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Should we really celebrate Christmas?

Wasn't it more appropriate that we just skip it? No singing, praying, celebrating? No Christmas, neither in church nor at home?

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests. (Luke 2:14)

So echoes the Christmas story. The angels proclaimed to the shepherds the birth of the Messiah – and heavenly peace for all people. But looking at our world, there is little of this peace to be seen.

Russia's war in Ukraine will soon enter its fourth year. The Middle East is a powder keg with hundreds of thousands of Palestinians at risk of a humanitarian catastrophe. And in Myanmar, home of many of our students and alumni, the civil war knows only one direction: from bad to worse.

Angels proclaim peace. War and violence are there. Shouldn't we better stop celebrating Christmas? It doesn't make sense anyway...

Let's look back at another Christmas. Long time ago. In 1914. Again, it was war. This time in Europe, the war was bigger than all previous ones. Soon, it was called "the Great War." Both armies were lying facing each other, in the trenches in Belgium and France. The first Christmas of the war was coming. In 1914, December 24 was a bright and sunny day. The rain of the past few days had stopped.

It began somewhere near Ypres, in Belgium. British and German troops were very close to each other. One shouted to each other that they wanted to recover the fallen. And when the soldiers entered un-armed the no man's land, there was no shooting.

But it did not stop there. It was Christmas. And people were celebrating Christmas Eve. The carols sounded back and forth: on one side they sang "Silent Night," the other side applauded and responded with "The First Noel." While one side sang, the other listened.

The next day, the soldiers left the trenches. The warring parties met in no man's land. Gifts were exchanged. The weapons fell silent. At one place, they played even football. A British eyewitness later said that, if it had been up to the soldiers, the war would never have been resumed.

But it was not down to the soldiers. The commanders saw mutiny rising. The ceasefire only lasted a few days. Then, the war started again.

And yet: for a few days, Christmas won over the wars. The longing for peace was stronger than everything else.

Should we stop celebrating Christmas because so little can be seen of the peace the angels proclaimed?

No, we should celebrate Christmas. It is an important feast. It keeps our longing for peace alive. Christmas keeps our awareness alive that this world must change and that this world can change.

Christmas is the feast of peace: of the longing for peace and of the promise of peace.

A blessed Advent and Christmas time.

Stefan Gradl



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WHY SEMINARY?

Samuel J. Dubbelman | Assistant Professor (Church History)



Why go to seminary? I want to think about this question - why seminary - in conversation with the story of Jesus healing the paralytic (Mark 2:1–12) and our chosen theme for this academic year: "Treasure Different Cultures, Together We Serve."

First, we are at seminary to listen to word of Christ, which is the very word of God. This, after all, is the root meaning of that Greek loan word in English, "theo-logy," or "God-talk." One way you can think about "theology" is the words we use about God. Another way, and I suggest a more ancient one, is to think of theology as God-talk, as in God's speech or God's word.

At the root of theology, the thing we do at Seminary, there is the belief that God is not an abstract concept or a universal principle behind all things

but is personal and in relationship with us. God speaks; we listen and respond. We go to seminary to listen to God. And as Christians, we believe that God speaks to us above all in the person of Jesus Christ. Study is important, but I want to suggest the more fundamental posture of listening.

Jesus was speaking and the people were hanging on every word.

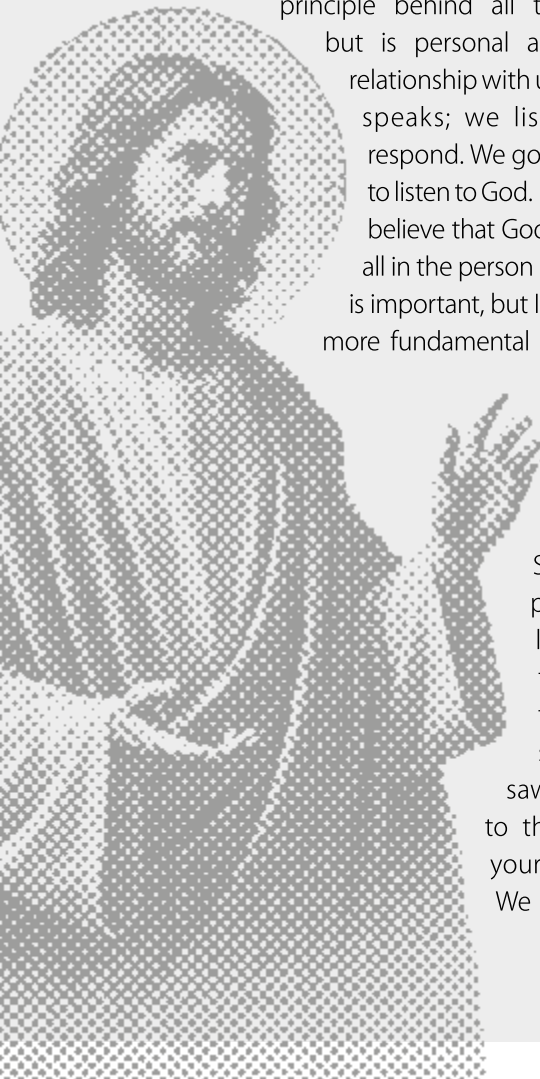
Second, when the paralytic man was lowered through the roof, what is the first thing that Jesus said? "When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Child, your sins are forgiven.'" We go to seminary to

listen to the word of God that is the forgiveness of sins. This is the essence of the gospel: "your sins are forgiven." This promise is the essence of your ministry. We do not go to seminary to get smarter, or to make money, or to find a mate, or make the world a safer and better place (though we may rightly want these things); we go to be trained in the unique business of forgiving sins. It is your vocation as a minister to say these words to people and to say them in a way that sounds like good news. This is not a conditional promise: if you repent, then your sins are forgiven. But it is a promise that gives what it says: "Child, your sins are forgiven." If you are still

searching for the forgiveness, maybe you need to hear anew Christ's promise: "Child, your sins are forgiven." If you cannot hear these words yourself, you will have a hard time speaking them to others.

Third, the word of God that is the forgiveness of sins heals us. All of us have seen our fair share of sickness, brokenness, and the travesties of life. We are faced with death, broken relationships, unfulfilled longing. When Jesus forgives our sins, he doesn't stop there. He gives us new life. We go to seminary to partner in God's work of healing and restoring the world anew towards wholeness. Forgiveness, in this sense, is the impartation of health. We must face our brokenness, hear God's word of forgiveness, and allow God to make us new through the Spirit in community with others.

Lastly, we go to seminary to serve together. We go to seminary because we feel called by God to serve. This is something that is easier said than done. Just as it is one thing to say your sins are forgiven and another to truly believe it; it is one thing to say you are called to serve, and another to live a life of service. The force of the world will pull you away from this calling. This is why we need community. ■



LTS 2024 WALKATHON FUNDRAISING

God is My Sufficiency

Kenneth Ho-yin Tsang | President



The LTS 2024 Walkathon Fundraising theme is “God is My Sufficiency.” Correlating this theme to the fundraising purpose of the Dining Hall Renovation Project may seem to be at first incomprehensible. The reason is that the theme in English only expresses one of the meanings of the walkathon’s theme in Chinese. In the Chinese language, the pronunciation of the word “God (Lord 主)” greatly resembles the word “cooking 煮.” In other words, the theme has a double meaning: “God is My Sufficiency” and “With cooking, we can satisfy (有「煮」萬事足).”

Although dining may not be the most important issue in a seminary, it cannot be disregarded.

About five years ago, our excellent chef, Fai Gor, resigned after having served at LTS for 20 years. We tried our best to find a replacement, but all attempts failed. Without a good chef, it is understandable that the students, particularly the boarding students, had murmurs of complaint. God is LTS’s sufficiency. After finishing his family engagements,

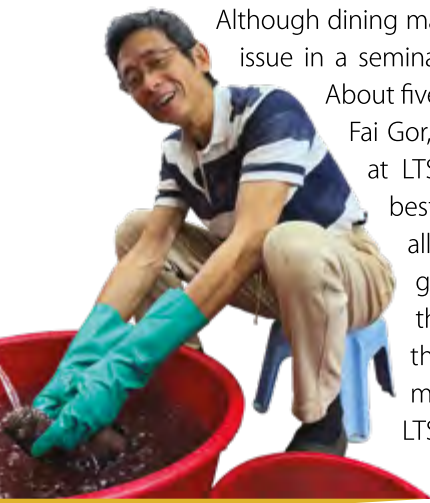
Fai Gor came back to serve at LTS again two years ago. Now, instead of complaining, many of us highly appreciate that LTS’s meals are again delicious and fantastic.

After solving the “software” challenge, the “hardware” challenge came. More and more signals had appeared to remind us that our dining hall and kitchen should be renovated after about thirty years of utilization. Besides half of the power supply and some kitchen appliances being out of order, water leakage from the ceiling had become severe. The whole floor could be covered by water after a

heavy rain. The most significant sign urging us to plan for the renovation is, that on one occasion, a small piece of cement fell from the ceiling, which gave us an alarm warning on safety.

In early 2024, LTS set up a task force to handle the project of renovating the dining hall and kitchen. In our brainstorming, besides fixing the existing problems, we hoped the “new” dining hall could be multifunctional – a venue for dining, holding activities, and classes. We had no idea of how much the project sum was. We initially set our budget at HKD 2 million because we estimated that the 2024 Walkathon Fundraising could raise such an amount. However, after discussing with some professionals, we understood that, not to mention the consultancy fee, it might need an addition of HKD 1 million to cover the rising construction cost. How could we start the project if it would cost more than HKD 3 million? How could we raise additional funding to employ an architect and project manager to ensure the smooth launching of our renovation project?

God is LTS’s sufficiency. He sent Mr. Desmond Tse, an architect, to LTS to assist us voluntarily. Desmond not only helped us design but also manage the process of tendering. Finally, he even took up the role of project manager. Under his professional leadership, the great efforts of our administrative and support staff, and the reliable services provided by the company that won the tender, the renovation was completed within the summer vacation period. Without affecting the new academic



year, the “new,” beautiful, and multifunctional dining hall was commenced for usage in late August 2024. Glory be to God!

How do we settle the HKD 3 million project expenses? Although it seemed “unrealistic” to set our target for the walkathon fundraising as HKD 3 million, the walkathon preparation committee advised us to try it as a faith journey. The reason for claiming “unrealistic” is that we usually raised about HKD 1 million in the previous walkathon fundraisings. The record was HKD 2.3 million

that more donations would come after the walkathon day, but, out of our expectations, we received HKD 0.8 million in the past month. The closing date of the fundraising is December 31, 2024. We are still making an effort on the remaining amount, such as selling the beautiful set of placemats. No matter whether we can meet the target eventually, we have deeply experienced God’s providence during the whole renovation and fundraising process.



in 2018 for the wall repainting project on the whole campus. Moreover, many churches in Hong Kong are facing financial challenges because of the emigration wave and the overall economic situation of this city.

God led us to solve the “software” and “hardware” challenges in our dining service so that the LTS community can enjoy meals in our “new” dining hall every day. Moreover, He provided an invaluable lesson for us to experience His faithfulness and abundance. When His servants try their best to do His ministry with a simple heart, He will protect and provide. ■

God is LTS’s sufficiency. We received a cheque for HKD 0.5 million when we had just launched the walkathon campaign. It was a sign that God had asked us to rely on Him. The amount continually had increased to HKD 1.2 million before the walkathon activity held on October 27. On the walkathon day, 200 participants joyfully walked from the ELCHK Living Spirit Lutheran Church to LTS and participated in the “new” dining hall dedication ceremony. Up to that day, we had raised about HKD 1.96 million. We understood

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen. (Revelation 7:12)



GUIDING SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS

Introducing Our New Faculty Member at LTS

Alison Tsz-wan Hui | Assistant Professor (Christian Spirituality)



I am delighted to introduce myself as a new assistant professor at LTS. My journey of faith began during my secondary school years when I attended an evangelistic meeting and decided to follow Jesus Christ. After graduating from university, I received a divine calling to deepen my understanding and practice of Christian spirituality. This led me to immerse myself in both study and ministry, profoundly shaping my vocation.

As a spiritual director and teacher, I am privileged to hear the struggles and stories of students in their spiritual journeys. Each of us has one life and thus limited experience of God's multifaceted work. By engaging with others and listening to their stories, our lives are enriched, and we come to know God more fully. I am continually astonished and grateful for the marvellous works of God in the lives of my students. Their generosity in sharing their relationships with God fills my heart with immense gratitude. I cherish the diverse ways God connects with individuals, each method uniquely fostering a personal relationship with Him.

Before joining LTS, I worked part-time as a spiritual director at a Christian spiritual centre, The Tao in the World (道在人間), while also pursuing a Doctor of Theology degree at LTS. Although my role has now transitioned to that of an assistant professor, my identity as a spiritual director remains unchanged. On campus, I have ample opportunity to listen to and reflect upon students' spiritual experiences.

Nature is a source of joy for me. Both my home and LTS are surrounded by natural beauty. Every day, I commute

from my rural residence, through bustling cityscapes, to the serene, nature-surrounded campus. The swift lizards, spiders on windowpanes, and stones in the garden are all cherished members of the LTS community. Additionally, I have a passion for coffee brewing. Each morning, I enjoy brewing a fresh cup of coffee, savouring its rich flavours during breakfast while also immersing myself in the taste of God's word. This daily ritual brings me peace and prepares me for the day ahead.

I see my role as a teacher akin to that of a tour guide on a spiritual journey. In the classroom, I aim to teach students about the landscapes they will encounter on their spiritual paths, guiding them on what to appreciate and what to anticipate. Outside the classroom, I accompany students on their spiritual journey, helping them navigate and reflect upon their experiences.

I look forward to journeying with the LTS community, fostering growth and deepening our collective understanding of God's marvellous works. ■



MY INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAM IN GERMANY

Enoch Kwan-nok Ng | M.Div. Year 3

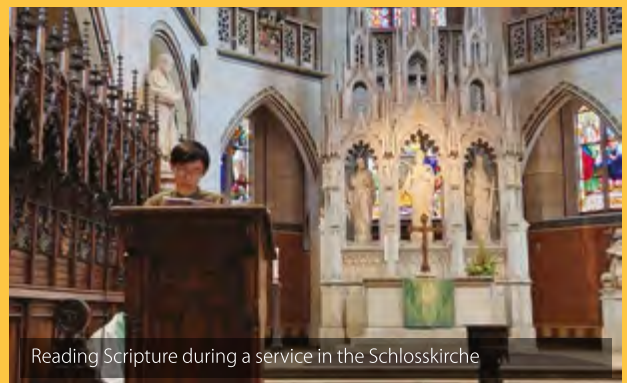


Hallo, ich heiße Enoch (Hello, I am Enoch). By the grace of God, I had the opportunity to participate in the International Study Program co-organised by the United Evangelical Mission (UEM) and the Kirchliche Hochschule Wuppertal (Protestant University of Wuppertal), in Germany, from April to early July. This study program brought together nine students worldwide from Germany, the Philippines, Indonesia, Tanzania, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, and Hong Kong. The co-organisers offered an incredibly great opportunity for pastoral workers and theological students from different continents to gather, study and experience as a group.

The program's theme was "War and Peace as a Theological and Ecumenical Challenge for the Church." We were required to take five courses related to the theme, including systematic theology, homiletics, intercultural theology, and the Old Testament. In addition to our academic works, we visited churches (Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Greek Orthodox), synagogues, and camps. Such learning experiences were enriching and broadened my horizons incredibly. In the classroom, I encountered many topics that were rarely discussed in Hong Kong or at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, such as the doctrines of Islam, the development and influence of Muslims in Europe and Africa, the global mission of the church, especially in the Global South, and diverse interpretations of the Old Testament.

What is more, the learning atmosphere in Germany was quite different from what I had experienced in Hong Kong. Professors there provided ample space and time for students to discuss and present, and students were very proactive in sharing their opinions and asking questions. They were not merely passive recipients of information and knowledge. Through asking sensible questions and having fruitful discussions, our understanding was enriched. Both in class and on various occasions, there were numerous opportunities for us

from diverse cultural backgrounds and circumstances to share our customs, faith journeys, and challenges. It was undoubtedly an invaluable experience.



The diverse combinations of cultures and nationalities provided us with abundant opportunities for cultural exchange. We shared our lifestyles, food, languages, and church lives. Our German fellow students prepared bread and beer for our breakfasts, our Indonesian fellow students shared the challenges of their churches in a Muslim-majority country, and our classmates from the Democratic Republic of Congo shared the war and civil war situation in their country near the borders... Meanwhile, I shared the richness and depth of Cantonese with them. The time we spent together as a group was not only a time for cultural exchange and discussion, but also a treasured time for fellowship and communion. Although we are from diverse backgrounds and cultures, we are one (and catholic) as brothers and sisters in Christ. We also visited Wittenberg and the Schlosskirche (the Castle Church), where Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses. Experiencing this significant place in the history of the Reformation firsthand gave us a deeper understanding of this crucial period in Christianity.

This journey has significantly expanded my perspective and provided me with invaluable insights. I anticipate the opportunity to share my experiences in Germany in person and to contribute these learnings to the betterment of the seminary and church. ■

MISSION ONEWORLD SUMMER SCHOOL

A Journey Turning the "Impossible" into the "Possible"

Matthew Yick-cheung Pang | M.Div. Year 3



Hello, I am Matthew. Before joining LTS, I worked in environmental education, sharing with students about the severe droughts in Africa caused by climate change, which lead to extreme poverty and famine. I have always dreamed of seeing how climate change affects local people's lives and making a difference, but I thought this dream was "impossible." However, God had a wonderful journey planned for me.

I developed a deep friendship with Rev. Dominic Nyambisa from Kenya, a father of four who leads over 700 members in his church. He shared the struggles his congregation faces, including crop failures and pressure from large corporations. After completing the program, Dominic was assigned to an unfamiliar new city to start a new church. He also expressed the heavy pressure he felt from his congregation and family.

I promised Dominic that I would share updates about his new church in Hong Kong and support our brothers and sisters in Africa through prayers and other means. Additionally, I could collect small gifts from the church in Hong Kong to send to Dominic, which might help him connect with the new community. Dominic also invited me to visit his church and congregation in Kenya after graduation.

Through this study program, I met pastors from Africa, opening doors for me to participate in church ministries there!

Praise God; He turned the "impossible" into the "possible"! ■

Thanks to the Seminary's recommendation, I attended the "Climate Justice in Our Churches and Schools" Summer School organized by Mission OneWorld in Germany. During this program, I worked with 27 pastors and experts from Southeast Asia, the Pacific, South America, Europe, and Africa. We discussed the injustices caused by climate change and environmental pollution, looking for ways to speak out for those who are oppressed through church ministries and school education. We also prayed for churches worldwide to confront these injustices.

Above: Group photo with participants of "Climate Justice in Our Churches and Schools" Summer School organized by Mission OneWorld

Right: Photo with Rev. Dominic Nyambisa



CULTIVATE THE HEART- PASS IT ON

Angel Suet-man Lam | Associate Professor (Clinical Psychology & Counseling, Christian Counseling)
Dean of Counseling Studies and Ministry, Director of Companion LeShalom Centre



This year marks the 7th Anniversary of the Companion LeShalom Centre (CLC), a moment to celebrate God's grace. Since its inception in 2015, the "Companion Counseling" training program has profoundly impacted the lives of approximately 400 trainees, nurturing hearts and fostering resilience within our community. CLC is setting new horizons and milestones to expand the vision of Companion Counseling in response to the growing need for compassion and support. Guided by Apostle Paul's encouragement to Timothy,

You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me through many witnesses, entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well.

(2 Timothy 2:1-2)

We are thrilled to introduce the "Train the Trainers Program," designed to equip more trainers and small group tutors for the Companion Ministry of Christian Counseling. This initiative aims to empower graduates from our counselling programs to benefit the community. By integrating the teachings of the Bible, counselling, and spirituality, we strive to promote holistic wellness and equip individuals to serve with God's compassion.

Our goal is to elevate Christian Counseling training and services to benefit more individuals, strengthen their inner selves, and walk alongside others and God. We will harness the experiences gained over the past ten years within Companion Counseling, organizing them systematically and presenting them through two written works, maximizing our mission of cultivation and inheritance.

Through the abundant grace of the Lord, CLC successfully obtained supports from the Norwegian Missionary Society in Norway and the Lund Missionary Society in Sweden. The former is for the "Refresh our

Heart" scheme, and the latter is for the "Train the Trainers Program." We are tremendously grateful and give glory to the Lord.

Following the first briefing session on October 20, 2024, CLC is blessed to have distinguished instructors, including President Emeritus Dr. Simon Chow, Dr. Angel Lam, Dr. Alison Hui, Dr. Stefan Gradl and Dr. Jukka Helle, leading this initiative. They inaugurated the program on November 1, 2024, during our thanksgiving celebration for CLC's 7th anniversary, where trainees expressed their commitment to God in front of over 200 witnesses. May these wish shine brightly, guiding participants to walk steadfastly in the path of the Lord, devoted to doing good for God. ■



On November 5, 2024, President Emeritus Dr. Simon Chow led the first lesson of the Train the Trainers Program, focusing on text-centered Bible study. This engaging session aims to equip trainees with practical methods for learning and teaching the Bible, emphasizing on a deep understanding and exploration of the Biblical text.



The trainees eagerly anticipate further learning through training and supervision in the coming years. We invite you to join us in prayer for the program. Please pray for enriching interactions between instructors and trainees, ensuring that teaching and learning nurture one another, leading to the most fruitful outcomes.

NEW STUDENTS

This fall semester, our seminary has 48 new students. Among them, 31 local students have enrolled in various academic tracks, pursuing Higher Diploma, Master of Arts, Master of Theology, or Doctor of Theology degrees. The pastoral ministry program has grown to 7 students, with 5 new local enrollments and 2 internal transfers from other programs into the Bachelor of Theology. Additionally, we are providing scholarships to 12 students, 8 from Myanmar and 4 from Mainland China. Pages 10 and 11 are self introduction of the new students. We appreciate your prayers for all our students' academic pursuits.

Local



Alex Kin-lok Chan | B.Th.

Hi, I am Alex from Hong Kong & Macau Lutheran Church Hsin On Church. I am now studying B.Th. I like sports such as badminton and Chinese Tea Ceremony. I look forward to sharing with you.



Andy Yan-shun Tam | B.Th.

I am Andy, from the Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, I am interested in music. I'm currently studying a B.Th. program, hoping to be a good witness for the Lord.



Alan Kwok-fung Tang | B.Th.

Hi, I am Alan, belonging to Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Sun Chui Church, year 1 student of B.Th. I like coffee and look forward to sharing my faith and life stories with you.



Naomi Ka-yam Chan | DDP-BM

Hello, my name is Naomi, belonging to Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Fanling Hoi Luen Tsung Tsin Church. I am the first and also the only one (for the time being) studying in Bachelor of Christian Studies and Master of Divinity (Dual Degree). I like travelling to different countries and experience the fun of cultural differences.



Evelyn Wing-yan Chan | M.Div.

Hello, my name is Wing, from ELCHK Living Lutheran Church. I like travelling and driving around with friends. This year, I experienced a-month-solo-travel with backpack. It was so amazing and a blessing to me!



Jessica Sze-nga Mak | M.Div.

Hello, my name is Jessica. I am from the Vine Church, currently in my first year of the Master of Divinity program. I enjoy experiencing life and exploring the extraordinaries in the ordinary, discovering hidden gems and the beauty of God's creation.



Esther Kin-ye Ng | M.Div.

Hello everyone, my name is Esther. I am from Yan Tsz Church of The Church of United Brethren in Christ Hong Kong. I am thankful for the opportunity to study at LTS.



Overseas



San Lwin | MA-M

Hello, I am San Lwin (Sasa) from Chin State of Myanmar, serving as a pastor at Mara Evangelical Church, which is a member of Lutheran World Federation. I am furthering

my study in M.A in Mission at LTS in order to improve my leadership skills. I am indeed very happy to be here as a student. I hope that studying and spending precious time at LTS will be a great blessing for my ministry.



Cho Cho Than | MA-T

My name is Cho Cho Than. I belong to the Wa minority ethnic group in Myanmar. Now, I am studying Master of Arts in Theology. I come to LTS to equip myself in

leadership skills and theological education with the goal of contributing more to my community. My passion is to serve God through His given talents and to help needy people.



K Phung Ram | M.Th.

Hello! This is K Phung Ram from Myitkyina, Kachin state of Myanmar. I am a Master of Theology first-year student. I focus on New Testament and I am glad to be

here because LTS provides well-knowledged professors, a resourceful library, delicious food, a comfortable accommodation, and a full scholarship as well. I hope I will upgrade my theological insights and my spiritual life in LTS. After finishing my degree, I will go back to my hometown and serve in teaching ministry in my college. Thank you!



Naw Cynthia Moe | D.Th.

I am Naw Cynthia Moe, a faculty member at Karen Baptist Theological Seminary in Yangon, Myanmar. I have 24 years of ministry experience and my specialization

is the Old Testament. To deepen my theological knowledge, I decided to take a study leave to join LTS. After graduation, I plan to return to my teaching role at the Seminary.



Naw Eh Khu | D.Th.

My name is Naw Eh Khu, but you can call me Eh Khu. I come from Myanmar serving as lecturer at the Robert Luther Pokey Memorial Theological Seminary (RLPTS) in

Myanmar. My hobbies include raising pets, volunteering, and reading. My goal is to complete my D.Th. program in three years. After that, I aim to become a devoted servant of God and contribute as much as I can, not only in the Seminary but also in the community.



Naw Lwai Wah Paw | D.Th.

I am Naw Lwai Wah Paw from Hinthada Karen Baptist Bible School, which is located in the city of Hinthada, Ayeyarwady Region, Myanmar. As my

school has a plan to upgrade the academic level from undergraduate to graduate, I come to LTS to pursue higher education. Now, I am doing D.Th. program in the New Testament. After graduation, I will go back to my Bible school and serve as a full-time lecturer.

Mainland China



Guanfu Lin | M.Div-T

I am Guan-fu Lin, currently serving at the Jiangxi Provincial Christian Council, Jiangxi Bible School and Jiangxi Provincial Grace Church. I hope that through pursuing

the Master of Divinity program, I can broaden my horizons, enrich my knowledge, stimulate my thinking and enhance my understanding and friendship with brothers and sisters in a multi-cultural environment. Please pray that I can improve my English and Cantonese, and enjoy a lovely campus life at LTS.



Zhen Ren | M.Div-T

My name is Ina, coming from Changsha in Hunan Province, and serving at the Hunan Christian Council. I have been serving in the church for 15 years. I am a

bachelor of theology and now pursuing a Master of Divinity program in order to respond to the need of the church, and make enhancement on my personal growth. LTS provides me with an immersive, multicultural, and vibrant learning environment. I hope to make progress in both theological knowledge and spirituality, so that I can better serve God.



Dan Wang | D.Th.

Hello, I am Dora, coming from Chengdu, Sichuan. I am glad to meet you in LTS. Though a bit late, we have come to LTS finally. I serve as a teacher at Sichuan

Theological Seminary for seven years, and occasionally rendering assistance in the church. I come to LTS because I realized the need for further improvement in my ministry. New Testament is my major study. I hope to improve my theological knowledge and also make more new friends in Christ.



Xiao-yin Zhuang | D.Th.

Hello, my name is Xiao-yin Zhuang, coming from the Zhengzhou Christian Church in Henan Province. I serve at the Changjiang Road Christian Church. My

major study is Christian Ethics, and I hope to deepen my reflection on faith and improve myself through my studies at the seminary.

LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

47th Graduate List 2024

NAME	CONGREGATION	NAME	CONGREGATION
Higher Diploma in Christian Counseling		in Biblical Studies (Intensive)	
Chan, Yuk Lin	ELCHK Ling On Lutheran Church	Li, Li Jun	
Chow, King Fong	Abounding Grace Baptist Church	in Diakonia (Intensive)	
Fu, Siu Ping	CRCHKS Chinese Rhenish Church, Fanling	Cai, Xue Fang	
Lam, Shuk Yuen	Hong Kong Evangelical Yantin Church	Cao, Li Li	
Leung, Wai Sik	LCHKS St. Matthew's Lutheran Church	Chang, Dan	
Li, Lai Ching	Western District Evangelical Church	Li, Jian Feng	
Tsoi, Chi Ming	ELCHK Anointed Grace Lutheran Church	Lin, Wan Gui	
Wong, Oi Har Kitty	ELCHK Peace Lutheran Church	Ma, Ming	
Graduate Diploma		in Marketplace (Intensive)	
Yeung, Lai Yee Grace	Shatin Baptist Church	Liu, Wen Quan	
Bachelor of Christian Studies in Christian Counseling		in Pastoral Counseling (Intensive)	
Wong, Siu Wai Solomon	CRCHKS Chinese Rhenish Church, Kowloon	Wang, Zhou Hua	
Bachelor of Theology		Zhu, Shu Hong	
Chan, Chi Kwan	C&MA Tuen Mun Alliance Church	in Theology (Intensive)	
Yeung, Tsz Yan	ELCHK Anointed Grace Lutheran Church	Chen, Sui Sheng	
Master of Arts		Yang, Yong Chun	
in Theology		Zhang, Cheng Tao	
Yiu, Siu Fung	ELCHK The Martinson Memorial Lutheran Church	Master of Divinity	
in Christian Counseling and Spiritual Direction		Lam, Chun Yin	Ngau Tau Kok Peace Evangelical Centre
Wu, Alice Kar Ping	EFCC Yan Fook Church	Li, Kar Kee	TTMHK Kam Tai Church
in Christian Counseling		Luo, Ya	Guizhou Province Christian Council (Guizhou)
Cheung, Ming Kwan	Kowloon City Evangelical Church Tak Bo Church	Wu, Silas	Christian Heavenly Grace Church
Ng, Long Shu Janice	TMCHK Chinese Methodist Church	Yuen, Kai Lung	Fanling Assembly of God
Tse, Sheung Lan	EFCC Glorious Grace Church	Zhu, Qiao Li	Datong East Christian Church (Shanxi)
in Christian Spirituality		Master of Divinity (Intensive)	
Lam, Choi Pik	Open Door Baptist Church	Chen, Wei	
Liu, Lai Fun	EFCC Woot Chuen Church	Chen, Yu Yang	
Ting, Winny	Shatin Baptist Church	Li, Shan	
in Christian Spiritual Direction		Li, Yang Yang	
Chan, Hu Yan Sarah	Belfast Chinese Christian Church	Wang, Fu Xing	
Chan, Wing Kin	TMCHK Tseung Kwan O Methodist Church	Wang, Yan Bo	
Lam, Ken Chung Simon	Island Evangelical Community Church	Master of Theology	
Lam, Ming Chu	C&MA Shatin Alliance Church	Ai Khun	Wa Bible School (Myanmar)
in Diakonia		Cai, Hong Qiang	Ningbo Christian Council (Zhejiang)
Law, Sio Fan	Ha Wan Evangelical Church (Macao)	Chan, Kam Ping Beryl	ELCHK Truth Lutheran Church
		Chung, Edmon Wang On	Christ Church Kowloon Tong
		Chung, Yiu Man	LCHKS Sharon Lutheran Church
		Keung, Lai Yee	EFCC Tai Koo Shing Church
		Khup Zo Mang	Tedim Theological College (Myanmar)
		Law, Chi Ki Andrew	TTMHK Ma On Shan Church

Lo, Pui Yi Eva	CCC Cheung Chau Church
Ngin Lam Cin	Tedim Theological College (Myanmar)
Nu Ra	Jan Mai Baptist Church (Myanmar)
Sa Khaing Htoo	Pwo Kayin Theological Seminary (Myanmar)
Saw Tha Shee Kapaw	Karen Baptist Theological Seminary (Myanmar)
Wong, Hin Fung Haven	The Great Commission Church of Australia
Yam, Yuen Fai Paul	Church of the Saviour (Methodist)
Yan Kho Lin	The Methodist Church (Myanmar)

Doctor of Ministry

Fu, Wei He	Shenzhen Buji Christian Church (Guangdong)
Lau, Kam Sing	Yuen Long Kam Kwong Church
Li, Yun Gen	Jiangxi Bible School (Jiangxi)

Doctor of Theology

Harvey Van Bik	Chin Christian University (Myanmar)
Hui, Tsz Wan Alison	C&MA Kornhill Alliance Church
Than Laing	Rev. Dr. R.L. Pokey Memorial Theological School (Myanmar)

Theological Education by Extension Graduates

NAME	CONGREGATION	NAME	CONGREGATION
Certificate for the Heartful Journey to Life Ministry			
Chow, Chi Leung Raymond	CRCHKS Chinese Rhenish Church, Tsuen Wan	Lui, Tin Yan Eugene	ELCHK Faith Love Lutheran Church
Pang, Ka Ping	C&MA Wah Kee Alliance Church	Master of Arts in Christian Studies	
Yeung, Yin Chi	Fanling Assembly of God Church	Lee, Wing Hang	TTMHK Kau Yan Church (Fanling)
Diploma for the Heartful Journey to Life Ministry			
Lam, Sheung Pik Jennifer	TMCHK Lai Yiu Methodist Church	Ma, Man Chun	HKSKH St. Stephen's Church
		Wan, Lik Man Billy	New Life Chinese Lutheran Church (Canada)





PRESIDENT

- ▶ President Tsang attended the "Lutheran World Federation Theological Education and Formation Network Meeting" in Geneva from November 4 to 6.



- ▶ President Tsang and Ms. Hellen Bok, Assistant Coordinator of Mekong Ministry, participated in organizing the MMF (Mekong Mission Forum) Annual Forum in Bangkok from November 19 to 21. This year's theme is "leadership." Our faculty members, Dr. Stefan Gradl (MEW), Dr. Jukka Helle (Felm), Dr. Dag Oredsson (NMS), and Dr. Samuel Dubbelman (ELCA), also attended the meeting.

VISTORS

- ▶ Bente Pahas (Country Director of Denmark, 2nd from left), Erlend Klepsvik Haus (Country Director of Norway, 2nd from right), Silje Kvamme Bjørndal (Secretary General, 4th from left), and Andreas Dybkjær-Andersson (International Director-Programmes & Partnerships, 4th from right) and Dr. Ilse Paakkinen (3rd from right) from Areopagus, along with other colleagues, visited LTS on September 26.



Rev. Dr. Risto Jukko, Director of the Mission Department of the Lutheran Church in Finland, visited LTS and presented a commemorative porcelain plate bearing the church's logo on October 3.



Rev. Reuel Norman O. Marigza, President of the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) and Bishop of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, visited LTS on October 17.

- ▶ Rev. Jenna Bergeson (at the center), the Southeast Asia Regional Representative of ELCA, our former English teacher, visited LTS on November 6.



- ▶ Bishop Henrik Stubkjær (President of the Lutheran World Federation, 8th from left), President Selma Chen (Lutheran Church of Taiwan, 4th from right), Rev. Dr. Sivin Kit (LWF Director of the Theology, Mission & Justice Dept, 9th from left), Rev. Joshua Peters (Executive Secretary of United Evangelical Church in India, 6th from left), Mr. Andreas Dybkjaer-Andersson (International Director – Programmes & Partnerships of Areopagos, 10th from left), Dr. Ilse Paakkinen (Areopagos, 2nd from right) and some leaders from the Danish Seaman's Church paid a courtesy visit to LTS on November 10.



- ▶ Bishop Paul Smith and Miss Erin Kerber of Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA) accompanied by Mr. Leon Chau (General Secretary of CRCHKS) visited LTS on November 12.



- ▶ Rev. Tero Massa, the Regional Director, Asia of Felm visited LTS on November 12.

- ▶ ELCA representatives Rev. Khader El-Yateem (Executive Director for Service & Justice, 4th from left), Rev. Dr. Franklin Ishida (Area Program Director for Asia & Pacific, 5th), Rev. Gabi Aelabouni (Area Desk Director for the Middle East & North Africa, 2nd) together with Rev. Rodny Said (Pastor of Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and Holy Land, 7th) visit LTS on November 12.



- ▶ Rev. Ben Chang (LWF Vice-President for Asia, 10th from left), Rev. Dr. Sivin Kit (LWF Director of the Theology, Mission & Justice Dept, 9th), Rev. Dr. Rospita Siahaan (LWF Asia Secretary, 12th), Ms. Katariina Kiilunen (LWF Capacity Building & Leadership Development, 13th), Rev. Gabi Aelabouni (ELCA Area Desk Director for the Middle East & North Africa, 14th), Rev. Dr. Franklin Ishida (Area Program Director for Asia & Pacific, 16th), Bishop Thomas Lo and his wife (Lutheran Church in Malaysia, 7th & 8th from left) visited LTS and joined the holy communion in the morning service on November 13.



TEACHERS

- ▶ Dr. Junxiao Bai presented papers at the "Sacred Music and Worship Seminar" in July and the "9th Sacred Music and Worship Pastoral Leadership Seminar" in November, both organized by the Hong Kong Church Music Association. She also presented a paper at the "19th International Patristic Conference" at Oxford University in August. In October, she presented a paper at the "13th China Music Aesthetics Symposium" at the Shanghai Conservatory of Music.
- ▶ Dr. Cynthia Chau attended the Asia Conference "Use Your Talents" from November 4 to 7 in Medan, Indonesia, organized by NMS.
- ▶ Rev. Michelle Chiu was invited to be one of the speakers and the worship leader in "the 9th Pastoral Leadership Seminar on Sacred Music and Worship" organized by the Hong Kong Church Music Association from November 6 to 7.

STUDENT

- ▶ Enoch NG (吳君諾 M.Div. Year 3) received the 37th Hong Kong Chinese Christian Churches Union's Scholarship on October 21. The Union awards scholarships annually to outstanding theology students. Each seminary in Hong Kong may nominate one student for consideration.

PUBLICATION

- ▶ *Theology and Life*, No. 41 (2024) "Theological Education: Yesterday . Today . Tomorrow" has been published. The price for local order is HK\$100 with postage included.



WALKATHON UPDATES



Praise the Lord! The 2024 Walkathon Fundraising for the Dining Hall Renovation Project was successfully held on October 27. Over two hundred participants attended and supported the campaign. We thank every individual who contributed financially and through their participation. As of December 6, we raised a total of HK\$2,831,919, a significant step towards our target of HK\$3 million goal. This faithful journey clearly showing us that when we wholeheartedly and simply do God's work, He will pave the way and bless us! Thank God!

WORDS OF PRESIDENT

This year marks the 111th anniversary of LTS. The number "111" reminds me of the Seminary's often-mentioned "three-legged" ministry - Hong Kong, Mainland China, and Southeast Asia. Thanks to God's guidance and the efforts of our predecessors, our theological education not only serves churches in Hong Kong and Taiwan but also those in Mainland China and Southeast Asian countries, primarily in the Mekong River region. This broader scope of service sets LTS apart from other theological seminaries in Hong Kong, providing a multicultural learning environment. In the future, we will continue to optimize our "three-legged" ministry and leverage our multicultural strengths to cultivate those who serve and learn here, enabling them to see God's work and will more broadly!

Dr. Kenneth Tsang



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* The above programs can be completed in English.