



Newsletter

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Our Souls Magnify the Lord the Almighty

Why Did the Seminary Sing *Magnificat*?

At HKBTS's 65th Anniversary Thanksgiving Concert and Worship Service held on April 24 this year, the seminary Choir along with five guest singers sang a prestigious Christian hymn: the *Magnificat*. We chose this poignant hymn in particular for the celebration of HKBTS's 65th anniversary. It is the anthem of our spiritual lives—our hymn of freedom.

Why do we sing this hymn? One of the reasons is to witness that although the seminary has weathered hardships, we continue to grow stronger through God's grace.

We have to praise God who has all along cared for the seminary, led us to face difficulties and displayed His mighty power in our midst.

In 1951, as the Leung Kwong Baptist Seminary in Guangzhou was closing its doors due to a change in political situation, a group of Baptist leaders under the guidance of God founded HKBTS in September of that same year. At that time, the society of Hong Kong needed rebuilding after the war, and poverty was widespread and severe.

In 2009 when I was inaugurated as the seminary's president, Hong Kong society was again in trouble. At that time, society experienced an economic recession due to the global financial downturn and the world was in a state of turmoil as many regions in the Middle East and South



Joshua Cho

Asia were at war. At the same time, the seminary also came to a low ebb in her history. In my presidential inaugural speech on January 19, I mentioned that difficulties and challenges would not make us disheartened, instead they improve our sense of direction and help us fulfill what God has entrusted to us prudently. We would not be discouraged or anxious because Christ our Lord has promised to return with power and glory. In Mark 13, the Bible says, "As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!' 'Do you see all these great buildings?' replied

Jesus, 'Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.'" (13:1-2) Jesus also mentioned the omen about the temple's destruction: you hear of wars and rumors of wars, nation will rise against nation, kingdom against kingdom, earthquakes in various places, and famines. Followers of Jesus Christ will be flogged in the synagogues. Brother will betray brother in death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death.

However, Jesus Christ has given us the promise: those who believe in him "will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory." Thank God that in the eyes of God, this was an opportunity to develop theological education for Baptists in Hong Kong. Jesus Christ has indeed great power and glory and He will come in clouds in our midst. Just as the psalmist says, "When the Lord brought back the captives to Zion, we were like men who dreamed. Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy . . . The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy." (Ps 126:1-3)

How to Respond to Challenges of Today's Society?

Today, Hong Kong is again in the midst of turmoil with extreme disparity between the rich and the poor. Our society is breaking apart and the world is in a state of restlessness.

How do our churches respond to these challenges? How does our seminary help and cooperate with our churches to respond together to these challenges? HKBTS's teachers and students can be inspired by the first theologian of the church. Mary can be said to be the first theologian of the church. She is also the first model disciple to listen to, to accept, and to proclaim the gospel.

The young Mary was to face a difficult and important challenge. The angel said to her, "You will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus." She was astonished, not knowing how to respond: Being a virgin, how could she have premarital pregnancy? How could she face such a challenge?

We see that Mary was astonished and yet joyful. At the very beginning of her hymn of faith, she praised God for having done a great thing for her. Mary mentioned that God cares about her lowliness. What does "lowly"

mean? Here, it refers not to spiritual humility but to her social status. Mary was lowly because she was young and unmarried, so she had almost little or no social status. Moreover, in a Roman occupied territory and in a patriarchal society with a large disparity between the rich and poor, her status was extremely low. It is natural that she would thank God for His concern about her even though she was lowly in status. She was grateful for God as He did not mind her low social position or not having a noble status. And He even chose her to bring the promised Messiah into the world. Therefore, she could not help singing, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." (Lk 1:46-47)

Singing the Song of Freedom

Mary did not only sing the hymn of life for herself, but she also sang the hymn of freedom for those faithful poor. Mary knew that God would dethrone the evil rulers and make a path in the wilderness of unrighteousness.

"He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever..." (Lk 1:51-55) Here God's six kinds of action are displayed: he scatters the proud, dethrones the rulers, sends the rich away empty, performs mighty deeds, lifts up the humble, and fills the hungry with good food. These six acts are related to judgment and mercy. Mary believed in God's judgment and mercy and that God would judge the arrogant and those with power and wealth. Furthermore, she believed that God's mercy would come to Israel and He would bestow upon them kindness, honor, and life.

Herod's Way of Doing Things

When Mary pointed out that the proud and those with power and wealth will be pulled down from their high positions, we naturally think of King Herod of the Jews. To people in Judea, Herod was the one who gave them a nightmare. He was not a Roman, but a semi-Jew and semi-Idumaeon. Herod who was the chosen puppet of the Romans had gained the trust of the Roman government.

Herod knew well how to employ political trickery and he flattered Julius Caesar until he was assassinated. Then, he pretended to be loyal to Antony. When Augustus overran Antony, Herod claimed himself to be in union with Augustus. He witnessed innumerable dignitaries come to power and fall from power. Compared to these dignitaries, he felt that he could survive because he was even more clever, cunning, and fierce.

Herod was ruthless. He even killed his own wife Mariamne, his mother Alexendra, and his three sons. He ordered all male children under the age of 2 in Bethlehem and the surrounding areas to be killed.

One day, magi (wise men) from the east came to Jerusalem asking where the one who had been born king of the Jews was. Upon hearing the news, King Herod was perplexed and disturbed, regarding the coming of Jesus as enemy at the gates, fearing his power and position could be in jeopardy. Accordingly, he ordered all male children be killed so as to prevent the new king of the Jews from coming into his territory.

According to the gospel narrative, on the one hand, we can see that Herod considered Jesus with an attitude of jealousy and fear, even with the false hope of removing him as a threat. On the other hand, we can also see that Mary praised the power of Jesus that turned the world upside down, knowing that the coming of Jesus Christ is the foundation of her hope. Thus she sang, "He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty." (Lk 1:51-53)

God Reverses the Ways of the World

It is not hard to imagine that the church today will find it difficult to sing Mary's hymn. How can we say that God sends the rich away empty? The world we live in always says: blessed are the rich; blessed are the people who are successful; blessed are those that have power and authority—blessed is Herod.

However, Mary would say: God has turned everything upside down. God reverses the ways of the world by choosing those who are lowly to make His Kingdom a reality. God is determined to save those who are poor,

who are abused or who are suppressed. God will pull down those who have power and authority from their high status and from their authoritative positions where they sit securely. God triumphs over those who are only temporarily strong and forceful. In fact, though the proud are now being prestigious, one day they too will die. Their glory, power, and legacy will fade with the passage of time.

In this way, does reversing the way of the world mentioned by Mary mean that those who have no power and authority will become those who have? The rich become the poor? The poor become the rich? The weak gain power from the powerful? The poor take away the wealth of the rich?

The answer is—No! The typical revolutionary format: the rich become poor, the poor become rich, the weak seize power from rulers, will always produce a new authority and structure that brings about new control. Only the roles are reversed. An astonishing fact is this: some social revolutionists who value freedom, democracy, and liberation, and a society that advocates communist or socialist ideals in the end become the evil powers and tyrants of tomorrow.

To Triumph over Herod's Power with Love and Suffering

Reversing the ways of the world that Mary sang is not without an answer and the answer lies with a rabbi.

That rabbi sang a song in which the lyrics seem bizarre: "Blessed are the pure in heart, blessed are the hungry, blessed are the meek." He knows that his mother is convinced that God will not tolerate injustice and greediness. He also knows that his mother believes this: When man is selfish and acts in his own interest, when the rich are blind to the starvation of the poor; when those in power drive the weak away, God will be indignant. This rabbi talks about reversing the ways of the world. What he refers to is this: not that the powerless seize power from rulers, not that the poor take away the wealth of the rich, not to overthrow Herod by Herod's means. From childhood, he was brought up in poverty and had to work with his hands. He triumphs over Herod's ways of doing things with love and through suffering. He has been unjustly accused, put to trial in a corrupt system, and put to shame in the hypocrisy of man. He was crucified on

the cross and yet He triumphed over the power of evil by suffering on the cross.

This rabbi is the protagonist of *Magnificat*, our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ clearly announced the charter of the gospel, which reverses the usual order. He did not go to the right (to where Caesar or Pilate stood), nor went to the society's left (to stand with the group Zealots). Instead, he went to stand among the poor and the sinners so that they could have forgiveness and redemption and he called them to enter into a community which incarnates the will of God: the Church.

In this light, Jesus and his disciples do not want to be one among the power groups but rather to be a model inside and outside the church to embody the will of God, testifying to God's mercy. According to this charter, the first duty of the church is to be a church, which means to show the world the shape of the kind of social relationship designated by God through a "communion of mercy" between church members. This is the way that the church fulfills its social responsibility.

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This is what Mary who sang the *Magnificat* believes. This is also what HKBTS's teachers and students who sang the *Magnificat* believe. Like Mary, in an age of difficulty, our souls magnify the Lord the Almighty, we trust in God as we nurture the next faithful generation.

It is our earnest hope that the song that HKBTS's teachers and students sing is also the song of Jesus Christ, "Blessed are the pure in heart, blessed are the hungry, blessed are the meek." After having heard God's word, we must share it with others, not simply repeating God's

word, but interpreting it in such a way that others can see that it is the true gospel. Help them see that God does not tolerate injustice and greediness. God loathes humankind's selfishness. He loathes the rich being blind to the conditions of the poor and the powerful who drive away the weak. However, they need to know that they are not to take away the wealth of the rich, not to gain power from the powerful, not to use Herod's means to overthrow Herod. They are willing to be poor, to be unfairly accused, and humiliated. They have to triumph over the power of sin through the suffering of the cross. The church has to faithfully read the Bible and discern God's will, summons up courage to point out the problems of our current society, and needs to triumph over the power of Herod with the love and suffering of Christ.

We pray that God will lead us to walk steadily forward in this crooked and chaotic generation, enabling the seminary's teachers and students to glorify God under any condition, stepping across boundaries and all kinds of differences, in the days ahead taking over the relay torch, running on the road according to God's direction, and inheriting our Baptist Heritage. May our attitude be the same as that of Christ Jesus and may HKBTS look to the future under the leadership of God.

HKBTS Is in My Heart

— Alumni Interviews for Our 65th Anniversary

To celebrate HKBTS's 65th Anniversary, we have conducted more than twenty interviews to record memories of the seminary's different historical stages and to produce a thanksgiving video presentation which was shown during the 65th Anniversary Thanksgiving Concert and Worship Service on April 24. All the interviewees are members of HKBTS's big family and her co-walkers. Each of the interviews provides an invaluable record of seminary life because these interviews not only testify to God's faithfulness and grace, but also serve as enduring testimonies for our churches and the world at large.

Since most of the interviewees are our alumni, it seems fitting to use, "HKBTS Is in My Heart," as the title, and we feature some of our alumni's interviews in this issue. Due to the limited space available, we must apologize for featuring only a small portion of our alumni's messages. However, the seminary would like to express our special, heartfelt thanks to all of the interviewees and our co-walkers.

Ip Shiu-chung (class of 1980)

"In those days the Homantin campus was basically a historical building. The building's stairs seemed especially old because they made so much noise when anyone walked past. You should never secretly walk up the stairs—especially when you were late! We all knew who was late to class when somebody walked up the stairs in a hurry."



"What I miss the most were the coconut trees, the beautiful meadow, and the lush vine under which we students would often rest and talk. A few senior students and I played soccer every Wednesday in the meadow, and we had so much fun during our many games together; our friendship really blossomed there."

"At that time, most of our teachers were foreign missionaries and most of our lessons were conducted in English; there was a Chinese teacher whose Shantung dialect was also difficult for us to understand. Keeping up with the language used in each class was a challenge for me. However, the language skills

I learned would prove to be very helpful in my pastoral ministry and language ministry, in particular it helped my translation and comprehension skills."

"During my seven years of study at the seminary, I experienced the leadership styles of four different presidents: firstly, the leadership of Acting President Dr. Jachin Chan, followed by that of Dr. Carter Morgan, the Acting and Interim President, and then the leadership of President George Wilson; in the beginning when I was studying in the Pre-Theology Program which was under the leadership of President Samuel Tang. Each of these four servants of God had very different personalities and leadership styles. My experiences then remind me and encourage me now that I must have faith in God, knowing that God is willing to use men with different personalities to serve in His Kingdom. These four presidents gave me invaluable lessons and served as key role models. I must thank Dr. Chan in particular, who with his ample experience in pastoral work and ministries, took me by the hand and helped me to learn a great deal on my ministerial path. I also found that the teachers often gave me much admonition, especially a group of foreign missionaries. Their dedication to God, boundless love, and tolerance made them role models for me to emulate."

"What is more, some of the second generation of our class of students were also willing to continue to walk on the path of full-time ministry. This is what we are most thankful for!"

Koo Wai-hung (class of 2011)

"In terms of knowledge and our faith, we students have gained a lot. The three-year theological program has provided us with rigorous training in thinking—specifically critical thinking. For me, this was an invaluable lesson. In the critical thinking exercises, I made great efforts to reexamine many of the topics and issues which I had formerly regarded as 'inerrant.' Through this process I began to consider my faith seriously and through that, I gained an in-depth understanding of my faith. Now when I act as a minister in church, I hope that I can pass on this attitude to my brothers and sisters so that they can know God more deeply."

"I remember when I received my training in the seminary, President Cho always taught us to be a community of servants. It made me realize that to serve in full-time ministry does not mean to run 'a personal business.' From my learning experiences in the seminary community, I learned a lot about how to establish a spiritual community. Those experiences have proved to be very helpful to my ministry after graduation."

"When I entered the seminary in 2008, HKBTS was facing some crises. I knew that this was what God meant us to experience. By struggling through those difficult times alongside the whole seminary community, I began to see that the storm did not dishearten the teachers or the students. On the contrary, we walked together with increasing resolve. In recent years, HKBTS has recruited more and more students. When I returned to the seminary to take the ThM Program, I discovered that many former students whom I had previously known had also applied to renew their studies, showing an eagerness to go back to our alma mater. I am thankful for all of God's gifts to the



seminary and hope that even after the 65th anniversary, HKBTS will keep training more and more workers for God's Kingdom."

Chan Hay-him (class of 1960)

Rev. Chan Hay-him had a stroke, and consequently, he can only speak with great difficulty. Therefore, Mrs. Chan Lau Kit-ching helped him with his sharing. We earnestly thank the two of them for coming to the seminary, for taking part in the interview, and for their sincere concern and love of the seminary.



"At that time, a good number of my fellow students came from Mainland China and were more mature. Most of the teachers were missionaries who only spoke English—except for President James Belote who could speak fluent Cantonese. Since most students could not understand English, students Tse Chi-wai and Chan Hay-him often took turns acting as an interpreter. Doing so much simultaneous interpretation in class was very helpful when Chan later undertook student ministry. He always acted as the interpreter for theologians and thinkers during public meetings so that students who attended the meetings could understand what was being said. Such classroom translations from English to Chinese were indeed very special, and better enabled him to do his ministry later on."

"The First Chinese Congress on World Evangelization was held in 1976 which was the beginning of the CCOWE Movement. At that time, President Samuel Tang was responsible for the work of the Program Department of the Congress. Because he was busy with the work of HKBTS and also that of CCOWE, he asked Chan to give him a hand. This ministry opportunity enabled Chan to gain valuable knowledge and experience. Unexpectedly, many years later Rev. Chan himself became the General Secretary of CCOWE."

"When he was a student in the seminary, he acted as a





the teachers and students would play table tennis in the canteen which always led to laughter and cheers. These times allowed me to see another side of the teachers outside of the classroom.”

“I also remember one other interesting thing: at that time, my classmates were all so eager to learn, trying to take more and more credit hours and study more subjects within those three years. In those days, there was no restriction on the number of credit hours a student could take, so many of my classmates took many courses—some even took more than twenty credit hours in a single semester! Seeing the situation, the seminary became concerned that the heavy workload would affect their physical, mental, and spiritual growth. Consequently, a strict rule was imposed to limit the number of credit hours a student could take in a single semester.”

“In those days, the educational ethos of President Wilson was to regard students as mature adults, giving us a high degree of freedom. For example, students were allowed to join the morning chapel before the class lesson according to students’ own will so as to encourage us to learn self-discipline. When we were busy handing in class assignments and coping with tests, making time for morning chapel was a real test. I have since found this lesson in self-discipline to be essential for ministers who are about to enter the ministry field because it forces us to be responsible for the choices we make in our own lives and in our own behavior. Without outside supervision and admonition, will we still attach importance to Bible reading and prayer, to being faithful in our pastoral ministry? That lesson about self-discipline still reminds me to this day that I should take great care in fulfilling my shepherding vocation.”

Ng Chi-hoi (class of 2014)

“Rev. Brian Lam once mentioned that the seminary was where the traditions of a university and a monastery are integrated. That means that HKBTS emphasizes building knowledge and cultivating students’ spirituality. This was an important starting point that helped me to integrate the two for myself as I began my theological studies. At first, I had assumed that the seminary’s teachers were hardheaded and old-fashioned. Unexpectedly, our teachers are also made of flesh and blood. They shared with us their own erudition while caring about our needs and cultivating



kind of youth minister. In those days, there were not many seminary students. As a HKBTS student, he gained the trust of many youngsters in local Baptist churches, and so he enjoyed many ministry opportunities in youth fellowship. At that time, many people respectfully called him ‘Elder Brother Hay Him.’ Now, these brothers and sisters are in their sixties and seventies, and yet, they still affectionately call Rev. Chan ‘Elder Brother Hay Him.’”

“He feels that the world is fast-changing. It certainly takes great effort to discern with care the changing needs of the times. He always prays that God will help President Cho and the faculty to understand God’s will clearly, to grasp the direction the seminary has to take, to adjust to the changes and needs of the times, and to hold fast to the eternal Truth. May all those who graduate from the seminary be good shepherds who tend their flocks and are workers in God’s Kingdom who follow God’s heart.”

Yeung Yuk-wan (class of 1994)

“Whenever I smell the aroma of Murraya in the street, it always reminds me of the Homantin Hill Road campus and my student days. In those old days, the hillside around our campus was covered with Murraya and during the flowering season the scent would fill my room in the student quarter. I can never forget the wonderful feeling it gave me.”



“The times I miss the most are the times when we would have lunch together. A soup and a few other dishes were served to each table, and whenever the table was full, all those sitting at the table would begin to eat. That meant that students from different classes and programs, teachers, and staff would have the opportunity to sit around the table together, introduce themselves, and talk to one another. After lunch, some of

our spiritual lives. I feel that we are a truthful community because we can each bare our hearts to each other.”

“Two lessons have been particularly helpful to me and I often remind myself of them. The first lesson was to learn to admit my own inadequacies. When I was growing up, I imagined—as most young people did—that I basically knew everything. It was not until I entered the seminary and started learning that I began to realize how much I did not know and I began learning to listen attentively. The second lesson was to adjust my field of vision. In theological training, we need to learn many different subjects. To digest and integrate the diverse material takes quite some time. This process helped remind me to put God in the first place, then the church, and brothers and sisters that I serve. I hope to have mastered these lessons so that I can put them into practice in my church ministry.”

“Teachers and students who co-walked with me in the past still remain closely connected today. While we are all very busy, when someone needs help and support, all of us are willing to lend a helping hand and are willing to pray for and support each other. This is indeed the most amazing aspect of our co-walking together.”

Wong Siu-leung (class of 1997-2007)

“When I began my first degree at HKBTS, I studied in the Church Music Program which left a deep impression on me. The learning process was especially valuable to me. Along with other students, I received training in Church Music. Being trained in the seminary Choir and the Hill Singers, I learned lessons about pairing up and about being humble, obedient, and patient. These learning opportunities were precious to me and later on, in my own church ministry, I found myself using those lessons on patience, humility, and how to cooperate with others.”



“Another kind of training is to summon your courage to stand up to your fears. I remember during my first year after learning to sing vocals for just a few months, the music teacher arranged for me to sing the solo in a morning chapel service. From memory, I sang ‘Fairly Ordinary.’ Later, a teacher, who was not a music teacher, commented to me about my performance when we were taking the lift after the chapel. He said, ‘Siu Leung, you sang with all your heart!’ I will never forget this teacher’s encouragement and affirmation. He did not mention anything

about my vocal skills but saw that I sang with all my heart. I found that this teacher was a very good role model for me. While students may care about the quality of their performance, we really need to understand that God cares more for our hearts than anything else.”

“After my theological training, what was precious for me was that I have mastered the critical thinking method so that I could apply it and integrate my knowledge. Regardless of whether I want to integrate different subjects or different kinds of experiences, I find the ability to synthesize them is the most important. It is an ongoing process. It requires that we keep on reading, thinking, and writing. This kind of critical thinking helps me to constantly learn and improve myself—instead of just staying the same. Learning is not something we just do alone; it can connect us with other people and help us learn from them. I cherish my fellow students and schoolmates from those days and we remain in contact to this day. In the face of difficult issues, we must keep learning from and sharing with one another. This thinking pattern has been very helpful to me when I serve God in my church ministry.”

Ng Chung-yin (class of 2015)

“The seminary campus is situated by the waterfront with a mountain in the background and Tolo Harbor in the foreground, providing us with an ideal study environment. Sometimes I would walk with my fellow students to the seaside where we would pray and talk. There were a few times when we were tired from our classwork and we all went together to the seaside to have a rest. There before us was a large expanse of the sea. The vast sea reminds us that God is a great creator and that knowledge helps to release the heavy burdens in our hearts.”



“I really enjoyed the atmosphere in my classes. Whenever a classmate found a good book or some helpful study materials, he would be happy to share them with the rest of us and help one another study. When spending so much time together and being so close to each other, one cannot avoid coming across relationship problems. The communal life of the student quarter enabled me to better know myself; I learned to overcome my own weaknesses and learned from others as they faced difficulties. Living in the student quarter could have been confining, but I found it to be a very valuable and rich

experience. Looking down from my window, I could see the basketball court where a group of students and teachers would often have fun. They would show their excitement by laughing and shouting as they played. Even when I was working hard in my room, sometimes I could not help drawing the curtains and looking down to share their fun. Seeing their pleasure made me feel relaxed too."

"In my day-to-day life I often come across problems. Sometimes even without me mentioning my troubles, my teacher would already have taken the initiative to care about me. So, when I met with difficulty, my teachers would already know it; not only did they care about my studies, they cared about me holistically as a person! This way of teaching us to 'walk the talk' (reinforced by their real life examples) helped me tremendously. They were always willing to spend extra time to listen to what I wanted to say and then to give me guidance. I was greatly touched by how much they cared. In this way, I personally experienced co-walking and shepherding so that when I ministered at church later on, I could use what I have learned with the brothers and sisters whom I now serve in the same way."

"I very much want to pray for these teachers in the seminary. I ask the Lord to grant them healthy bodies and lively spirits. May their lives be role models for students who are learning to follow and trust in God. May the alma mater keep nurturing God's workers who know the greatness of God well and who will stand in great humility before Him in the days to come."

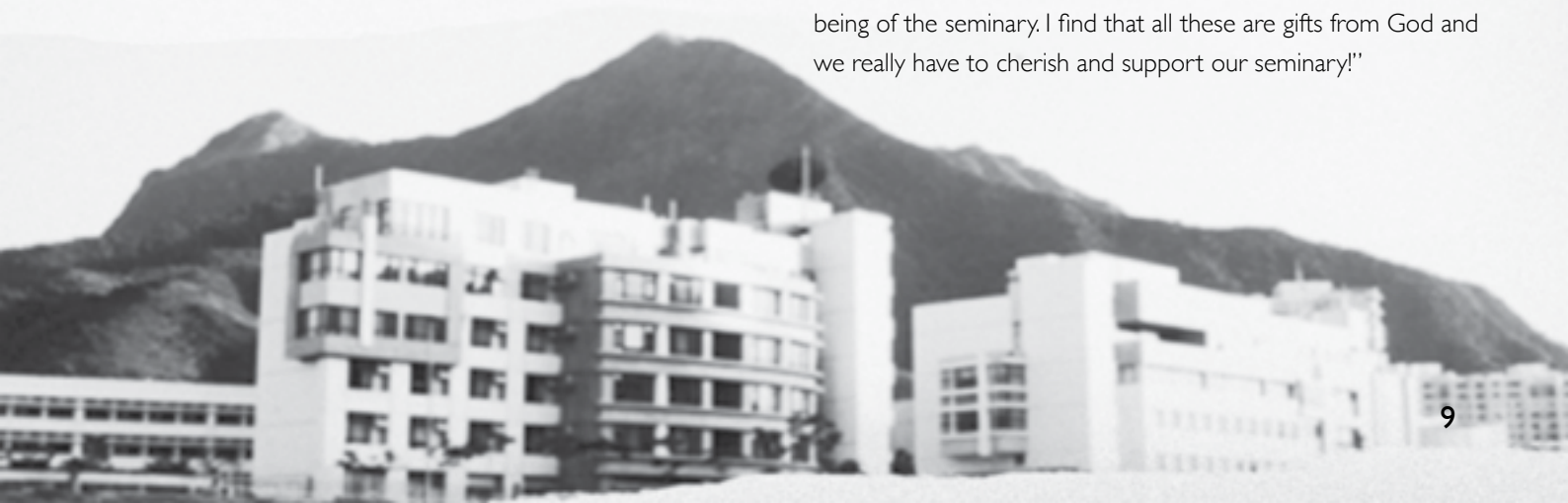
Cheung Wai-shun (class of 2014)



"I still remember how we students studied and worked on our class assignments together. Together we learned the original languages of the Bible and discussed different kinds of theology amongst ourselves. The process of going through good times and bad times together and supporting one another along the way was both challenging and pleasant. It was indeed a special experience. If I were to study theology by myself, I simply would not feel how amazing or joyful it is—especially when compared to studying alongside my classmates in the seminary. There, teaching and learning were not confined to the classroom. There were lots of opportunities to discuss theology with teachers or amongst other students. Sometimes, in the mornings at the canteen the discussion of theology would begin immediately after I had ordered a sandwich with fried egg and luncheon meat. During every day I spent on campus, I was in touch with theology and kept on learning about the Word of God."

"Studying at the seminary enabled me to not only acquire an in-depth understanding of my faith but also a real understanding of my calling. This is an important gift that my alma mater has granted me. It once again affirms my calling from God and assures me that this is the path for me. Moreover, in the future along with other fellow students, we are bound to commit ourselves to ministries in which suffering is inevitable. Through a variety of training and learning, I came to experience how true our faith is and the difficulty we face when we hold on to our faith."

"What we are thankful to God for is that there is a group of outstanding and dedicated teachers who look after the students and the seminary's staff who look after the campus with all their hearts. Furthermore, we have the well-respected President Cho who always gives 110% for the sake and well-being of the seminary. I find that all these are gifts from God and we really have to cherish and support our seminary!"





Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary 65th Anniversary Academic Conference of Christian Education

Dr. Wong Fook-kong

Professor, Old Testament, Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary

The Concept of Knowing in Wisdom and Gadamerian Perspectives

Dr. Nathan Ng

Professor, Christian Thought (Church History), Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary

Reformation of Education during the Reformation

Dr. Lim Teck Peng

Associate Dean, Trinity Theological College

Fashioning Christian Agency: A Reflection on Christian Education in the Light of the Emerging Asian Civic Society

Dr. Andres Tang

Professor, Christian Thought (Theology & Culture), Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary

Teaching in the Church-Community from the Perspective of Sanctification

Dr. Sarah Shea

Assistant Professor, Practical Studies, China Graduate School of Theology

The Teaching Office that Crosses the Divide: Priesthood of All Believers

Rev. Brian Lam

Chaplain, Director of Field Education, Lecturer (Practical Theology), Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary

Hospitality as Education: The Perspective of Parker J. Palmer

Date : 12 September 2016 (Monday)

Time : 9:30am – 1:00pm

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

(Free shuttle bus departing from Somerset Road, Kowloon Tong at 8:45am will be provided, subject to availability)

Christian Education as Priestly Education: A Construction of an Educational Symbol



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**13/9 Norm, Paradigm and Collective Memory:
The Content of Priestly Education**

**14/9 Recollection and Extension:
The Process of Priestly Education**

**15/9 Order and Identity:
The Efficacy of Priestly Education**

Date : 13-15 September 2016 (Tuesday to Thursday)

Time : 10:00 – 11:00am

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

Dr. Lim speaks in Cantonese while English interpretation service is provided.

Free admission

Registration deadline : 9 September 2016

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Academic Affairs News

• Visits

From June 3 to 10, our students joined a mission experience activity to northern Thailand organized by the Mission Department of the Student Union. They knew more about the ministry of ECHO Asia Seedbank in Chiang Mai, Thailand as they visited local churches and schools, villages, and farmers supported by Upland Holistic Development Project (UHDP) to learn more about the service and poverty alleviation program of UHDP. Through visits and exchanges with local gospel partners, our students have the opportunity to understand the life struggles of the minority tribes and ethnic sojourn so that they came to have an in-depth understanding of the practice and significance of Integral Mission in different social situations.

• Faculty Movement

Dr. Vincent Lau, Assistant Professor of Theology, Practical Theology (Christian Ethics), will have his sabbatical leave from August to December this year.

• Faculty Retreat

The Retreat will be held from August 2 to 4 with "Modelling Pastoral Formation: The Seminary's Role and Strategies" as its theme.

• Spiritual Formation Camp

Teachers and students of the Seminary will join the annual Spiritual Formation Camp to be held from August 17 to 19. The theme for this year's camp will be "Let Go, Transform, Move Forward." There will be three sessions: one for message sharing, another session for dialogue between teachers and students, and the third session for dialogue among students. It is our hope that through reflection, worship, listening to sermons and group sharing, teachers and students altogether will learn the discipline of "letting go," allowing the Holy Spirit to renew our lives.

• Opening Convocation Ceremony

The Opening Convocation Ceremony 2016-17

will be held on August 23. The next day will be the Opening Convocation Academic Lecture with Dr. Wong Fook-kong, Old Testament Professor of the Seminary, as the speaker.

• 65th Anniversary Symposium and Academic Lectures

This year is the 65th anniversary of the seminary. A symposium and academic lectures will be held from September 12 to 15 at Sai O campus with the theme "Christian Education." The symposium will be held on September 12 from 9:30am to 1pm and the speakers include Rev. Dr. Lim Teck Peng (Associate Dean of Trinity Theological College, Singapore), Dr. Sarah Ip (Assistant Professor: Practical Studies, China Graduate School of Theology), together with Dr. Wong Fook-kong (HKBT's Professor of Old Testament), Dr. Nathan Ng (HKBT's Professor of Christian Thought: Church History), Dr. Andres Tang (HKBT's Professor of Christian Thought: Theology and Culture), and Rev. Brian Lam, (HKBT's Chaplain, Director of Practicum and Lecturer of Practical Theology). Besides, academic lectures will be held three days in a row, from September 13 to 15, with Rev. Dr. Lim Teck Peng as the speaker.

Visitors

- Dr. Scott Cunningham, Vice President (International Partnerships) of Overseas Council, paid a visit to the Seminary and shared a topical message in the morning chapel on March 2.
- A 6-member mission of the China Christian Council and TSPM National Committee (Liang Hui) from Weifang visited the Seminary on April 20.
- Rev. Law Shiu-chuen, the General-Secretary Designate of Wycliffe Bible Translators (Hong Kong) visited the Seminary and shared a message in the morning chapel on April 21.
- An 11-member delegation of Liang Hui in Guangzhou visited the Seminary on May 24.

- Two music teachers from the Church Music Department of Moody Bible Institute visited the Seminary on May 25.

Faculty News

- **Dr. Jonathan Lo**, Assistant Professor of New Testament, spoke on the topic, "Re-thinking the Meaning of Discipleship," in a monthly topical Bible reading seminar organized by the Scripture Union of Hong Kong on March 4; then he spoke on another topic, "Reading the Book of Daniel with Mark," in a seminar on Reading the Old Testament in the New organized by The Worldwide Bible Society on May 6. Dr. Lo also attended the Sixth Enoch Seminar Nangeroni Meeting held in Camaldoli, Italy and presented his paper entitled, "The 'Son of Man' and the Characterization of Jesus in John's Gospel" on June 22. He went on to attend an international conference organized by The Society of Biblical Literature in Seoul, South Korea and presented two papers, "Alternative Treatments of Jesus' Identity: A Possible Link between John and the Synoptics?" and "Hong Kong Chinese Interpretations of the New Testament after the Umbrella Movement" on July 4 and 5 respectively.
- **Dr. Clement Shum**, Assistant Professor of New Testament, spoke on the topic, "Reading the Bible with the Tien Dao Bible Commentary's author: Let the Book of Galatians Speak to You," organized by The Worldwide Bible Society on April 22; **Dr. Anna Lee**, Assistant Professor of Old Testament, spoke on the topic, "Reading the Old Testament with Zechariah," in a seminar on Reading the Old Testament in the New organized by the same organization on May 13.
- **Dr. Andres Tang**, Professor of Christian Thought (Theology and Culture), spoke on the topic, "Make Me an Idealist of Peace?" in a seminar on "Rubbing off Idealists by Theology" organized by "God · Learning · Road · Thought" on May 30. Also, he spoke on another topic, "Mark — A Disappointing Ending? The Double Vision of Narrative Criticism and Theological

Interpretation," in a seminar jointly organized by Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui All Saints' Cathedral and Logos Ministries Ltd. Besides, Dr. Tang has written a number of articles: "Who Is This Man?" was published in *CrissCross Garden Bimonthly* 9 (March 2016); "Reading in the Consumer Culture," in *CrissCross Garden Bimonthly* 10 (May 2016); "Peace — The Story That Was Originated from God," in *Behold* 78 (May 2016).

- **Dr. Nathan Ng**, Professor of Christian Thought (Church History), spoke on the topic, "The Way to Go for Ministers in a Small Church," organized by Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. Also, Dr. Ng's article entitled, "A Historical Perspective on the Problem of Heresy in the Mission Field in Recent Years," was published in *Go Unto All Nations* 182 (April to June, 2016).

Lay Theological Education Department

Student Recruitment 2016-17 (Teaching is conducted in Cantonese)

Master of Christian Studies Program (Major in Christian Communication)

Aim: To enable lay Christians with a university level of education to integrate their Christian faith with communication theories so that they can engage in theological reflection on the current condition of our society and communicate the Christian message more effectively.

The new school term will begin in October. (Those who enroll on or before July 15 will have a 50% discount concession on the registration fee and the registration deadline is August 19.)

Bachelor / Diploma / Certificate Program in Christian Studies

It is a part-time evening program and students can 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: Bachelor Program in Biblical Studies, Music Ministry, or Care and Counseling Ministry

If a student who has completed the certificate/diploma program enrolls and gets accepted in the diploma/bachelor program, all their related credits hours (subjects that they have passed) will be exempted.

The new school year will begin in October. Classes meet two to three evenings a week. (Those who enroll on or before July 8 will have a 50% discount concession on the registration fee and the registration deadline is July 29.)

Women's Theological Training Diploma / Certificate Programs

The program provides a holistic and practical theological training for women and seeks to establish a mature Christian life for them to help them balance individual growth, family responsibility, church service, and challenges of the times in a proactive way.

The new school year will begin in October. (Those who enroll on or before August 15 will have a 50% discount concession on the registration fee). Students can also register as non-registered students or as auditors.

Youth Ministry Certificate Program

To provide systematic training in ministerial skills and basic theology for those Christians interested in understanding the youth community, and especially those committed to joining the youth ministry. They will be enabled to have holistic growth and be prepared to serve the youth community more effectively. The program contents include: ministerial subjects, topical lectures, retreat camp, spiritual formation meetings, and practicum.

The new school year will begin in September. Classes meet every Monday evening. The program can be completed in two years. (Those who enroll on or before July 18 will have a 50% discount concession in registration fee and the registration deadline will be August 19.)

Children's Ministry Diploma / Certificate Program

The program is designed to provide holistic and systematic techniques and theology training in children's ministry to lay Christians devoted to ministering to children aged from 6 to 12. This program helps upgrade students' ministerial skills and the quality of their spiritual lives so that they can serve children and parents more effectively.

The new school year will begin in October. Classes meet every Tuesday evening. (Those who enroll on or before August 12 will have a 50% discount concession on the registration fee.) The deadline for registration will be September 9.

Early Childhood Ministry Certificate Program

The program is designed to provide holistic and systematic ministry techniques together with theology training for lay Christians devoted to ministering to infants from two to five years old. This program helps upgrade students' ministerial techniques and the quality of their spiritual lives so that they can serve the infants and parents more effectively.

The new school year will begin in October. Classes meet every Friday evening. (Those who enroll on or before August 12 will have a 50% discount concession on the registration fee and the deadline registration will be September 9.)

Certificate in Mission Ministry Program

The program is designed to provide holistic and systematic ministry technique for those interested in understanding and joining church mission ministry in response to Jesus' Great Commission.

The new school year will begin in October. Classes meet every Friday evening. (Those who enroll on or before August 15 will have a 50% discount concession on the registration fee and the deadline for registration will be September 20.)

For enquiries or registration, please call 2711 2552, email ltedinfo@hkbts.edu.hk, or log-on to our website: www.hkbts.edu.hk/lted to download the application form.

Distance Education Program

Exploring Truth • Reflecting upon Faith • Equipping for Ministry

Student recruitment into the Fall term 2016 of the diploma programs has begun while you can begin the certificate programs 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 September Semester : Hong Kong: August 10
Higher Diploma in Biblical Studies / Christian Studies Programs	Further studies for students having completed the diploma program.	Completion of the diploma program together with a church pastor's recommendation.		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 to the Distance Education website: www.hkbts.edu.hk/dist.

Online Program	Program Description	Date of Commencement
Online Version Online Certificate in Old Testament Studies Program Online Certificate in New Testament Studies Program	Description: * 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, 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 September to December 2016

Course / Talk	Lecturer	Date	Time
Theology of the Pentateuch	Dr. Wong Fook-kong	19/9, 26/9, 3/10	2:00 - 5:00 pm
Learning Preaching from Arnold Yeung and Thomas Long	Rev. Brian Lam	17/10, 24/10	2:00 - 5:00 pm
Training for Personal Growth: Overcoming Fear, Shame, and Guilt	Dr. Agnes Ip	24/10 31/10	9:30 am - 12:30 pm 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Book Study: I and II Timothy	Dr. Jonathan Lo	7/11	2:00 - 5:00 pm
General Knowledge about China that Pastors Need to Know	Rev. Au Bak-ping	14/11, 21/11, 28/11	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Reflection on Clinical Pastoral Cases and Shepherding Styles	Dr. M. P. Tam	14/11, 21/11,	2:00 - 5:00 pm
Warning to Israelites (the Church) from the Book of Isaiah	Dr. Tony Sher	28/11	2:00 - 5:00 pm
Rekindling the Fire of Love: Re-examining Group Life	Rev. Bobby Lo	5/12, 12/12	2:00 - 5:00 pm

Fee concessions: (1) A 10% discount for graduates from HKBTS's degree programs, pastors of Baptist churches, students 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 to 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 use our web registration at www.hkbts.edu.hk/pce/apply1.html

Enquiries : You can contact us at 2768 5179 by phone, or pce@hkbts.edu.hk by email.

Publication News

Our biannual academic journal, *Hill Road* (issue 37), with "Witness of the People of God" as its theme has already been published in July. There are five thematic articles: "Articulating the Elusive Presence: Testifying for God from the Psalmists" (Chan Yew-ming), "The Theme of Witness in the Acts of the Apostles" (Jonathan Lo), "An Exploration of the Witness of the Pauline Churches to Christ in the World" (Leung Chun-ho), "An Exposition of the Meanings of Witness and Marks of the Church in John Howard Yoder's View



of the Church" (Vincent Lau), and "Christian Witness: Everyday Politics as a Form of Resistance" (Huen Chi-wai). Besides, there are four miscellaneous articles. One is "Whose Imagination After All?: Revisiting the Bicolon Parallelism in Hebrew Poetry" (Samuel Goh) and the other three articles are Dr. Curtis Freeman's lecture manuscripts for the Seminary's Baptist Heritage Week held last October. They are "Post-apocalyptic Dissent (I): The Deliverance of God," "Post-apocalyptic Dissent (II): The Rebellious Powers," and "Post-apocalyptic Dissent (III): Resisting the Powers." Also, there are several book reviews. *Hill Road* is available at the Seminary and its town centers as well as in local Christian book stores. For enquiries, please call the Publication Office at 2768 5168.

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-	500.00
葉玉梅	100.00
葉煥章	300.00
劉永生、鍾梓萍	300.00
劉建紅	600.00
劉振鵬伉儷	35,000.00
劉錦昌伉儷	4,000.00
蔡慧英	200.00
蕭桂娥	500.00
鄭振華伉儷	3,000.00
羅佩珊	100.00
羅凱慈	500.00
譚嘉敏	500.00
關志偉	100.00
關德華伉儷	140.00
龐凌玉珍	1,000.00
主知名	300.00
無名氏	20,000.00
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無名氏	500.00
無名氏	400.00
無名氏	400.00
無名氏	300.00
無名氏	300.00
無名氏	200.00
無名氏	152.10
HK\$	<u>194,002.10</u>
Scholarship and Bursary	
陳禮文伉儷	HK\$ <u>20,000.00</u>
President Samuel Tang Memorial Bursary Fund	
劉振鵬伉儷	HK\$ <u>10,000.00</u>
Faith, Hope and Love Project	
溫恩智執事伉儷	HK\$ <u>100,000.00</u>
Book Fund	
香港浸信會神學院	
學生會	HK\$ <u>2,050.00</u>

Lay Theological Education Program

蔡艷桃	HK\$ <u>500.00</u>
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Theological Education for Filipino Leaders Program

林礪中	500.00
張智理伉儷	5,000.00
陳麗英	200.00
-	400.00
HK\$	<u>6,100.00</u>

Distance Education Program

Ernest & Sylvia Ho	1,000.00
何鏡煒伉儷	3,000.00
鄒小寶	1,000.00
無名氏	3,000.00
無名氏	444.00
HK\$	<u>8,444.00</u>

DE: Special Need Training Program

黃智惠伉儷	HK\$ <u>3,000.00</u>
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65th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service

牛頭角浸信會	500.00
長洲浸信會	200.00
香港仔浸信會	2,000.00
荃灣浸信會	2,000.00
錫安浸信會	1,000.00
觀塘浸信會	2,000.00
鑽石山浸信會	2,000.00
第25屆畢業校友	2,000.00
Hui Siu Mei	2,000.00
王敏芝	500.00
王紹良	1,000.00
朱活平伉儷	2,000.00
吳承士、吳幼靜伉儷	2,500.00
吳炳榮伉儷	2,000.00
林威烈	3,000.00
胡麗華	1,000.00
區旭強	100.00
梁志美	3,000.00
許秀喜	500.00
陳詠恩	500.00
馮潔英	1,000.00
黃昌義伉儷	2,000.00
黃挺安伉儷	2,000.00
楊梵城	2,000.00
歐陽學詒	800.00
蔡定邦	200.00
蔡明德伉儷	2,200.00
盧潔芬	500.00
蕭桂娥	500.00
藍子健	1,000.00
羅志雄伉儷	700.00
譚嘉敏	300.00
無名氏	2,000.00
HK\$	<u>45,000.00</u>

China Traning Ministry Fund

盧炯志伉儷	HK\$ <u>50,000.00</u>
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DONORS REPORT FOR APRIL 2016

Education Fund (Church / Organization)					
九龍國際浸信會	14,295.00	林偉彥	5,000.00	無名氏	50.00
上環浸信會	5,500.00	洪坡拉	100.00	無名氏	7.50
大埔浸信會	12,000.00	洪錦源	100.00		HK\$ 123,957.50
屯門浸信教會	500.00	洪錦漢	200.00		
牛池灣竹園潮語浸信會	5,000.00	洪鷹輪	100.00	Lay Theological Education Program	
以馬內利浸信會	4,300.00	胡文恩伉儷	500.00	教會行政事務證書課程畢業生	100.00
永興浸信會	6,000.00	徐詩雅	300.00	蔡艷桃	500.00
尖沙嘴國語浸信會	5,000.00	張錦棠	1,000.00	無名氏	20.00
旺角浸信會	30,000.00	梁麗嫦	300.00		HK\$ 620.00
旺角潮語浸信會	5,000.00	許鋒威	1,000.00		
紅磡浸信會	21,000.00	郭鳳瓊	1,000.00	Theological Education for Filipino Leaders Program	
香港(西區)潮語浸信會	5,000.00	陳偉倫	200.00	陳麗英	400.00
香港浸信教會	117,250.00	陳麗英	1,000.00	.	400.00
香港堅尼地城浸信教會	1,200.00	勞家怡	500.00		HK\$ 800.00
粉嶺浸信會	41,426.00	曾慶忠	500.00		
深荃浸信會	500.00	馮德華	200.00	Distance Education Program	
博恩浸信會	3,886.70	黃華娟	100.00	Ernest & Sylvia Ho	1,000.00
愛群道浸信會	9,000.00	黃雅各、林靜華	1,000.00	何鏡煒伉儷	3,000.00
筲箕灣浸信會	500.00	.	500.00	鄒小寶	1,200.00
置富浸信教會	2,000.00	葉煥章	300.00	無名氏	444.00
銅鑼灣浸信會	3,500.00	趙啟迅	10,000.00		HK\$ 5,644.00
觀塘浸信會	1,675.00	劉永生、鍾梓萍	300.00		
香港路德會聖馬太堂	1,500.00	劉建紅	600.00	Faith, Hope and Love Project	
基督教四方福音會彩坪堂	1,000.00	蔡慧英	200.00	李德祥	HK\$ 5,000.00
基督教宣道會華基堂	2,000.00	鄧炳光伉儷	1,000.00		
基督教華人神召會旺角堂	500.00	薛聲明	2,000.00	65th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service	
啟聞基金	300.00	謝兆祥伉儷	5,000.00	粉嶺浸信會	2,000.00
HK\$ 299,832.70		羅佩珊	100.00	何鏡煒伉儷	3,000.00
Chinese Indep. Baptist Church-S.F. US\$ 540.00		羅凱慈	500.00	逢守本伉儷	200.00
		譚嘉敏	500.00	梁兆津伉儷	5,000.00
		關志偉	100.00	梁溢長	1,000.00
Education Fund (Individual Donor)		關德華伉儷	200.00	陳喜謙	5,000.00
Mafalda	10,000.00	龐凌玉珍	1,000.00	陳麗英	300.00
方志強	200.00	主知名	300.00	馮家昌	3,500.00
王紹良	700.00	無名氏	25,200.00	黃金雄	20,000.00
王群	800.00	無名氏	10,000.00	劉福全伉儷	500.00
白智信伉儷	500.00	無名氏	7,000.00	羅耀嫦	20,000.00
伍志龍	500.00	無名氏	4,000.00		HK\$ 60,500.00
朱活平伉儷	300.00	無名氏	1,000.00		
何仲儀	1,000.00	無名氏	1,000.00	President Samuel Tang Memorial Bursary Fund	
何家倫	2,000.00	無名氏	500.00	牛頭角浸信會	8,000.00
何偉明	200.00	無名氏	500.00	粉嶺浸信會	50,000.00
何錦燕	500.00	無名氏	400.00	張智理伉儷	10,000.00
何譚惠如	1,000.00	無名氏	400.00	馮家昌	2,000.00
吳炳榮伉儷	8,000.00	無名氏	300.00	無名氏	100,000.00
吳國傑伉儷	500.00	無名氏	300.00		HK\$ 170,000.00
呂志華	1,100.00	無名氏	200.00		
李德祥	10,000.00	無名氏	100.00	In Memory of Alumna Lai Suk Fun	
				Chou Kam Wah	HK\$ 700,000.00

Financial Report

General Fund, 1 February - 30 April 2016

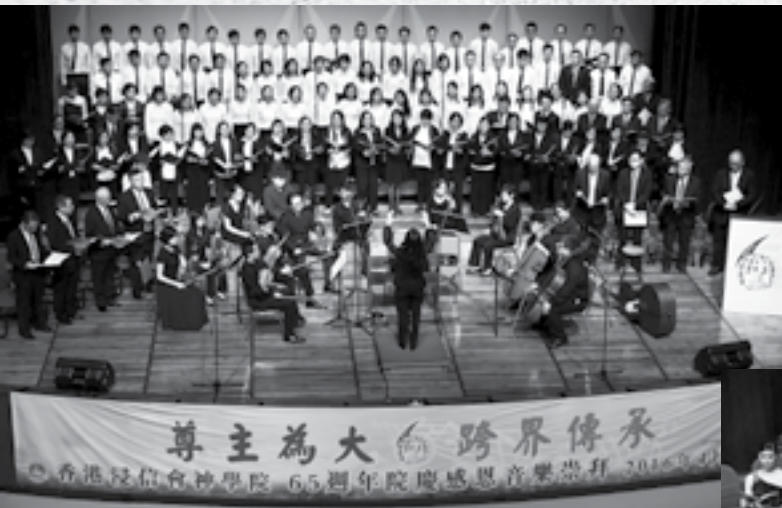
	HK\$
Income	9,679,321.90
Expenditure	(8,292,764.14)
Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>1,386,557.76</u>

Precious Moments

April 24, 2016

65th Anniversary Thanksgiving Concert and Worship Service

The Service was held at Academic Community Hall, Hong Kong Baptist University. We offered our thanksgiving to God for His grace over the past years and expressed appreciation for the churches and brothers and sisters who co-walk with the seminary all these years. The theme for the concert was "Magnifying God the Almighty • Inheriting Our Baptist Heritage across Boundaries" which is our resolution. That evening, there was singing by the Seminary's Choir, the Alumni Choir and several guest singers with musical accompaniment by the band, Con Arco Hong Kong. Ms. Josephine Li and Ms. Choy Ying-ping were the conductors.



The Seminary Choir together with the alumni Choir and guests: Ms. Sophia Chau, Ms. Carol Lin, Ms. Grace Lee, Dr. Roy Chan and Mr. Allen Mui sang the Magnificat by Vivaldi.



Rev. Lau Siu-hong, Chairperson of the Board of Directors, gave the Welcoming Speech.



President Cho shared a sermon message with the audience.



After the concert, a picture was taken with the Board of Directors, members of the President's Council, Honorable Guests, the Guest Singers, Con Arco Hong Kong, the Seminary Choir, the Alumni Choir and the Seminary's faculty.



May 5

The Commissioning Ceremony

In the flickering candle light of the Commissioning Ceremony, the graduating students received benediction and intercession from the Seminary. They were to be sent to different ministry fields to light up the lives of innumerable people with God's gracious light. The ceremony was presided by President Cho and Dr. Tony Sher who gave a speech of encouragement to the graduating students on behalf of the faculty.

May 7

The President Council's Meeting

With more new members joining, the President's Council becomes even stronger. We thank the attendance of the Council members who are concerned about the needs of the seminary. They contribute valuable ideas and make well-informed suggestions relating to the development of the seminary.



May 26

Awards Presentation Ceremony and the Inauguration of the Board of Directors Ceremony

We awarded those academically outstanding students and thanked the student scholarship donors. That evening, long-service awards were also presented to faculty and staff and those who were retiring. On the same occasion, a new term of the Board of Directors was inaugurated and we offered up our prayer to God for the service of our directors.

June 3-10

Visits to Northern Thailand

The short term summer mission experience to northern Thailand enabled our students to have the opportunity to know the ministry of ECHO Asia Seedbank in Chiang Mai as they paid visits to churches in Chiang Mai and the schools, villages, and those people who are supported by the Upland Holistic Development Project. Through the visit and exchange with local gospel partners, our students gained an in-depth understanding of Integral Mission.

