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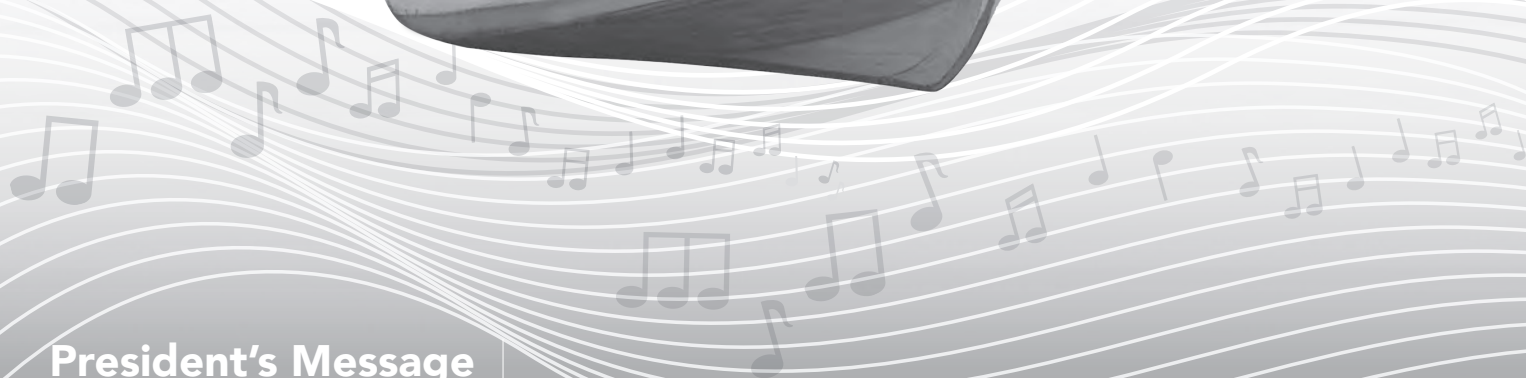
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Moving Toward the



Anniversary in **Praise**
and **Worship**



President's Message

The Symphony of Theological Education

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Joshua Cho

Theological education is like a rigorously structured yet creative symphony, with each voice telling the story of the integration of *theologia* (theological wisdom) and praxis. When I assumed the role of President of the Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary (HKBTS) in 2009, I committed myself to composing this spiritual symphony—a work that transcends time and space in accordance with the will of God. The *theologia* we seek is not a static accumulation of knowledge but an artful form of living—the art of discerning “the affection of Christ Jesus” (Phil 1:8) in complex situations. Such wisdom is like a stream of melodies in a symphony, playing heavenly harmonies in different movements of life.

In our teaching practice, HKBTS upholds a distinctive philosophy of theological education: **a lifelong learning process in which teachers and students work together “under God.”** This kind of learning requires three basic attitudes, which can be likened to different parts of the body. The first is ears that are humble and open, always ready to hear God’s voice. The second is discerning eyes which are able to see through the falsehood of worldly values. The most important of all are hands that practice the truth, willing to respond positively to the pressing needs of contemporary society. As theological educators, we

are particularly concerned with the problems of poverty, ecological crises, the needs of youth and the elderly, and the social, economic, and political-ethical challenges of our time. These concerns do not stem merely from social obligations, but from a deep conviction that **true *theologia* must give rise to concrete life practices that demonstrate the love of Christ within contemporary social realities.**

The First Movement: Intellectual Dialogue in Theological Salons

In the grand theatre of theological education, Theology Salons resemble sonatas charged with tension,



The first Theology Salon (2019-9-3)



resonating with the sparks of intellectual collisions. In the fall of 2019, when Hong Kong society and churches were facing unprecedented challenges, we started this journey of intellectual dialogue with the Theology Salon on the theme “Let’s Talk about Dietrich Bonhoeffer.” Thereafter, HKBTS held a series of salons both on and off campus, and later online (due to the pandemic), on such themes as “On Ephesians,” “The Preaching, Teaching and Shepherding in the Current Situation Hong Kong,” “Reflection on the Origins of Baptists in a Turbulent Age,” “Reflection on the Separation of Church and State in a Turbulent Age,” “Preaching in Hong Kong Today: Insights from Arnold Yeung and Thomas Long,” “Theology: What for?” “Reflection on Ecclesiology: Church’s Mission and Function from the Perspective of Ephesians,” and so on.

These salons feature an innovative form of dialogue, wherein I ask the keynote speaker a series of spontaneous yet heartfelt questions to inspire the participants to think deeply. This mode of dialogue completely broke away from the one-way communication model of traditional theological education and fostered an open, dynamic space for exchanging ideas.

In the following years, the Theological Salons—whether held on campus, off campus, or online during the pandemic—continued to serve as valuable resources for theological reflection in churches. **Each Theological Salon was like a well-polished prism, refracting the spectrum of Christian truth from diverse angles.** Notably, when the salons were moved online during the pandemic, we found that they overcame geographical boundaries, attracting participants from North America, Europe, and Southeast Asia, thereby allowing Hong Kong’s theological reflections to resonate more widely with churches around the globe.

The Second Movement: The In-Depth Integration in Mini-Conferences and President’s Classrooms

If the Theology Salons are like inspiring music, *our mini-conferences resemble delicate and beautiful chamber music—beautiful and intimate, showcasing a deep faith through personal interaction.* In 2023, as the pandemic subsided and the new academic building was inaugurated, we launched these small yet deeply engaging gatherings in the grand conference hall on the third floor of the building. The “mini” in “mini-conferences” refers not only to the scale—each hosting just 10 to 20 participants—but also to the intimate and heartfelt nature of what was being shared. That is the true charm of the mini-conferences: **no authoritative pulpits, only dialogues among equals; no standard answers, only sincere sharing of life stories.**

Over more than a decade of cultivating HKBTS’s practical theology, I have not only been an initiator and a strategist, but also a frontline participant in recent years, often sharing and interacting in person with others, instead of just doing supportive work. Since June 2020, I have been leading the **“President’s Classroom”** mini-seminars, where I have shared my knowledge and ministry experience with hundreds of pastors and church leaders in response to the



The first mini-conference (2023-12-4)



The first “President’s Classroom” (2020-6-18)

current situation of churches in Hong Kong. In early 2024, I began a Guided Reading Seminar, leading students to study Stanley Hauerwas's *Peaceable Kingdom: A Primer in Christian Ethics* and to rethink the peaceable kingdom of God. As of this writing, I am preparing to launch the second Guided Reading Seminar this coming August, in which I will discuss and analyze Paul Tillich's *The Courage to Be* with the students page by page, guiding them to learn from and reflect on it.

Over the past sixteen years, HKBTS has gradually developed **a practical theology with theologia** that has blessed and edified the pastors, church leaders, and brothers and sisters we have encountered. ***In recent years, I have become increasingly convinced that practical theology is particularly effective in helping churches address the challenges they face today.*** I look forward to promoting it widely and sharing this practice-oriented approach of “doing theology” with other theological educators—an approach that begins and ends with lived experience.

The Third Movement: The Transformative Power of Life and Death Education

Life and death education is not a clinical subject in our practical theology, but a heartwarming poem of life—echoing the deep meaning of ultimate concern. As Hong Kong society grapples with the lasting impact of the pandemic and the deepening challenges of an aging population, more and more people are being confronted with life's impermanence and the reality of death. In response to this pressing need, HKBTS's Lay Theological Education Department has collaborated with various Baptist churches for three consecutive years beginning in 2023 to organize Christian Life and Death Education Symposiums. Each event has drawn an overwhelming response, consistently filling every seat.

Since promoting Christian life and death education,

HKBTS has received a great deal of positive feedback. On October 24, 2024, we were recognized as one of the top five “My Favorite Caring Businesses or Organizations” by the CarerEPS Platform—an affirmation of public appreciation for our efforts in this area. This recognition marks a meaningful milestone in HKBTS's ongoing commitment to advancing practical theology.

The Fourth Movement: Spiritual Formation and the Theology of Singing

I recall expressing my hopes for church music education in the “President's Word” of the May 2009 issue of the *Newsletter*. ***I envision HKBTS not only as a seminary of knowledge and a seminary of prayer, but also a singing seminary***—one that sings in times of prosperity as well as in moments of darkness.

Singing, as a practice of spirituality, transcends the limits of rational cognition and verbal expression. It enables us to wholeheartedly engage with God's reality, His work, His creation, and the mystery of salvation. When words fall short in expressing God's greatness, hymns and music become more fitting vessels, capable of conveying spiritual dimensions beyond rational analysis and transforming intellectual understanding into deeply emotional experiences. This act of singing is not merely an expression of our faith—it is a form of spiritual formation. It is its unique power to inspire that far surpasses that of language alone, awakening the spiritual memory of believers and fostering communal resonance. Through melodies and harmonies, theology can be shaped into life narratives, confessions of faith become prayers, and ultimately, we experience God's presence and move toward spiritual wholeness.

Through my ministry at HKBTS, I have gradually come to understand the importance of singing as a spiritual practice. I have come to the deep realization that the capacity and depth of one's singing often reflects the depth of one's spiritual life. When a minister experiences the love of God and seeks to magnify Him, he will—whether in joy or sorrow—be able to sing from the spirit, with the whole body: vocal cords, emotions, intellect, and heart. This is a spiritual practice. And this life practice becomes a living testimony that reveals the intimacy between God and His people. One's experience of God's love through singing can inspire others to sing and experience God's love, and awaken them to His



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faithfulness and the joy of communion with Him. ***This, too, is a form of phronesis (practical wisdom): in singing, we come to better understand the affection of Jesus Christ, have the same mindset as Him, and grow in awareness of His emotions, attitudes, thoughts, and ways.*** I pray that our students will sing in this way, embracing this ethos. And I pray that God will make HKBTS a singing seminary—one that bears witness to and experiences His love through our singing and praise.

With these thoughts in mind, I realized that next year marks the 75th anniversary of HKBTS. The first thing that came to mind was not to organize activities like academic seminars, banquets, exhibitions, or open days, but rather to hold a thanksgiving service—bringing together choirs from Baptist churches to offer music as worship to God. I look forward to a re-enactment of our 60th anniversary Diamond Jubilee Concert of Praise, where 280 choir members from various churches and organizations joined voices in a beautiful offering to the Lord.

Nearly fifteen years have passed since that unforgettable worship service, and God has faithfully guided HKBTS every step along the way. We know that we walk in His grace; the pillar of cloud by day and fire by night never leaves us. There are many ways to express our gratitude to God, but singing praise is essential. For this reason, we are organizing the ***75th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service and Concert of Praise.*** God's greatness and mystery exceed description—we must feel them deeply to feel them fully. Only through singing

our praises can this reality be fully understood. Through our singing, may we grow to understand the affection of Jesus Christ, share in His mindset, and be shaped by His heart. In this way, singing becomes our *phronesis*, allowing us to taste the joy of the Spirit and bring us into deeper communion with God.

The Final Movement: The Everlasting Melody of Practical Theology

As we approach the historic milestone of HKBTS's 75th anniversary and look back, we envision the development of practical theology as a grand symphony: ***the Theological Salons unveil the depth of thought; the mini-conferences and the Guided Reading Seminars foster mutual sharing of life stories; life and death education speaks to ultimate concern; and the theology of singing nurtures spiritual wholeness.***

Within this tapestry, each element is interconnected and mutually enriching. Those who engage with any one aspect will discover its deep and integral connection to the others. ***This is the unique beauty of practical theology—it is not a one-track train, but a vibrant network of life. Through this network, we nurture not only knowledgeable theologians and eloquent pastors but also servant-leaders and disciples who live out their faith in diverse contexts.*** They translate *theologia* into lived experience—like composing musical offerings that glorify God. This music transcends time, bearing witness to the eternal truth until the coming of the Lord.



Diamond Jubilee Concert of Praise (2011-5-16)



Moving Toward the 75th Anniversary in Praise and Worship

Next year, the Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary (HKBTS) will be celebrating its 75th anniversary. The seminary is currently preparing for the start of this new chapter with church music and worship. In this issue of the *Newsletter*, we have invited Ms. Michelle Chan, the convener of the 75th Anniversary Celebration Organizing Committee, to share her thoughts and introduce the theme of the anniversary celebration. We have also invited Dr. Kit-ying Law, one of the executive members of the Organizing Committee and the conductor of the 75th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service and Concert of Praise, to talk about this upcoming service. In addition, three members of the serving team will share with us the impact of church music on their lives. You are cordially invited to join us in this worship service to be held in April of next year.

Toward the 75th Anniversary

Michelle Chan

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Director of Pastoral Continuing Education Program

Director of Student Affairs

75th Anniversary Celebration Organizing Committee Convener

Upholding the Mission Despite the Thorny Path

It has been fifteen years since I returned to my alma mater, the Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary (HKBTS), and began serving as a full-time staff member at the end of 2010. At that time, my first and foremost task was to organize the 60th Diamond Jubilee Celebration. As time went by, I also witnessed the 65th and 70th anniversaries. Now we are approaching the 75th anniversary next year. It will certainly be a year of thanksgiving and celebration!

The year 2011 marked HKBTS's 60th Diamond Jubilee, and it was also the second year since the sixth President, Professor Joshua Cho, took up his post. At that time, the seminary reestablished itself in the grace of the Lord amid difficulties and launched the "Faith, Hope, and Love Project." Mr. Kam-hung Lee, the then Publisher of the *Christian Times*, proposed the theme of the seminary's

anniversary celebration:

"Soaring High in God's Faith, Hope, and Love."

It signified that HKBTS rode on the wind of the Holy Spirit and spread its wings to soar in the faith, hope, and love of Christ. One of my most memorable moments in

organizing the celebration was when a joint choir formed by members of the Baptist churches sang "A Prayer of Thanksgiving," a new song written by Dr. Cainan Mui in celebration of the seminary. At that time, the situation of the seminary was just like the lyrics of the song: As we Baptists on a pilgrimage have been delivered by God from Sheol, we must exalt Him! As we have cried out to God from the depths of the pit, and in His grace, God turned



our weeping into dancing, we must give thanks and praise to Him!

In 2016, HKBTS celebrated its 65th anniversary with joy. Thanks to the support and trust of the Baptist churches, the seminary was successfully registered as a corporate body in Hong Kong in 2013, embarking on a new stage and assuming new responsibilities under God's guidance. The theme of that anniversary celebration was **"Magnifying God the Almighty, Preaching the Gospel across Boundaries."** It was also our heart's desire: whether in times of peace or hardship, our hearts would magnify the Lord and cultivate faithful servant-leaders for churches; and our teachers and students would carry on the Baptist tradition, transcending the barriers of time, space, and differences, to follow the Lord and run the race set for us.

In 2021, HKBTS celebrated its 70th Platinum Jubilee during the pandemic period. In the midst of social unrest, pandemic outbreaks, economic downturns and severed relationships, the seminary celebrated its 70th anniversary on the theme **"Endowed in Grace for 70 Years; Forward with Faith, Hope, and Love,"** proclaiming faithfully to the Lord who called us that we would never forget God's grace and guidance to the seminary in the past regardless of the ups and downs; and that we would continue to rely on the Lord and strive to build up a disciple community with "faith, hope, and love" as our beacon.

Over the past fifteen years, I have had the privilege of witnessing the progress my alma mater has made. Despite the thorny path, HKBTS remains steadfast in its mission to nurture workers for the Kingdom of God. When I learned that I had been selected to serve as the convener of the 75th Anniversary Organizing Committee, I accepted the appointment with trepidation and excitement. I trembled because I was afraid that I would not be able to cope with the additional work amid my existing duties, which are already quite demanding. But considering that I could have a part to play in organizing the celebration of my alma mater's seventy-five years of blessings from the Lord, I immediately perked up and resolutely took this honor.

Stand Firm in Christ, Advance Toward the Future

The first task of the Organizing Committee was to determine the theme and logo of the 75th Anniversary Celebration. After a vigorous discussion, we finally decided to adopt the theme of **"Stand Firm in Christ, Advance**

Toward the Future." During the deliberation, HKBTS's core theological education concept, which President Cho created, came to mind: to nurture a group of **servant-leaders who "have the same mindset as Christ Jesus."** That means building a disciple community that knows the heart and mind of Jesus Christ, imitates His example, and is filled with wisdom in praxis. As we move forward to our 75th anniversary, we will not forget our fundamental aspiration and firmly proclaim that **HKBTS stands on the solid, dependable, and eternal rock of Christ, and that we rely on the Holy Spirit's gracious guidance to spread our wings and soar with faith, hope, and love into the future that God has prepared for us.**

With the theme set, we began work on the logo design. The main elements of the design are the "75th Anniversary" (the number "75") and the HKBTS emblem. The cross in the logo symbolizes that Jesus Christ is the unchanging foundation of the seminary. The horizontal lines in the upper part of the numerals "7" and "5" are designed with wings, while the diagonal line extends to HKBTS's emblem. It symbolizes that HKBTS is riding on the winds of the Holy Spirit and flying toward the future without fear or hesitation.

Come, Worship, and Praise the Lord Together

Next, the Organizing Committee will take up the task of organizing various activities for the celebration. The celebration will begin with the **75th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service and Concert of Praise** because there is nothing more important than offering thanks to the Triune God. HKBTS is a seminary for all Baptist churches; therefore, the seminary is looking forward to gathering members of Baptist churches to form a single united choir to sing with us in praise of God's power and glory.

This is a joyful event that deserves the humble and thankful participation of all Baptists. We hope that all Baptists will support the theological education ministry of HKBTS, participate wholeheartedly in the activities of the 75th anniversary of HKBTS, and witness God's presence in our midst.

Earthly Rehearsal for Heavenly Worship

Thoughts on the Preparations for the 75th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service and Concert of Praise

Kit-ying Law

Assistant Professor (Worship and Church Music)
75th Anniversary Celebration Organizing Committee Executive Member
75th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service and Concert of Praise Conductor

Be Thou Our Vision

Next year will be the 75th anniversary of the Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary. I am grateful to have the opportunity to participate in organizing the celebration and conducting the 75th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service and Concert of Praise to be held in April of next year.

The 75th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service and Concert of Praise will be held with the theme of “Stand Firm in Christ, Advance Toward the Future.”

We pray that the Lord will continue to keep us and lead us to serve churches through our theological education and to nurture servants of God, so that they can tend the flock on a firm foundation of faith and bravely face the challenges of the future. Here, I would like to talk about the ideas, arrangements, music, and lyrics of this Thanksgiving Service. I sincerely hope that we shall all receive the Lord's revelation, are renewed together, and are united through this Thanksgiving Service. This is my prayer to the Lord.

Lord Jesus, the Cornerstone*

Firstly, let us recall how we, including ministers from different congregations, have been built up by Jesus Christ on the same foundation, and together we can imagine how we will continue to preach the everlasting Gospel by the power of the risen Lord in this ever-changing time and age. Truly, Jesus Christ is the foundation of our faith, our cornerstone. Therefore, we will be singing “Lord Jesus, the Capstone” at the Thanksgiving Service. A year ago, the HKBTS Choir began practicing this four-part a cappella music piece written by Christian composer Dr. Victor Wai-kwong Chan. The hymn

leads us to confess that Jesus Christ is our cornerstone and that apart from Him, there is no salvation (English translation of the quoted Chinese lyrics as follows):



Lord Jesus, the cornerstone!

Lord Jesus, the cornerstone!

The stone that the builders rejected
(the cornerstone)

Has become the cornerstone.

There is salvation in no one else,

For there is no other name under heaven given
among people by which we must be saved.

The phrase “Lord Jesus” is first sung by female voices in an energetic syncopation, while the male voices sing “the cornerstone” in an even meter with a distinct and firm marcato. This is in harmony with the Bible passage in Ephesians 2:20, which expresses the importance of Jesus Christ as the solid foundation. The music then expands into a four-part chorus emphasizing “the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone” (cf. Ps 118:22; Acts 4:11). The harmonies, with their suspensions and delayed resolution of dissonance, demonstrate the tension within dialogues surrounding contemporary cultural contexts and Christ.

Worship is a public proclamation of the Christian faith. ***We pray that the Lord will gather us together in our 75th Anniversary Thanksgiving***

Service to hear the Word of God and to express our thanksgiving, prayers, and praises while we make public professions of our faith. Through the pursuit of excellence, the predecessors of church music have used music as well as worship and visual and literary arts to express the truth, goodness, and beauty of the economic and immanent Trinity in worship. Aesthetics itself reflects the beauty of God the Father's creation, but it still needs to be redeemed. The truth of Christ makes us a holy, royal priesthood, so that the Holy Spirit may guide us in our efforts to live out the good, to build up a community of love that belongs to the Lord, and to witness to His presence and favor.

Enlightenment and Renewal

Secondly, let us examine the foundation of the truth we believe in. The seminary was founded in 1951, and it will celebrate its 75th anniversary next year. Is there anything we need to be reminded of? Is there anything that we have forgotten? What do we need to be enlightened and renewed? When Jesus broke the bread and took the cup at the Last Supper, He commanded His disciples to do this "in remembrance of me" (cf. Lk 22:19; 1 Cor 11:24-25). The Greek word for "remembrance" is *anamnesis*, which means "reminder."

Sometimes changes can bring us new insights, discoveries, and reminders. An example of this is the other hymn we will be singing, "Facing a Task Unfinished." It is a new arrangement of the congregational hymn, "The Church's One Foundation," with new lyrics. It is not only a change in style but also gives us a new perspective on how we keep on being the church of Christ.

On that day, the hymns "Halle, Halle, Halle" and "Lord Jesus, the Capstone" will be sung by the HKBTS Choir and the joint choir will echo each other; together we will declare in praise and in faith that this "stone that the builders have rejected" is our only dependence. **Even if the building on this stone is torn down or endures the darkness of night, it will surely see the light again through the risen Christ, the morning light, and become a living stone to be built into a place where God the**

Father dwells through the Holy Spirit, enjoying the ultimate salvation and hope.

Earthly Rehearsal for Heavenly Worship

It does take a lot of energy to prepare for our 75th anniversary celebration. May we all be summoned to share a common vision for HKBTS and the churches we serve. This is not just an event; in fact, every practice or performance of the joint choir can be imagined as "earthly rehearsal for heavenly worship." Let us use our God-given gifts to offer our praise and thanksgiving to Him together through Bible-centred worship, and to participate in His ongoing work of renewal and creation. We believe in the Triune God, who is both transcendent and indwelling. **We have to bring together each other's spiritual gifts and imaginations in order to see the way "above the sun," to become living sacrifices, to go into the world together in peace from above, and to love and serve the Lord!** Let Him be glorified to the fullest! *Soli Deo gloria!*

* Or *capstone*; also in the following paragraph.

Three members of the serving team at the 75th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service and Concert of Praise will share with us the impact of church music on their lives.

Shepherd Those in the Darkest Valley with Hymns

Grace Lee

HKBTS Alumni Choir member



Grace and her mother

In times when we are in the darkest valley and human words can no longer comfort us, hymns can be a means of turning our hearts and minds to God, helping us to express our deepest longing to Him and to pray to Him.

Nine years ago, my mother became seriously ill and was too weak to continue treatment. While resting in her hospital bed, she asked us to play the hymn “How Great Thou Art.” As we worshipped our Heavenly Father together, my mother—despite her intense physical pain—immediately sensed God’s presence. Her heart was filled with hope. Just a few days later, God called her home to heaven. During my time of grief, I continually experienced God’s comfort through Laura Story’s hymn “Blessings.” Here are some lines from the hymn that deeply moved me:

Yet love us way too much to give us lesser things.

And when darkness seems to win,
we know the pain reminds this heart
that this is not, this is not our home.

And what if trials of this life,
the rain, the storms, the hardest nights,
are Your mercies in disguise?

These lyrics gave me insight into eternity and reminded me that the Lord is in control and I must choose to trust Him because He loves me and my family. God never gives us challenges for which He has not already prepared us.

I am sure many others have had such experiences. God offers us help, peace, and comfort through hymns. I once sang a hymn to a brother in Christ who was suffering from dementia. Even though his brain was failing, the hymn I sang at that time did awaken that seemingly “disappearing” brother. I have experienced the power of hymns many times. I thank the Lord for blessing us with hymns that draw us near to Him and enable us to worship Him genuinely from the depth of our hearts and souls.

Church Music Intertwined with Life

Timmy Or

Th.M. Student

Reflecting on my spiritual journey, I realize that church music has always played a significant role. Here, I would like to draw upon the insights of British Baptist scholar Paul Fiddes on the Baptist way of doing theology to examine how God has molded my spiritual life through church music. Fiddes points out that in the context of faith communities, there are three ways of doing theology among Baptists: experience, confession, and stories.

In terms of experience, as I look back at my days of

growing up in my mother church, traditional hymns, including those in such hymn books as *New Songs of Praise* and *Century Praise*, have created for us epic-like musical experiences, which have shaped my



understanding of church music and cultivated in me an appreciation of how music in worship can be used as a vehicle for the Word. In the church which I now serve, modern popular hymns, whether foreign or local, have brought us a lyrical musical experience that has broadened my imagination of what church music can be and allowed me to recognize diverse expressions of faith amongst my fellow Christians.

In respect of confession, I believe that both traditional and modern styles of church music possess the same content of the Christian faith, which is equally beneficial to our spiritual growth. Therefore, it is a false proposition that one must choose between traditional and modern musical styles. In fact, regardless of the style, I have been equally edified by different styles of church music. We learn from hymns about the Triune God in whom we believe, and we profess and confess our faith through our singing—teaching and admonishing

one another through hymns singing to God, just as the Bible says (cf. Col 3:16).

Finally, in terms of stories, God builds up my spiritual life through church music. Not only does church music help me worship passionately and grow in my knowledge of my faith but also, to a certain extent, it is connected with my personal spiritual growth and has become a part of my life story. I believe that many brothers and sisters have also experienced a time when a hymn has helped them by acting as a reminder or an encouragement to us in God's providence. Afterward, that hymn becomes more than just an ordinary hymn; every time we hear it, it will remind us of our own experiences before God. Church music and our life stories are beautifully intertwined in this way.

May the church's music remain in God's use to build our spiritual lives through our experiences, confessions, and stories. Glory be to the Triune God!

Church Music: The Source of Spiritual Life

Kai-sum Yip
M.Div. Student

Church music has played a significant role in my spiritual growth and ministry. For me, it is not only a tool for worship but also a vital way to become closer to God, to be renewed in my heart, and to be strengthened in my faith. Church music conveys God's truth and word, and the power of the Holy Spirit. As I listen to and sing hymns, I profoundly experience God's presence and teaching.

First of all, church music helps me grow spiritually because it presents God's word melodically, making it easy for me to memorize and ponder the truth over and over again. Oftentimes, in moments of depression, inner struggle, or doubt, a familiar hymn would suddenly ring out in my heart, reminding me of God's faithfulness and love.

Moreover, church music makes it easier for me to enter into God's presence during meditation and prayer. Sometimes it is hard to express my

innermost feelings with words, but music can penetrate my heart and help me pour out my true feelings to God. Worship songs are like a bridge between my heart and God's, enabling me to realize His love and calling more deeply.

For ministry, church music is an important instrument in my service. Whether I am leading singing in the worship team or leading the brothers and sisters to sing praises, I find that church music can unite the hearts of the congregation and shift their focus to God. It is not just an artistic expression but a spiritual service. When I worship God in

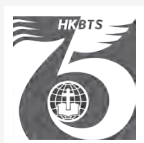


spirit and truth in my service, I deeply feel God's presence and see Him touching people's lives and healing broken hearts through music.

In preparation for the previous Spiritual Revival Concert, I learned to trust and rely on God more, to work with brothers and sisters, to practice my obedience, and to be sensitive to God. This is not just personal growth but the practice of spiritual discipline. In the music ministry, I regularly see brothers and sisters being touched and edified; it

makes me eager to become a vessel fit for God.

Church music, therefore, is not an "accompaniment" to our Christian life, but an ever-flowing source of spiritual life. It enables me to be filled with the Holy Spirit in worship, to find comfort in difficulties, and to experience miracles in service. Church music is a treasure that God has given to the Church and believers, and it is an indispensable blessing to us on our way to growth.



Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary
75th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service & Concert of Praise

Stand Firm in Christ Advance Toward the Future

April 2026* 4:30 pm

Kowloon City Baptist Church

- ★ **The Joint Choir is now recruiting choir members. All Baptist churches are welcome.**
- ★ **Please pray for our preparations.**

Inquiry: ☎ 27685 117 (Sanny Law)

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* The tentative date is April 19, 2026 and the exact date will be confirmed this October.

Upcoming

Academic Affairs News

Faculty Retreat

The Faculty Retreat was held on August 7 (Thursday) with the theme “A New Chapter in Theological Education.”

Spiritual Formation Camp

HKBTS students and teachers will attend the Spiritual Formation Camp for the new school year from August 19 to 21 (Tuesday to Thursday) with the theme “Walking Together in the Spiritual Journey.”

Opening Convocation

The Opening Convocation 2025-2026 will be held on August 26 (Tuesday). At the morning chapel service, the next day, the Opening Convocation Lecture will be given by Dr. Daniel Lam, Assistant Professor of New Testament.

Events and Activities

Online Taster Session

An Online Taster Session on the Old Testament was held from 8 to 9:30 pm on May 16 (Friday). Dr. Hing-weng Seng, our Assistant Professor of Old Testament, gave a lecture on the topic “Tracing the Characterization of Abram in Genesis 12-17,” exploring how the biblical text constructed the character and conveyed messages to readers through characterization and the narratives in these chapters.

Baptist Heritage Week

The Baptist Heritage Week for this school year will be held at the chapel on our Sai O campus from 10 to 11 am from October 14 to 16 (Tuesday to Thursday) on the theme “Flying against the Wind: Consolidation, Reconstruction, and Development.” The social incidents in 2019 and the subsequent emigration wave have created a unique impact on local churches. However, some churches are less affected, and some even continue to grow. What are the reasons for this? We have invited pastors from different Baptist churches to share their successful experiences, which we hope will inspire and help participants to make strategic plans for the future development of their churches as well as their pastoral ministries. Speakers include Rev. Mun-lun Wong, Senior Pastor of the Kwong Lam Baptist Church, Rev. Wai-keung Chau, Senior Pastor of the Taipo Baptist Church, and Rev. Chi-hoi Ng, Pastor-in-Charge of the Abounding Grace Baptist Church. Pastoral staff of all Baptist churches are welcome to join.

Publication News



The seminary's biannual academic journal, *Hill Road* (issue 55) was published on the theme “**Virtual Rituals.**” There are five thematic articles: “Liturgy in Online Gatherings: Revisiting Perspectives from Sacramental Theology and

Ecclesiology” (Pui-shum Ip), “Traditional vs. Modern: Challenges to the Renewal of Worship” (Pilgrim W. K. Lo), “Exploring the Concept of ‘Virtual Sacrament’: An Anglican View” (William Fu-ho Lee), “The Feasibility of Online Lord’s Supper: A Baptist Theological Thread” (Vincent C. P. Lau), and “Hovering between Virtuality and Reality: A Response to ‘Virtual Liturgy’ from Pentecostal Perspectives” (Tin-kwan Lei). In addition, there are one discussion article and four book reviews.

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

Visitors

- Rev. Paul Kam-ting Li, Voluntary Chaplain of YMCA Hong Kong, and Rev. Abel Chor, Senior Pastor of the Nineteenth Avenue Chinese Baptist Church San Francisco, visited the seminary and met with President Joshua Cho on February 25.
- Rev. Eric Wing-mun Tong, President of the Baptist Convention of Hong Kong, shared a message at the morning chapel service and met with President Cho on March 19.
- Prof. Markus Bockmuehl, Dean Ireland's Professor of the Exegesis of Holy Scripture and Professorial Fellow of the Keble College at the University of Oxford, shared a message at the morning chapel service and met with President Cho on March 27.
- Rev. Rita Sau-king Yuen, Senior Pastor of the Chi Fu Baptist Church, shared a message at the morning chapel service and met with President Cho on April 9.
- Rev. Dr. Samuel Win-wah Chu, President Emeritus of Bible Seminary of Hong Kong, visited the seminary and met with President Cho on April 22.
- Rev. Samuel Yan-tak Lau, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Bible Conference, visited the seminary and met with President Cho on April 22.
- Dr. Kwong-ping Lee, Missionary of the China Evangelistic Mission and Vice President of New Sky Bible Seminary, Thailand, shared a message at the morning chapel service and met with President Cho on April 23.
- Dr. Siu-yin Cheung, Emeritus Professor of the Department of Sport, Physical Education and Health at the Hong Kong Baptist University, visited the seminary and met with President Cho on May 16.
- Rev. Sammy Sung, HKBM missionary in Germany, and Rev. Lewis Lam, CBM missionary in Germany, visited the seminary and met with President Cho on May 20.
- Dr. Teck-peng Lim, Academic Dean of Trinity Theological College, Singapore, together with seven faculty members of the college, visited the seminary and met with our faculty on May 20.
- Dr. Yew-ming Chan, Bishop William F. Oldham Professor of the Old Testament of Trinity Theological College, Singapore, served as the lecturer of our Pastoral Continuing Education program on May 26, and visited the seminary and met with President Cho on May 27.
- Rev. Khos-Uyanga Wang, HKBM missionary in Mongolia, visited the seminary and met with Ms. Michelle Chan, Advisor (Student Union and Mission) of the Student Union, Ms. Wai-sze Yiu, Honorary Chaplain, and Kai-sum Yip, Chairperson of the Student Union, on June 9.

Alumni News

- Alumnus **Sunny Y. C. Chui** (class of 1999) rested in peace on May 20. May the Lord's consolation, grace, and peace be with his family.
- Alumnus **Rev. Barnabas C. P. Liu** (classes of 1971 & 1979) rested in peace on June 12. May the Lord keep and watch over his family and grant them peace.
- Alumnus **Fox Siu-leung Mok** (class of 2006) was ordained as a pastor by the Christian Nationals' Evangelism Commission on April 27.
- Alumnus **Joe Kam-wing Chan** (class of 2020) was ordained as a pastor by the Kwong Lam Baptist Church on May 4.
- Alumni Association held its annual general meeting and the election for the Executive Committee of Year 2025-27 on May 26. New Executive Committee members include Chi-wang Chan (President), Pui-kin Chow (Vice President), and Tak-yin Sin (Treasurer); President Joshua Cho acts as the advisor.



Lay Theological Education Department

Degree Program Admissions 2025-26

Class Start Date: October 2025 / Registration Deadline: August 15 (Friday)

Master of Arts/Postgraduate Diploma/ Postgraduate Certificate Programs in Christian Studies

- These masters-level degree, part-time, evening programs enable students to lay a solid foundation in biblical hermeneutics and theology.
- Some credits acquired in these programs can be transferred when being admitted to the Master of Divinity or the Master of Christian Studies degree programs in the seminary's Main Campus Programs.
- Students may start with the Postgraduate Diploma/Postgraduate Certificate Programs, and the certificate program can be finished in as little as one year.
- Students may attend real-time classes in our classrooms in Mong Kok in person or online.

Postgraduate Certificate Program in Worship and the Arts

- This masters-level degree and part-time evening program enables students to deepen their biblical and theological reflection through study and research in such areas as worship, church music, and art, and to explore topics such as worship leadership, pastoral care, art, and spatial arrangement.
- Offers a flexible course selection, and the program can be finished in as little as one year.

Postgraduate Diploma/Postgraduate Certificate Programs in Christian Life and Death Education

- To equip believers who are motivated to explore and further define the meaning of their lives from a Christian perspective with masters-level skills and knowledge in reflecting, integrating, researching, and practicing Christian life and death education.
- Offers a flexible course selection, and the program can be finished in as little as one year.

Bachelor of Arts/Higher Diploma/Diploma Programs in Christian Studies

- These bachelors-level degree programs provide students with theological training and spiritual nurturing, enabling them to lay a solid foundation of faith and develop a good spiritual life.
- Our real-time classes enable instructors and students to interact in real time. Students may attend classes in our classrooms in Mong Kok in person or online.
- Some credits acquired in these programs can be transferred when being admitted to the master's degree programs in the Lay Theological Education Department or the Bachelor of Theology degree program in the seminary's Main Campus Programs.

Non-Degree Program Admissions 2025-26

Class Start Date: October 2025 / Registration Deadline: September 23 (Tuesday)

Christian Arts and Spirituality Practice Certificate Program

The program provides continuous and systematic basic training for believers who are interested in understanding how Christian arts affect the lives of believers, and who are willing to enhance and understand their relationships with God, the environment, others, and even themselves.

Women's Theological Training (Spiritual Care and Growth) Certificate Program

Through "self-understanding," "emotional management," and "spiritual exercises," the program helps Christian women understand the impact of their upbringing on their personalities, enhance their self-awareness and self-acceptance, and learn emotional development strategies.

Life and Death Education from a Christian Perspective Certificate Program

The program provides systematic and holistic basic training that is in line with the Christian faith for those aspiring to promote life and death education in their churches, schools, and communities.

Family Caregivers and Golden Age Ministry Certificate Program

The program provides holistic, systematic training in ministerial skills and spiritual formation for pastors, believers, and social welfare workers who are willing to understand and serve family caregivers and golden-age adults and be prepared for the challenges of an aging population and the increasing number of caregivers.

Youth Pastoral Ministry Certificate Program

The program provides holistic and systematic training in ministerial skills with guidance focusing on specific situations and needs so that students can serve youth more effectively.

Children Ministry Certificate Program

The program provides holistic and systematic training in ministerial skills for those aspiring to serve children in their churches, schools, and communities and to upgrade their ministerial and spiritual acumen so that they can serve children and parents more effectively.

Church Administration and General Affairs Certificate Program

The program provides holistic and systematic training for church staff and those aspiring to manage church administrative affairs and clerical work. It helps students be well-equipped, gain a proper view of ministry, and upgrade their ministerial skills so that they may serve their churches more effectively.

Mission Ministry Certificate Program

The program deepens students' basic understanding of missionary ministry, helping them understand God's work throughout history and explore different religions around the world, broadening their spiritual horizons. It aims to cultivate students to become missionaries in terms of their knowledge, experiences, horizons, and personal spiritual growth.

Bible Study Certificate Program

Brand New

The program provides training in basic research on the Old and New Testaments and faith reflection for believers who are interested in in-depth Bible study, or preparing themselves for/currently involving in Bible training ministries in churches, giving them systematic equipment for Bible study and related ministries, enabling them to cultivate a new generation of church leaders.

Inquiries/Registration Tel: 2711 2552 Email: ltedinfo@hkbtn.edu.hk Website: www.hkbtn.edu.hk/lted

Distance Education Program

Exploring Truth • Reflecting upon Faith • Equipping for Ministry

Degree Program	Description	Admission Requirements	Date of Commencement	Registration Deadline
Master of Arts/ Postgraduate Diploma/ Postgraduate Certificate in Christian Studies (Degree Programs)	To nurture church leaders who aspire to serve effectively in Christian organizations or in churches. Some credits earned in these programs can be transferred to master's degree programs at the seminary.	1. Born-again, mature believers of good character who have been baptized into the Church for three years or more. 2. Holder of a recognized university degree or equivalent qualification. 3. Their pastors' recommendations 4. Passed a written test and an interview.	February, June, and October	Spring trimester: Hong Kong: November 20 Overseas: October 20 Summer trimester: Hong Kong: March 20 Overseas: February 20 Fall trimester: Hong Kong: July 20 Overseas: June 20
Bachelor of Arts/ Higher Diploma/ Diploma in Christian Studies (Degree Programs)	To provide students with basic practical theological training, equipping them to serve in churches and to witness Christ in society. Some credits earned in these programs can be transferred to master's degree programs at the seminary.	Secondary school graduates with their pastors' recommendations, who have passed a written test and an interview.		

These are all online degree programs

Non-Degree Program	Description	Admission Requirements	Date of Commencement	Registration Deadline
Higher Diploma in Christian Studies (Non-Degree Program)	Providing basic theological training including biblical studies, theology, and practical studies. It enables students to lay a solid foundation of faith, reshape their lives, and live out their calling.	Diploma (non-degree program) graduates with their pastors' recommendations.	March and September	Spring semester: Hong Kong: February 10 Overseas: January 10 Fall semester: Hong Kong: August 10 Overseas: July 10
Diploma in Christian Studies (Non-Degree Program)		Secondary school graduates with their pastors' recommendations.		
Certificate in Biblical Studies	Introductory programs in biblical studies, guiding students to study the Bible systematically.	All are welcome.	January, May, and September	Spring trimester: Hong Kong: January 20 Overseas: December 20 Summer trimester: Hong Kong: May 20 Overseas: April 20 Fall trimester: Hong Kong: September 20 Overseas: August 20

Non-degree programs can be taken online or by mail.

Trial online programs: <http://elearning.hkbts.edu.hk>

Inquiries Tel: 2768 5105 Email: deinfo@hkbts.edu.hk Website: www.hkbts.edu.hk/dist

Pastoral Continuing Education Centre

Courses and talks offered from September to December 2025

Course/Talk	Lecturer	Date	Time
The Joseph Narratives	Dr. Fook-kong Wong	1/9, 8/9, 15/9	2:30-4:30 pm
Shepherding the Soul: Guiding Spiritual-Emotional Wholeness through Faith, Psychology, and Music	Dr. Joseph Tam Mrs. Addy Wong	29/9, 13/10, 20/10	2:30-4:30 pm
Introduction to Christian Coaching	Ms. Rowena Yiu	27/10, 3/11	2:30-4:30 pm
Reading Proverbs Again	Dr. Mary Tse	3/11, 10/11	10:00 am-12:00 pm
Acceptance and Commitment Therapy	Dr. Anthony Tong	10/11, 17/11	2:30-4:30 pm
Make Room for the Lord: Planning and Leading Congregation Retreats	Dr. Alfred Leung	17/11, 24/11	10:00 am-12:00 pm
Christian Coaching Skills Lab	Ms. Rowena Yiu	24/11	2:30-4:30 pm
Mini-Retreat: He Is Present ...	Dr. Alfred Leung	1/12	9:30 am-12:30 pm

Fee concessions

- (1) *Early Bird Reduction*: those who pay the full fee for the enrolled course a week before the course begins may enjoy a reduction of HK\$20 (for a 2-hour course) or HK\$30-40 (for a 4-to-6-hour course).
- (2) A 10% discount for graduates from HKBTS degree programs, pastors of member churches of the Baptist Convention of Hong Kong, and current part-time students of HKBTS.
- (3) A 20% discount for valid cardholders of HKBTS Alumni Association members.
- (4) A 50% discount for full-time seminary students from the 16 member seminaries of the Hong Kong Theological Education Association.

Instruction Mode

In Person/Video Conferences/Watching Video (within 7 days of each class)

Venue

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

Registration

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

Inquiries

Tel: 2768 5179

Email: pce@hkbts.edu.hk

One cannot enjoy both the Early Bird Reduction and fee discounts.

Edna Wong Christian Worship and Arts Education Centre

Classes offered from July to September 2025

Class	Lecturer	Date/Time
Primary Class Voice (Summer class)	Mr. Sanson Lau	9/7-6/8 Wed 7:00-8:30 pm (5 lessons)
Intermediate Class Voice (Summer class)		Class D: 2-30/9 Tues 7:00-8:30 pm (5 lessons) Class E: 2-30/9 Tues 8:30-10:00 pm (5 lessons)
Integrated Voice and Musicianship Training I Follow Up	Ms. Rachel Kwok	Class A: 31/7-25/9 Thurs 10:30 am-12:30 pm (5 lessons) Class B: 4/8-29/9 Mon 2:00-4:00 pm (6 lessons)
Integrated Voice and Musicianship Training III		31/7-25/9 Thurs 4:30-5:30 pm (5 lessons)
Integrated Voice and Musicianship Training IV		4/8-29/9 Mon 10:30-11:30 am (6 lessons)
Drama Art at Church: Bible Study through Drama Workshop I	Mr. Felix Du	4-25/9 Thurs 7:30-9:45 pm (4 lessons)
Introduction to Community Music at Pastoral Practice I	Ms. Kitty Oi-ki Siu	22/7-12/8 Tues 7:30-9:30 pm (4 lessons)
Conducting 101 Series I	Mr. Vicky Shin	4/7-29/8 Fri 7:30-9:00 pm (6 lessons)

* For class details, please refer to our website.

Inquiries/Registration Tel: 2789 2200 Email: worship-arts@hkbts.edu.hk

Website: www.hkbts.edu.hk/waec WhatsApp: (852) 9433 7726

DONORS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2025

Education Fund (Church / Organization)

九龍城浸信會	280,000.00
九龍國際浸信會	22,334.00
大埔浸信會	12,000.00
屯門浸信教會	700.00
以馬內利浸信會	5,400.00
尖沙嘴浸信會	120,000.00
百德浸信會	12,450.00
阡陌社區浸信會	5,000.00
佐敦浸信會	10,000.00
沙田浸信會	8,000.00
旺角浸信會	5,721.00
旺角潮語浸信會	7,000.00
香港（西區）潮語浸信會	5,000.00
香港浸信教會	125,000.00
香港堅尼地城浸信教會	1,000.00
朗福浸信會	400.00
荃灣浸信會	75,000.00
基石浸信會	2,500.00
將軍澳浸信會	1,000.00
彩坪浸信會	50,000.00
愛群道浸信會	17,500.00
置富浸信教會	6,000.00
銅鑼灣浸信會	10,500.00
廣源村禧年浸信會	10,000.00
觀塘浸信會	2,080.00
基督教宣道會大埔堂	1,000.00
番禺恩典家教會	400.00
頌主福音粵曲合唱團	1,000.00
啟聞基金	500.00
	<u>HK\$ 797,485.00</u>
Peninsula Chinese Baptist Church	<u>US\$ 1,500.00</u>

Education Fund (Individual Donor)

Ng Chung Wai	1,000.00
方志強	200.00
王紹良	700.00
朱活平伉儷	300.00
何仲儀	1,000.00
何栢濠、李惠芳	1,000.00
吳炳榮伉儷	2,600.00
吳國傑伉儷	1,000.00
李國雄伉儷	1,000.00
李新蘭	200.00
李德祥	5,000.00
洪錦漢	1,000.00
洪鷹輪	1,000.00
殷振強伉儷	1,000.00
袁秀琮	10,000.00

張啟明伉儷	1,000.00
曹啟明伉儷	800.00
梁錦松、郭詠文	1,500.00
許煥英	500.00
許鋒威	1,000.00
陳玉蘭	500.00
陳偉倫	200.00
陳惠英	50,000.00
曾慶忠	500.00
馮德華、鄧如玉	200.00
黃世民	7,000.00
黃永康	5,000.00
黃念施	200.00
黃華娟	100.00
黃雅忠	10,000.00
楊謝金玉	8,000.00
溫恩智伉儷	20,000.00
葉煥章	300.00
劉永生、鍾梓萍	300.00
劉年鳳	1,000.00
蔡淑儀	2,000.00
蔡慧英	300.00
鄧炳光伉儷	3,000.00
顏國棟	10,000.00
羅佩珊	100.00
關廣智、鄧慧然	500.00
主知名	10,000.00
無名氏	24,000.00
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無名氏	1,000.00
無名氏	500.00
無名氏	400.00
無名氏	200.00
無名氏	200.00
無名氏	200.00
無名氏	100.00
	<u>HK\$ 214,600.00</u>

Faculty Support

茶果嶺浸信會	8,001.00
盧淑嫻	10,000.00
霍敬民	2,000.00
	<u>HK\$ 20,001.00</u>

Distance Education Program

鄭鵬程	300.00
無名氏	444.00
無名氏	100.00
無名氏	500.00
	<u>HK\$ 1,344.00</u>

Lay Theological Education Program

蕭桂娥	1,000.00
無名氏	1,000.00
	<u>HK\$ 2,000.00</u>

Campus Maintenance and Repairs

Lee Mei Fong	10,000.00
Ng Chung Wai	1,000.00
柳慧敏	1,700.00
楊美玲	300.00
無名氏	1,000.00
	<u>HK\$ 14,000.00</u>

Campus Extension Project

頌主福音粵曲合唱團	1,000.00
李德祥	5,000.00
許煥英	100.00
黃永康	5,000.00
鄒小寶	1,700.00
鄧輝祥	500.00
無名氏	10,000.00
無名氏	8,000.00
無名氏	1,000.00
	<u>HK\$ 32,300.00</u>

Spiritual Revival Concert

九龍城潮語浸信會	2,000.00
基督教宣道會北角堂	2,000.00
李素梅	500.00
徐慧儀	200.00
黃挺安伉儷	5,000.00
無名氏	2,000.00
無名氏	1,000.00
	<u>HK\$ 12,700.00</u>

Support “Chinese Preaching Research Project” in Practical Theology

銅鑼灣浸信會	6,000.00
無名氏	30,000.00
	<u>HK\$ 36,000.00</u>

DONORS REPORT FOR MARCH 2025

Education Fund (Church / Organization)		林青龍	4,000.00	無名氏	1,000.00
九龍國際浸信會	9,633.00	侯永康	1,800.00	無名氏	600.00
上水浸信會	15,000.00	施榮	12,000.00	無名氏	500.00
上環浸信會	10,000.00	柯泰來伉儷	10,000.00	無名氏	500.00
大埔浸信會	12,000.00	洪錦漢	200.00	無名氏	500.00
屯門浸信教會	700.00	洪鷹輪	500.00	無名氏	500.00
牛頭角浸信會	20,000.00	殷振強伉儷	1,000.00	無名氏	500.00
以馬內利浸信會	5,400.00	張笑芬	5,000.00	無名氏	400.00
阡陌社區浸信會	5,000.00	張燕儀	30,000.00	無名氏	300.00
沙田浸信會	8,000.00	曹啟明伉儷	800.00	無名氏	300.00
香港（西區）潮語浸信會	5,000.00	梁少榮伉儷	200.00	無名氏	200.00
香港仔浸信會	6,388.10	梁桂華	1,000.00	無名氏	200.00
香港浸信教會	125,000.00	梁錦松、郭詠文	1,500.00	無名氏	100.00
香港堅尼地城浸信教會	1,000.00	莫少霞	9,000.00	無名氏	1.00
香港興華浸信會	8,000.00	許煥英	500.00		HK\$ 722,601.00
恩典浸信會	11,000.00	許鋒威	1,000.00		
粉嶺浸信會	47,378.00	郭健民伉儷	2,000.00	Distance Education Program	
彩明浸信會	2,400.00	陳偉倫	200.00	劉麗珠	1,000.00
深荃浸信會	500.00	陳喜謙牧師家人	10,000.00	無名氏	444.00
新希望浸信會	1,500.00	曾慶忠	500.00	無名氏	100.00
筲箕灣國語浸信會	5,000.00	馮德華、鄧如玉	200.00		HK\$ 1,544.00
筲箕灣潮語浸信會	20,000.00	黃念施	200.00		
置富浸信教會	3,000.00	黃華娟	100.00	Lay Theological Education Program	
銅鑼灣浸信會	7,000.00	黃雅忠	10,000.00	劉麗珠	HK\$ 1,000.00
廣林浸信會	5,000.00	葉煥章	300.00		
麗城浸信會	7,000.00	葉麗芳	500.00	Campus Maintenance and Repairs	
觀塘浸信會	3,268.00	劉永生、鍾梓萍	300.00	Tsing Ming Keung Michael	1,000.00
九龍五旬節會佐敦堂	3,000.00	劉玉珍	800.00	柳慧敏	800.00
浸信宣道會啟業堂	19,630.00	蔡慧英	300.00	張智理伉儷	10,000.00
基督教中華宣道會鞍盛堂	3,000.00	盧焯志伉儷	100,000.00	許煥英	100.00
基督教宣道會大埔堂	500.00	羅佩珊	100.00	黃鳳儀	5,000.00
番禺恩典家教會	400.00	羅榮志	500.00	楊美玲	300.00
禧年行基金有限公司	30,000.00	羅榮忠	50,000.00	葉麗芳	500.00
HK\$ 400,697.10		譚葆基	55,000.00	鄒小寶	1,700.00
		關廣智、鄧慧然	500.00	蔡淑儀	500.00
Education Fund (Individual Donor)		龔可元伉儷	20,000.00	黎穎儀	1,000.00
Chong Kwong Yip	1,000.00	無名氏	100,000.00	鄭鑑開	30,000.00
Ho Yuen Wing	60,000.00	無名氏	60,000.00	無名氏	25,000.00
Kwan Yee Man	500.00	無名氏	50,000.00	無名氏	3,000.00
Kwok Chi Him Roxy	3,000.00	無名氏	30,000.00	無名氏	3,000.00
仇勁剛伉儷	500.00	無名氏	25,000.00	無名氏	2,000.00
方志強	200.00	無名氏	10,000.00	無名氏	1,000.00
王永珍	1,000.00	無名氏	6,000.00	無名氏	1,000.00
王永揚	1,000.00	無名氏	5,000.00		HK\$ 85,900.00
王紹良	700.00	無名氏	4,000.00		
朱活平伉儷	300.00	無名氏	3,000.00	Campus Extension Project	
何仲儀	1,000.00	無名氏	3,000.00	黃凱施	2,000.00
何栢濠、李惠芳	1,000.00	無名氏	3,000.00	劉麗珠	1,000.00
吳炳榮伉儷	2,600.00	無名氏	3,000.00	鄧輝祥	500.00
吳國傑伉儷	1,000.00	無名氏	2,000.00	盧焯志伉儷	150,000.00
李國雄伉儷	1,000.00	無名氏	1,500.00	無名氏	8,000.00
李惠妍	500.00	無名氏	1,000.00		HK\$ 161,500.00
李新蘭	200.00	無名氏	1,000.00		
招安祈	3,000.00	無名氏	1,000.00		

DONORS REPORT FOR MARCH 2025

Spiritual Revival Concert		葉麗芳	500.00	Support “Chinese Preaching Research Project” in Practical Theology	
荃灣浸信會	2,000.00	劉玉強伉儷	1,000.00	銅鑼灣浸信會	4,000.00
迦勒牙科植牙中心	3,000.00	劉年鳳	500.00	何勉信	100,000.00
甘振剛	1,000.00	歐陽學詒	1,000.00	趙龍文	10,000.00
朱美珍	500.00	黎穎儀	500.00	HK\$	<u>114,000.00</u>
吳炳榮伉儷	5,000.00	盧仲娥	1,000.00	Faith, Hope, and Love Project	
吳梓明伉儷	1,000.00	羅志雄伉儷	1,000.00	譚海池	US\$ <u>1,000.00</u>
李明珠	1,000.00	羅榮忠	5,000.00	Rev. Loren & Ruth Noren Scholarship	
冼陳小娥	1,000.00	譚日旭伉儷	2,000.00	American Baptist Mission	HK\$ <u>6,517.83</u>
林青龍	2,000.00	主所愛的兒女	2,000.00	Scholarship and Bursary	
林惠珠	1,000.00	無名氏	3,000.00	陳禮文伉儷	HK\$ <u>30,000.00</u>
洪鷹輪	100.00	無名氏	2,000.00	Faculty Support	
倪承恩	1,000.00	無名氏	2,000.00	茶果嶺浸信會	6,001.00
徐沛然	2,000.00	無名氏	1,000.00	Chan So Lan & Lau Yuen Hoi	2,000.00
張啟明伉儷	500.00	無名氏	500.00	Lai Ka Yui	20,000.00
梁兆津伉儷	3,000.00	無名氏	500.00	歐陽穎鋒伉儷	9,000.00
梁志美	1,000.00	無名氏	500.00	盧淑嫻	4,000.00
符詠琪	1,000.00	無名氏	500.00	無名氏	3,000.00
許煥英	1,200.00	無名氏	280.00	HK\$	<u>44,001.00</u>
陸澤浩伉儷	1,000.00	HK\$	<u>61,480.00</u>	Pilgrimage in the Wilderness	
黃雅忠	5,000.00	溫恩智伉儷	HK\$ <u>20,000.00</u>		
楊有恆伉儷	2,400.00				
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DONORS REPORT FOR APRIL 2025

Education Fund (Church / Organization)		洪錦漢	100.00	Distance Education Program	
大埔浸信會	12,000.00	洪鷹輪	200.00	無名氏	444.00
小西灣浸信會福音堂	2,000.00	徐慧儀	100.00	無名氏	100.00
屯門浸信教會	700.00	殷振強伉儷	1,000.00	HK\$	<u>544.00</u>
以馬內利浸信會	5,400.00	曹啟明伉儷	800.00	Lay Theological Education Program	
永興浸信會	7,000.00	梁錦松、郭詠文	1,500.00	尖沙嘴浸信會	700.00
阡陌社區浸信會	5,000.00	許煥英	200.00	張智理伉儷	5,000.00
沙田浸信會	8,000.00	許鋒威	1,000.00	陳紀明	3,000.00
青山道潮語浸信會	8,000.00	陳偉倫	200.00	HK\$	<u>8,700.00</u>
香港（西區）潮語浸信會	5,000.00	陳毓倫	500.00	Campus Extension Project	
香港仔浸信會	14,658.40	曾慶忠	500.00	鄧輝祥	500.00
香港浸信教會	125,000.00	馮德華、鄧如玉	200.00	無名氏	1,000,000.00
香港堅尼地城浸信教會	1,000.00	黃念施	200.00	無名氏	8,000.00
茶果嶺浸信會	12,000.00	黃華娟	100.00	無名氏	1,800.00
將軍澳浸信會	1,000.00	黃雅忠	10,000.00	HK\$	<u>1,010,300.00</u>
深荃浸信會	1,500.00	葉煥章	300.00	Campus Maintenance and Repairs	
第一城浸信會	8,000.00	劉永生、鍾梓萍	300.00	余鳳琴	500.00
置富浸信教會	3,000.00	蔡慧英	300.00	柳慧敏	435.00
廣林浸信會	7,670.00	羅佩珊	100.00	許煥英	100.00
澳門浸信教會	10,000.00	關廣智、鄧慧然	500.00	楊美玲	300.00
觀塘國語浸信會	10,000.00	無名氏	1,000,000.00	鄧小寶	1,700.00
鑽石山浸信會	5,000.00	無名氏	10,000.00	無名氏	500.00
中華錫安傳道會慈雲山錫安堂	2,000.00	無名氏	4,000.00	HK\$	<u>3,535.00</u>
基督教宣道會大埔堂	500.00	無名氏	1,000.00	Faculty Support	
番禺恩典家教會	400.00	無名氏	1,000.00	茶果嶺浸信會	HK\$ <u>10,700.00</u>
香港浸信會神學院校友會	500.00	無名氏	500.00	Spiritual Revival Concert	
馬利亞、馬大團契	2,000.00	無名氏	500.00	鑽石山浸信會	2,000.00
HK\$	<u>257,328.40</u>	無名氏	500.00	朱維亮	1,000.00
教育經費（個人）		無名氏	400.00	余美蓮	500.00
方志強	200.00	無名氏	200.00	李新蘭	500.00
王紹良	700.00	無名氏	100.00	鄭尚珍	500.00
朱活平伉儷	300.00	無名氏	110.00	HK\$	<u>4,500.00</u>
何仲儀	1,000.00	HK\$	<u>1,050,610.00</u>	Scholarship and Bursary	
何栢濠、李惠芳	1,000.00	Support “Chinese Preaching Research Project” in Practical Theology		Hung Hin Chu	1,000.00
何鏡煒伉儷	2,000.00	吳清賓	100,000.00	李雨凝	10,000.00
吳承士、吳幼靜	4,000.00	莫韋倫	3,300.00	HK\$	<u>11,000.00</u>
吳炳榮伉儷	2,600.00	HK\$	<u>103,300.00</u>		
吳國傑伉儷	1,000.00				
李國雄伉儷	1,000.00				
李新蘭	200.00				

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Education Fund (Church / Organization)

九龍國際浸信會	43,524.00
又新浸信會	6,000.00
上環浸信會	10,000.00
大埔主恩浸信會	1,750.00
大埔浸信會	12,000.00
屯門浸信教會	700.00
牛池灣竹園潮語浸信會	10,000.00
以馬內利浸信會	5,400.00
生命頌浸信會	2,000.00
石澳浸信會福音堂	8,000.00
阡陌社區浸信會	5,000.00
沙田浸信會	8,000.00
紅磡浸信會	6,000.00
香港（西區）潮語浸信會	5,000.00
香港浸信教會	125,000.00
香港堅尼地城浸信教會	1,000.00
朗福浸信會	600.00
將軍澳浸信會	500.00
置富浸信教會	3,000.00
銅鑼灣浸信會	7,000.00
觀塘浸信會	3,400.00
中華錫安傳道會慈雲山錫安堂	300.00
基督教宣道會大埔堂	500.00
番禺恩典家教會	400.00
HK\$	<u><u>265,074.00</u></u>

Education Fund (Individual Donor)

Vivian Lai	10,000.00
方志強	200.00
王紹良	700.00
朱活平伉儷	300.00
何仲儀	1,000.00
何栢濠、李惠芳	1,000.00
吳炳榮伉儷	2,600.00
吳國傑伉儷	1,000.00
李國雄伉儷	1,000.00
李新蘭	200.00
殷振強伉儷	1,000.00
曹啟明伉儷	800.00

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陳偉倫	200.00
曾慶忠	500.00
馮德華、鄧如玉	200.00
黃少娟	500.00
黃念施	200.00
黃華娟	100.00
黃雅忠	10,000.00
葉煥章	300.00
劉永生、鍾梓萍	300.00
劉年鳳	1,000.00
蔡慧英	300.00
羅佩珊	100.00
關廣智、鄧慧然	500.00
蘇美好	1,500.00
無名氏	30,000.00
無名氏	10,000.00
無名氏	7,500.00
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無名氏	400.00
無名氏	200.00
無名氏	200.00
無名氏	100.00
無名氏	100.00
無名氏	100.00
王洪閨侯	US\$ <u><u>1,000.00</u></u>

Faculty Support

茶果嶺浸信會	3,500.00
無名氏	7,000.00
HK\$	<u><u>10,500.00</u></u>

Distance Education Program

無名氏	444.00
無名氏	100.00
無名氏	500.00
HK\$	<u><u>1,044.00</u></u>

Lay Theological Education Program

杜桂鵬	500.00
張智理伉儷	5,000.00
湯新南	5,000.00
HK\$	<u><u>10,500.00</u></u>

Campus Maintenance and Repairs

林秋蘿	60,000.00
楊美玲	300.00
鄒小寶	1,700.00
鄭鑑開	100,000.00
無名氏	2,000.00
無名氏	500.00
HK\$	<u><u>164,500.00</u></u>

Campus Extension Project

Lam Kwok Fai	500.00
許煥英	100.00
陸澤潜伉儷	3,000.00
鄧輝祥	500.00
無名氏	8,000.00
無名氏	1,800.00
HK\$	<u><u>13,900.00</u></u>

Faith, Hope, and Love Project

陳德全	HK\$ <u><u>10,000.00</u></u>
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Support “Chinese Preaching Research Project” in Practical Theology

銅鑼灣浸信會	4,000.00
無名氏	20,000.00
HK\$	<u><u>24,000.00</u></u>

Mongolia Summer Mission Trip and Spiritual Exercises 2025

香港菲語浸信會	9,000.00	林楓	100.00	黃燦文	1,000.00
香港灣仔浸信會	6,700.00	林樂雯	2,000.00	傅振煌	500.00
宣道會景林堂	10,000.00	林麗芬	100.00	楊坤和	100.00
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Alice Wong	1,000.00	施穎晞	100.00	廖偉光	300.00
BI	2,000.00	洪美安	10,000.00	劉嘉詠	2,050.00
Judy Lee	500.00	倪承恩	1,000.00	劉鳳金	200.00
King Kong	1,000.00	袁天敏	100.00	劉曉鈴	100.00
Lam Siu Sing Lawrence	3,000.00	袁銘貞	300.00	蔡友蓮	1,000.00
Lo Ah Fong Jacqueline	1,000.00	張沛義	10,000.00	蔡紹堅	500.00
Philip Lu	10,000.00	張雄朗	500.00	鄧轉儀	100.00
SA	500.00	梁志美	500.00	鄭永松	100.00
Tang Kit Man Wendy	400.00	梁祐澄	1,000.00	鄭秀君	1,000.00
Tina	1,000.00	梁紹權	1,000.00	鄭婉欣	5,190.00
Tsui Chan Tack Yin	3,000.00	梁嘉華	1,500.00	盧加翔	1,000.00
王麗敏	10,000.00	許玉珊	100.00	蕭炳槐	200.00
司徒翊銘	1,000.00	許曉彤	8,000.00	駱毅權	250.00
伍家欣	250.00	陳文傑	300.00	謝君逸	500.00
伍斯安	200.00	陳恩彤	460.00	鍾敏慧	500.00
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吳漢耀	500.00	陸健薇	300.00	蘇美好	1,000.00
吳樂誼	200.00	麥家成	2,000.00	蘇樂堯	500.00
吳德華	500.00	傅逸謙	100.00	無名氏	5,000.00
李志豪	2,000.00	湛志光	100.00	HK\$	<u><u>204,500.00</u></u>
周健昌	500.00	黃碧香	100.00		
林卓怡	100.00	黃廣潮	200.00		

Financial Report

General Fund, 1 February - 31 May, 2025

	HK\$
Income	10,705,686.81
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Deficit	<u><u>(311,425.18)</u></u>

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Precious Moments

April 27, 2025

Spiritual Revival Concert

The Spiritual Revival Concert 2025 was held at the Kowloon City Baptist Church with the theme "Apocalyptic Vision, Victorious Lamb." Dr. Daniel Lam shared a message and made a call to further our commitment to Christ. The HKBTS Choir, the HKBTS Alumni Choir, and the Sacred Singers sang beautiful hymns, with Dr. Kit-ying Law and Mrs. Helen Wan serving as conductors, and Ms. Marsha Chow, Ms. Debbie Yip and Dr. Grace Chan as accompanists. Mr. Timmy Or led the congregation in singing praises. Under the instruction of Mr. Felix Du, HKBTS students interpreted the Bible passages being read in a dramatic way. Two students, Kai-sum Yip and Hang-chung Lui, gave their testimonies.



May 8

Commissioning Ceremony for Graduates

Students graduating this year received blessings and intercessions from the seminary and were sent out to serve in different ministry fields. Dr. Hing-weng Seng, on behalf of the faculty, encouraged the graduates with a message entitled "Courage's Anchor" (Jo 1-4): According to the passage's content arrangement, Joshua spoke to the people only when he was called and commanded by God. But interestingly, words about Joshua's status being elevated are found in God's voice, as well as in that of the people

and the narrator; but never in Joshua's own voice. Perhaps, for a servant-leader of God, one's courage to speak or not to speak is rooted in what God has spoken.



May 23-30

Mongolia Mission Trip

The Mission Department of our Student Union organized the “Summer Mission Trip and Spiritual Exercises.” Thirteen students and teachers joined the trip to Mongolia, not only partaking in the activities and gatherings of the local Chinese churches, but also serving in the worship services. In addition, they visited the “business as mission” (BAM) projects and the seminary there. Through all these, students gained a fuller and deeper understanding of the local Chinese ministry, cross-cultural missions, BAM, and the integration of spiritual discipline and missionary life. During the trip, they also took the opportunity to deepen their relationship with the Lord by engaging in outdoor spiritual exercises.



June 1

President Cho's Lecture



The “President Cho's Lecture,” jointly organized by our Lay Theological Education Department and the Causeway Bay Baptist Church, was held at the latter venue, exploring the theme “The Baptist Tradition of Spiritual Discipline.” Nearly one hundred participants attended the event. In addition to his insightful presentation, President Joshua Cho engaged the audience during the Q & A session, fostering dynamic interaction and an uplifting atmosphere.

June 7

Life and Death Education Day

The Life and Death Education Day, jointly organized by our Lay Theological Education Department and the Tsim Sha Tsui Baptist Church, was held at the latter venue, exploring the theme “What if, something is LOST?” Eight speakers explored the topic of “losing” from four perspectives: Bible and theology, spiritual growth and pastoral care, Christian life and death education, and family caregivers and carers of the elderly. It was well-attended with approximately 400 participants, who showed avid interest.





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