worries in my mind; reason told me that taking up full-time ministry was impossible. And so this yearning could only be suppressed inside my heart.

On the one hand, the Holy Spirit's prompting welled up an urge in my heart; on the other hand, those three doors that could not be opened were like three separate forces which kept tugging in opposite directions inside my heart.

God Opened the First Door

It was November 2013 when Ji-mei and I went on a trip outside Hong Kong. On the trip, she suddenly asked me, "Do you still have the prompting of serving God full-time?" I told her that I still did. She said, "Two years ago I asked God in prayer for an affirmation and now I have seen God's affirmation. From now on I will fully support you to walk onto the road of consecration."

Actually what Ji-mei asked was that God would change my temperament so that I could have a better temper and a greater capacity for love that would enable me to better respond to God's call. When she saw that God had begun to transform my weaknesses, she knew that this was a confirmation. She regards patience as being of the utmost importance to a pastor; without it the church will be in constant conflict due to members' mutual differences. From then on, Ji-mei encouraged me to get a clear understanding of God's call and to research theological programs of study. It was in this way that God opened the first door!

God Opened the Second Door

After the first door had opened, I began to wonder, "Who could I turn to in order to make it clear whether it was really God's call?" I then remembered that a year ago my church had

organized a teacher training course for Sunday School teachers and some HKBTS professors had been invited to speak on various topics. This opportunity enabled me to have a reunion with Dr. Alexander Mak, who had been my teacher when he led the worship service and Bible study group in my former church as a seminary student doing his practicum more than twenty years ago. To me, teacher Mak was the best choice because I regarded him as my mentor who could help me think clearly about God's call. So, I went to seek his advice.

With an open heart, we shared what was in our minds that night. Teacher Mak helped me to clarify a few concepts and guided me in a certain direction. He pointed out that when we decide to take up the cross to follow Christ, it implies that we are willing to let go of everything and let God make plans for us, including our family, children, housing, job position, and the direction of our future ministry. This is a ministry based on faith. As for the issue of God's call, he suggested that I should keep on asking for God's prompting until there was peace in my heart and then it would be the right time. He also gave me an important admonishment: Let God decide when I should quit my job. In this way, God opened the second door! In my devotional time the following day, God's word immediately comforted me: "Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men." (La 3:32-33) decided to leave the decision of when to quit my job to God and not to worry about it.

What Is God's Call?

The internal struggle that remained with me went back to the basic question: What is God's call? A week later, I went to seek advice from my church pastor and his wife. They shared with me several forms of God's call, telling me that God would remind and call a person through different men and incidents. They suggested that my wife and I should pray together and make my decision known to my children because this ought to be a beautiful thing for the whole family. When the time came that I had peace in my heart, then it would be the time to go.

Accordingly, I went to talk with my son, Tin-ho, aged 17, and my daughter, Tin-suet, aged 14, and I asked them, "If papa go to study in a seminary, will you support me?" Tin-ho replied, "To study in a seminary is good. You can know more about God. I will support you." Tin-suet said, "Do you have the prompting and feel touched in the heart? If you do, then go!" In a family service, Ji-mei shared with our children, helping them understand



Lai-mau, Ji-mei, daughter and son

that we would offer the whole family to God and as a family, we would have to take part in the adventure altogether and support one another.

Peace from God

In the face of making such a big decision, I still could not help feeling hesitant and was trembling with fear inside. I continued to ask God for more signals in my prayers and in my devotional time. While singing hymns in the Worship Service, God kept prompting me through the lyrics and the tunes in these hymns: "I heard my Master say; 'I gave My life to ransom thee, Surrender Your all today.' ... To Christ who loves me so; He is my Master, Lord, and king, Wherever He leads I'll go" and "All I have needed Thy hand hath provided." I could not help shedding tears. I felt God's love and realized that all I need has already been abundantly prepared.

In my devotional time, God strengthened me once again with His word, "so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." (Isa 55:11) "Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever." (2 Co 9:25) "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." (Heb 12:1)

This is what I heard from many different people: "When you have a heart of peace, you can then step onto this path!" But I was still not sure that I felt or understood what that peace was like. Consequently in the devotional time, I prayed to God for a heart of peace. In the Sunday Service two days later, the

pastor's sermon message was exactly to do with "peace." The Lord Jesus seemed to tell me himself: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (Jn 14:27) The Lord's word enabled me to understand and experience peace further.

It Is God's Choice That We Can Serve God

However, I still found it difficult to make that choice. Until February 2014, in a Spiritual Enrichment Meeting, Rev. Lau Shu-sum pointed out that we should walk outside our comfort zone to serve God. He led me to understand what my long-lingering apprehension and timidity had been: The reluctance to leave behind my sense of security and the lifestyle in which I felt confident.

Moreover, I always said this was a hard choice but Jesus says, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name." (Jn 15:16) In that meeting, I was suddenly awakened. Actually to serve God is not my choice but God's! What I need to do is simply submit to God's choice and leading.

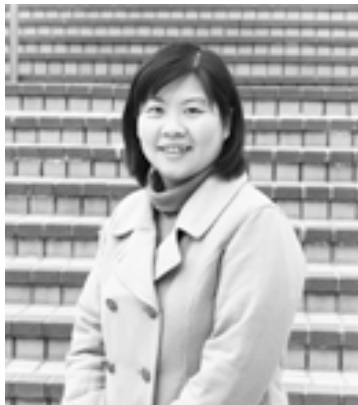
God Opened the Third Door

At that moment, all the struggles of these past three years fell away and I saw how God had paved the way step by step, and so I could not find any reason to refuse His call. In great boldness, I entrusted the needs of my family, my children's study, my job, and the path of my service in the future to God. Whatever situation I might be in, I was willing to be obedient to God and submit to His guidance. Then, in my heart I suddenly felt a sense of peace. Oh, I now understood that actually peace is a personal feeling. Even in the midst of undesirable situations or difficult times, we do not need to feel doubtful, sad, or timid. Inside, we always feel calm and secure. This is real peace, which is also what God promises!

The third door was thusly opened! Right now, counting on God's leading and help, I am willing to step onto the path of full-time ministry, trusting in His wisdom and strength. Thank God for leading me to the Seminary to be equipped. I am willing to offer up to God my ministry based on faith and consecrate all my strength and the rest of my life to His use.

Going from a Businesswoman to Pastor

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Carried away by Business

I came to Christ in form seven at an evangelistic meeting, and in 2003 I was baptized at Quarry

Bay Baptist Church. During the twelve years after I graduated from university, I was mainly engaged in retail management. My primary duty was to manage the front-line workers and to help them meet their sales targets. In 2009, I left that company to set up a business with one of my most trusted friends, and our company became the sole distributor of a brand name product in Hong Kong and Macau. At that time, I was so caught up in my success as a businesswoman that I was preoccupied with social activities, setting up a chain of retail stores, spending money on brand name clothing and goods, and even beginning to engage in property speculation.

Over just two years, four stores were set up quickly one by one. In my heart, I took pride in thinking that by my own strength and experience I had put my expertise to good use. I had not anticipated that because the business had expanded so quickly, the expenditures began to exceed the revenue, creating a deficit in the finances of the business. My partner and I had to pump money into the company. I even went so far as to sell my property in order to allow the company to have operating funds. This went on up until the second half of 2011 when I talked with my partner about finding an investor for our company as I found it hard to sustain the business on our own.

Then, a terrible thing happened. To my utter surprise, my partner whom I had trusted sought to claim my stock right. I

was shocked and broken-hearted. In the following eight months, I began a difficult battle to seek investors and spared no effort to save the company while maintaining its daily business.

At that time, I was not only suffering from depression but also felt so heavy-hearted that I did not want to meet anyone. I did not want my parents, who were so near and dear to me, to worry. I also felt that other people could not understand my situation. However, these lonely and helpless days brought me closer to God, enabling me to experience His deep love and mercy.

God Forgave My Former Pride and Arrogance

In the past, I did not consult God's will in my career decisions, but when I confessed my sins to God, He not only forgave my former pride and arrogance, but also gave me comfort and admonishment through the Psalms, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes. When I was extremely heavy hearted, God led a Christian sister, whom I did not have that much contact with, to call me to encourage me during that difficult time. She even sent me some hymns and an ornament engraved with a scripture verse to help console me. When I felt frightened and helpless, I was supported by the prayers of the church's pastors and brothers and sisters, enabling me to have the power to trust the Lord and take a step forward.

Philippians 4:6-7 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." In the following meetings with shareholders, I was not fighting a lonely battle, but with peace and courage granted from God, I fought for my own rights.

Praise the Lord for He led me to leave the company peacefully in the beginning of 2012.

A Prayer in Response to God's Love

God did not forsake me because of my willfulness and arrogance, but rather in order to sustain and lead me through adversity. God's unconditional love touched me deeply. During a camp retreat, I prayed to God, "O Lord, what can I offer up to you as a token of thanks? What can I do to let me know you better and love you more? ... Lord, I am willing to take theological courses in order to know you better and love you more."

At that time, in order to calm my emotions, heal the spiritual trauma, and probe the way ahead, I often kept praying and going on retreats, asking for God's will to help me on the road ahead. By the year's end, I knew that I should walk forward and pursue a career in children's education. So I decided to quit my job in retail management and apply for jobs involving children's education. Although in the previous nine years I had been teaching children's Sunday School at church, such experience has its limitations and I was not given any job interview opportunity. I felt lost and wanted to give up. God encouraged me to persist through the church's prayer meetings and Sunday worship sermons. Soon after that, I joined a lecture given by Dr. Chan Siu-cheuk, Principal of Christian Zheng Sheng College, entitled "Teenagers' Addictive Behavior." At the end of the meeting, a pastor appealed to the Christian attendees to commit themselves to ministry for children and teenagers. At that moment God touched my heart deeply and I raised my hand in a positive response to firmly follow God's will and to be unyielding to difficulties.

An Opportunity for Service

Two days later, I did not expect to receive a phone call from my church pastor inviting me to be a part-time Gospel Officer whose main responsibility was children's ministry. God's arrangement was so fortuitous for me that I wholeheartedly praised and thanked God for His grace and the gift of this opportunity. My prior defeat made me lose my self-confidence, however, God was willing to offer me an opportunity for service which enabled me, an insignificant person, to fulfill His work and to become empowered with renewed strength through His grace.

In May the following year, I formally became a part-time Gospel Officer at my church. Later, under God's will, I took the

Hong Kong Baptist University Postgraduate Diploma in Early Childhood Education while serving at church. While taking the program, I realized that even in education, spiritual upbringing is more important than the simple transferring of knowledge. The calling I received from God was to teach the younger generation to know God at an early age and to take root and grow in God's word and truth. While acting as a Gospel Officer, I came to understand certain passages of the Bible more deeply: "He told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'" (Lk 10:2) I could also see how hard the pastor and other ministers worked in their daily routine and in shepherding the flock. They are busy visiting their flock, joining committee meetings, preparing for the Sunday worship sermons or the Sunday School lessons and so on. Facing the needs of God's house, I asked myself, "God loves you so much and has helped you to stand up again and even given you the opportunity to serve, what can I offer in return to the Lord?"

God's Persistent Call

In 2014, because I was taking intensive courses in preschool education, I had to resign from the Gospel Officer position. However, I still hoped to finish the program and become a full-time Gospel Officer in the future. Moreover, I would then respond to my own prayer in 2012 by enrolling in a part-time theological studies program, such as the Master of Christian Studies. When I asked my pastor about such a program, she replied, "Why don't you take a full-time M.Div. Program?" Her question and her positive affirmation gave me a lot to think about. It was a difficult decision to make so I prayed to God and had many conversations with Him. I was worried because if I took a full-time M.Div. Program, it implied that I would go into a theological seminary and receive training to become a full-time minister later. But I was afraid. I was bad at public speaking and afraid of preaching. I was more than willing to commit myself to the ministry for children and teenagers. Because I regard myself as being incapable of being a preacher on the front lines of ministry, I would rather stay at the back and serve God in that way.

However, God persistently asked me three times through scripture in my devotionals, prayers, and the Sunday Worship Services, "Are you willing to help me?" I struggled to respond and felt that deep inside my heart, I did not want to face God's call. It was not until I was having a devotion that God's words finally touched my heart: "But he said to me, 'My grace

is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me." (2 Co 12:9) The promise from scripture gave me clarity and reminded me to take a leap of faith and trust in God's grace and power.

May the Lord Use Me according to His Will

Through prayers and scripture readings, I kept looking for God's will. Finally in the Experiencing Seminary Life Camp organized by HKBTs, I consecrated myself to be a full-time preacher and prepared to take the 3-year M.Div. program. After responding to God's call, my heart was filled with joy. Thank God for using an ordinary person like me. I was pleased to respond to God's great love by entering into the seminary to receive training. I offered up to God the following prayer: "Lord, I am willing to be your usable vessel, to be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work."

I have a special commitment to children and teenagers. I recalled my own practicum days in kindergarten—how every time when I heard young children talk about and showed me with hand gestures how they went with their grandma to give adoration to a deity—I became very sad. I hope small children can be led to know our Lord Jesus Christ at a young age and also that their parents can hear the gospel of Christ. "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." (Pr 22:6) After being theologically equipped, I hope to be of use to God to shepherd children and teenagers in this crooked and depraved generation. Pray that God will use me according to His will!

Academic Affairs News

1. Full Time Ministerial Preparation Seminar

Full time Ministerial Preparation Seminar was held on November 1 last year. That day participants attended class lectures conducted by Dr. Andres Tang, Professor of Christian Thought (Theology and Culture) and by Dr. Wong Fook-kong, Professor of Old Testament. They respectively spoke on the topics: "What Is Christian Theology?" and "What Is Biblical Archaeology?" Moreover, Dr. Freeman Huen, Assistant Professor of Practical Theology (Social Ethics) gave a message entitled "What Is (Not) Christian Ethics?" Included in the Seminar were an introduction to our academic programs, campus life, testimonies of God's call, and conversations with our professors and students. Through all these activities, participants can come to a deeper understanding of God's call to full time ministry and the Seminary's different programs of study.

2. Joint Programs Graduation Ceremony

The graduation ceremony of the Seminary for our Main Programs, Lay Theological Education Department, and Distance Education Program, was held on November 16 at Elizabeth Stadium. There were 62 graduates who were conferred the degrees or awarded the diplomas and certificates of the same academic level, together with 286 graduates being awarded diplomas and certificates.

3. Sabbatical Leave

Dr. Wong Fook-kong, Professor of Old Testament, will be on sabbatical leave from January to May this year.

4. Winter Intensive Program

The Winter Intensive Program has already been held from December 31 to January 6. The course "The Parables of Jesus" was taught by Dr. Sam Tsang, Associate Professor of New Testament.

5. Belote Lectures

The Belote Lectures held from March 10 to 12 (Tuesday to Thursday) will include the day-time lectures and evening talks. The speaker will be The Rev. Canon Dr. Samuel Wells, an ethicist who is well known for his creative thinking. The general theme is "Being with God on Prayer, Service and Mission." The day-time lecture will be held from 10 am to 12 noon at Sai O campus with the theme "Being with God" while the evening talks will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at Tsim Sha Tsui Baptist Church with the theme "God Being with Us".

Visitors

- Rev. and Mrs. Kwong Hung-fai visited the Seminary on October 10 last year.
- Alumna Lam Mei-oi came back to the Seminary on November 4.
- Rev. Terence Lau, retired senior pastor of Zion Alliance Church, Toronto, Canada, visited the Seminary on November 14.
- A team of 25 teachers of IKAT Bible College and pastors from Indonesia paid a visit to the Seminary on November 21.
- Mr. Percy Deng, a staff worker with Overseas Council visited us on December 1.
- Rev. and Mrs. Maak Hay-chun and Rev. and Mrs. Peter Chan visited the Seminary on December 3.

Faculty News

- **Dr. Annie Mok**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Education and Music, has written an article entitled "East Meets West: Learning-practices and Attitudes towards Music-making of Popular Musicians." It was published in *British Journal of Music Education* 31/2 (July 2014).
- **Rev. Brian Lam**, Chaplain and Lecturer of Practical Theology, conducted the Spiritual Formation Day of the Bible Seminary of Hong Kong on November 7, 2014. He introduced the spiritual theology of Parker J. Palmer and led teachers and students to go through some spiritual exercises.
- **Dr. Andres Tang**, Professor of Christian Thought (Theology and Culture), spoke on the topic "Hope against Hope," a seminar organized by Logos Ministries Limited on December 7. His articles, entitled "Literature, Can Be an Interpretation of Faith" appeared in the first issue of *CrissCross Garden Bimonthly* (November 2014); "My Story (But Not Theology) in These Thirty Years" appeared in the webpage, "The Writing People." His book, *Hope-Theology: Jürgen Moltmann*, was published by Logos Ministries Ltd. in January 2015.

Publication News

Hill Road (Issue 34) has been published in January and this issue's theme is "Spiritual Care." There are six thematic articles in this issue: "Solomonic Teachings on Spiritual Care in the Book of Proverbs" (Wong Fook-kong), "Pastoral Theology in the Letters of Paul: The Basis for Paul's Pastoral Responsibility" (Jonathan Lo), "Spiritual Care in the *Regulae Pastoralis* of Gregory the Great" (Nathan Ng), "Re-thinking of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Lecture 'Spiritual Care'" (Andres Tang), "Lay Spiritual Care" (Lindsay Robertson), and "The Construct of 'Hope' in Spiritual Care—An Empirical Exploration of Its Contextualization" (Simon Kwan). There are two discussion papers and several book reviews as well. *Hill Road* is available in local Christian book stores. Copies can be purchased at the Seminary or its urban centers. For enquiries or subscription, please call 2768 5168.

Alumni News

- Alumna Lo Mei-kuen (class of 2011) was ordained pastor on November 9, 2014 by Hong Kong West Point Baptist Church. The church commissioned her to be a missionary to the Republic of Madagascar.

Lay Theological Education Department

Student Recruitment (Teaching is conducted in Chinese)

Master in Christian Studies (Major in Christian Communication)

To enable lay Christians with university education to integrate their Christian faith with communication theories. The program will allow them to engage in theological reflection on the current conditions and the social situation. As a result students can communicate the Christian message more effectively.

Bachelor / Diploma / Certificate of Christian Studies Program

The Christian Studies Program is a part time evening program. Students can apply directly to study in the following programs.

Certificate Programs: Certificate Program of Christian Studies, Certificate Program of Music Ministry.

Diploma Programs: Diploma Program of Biblical Studies,

Diploma Program of Music Ministry, Diploma Program of Care and Counseling Ministry

Bachelor Programs: Students can choose to major in Biblical Studies, Music Ministry, Care and Counseling Ministry

After completing the Certificate / Diploma program, students can exempt all passed subjects if they enter the Diploma / Bachelor Degree Program.

Throughout the year, the above programs accept students as enrolled students who may later apply to be regular students in August each year.

- **Certificate Program in Women Theological Training**

This program provides holistic and practical theological training for women and helps women to establish a mature Christian life as they pursue a positive personal growth, meet their familial responsibilities, serve in their own churches, and face the challenges of modern living. In the July-September period, students will be enrolled as registered students while at present students are admitted as non-registered students or auditors.

- **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 may have a holistic growth and get prepared for the challenge of an aging population. The program includes eight ministerial subjects, two spiritual formation meetings on Tuesday and Thursday evening respectively. The program can be completed within one year.

Registration deadline: March 25 or when the quota is filled (Students who enroll on or before February 28 will have a 50% discount in registration fee while registration by post will be judged by the mail chop date).

- **Youth Ministry Diploma Program (Classes begin in April)**

The program provides systematic training in ministerial skills and basic theological equipping for those Christians who want to understand more about the youth community and committed to joining the youth ministry.

Classes meet every Monday evening. The program can be completed in approximately two and a half years.

Registration deadline: March 13 or when the quota is filled (Students who enroll on or before February 28 will have a 50% discount in registration fee while registration 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 provides holistic and systematic training for those currently working or those wanting to serve as church administrative staff. It enables students to have holistic equipping, construct a proper view of service and upgrade ministerial skills in an effort to serve the churches effectively.

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

Registration deadline: March 27 (Students who enroll on or before March 3 will have a 50% discount in registration fee while registration by post will be judged by the mail chop date).

For enquiries or enrollment: call 2711 2552. You can log on the Lay Theological Education Department website: www.hkbts.edu.hk/lted to download an application form.

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

Student Union

The Student Union Executive Committee took office in January. Please pray to support the various kinds of work of this year's Student Union.

Chairperson	: Chan Wai-meng	Spiritual Devotion	: Mok Siu-ha
Vice-Chairperson	: Chow Pui-kin	Mission	: Le Foon
Secretary	: Yen Wing-oi	Daily Living	: Chan Pak-ham
Treasurer	: Li Chun-yin		



The Student Union Executive Committee 2015 took a picture together at the Inauguration Ceremony

Distance Education Program

Exploring Truth • Reflecting upon Faith • Equipping for Ministry

Student Recruitment: The new diploma programs will begin in March 2015 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 are trained to do systematic hermeneutics and Bible study.	Secondary school leavers with their church pastor's recommendation	March and September	March semester: 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, doctrine and theology.			Overseas: January 10
Higher Diploma in Biblical Studies / Christian Studies Programs	Further studies for students having completed the diploma program			September semester: Hong Kong: August 10 Overseas: July 10
Certificate in N.T./O.T. Studies Programs	Introductory programs in biblical studies, leading students to study a specific book of the Bible systematically.	All are welcome	Register at any time.	

Elective students: Students can choose a portion of the subjects offered in the correspondence courses according to their own personal interest. For details, please log-on the Distance Education website: www.hkbts.edu.hk/dist.

Online Program	Program Description	Date of Commencement
<u>On-line Version</u> ProgramOnline Certificate in Old Testament Studies Program Online Certificate in New Testament Studies Program	Features: * Students can directly download learning materials and course work from the website. * Upon completion of the course work, a student may upload it for the tutor to mark and provide comments. * The whole process is more efficient and time-saving than through correspondence.	* Students can begin at any time with fee concessions. * Trial study of the online program is welcome: http://elearning@hkbts.edu.hk

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

Pastoral Continuing Education Center

Courses and talks offered from January to March

Course / Talk	Lecturer	Date	Time
The Theology of Preaching	Dr. Chiu Shung-ming	12/1	9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Shepherding and Outreaching a New Generation of Retired People	Ms. Wendy Wong	12/1	2:00 – 5:00 pm
Flexibility: Making Ministry More Effective	Mr. Vincent Cheung	19/1, 26/1	9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Embracing the Elderly with Love	Mr. Antony Leung (MD)	9/2, 16/2, 23/2	9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Quality Children Ministry at Church	Dr. Helen Mui	9/2, 16/2, 23/2	2:00 - 5:00 pm
The Art of Sermon Preaching	Mr. Lee Kam-hung	9/3, 16/3, 23/3	9:30 am – 12:30 pm
What Is (Not) Christian Ethics?	Dr. Freeman Huen	16/3	2:00 – 5:00 pm
New Perspective on Paul: The Study of the Book of Romans	Dr. Lo Lung-kwong	23/3, 30/3	2:00 – 5:00 pm

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

Location : 8/F., Christian Building, 56 Bute Street, Mongkok, Kowloon.

Registration : You can download the application form or using web registration at www.hkbts.edu.hk/pce/apply.html.


Enquiries : Contact us by calling 2768 5179 or by emailing pce@hkbts.edu.hk.

Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary

Church Music Spiritual Enrichment Concert 2015 ***Unbounded Grace***

Date : April 19 (Sunday)
Time : 7:30 pm
Venue : Pui Ching Primary School Hall (80, Waterloo Road, Kowloon.)
Message : Professor Wong Fook Kong
Contents : Sermon Message, Testimonies, Dance, Hand Bell Group,
Seminary Choir & Singing Performance by a Men's Group

Admission is free Free Seating All are welcome
Enquiries : 2630 1257

 Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary
Belote Lectures 2015

Being with God

Samuel Wells on

Prayer, service and mission



The speaker :

The Rev. Canon Dr. Samuel Wells is currently the Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London. He was Dean of the Chapel and Research Professor of Christian Ethics at Duke University from 2005-2012. Dr. Wells is one of the most creative Christian ethicists of his generation, who is the author or editor of at least 19 books, including *God's Companions: Reimagining Christian Ethics*, *Power and Passion: Six Characters in Search of Resurrection*, etc. His doctoral thesis was a study of the theological ethics of the renowned American theologian Stanley Hauerwas, and they co-edited *Blackwell Companion to Christian Ethics*. In addition to being an accomplished scholar, Dr. Wells is also acclaimed as an inspirational preacher, and has worked in economically deprived areas and with those affected by gun violence.

Day-time lectures : Being with God

10/3 Being with God alone

11/3 Being with God and one another

12/3 Being with God and the world

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

Time : 10 am - 12 noon

(Free shuttle bus service departing from Kowloon Tong will be provided, subject to availability.)

Evening talks : God being with Us

10/3 God being with God

11/3 God being with us

12/3 God being with one another

Venue : Chapel, Tsim Sha Tsui Baptist Church
(31 Cameron Road, Tsim Sha Tsui)

Time : 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Admission : Free

Enquiry & Registration : Call 2630 1257

Registration deadline : March 9, 2015

Email enquiry : Belote2015@hkbts.edu.hk

www.hkbts.edu.hk

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Bachelor of Theology
Master of Divinity
Master of Divinity (Further Studies)
Master of Religious Education
Master of Christian Studies
Master of Theology
Doctor of Theology

Date of Application for Admissions

Hong Kong: January 1 – June 12

Overseas: January 1 – April 30

Date of Examination for Admissions

Individual arrangement within
the Seminary's office hours

Experiencing Seminary Life Camp

Date : March 4-5 (Wednesday & Thursday)

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

Contents : Knowing more about HKBTS, Students' Testimonies of God's Call, Hymns & Praise, Message, Theme Topic Sharing, Sit-in Class Lecture, Meet with Our Professors & Students

Fee : First Group HK\$280 per person (beginning 10:00 am March 4) or
Second Group HK\$250 per person (beginning 7:30 pm March 4)

Application Deadline : February 24

For Enquiries:

Telephone: (852) 2768 5130

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Webpage: www.hkbts.edu.hk

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General Fund, 1 September 2014 - 30 November 2014

	HK\$
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Expenditure	(8,183,945.65)
Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>(579,378.20)</u>



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DONORS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2014

Education Fund (Church / Organization)					
九龍國際浸信會	12,412.00	曹偉彤	8,000.00	Lay Theological Education Program	
上水浸信會	15,000.00	梁廣華伉儷	500.00	朱杰瑾	200.00
上環浸信會	2,500.00	梁麗嫦	300.00	何日曦	200.00
大埔浸信會	12,000.00	許鋒威	400.00	杜桂鵬	1,650.00
屯門浸信教會	500.00	陳玉駒	2,000.00	林美施	200.00
以馬內利浸信會	4,000.00	陳志強	4,000.00	區永曜	200.00
沙田浸信會	8,000.00	陳偉倫	200.00	陳長勝	1,000.00
香港(西區)潮語浸信會	5,000.00	陳麗英	500.00	陳瑞呈	200.00
香港仔浸信會	15,012.30	溫祥、黎琮珍	400.00	陳漢昌	200.00
香港浸信教會	117,250.00	勞家怡	500.00	植順昌	200.00
香港堅尼地城浸信教會	1,200.00	馮德華	300.00	馮麗芬	200.00
旺角浸信會	4,024.00	黃華娉	100.00	黃小燕	200.00
恩典浸信會	10,000.00	黃雅忠	10,000.00	葉郭麗儀	200.00
基立浸信會	3,000.00	楊謝金玉	2,500.00	路美莉	200.00
基磐浸信會	1,500.00	葉煥章	300.00	蔡艷桃	500.00
將軍澳浸信會	500.00	趙偉舜	500.00	HK\$	<u>5,350.00</u>
深荃浸信會	500.00	劉永生、鍾梓萍	300.00	Distance Education Program	
置富浸信教會	2,000.00	劉建紅	600.00	Ernest & Sylvia Ho	1,000.00
銅鑼灣浸信會	3,500.00	蔡慧英	200.00	何鏡煒伉儷	3,000.00
樂滿浸信會	3,000.00	鄧炳光伉儷	1,000.00	鄒小寶	1,000.00
興華浸信會	3,000.00	黎嘉賢	300.00	無名氏	444.00
麗城浸信會	5,000.00	盧美娉	1,000.00	無名氏	100.00
觀塘浸信會	1,224.00	薛林美愛	2,000.00	HK\$	<u>5,544.00</u>
浸信宣道會明道堂	500.00	薛聲明	1,000.00	Local Filipino Program	
基督教四方福音會彩坪堂	1,000.00	羅佩珊	100.00	張智理伉儷	6,500.00
基督教宣道會華基堂	2,000.00	羅凱慈	500.00	溫祥、黎琮珍	200.00
基督教華人神召會旺角堂	500.00	譚嘉敏	500.00	陳麗英	200.00
基督教豐盛生命堂	3,000.00	關志偉	100.00	無名氏	1,000.00
啟關基金	300.00	關德華伉儷	140.00	HK\$	<u>7,900.00</u>
HK\$	<u>237,422.30</u>	龐凌玉珍	1,000.00	Theological Education for the Hearing Impaired	
Education Fund (Donor)		蘇敏儀	300.00	張智理伉儷	1,000.00
方志強	100.00	2014M.Div、MCS及B.Th畢業生	4,000.00	溫祥、黎琮珍	200.00
王紹良	700.00	無名氏	10,000.00	HK\$	<u>1,200.00</u>
王群	800.00	無名氏	5,300.00	DE: Special Need Training Program	
白智信伉儷	500.00	無名氏	3,000.00	無名氏	100.00
伍志龍	500.00	無名氏	1,000.00	Graduation Ceremony	
朱活平伉儷	300.00	無名氏	1,000.00	青山浸信會	400.00
何仲儀	1,000.00	無名氏	500.00	觀塘潮語浸信會	300.00
何偉明	200.00	無名氏	500.00	HK\$	<u>700.00</u>
何錦燕	500.00	無名氏	500.00	Bursary Fund	
何譚惠如	1,000.00	無名氏	400.00	北角浸信會明義神學	
吳炳榮伉儷	8,000.00	無名氏	300.00	助學金	180,000.00
吳國傑伉儷	500.00	無名氏	300.00	HK\$	<u>180,000.00</u>
呂志華	1,100.00	無名氏	300.00		
胡文恩伉儷	500.00	無名氏	200.00		
徐詩雅	300.00	無名氏	100.00		
張智理伉儷	7,528.00	無名氏	91,468.00		
			HK\$		
			<u>91,468.00</u>		
			RMB		
			<u>0.50</u>		

Precious Moments

October 14-16, 2014 Baptist Heritage Week

The theme for last year's Baptist Heritage Week was "The Origins and the Early History of Baptist Churches in Hong Kong." On the first day, Dr. Nathan Ng, Associate Professor of Christian Thought (Church History), spoke on the topic: "The Origins and Early History of the Swatow Baptist Churches in Hong Kong."

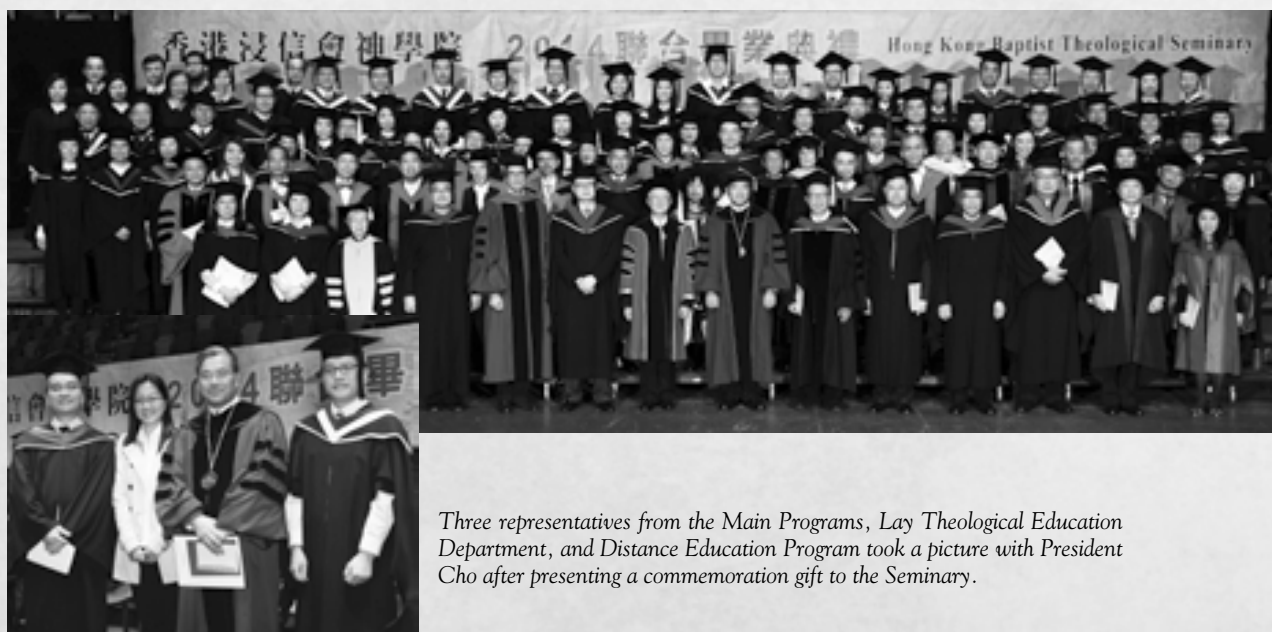


Dr. Lee Kam-keung, Professor, Department of History, Hong Kong Baptist University, spoke on the topics: "The First Church in Modern Chinese History — Queen's Road Baptist Church, Hong Kong (1842)" and "The Mother of the Baptist Churches in Hong Kong — Hong Kong Baptist Church, Caine Road (1901)" on the second and third days respectively.



November 16, 2014 Joint Programs Graduation Ceremony

The Seminary's Main Programs (63rd), Lay Theological Education Department (15th), and Distance Education Program (14th) held their Joint Program Graduation Ceremony at Elizabeth Stadium in the afternoon. There were 62 graduates who were conferred the degrees or awarded the diplomas and certificates of the same academic level, together with 286 graduates being awarded diplomas and certificates. We thank God for leading approximately 1,600 guests to attend the ceremony and to offer praise and thanksgiving to our Lord together with us.



Three representatives from the Main Programs, Lay Theological Education Department, and Distance Education Program took a picture with President Cho after presenting a commemoration gift to the Seminary.