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Dear Church Leaders, Pastors, Friends of LTS, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the grace and peace of our Lord be with you always.

Thank you for your unfailing support to the Lutheran Theological Seminary (LTS) and your close interest in the ministry of theological education. As our President Dr. Simon Chow retires on July 1, 2022 after 26 years of dedicated service to LTS, our Board of Directors has approved the nomination of Dr. Kenneth Tsang to assume the mantle of the presidency on the same day. You are cordially invited to the inauguration ceremony to be held on the afternoon of October 16, 2022 (Sunday) at the ELCHK Truth Lutheran Church in Kowloon.

Dr. Tsang, our Associate Professor and an ordained pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong, attained his doctoral degree from LTS several years ago. I enclose a copy of his first sharing in his new position for you to learn more about him.

With the rapid social changes and the unceasing pandemic situation, there are many challenges ahead along the path to the further development of theological education. Please keep staying with LTS and remembering us in your prayers. Your support will help President Dr. Tsang to fix his sight on our Lord in leading LTS to work continuously on the God's entrusted mission of training faithful servants and leaders so that we all can strive together for the faith of the gospel and the glory of God.

Chang Chun Wa



Bishop Rev. Chang Chun-Wa
Chairman of the Board of Directors
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Encl: Sharing of President Dr. Kenneth Tsang

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To Lead while Following Still

How time flies! The one-year preparatory period is over so soon, and I now assume the new position on July 1. Taking up the presidency to lead LTS is an immense responsibility. I had agonized over the appointment. Yet, *I know now* the grace of our Lord is abundant.

When I was young, I studied in a Lutheran primary school and then in a secondary school run by a Pentecostal church. Thus, I was brought up surrounded by the Christian faith, for which I am grateful. After the completion of my secondary education, I followed some classmates to join gatherings at the ELCHK Living Spirit Lutheran Church. I was baptized in 1993 and became a Lutheran member. After graduation from university, I joined the civil service as a social worker in the Social Welfare Department. Then, heeding a call from God, I began to receive pastoral training in LTS in 2005. From that time on, I was determined to submit to God's will in where I go and what I do. Thus, after graduation, I served in the Martinson Memorial Lutheran Church. Later, consequent to the faculty succession arrangement of LTS, I was sent by the church to further my study in Diakonia. I started serving at LTS after being awarded the doctoral degree in 2018.

I am sure that you now understand what my agony was. When I received my calling from God to take up the new position, I had many hesitations. I was green in the field of theological education, while social changes in recent time were complicated. I asked God and myself repeatedly, "Is it me? Can I cope with the challenges?" To escape from what seems a difficult situation, I argued with God, "From my experience, I am confident that I will be a very capable follower, rendering staunch support to the new president to tackle many issues." Eventually, God answered me, "You are still a follower as the president. Didn't you say you will submit to my will in where you go and what you do?" This was a wake-up call and suddenly I saw the light. Yes, I am a follower still and must be submissive.

Such was the development of the situation. With the recommendation of the Board of Directors, the AGM endorsed my nomination on June 5, 2021 and thereafter the one-year preparatory period commenced. In the past twelve months, God has been gracious to me. Indeed, to have such a long period of time



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to prepare myself was a grace. Also, Dr. Simon Chow and Bishop Rev. Chang were there to give me careful guidance. Meanwhile, pastors, co-workers, students and my family were very encouraging and kept praying for me. We had some difficulties in the manpower of our teaching team as well the general office of the seminary, since some emigrated, and some fell ill. But God has filled the vacancies with suitable candidates one by one in recent months. This allows me to experience once again how wonderful and peaceful it is to follow our Lord.

Undeniably, LTS will face challenges ahead. Both Hong Kong and the world are undergoing rapid changes. Under the impact of the emigration trend and the persistent pandemic situation, how will LTS continue to fulfil its mission to equip students as God's servants and church leaders after His own heart? How will LTS build on the rich heritage of the past to provide Christians the theological training with Lutheran tradition as well as to enhance the quality of our academic and spiritual formation, to prepare each student to be a servant leader as wise as a serpent and as innocent as a dove? As the President of LTS, these are the issues I must lead our team to tackle. As a follower of Christ, I, together with my team, must listen to the guidance of our Lord all the time so as to move in the right direction, trusting solely in Him and obeying His guidance wholeheartedly.

I have assumed the new position. I am full of trembling, but when I think of God's protection and leadership, as well as the support of my family, co-workers, and friends of LTS, I can move forward with strength and joy. Thank you to God! Thank you to everyone!

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