

Today's Students, Tomorrow's Pastors  
Today's Seminary, Tomorrow's Churches

香港浸信會神學院   
Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary

# Newsletter

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## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *Hill Road Journal*

*Hill Road Journal* (hereafter *HRJ*) is the academic journal of the Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary. Since its first issue in May 1998, the journal has been regularly published every six months. By the end of this year, we will publish the 40th issue as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the journal's publication. For this reason, we have especially invited the Chief Editor, members of the Editorial Committee and two readers to share their thoughts and feelings about the journal.

### Some Basic Information about *HRJ*

Date of first issue: May 1998

**Mission:** "Open up and develop an arena for academic discussion and build bridges to link academia and the church"

- Features:**
- Each issue has a **designated theme** with several articles exploring that same theme from different perspectives.
  - Most of the themes focus on **the concerns and needs of the church community**.
  - Published biannually, each issue includes three parts: **themed articles, miscellaneous articles, and book reviews**.
  - It is printed in traditional **Chinese** with English abstracts. English articles and book reviews are translated into Chinese.
  - Contributors include HKBTS's teachers, other seminaries' teachers, and scholars from relevant subject areas. They come from **different denominations and countries**.

Voice of *HRJ*'s Chief Editor

## Theological Study and *Hill Road Journal*

*Joshua Cho* President

### Promoting "Church Theology"

HKBTS is a seminary which emphasizes both academic research and puts the Christian faith into real life practice. From 2009 onward, we have focused our attention on promoting "church theology." In this light, it is clear that the series of books (such as the "Church Ethics Series") published, the articles delivered and the content and characteristics of the talks and lectures conducted, all contribute to this goal.

In these eight years, we have humbly walked with God.

Together we have walked the path of grace and reached some important milestones. During this period, we have seen some assuring signs from God. For example, the student intake numbers have increased tremendously. This is not only a quantitative increase; we have also seen our new students' great



capacity for learning and passion for spiritual and intellectual growth. Another example is that God has also given us an excellent faculty team. Our teachers are not only learned scholars with great intellectual depth but also Christians who live a humble and godly life. They are bonded together in love through good times and bad times. United in the love of Christ, they patiently love their students and diligently serve the churches. Furthermore, God has also granted us a convenient means and channel of publication as well as an excellent team of editing staff. This allows us to consistently publish our faculty publication series and *Hill Road Journal*, the academic journal of the seminary. *HRJ* is published twice a year. In these eight years, 16 issues have been published. These signs are marks of God's grace and also indications of HKBTS's teaching and research, as well as the footprints of teachers and students who put into practice in their own lives what they have taught and learned in the seminary. *HRJ* is a testimony to the effort HKBTS has made to bring together academic excellence and putting faith into practice.

### **The Turning Point of *HRJ***

In 1998, the seminary published the first issue of *HRJ* with the purpose of "building bridges between the academic circle and the churches," and "fostering an integration of academic research and church ministry." *HRJ* has now been published for twenty years, and it has been going smoothly and has produced plenty of fruit. Ever since I was appointed to be the Chief Editor in 2000 until today, I can bear witness to its growth and have delightfully enjoyed the whole process. I still remember the hard times we came across in the early years. At that time, we invited designated writers to contribute articles to *HRJ* and in return they were paid for the manuscript submitted. However, not just a few "eminent writers" did not live up to their promise to submit articles.

The year 2000 was a turning point for *HRJ*. To make *HRJ* a meaningful journal and to avoid wasting paper, we decided to reform our policies. To do this, we extended the scope of writers invited, taking into consideration their academic quality and research ability on the one hand, and abolishing the practice of paying writers a manuscript fee. The first issue after such a reform was published in June 2001 with the theme "Pneumatology." We printed one thousand copies. To our amazement, they were sold out in half a year. This was a "miracle" in the eyes of the publishing world which barely knew of the existence of *HRJ* at that time.

Indeed, we really put a lot of time and effort into *HRJ*. For example, we strengthened the manuscript review process by spending more time on communicating with the contributors and editing in order to preserve the article's original meaning while making it easier for readers to understand. All along, we take meticulous care to edit the article and take pains not only to preserve the style and intention of the contributor but also to abide by the principle of academic freedom. Although such an editing process increases the cost of publication for *HRJ*, we keep up this attitude and practice because the journal encourages academic research, and allows scholars and our teachers to communicate with pastors and the lay public in order to stimulate their reflection on faith and broaden their vision. In addition, with the needs of the Chinese churches in mind, all English manuscripts are translated into Chinese for the convenience of the general reader.

### **The Team of Synergoi**

Furthermore, those teachers and I on the Editorial Committee have a lot of mutual understanding and joyful cooperation. As each issue of *HRJ* has a designated theme, we first decide on the theme and then seek appropriate contributors to write 5 to 6 articles to explore this theme from different perspectives. Every time the Editorial Committee comes together to decide on the theme for an issue, it is not hard for us to come to a consensus. Sometimes, we can choose the themes for the next 2 to 3 issues in just half an hour. What is more incredible is that, one time, it only took us five minutes to discuss and choose the theme and the perspectives to approach the theme. In addition, I am also pleased to see that our teachers are willing to write for *HRJ* with neither difficulty nor reluctance. Our teachers and scholars (regardless



*Hill Road Journal* Editorial Committee Meeting in progress

of whether they are from Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Taiwan, Mainland China, USA, Canada, UK, Poland or Finland) feel excited about the invitation and accept it with great delight. I need to make a remark here. Beginning in 2009, I set a theme for every school year. Teachers in the seminary will always interact with the theme in some way or it seems that some tacit understanding exists. We have all become *synergoi*. Over the years, such themes have included hospitality, mission, preaching, pastoral care, and Christian education. The purpose of the theme is to inspire our teachers and students to think, discuss and interact together on a particular topic. I have never imposed any pressure on the faculty by any administrative means. Our teachers, however, voluntarily teach students according to this set theme and actively make a concordant response to it. In such an atmosphere, several themes in *HRJ* are actually a direct response to the seminary's learning themes.

Over these past years, I have found our teachers to be happily doing inter-disciplinary integration as they go from their own professional field into different fields of study, such as missiology, homiletics, pastoral studies, Christian education and ethics. Generally speaking, in the academic world most scholars dedicate their full attention to academic research in their own professional fields. If they do inter-disciplinary integration, they need to spend extra time and energy. Whether they are willing to extend their field of research and whether they have sufficient research competence in doing academic crossover work is another problem. After all, staying in one's own professional field is much easier, more safe and comfortable. As for HKBTS's teachers, maybe they know full well that their ministry is dedicated to serving the churches, they are willing to do inter-disciplinary research as they seek to propose the way the church should develop by making use of the theological wisdom of our teachers. Based on the reasons mentioned

above, since 2001 up until today, we have never had to cease publication because of insufficient manuscripts; on the contrary, we have sufficient contributions for the publication of two to three issues.

### **Meeting the Needs of Our Churches**

*HRJ* is not a purely academic journal; it does not just talk the talk, neither does it not focus on practice nor disregarding effectiveness. *HRJ* is a journal beyond academic research. It is concerned with the body of Christ, that is the church. What concerns us most when deciding the theme must always be the needs of the church. Therefore, many of the themes in *HRJ* are related to pastoral ministry. For example, the themes of several recent issues are "mission," "peacemaking," "spiritual care," "hospitality," and "Christian education." They all talk about pastoral ministry in order to lead pastors, theological educators, seminary students and our lay readers to engage in theological reflection. The articles target pastoral ministry in churches and they are written with a solid biblical and theological foundation. In exploring each theme in *HRJ*, most of the articles take the Bible as the basis and the starting point of their study.

### **Outside Echoes**

As far as *HRJ* is concerned, it has been highly acclaimed by a good number of theological educators and pastors for maintaining high research standards.. Not a few famous universities and theological colleges are *HRJ*'s regular subscribers. They include Yale University Divinity School, Princeton Theological Seminary, Regent College, Fuller Theological Seminary, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. *HRJ* has also become specified reading material for local and overseas pastors who are eager to do in-depth theological reflection.

Apart from the enthusiastic participation of our teachers, the reason for *HRJ* to be widely welcomed must also be attributed to several staff workers who carefully edit the manuscripts to increase its readability. They are Mr. Ernest Ho, Mrs. Winnie Kung, and Mr. Joseph Yiu. One of them disciplines herself when editing the academic writing with a prayerful heart. She earnestly prays that every issue of *HRJ* will be a quest for excellence.

Being *HRJ*'s Chief Editor, I am pleased to share with the *HRJ*'s readers the joy of supporting the growth of HKBTS in the past twenty years. Here, I sincerely thank each of the teachers and friends in the academic world who have contributed theme articles, miscellaneous articles or book reviews to *HRJ*.



The Editorial Committee members and staff workers of the Publication Office (from right: Mrs. Winnie Kung, Mr. Ernest Ho and Mr. Arthur Ng, a newly-joined staff)

## *Hill Road Journal, Taking a Detour*

**Andres Tang** Professor of Christian Thought (Theology and Culture)

*Hill Road Journal* is an academic journal. This is clear. Yet, an academic journal is not necessarily “out of touch,” or impractical like a castle in the sky. This point needs to be identified. Without pure mathematics such as calculus, there cannot be developments in science, economics and industrial engineering. *HRJ* is not a journal dedicated purely for the sake of academic scholarship. Its ultimate purpose is to serve our church community so as to put our faith into practice more broadly and in greater depth.

Faith is the beginning and also the terminus of *HRJ*, but the relationship between the two is not linear but more like a curving railroad line, passing by the station of knowledge. We are simply putting the classical meaning of “faith seeking understanding” into practice because “knowledge without faith is blind while faith without knowledge is empty.” We greatly value the creation of the human mind by the triune God.

Through *HRJ*, HKBTS serves our churches, not only Baptist churches but also churches of other denominations. This happens in an indirect way or in ways that are a bit subtle. For example, the seminary does directly serve our churches; in fact, most of our teachers preach in Sunday Services or deliver topical lectures about the Christian faith in churches. However, the basis of this kind of service consists in research and study behind the scenes; *HRJ* is reflecting their efforts in this subtle area.

The church community itself does not necessarily have the time or dedicated talent to understand faith in great depth. It is here that *HRJ* fills in the gap. This is especially true when the church community finds that its situation, whether internal

or external, is constantly changing. So, there is a need to make use of the faith of the church community as a resource to understand and respond to these changes. Owing to the limitations of each of the church community, it is not necessarily possible for her to renew its faith tradition promptly. Here, *HRJ* seeks to take a step forward and to take the lead to think and study issues of faith arising from a certain contemporary situation in the form of a series of printed articles. We hope that our publication can be a source of knowledge and a valuable resource for the church community.

*HRJ*'s authors are not confined to HKBTS. No doubt our teachers always contribute articles. This is another detour — going by a roundabout route — to engage in vigorous discussion with teachers and scholars from other seminaries which include Lutheran, Reformed, Anglican or other Free / Believers' churches. Faith learning has always been communal, because through other people's study which is different from ours, not only can we broaden our understanding of Christian faith, but we can also understand more clearly and accurately the differences and limitations of our own faith tradition.

To take a detour, though indirectly, does not mean that it is unnecessary or serves no purpose and therefore we can ignore or even abandon such a service. Going by a roundabout route to serve is still a ministry service; although it seems to be hidden, but yet this is the willing service of *Hill Road Journal*.



## The Amazing *Hill Road Journal*

**Wong Fook-kong** *Professor of Old Testament*

It has been a pleasure serving as a member of the Editorial Board of *Hill Road Journal* all these years. As an editor of the journal, I naturally hope that people are reading them. Therefore, I was pleasantly surprised when a Bible professor from Australia emailed me to ask for the English version of one of my articles a year or two ago. It appeared that one of his students (probably a Chinese student from Hong Kong) quoted the article and it got him interested in it. I was of course very happy that people as far as Australia were reading our journal. We must be doing something right! At the same time, it was also a sobering thought and a reminder that we have to maintain the quality of our articles. Seminary students are reading them and, even, quoting them in their assignments. And their teachers, our peers from a foreign country, may read them as well.

I am also happy about the fact that we have been involving our Th.M. students more and more in writing book reviews in the last few years. Many graduate students in the west start publishing by writing book reviews. It is a good practice as most of what constitutes good research and writing are involved: careful reading of the source material, accurate representation of the view(s), fair response to the other people's views, and good prose writing. For this reason, involving our Th.M. students is a natural progression for both our journal and our graduate program.

At the same time, it is also an encouragement to our graduate students. I remember I was having a difficult time with

one of my students some time ago. He was impatient to graduate and was getting sloppy in his research and writing. I had to correct him repeatedly and basically gave him a hard time. It was an unpleasant experience for both of us. I knew he was getting discouraged and so I tried to come up with something to encourage him. Since we needed people to write book reviews, I proposed his name. To cut the story short, his review was published in one of our issues and he was so happy that he posted the news in his Facebook. It didn't make writing his thesis any easier but I think it gave him a much needed moral boost.

Modern people are very busy. This is certainly true in Hong Kong but it is also true in many other places. Taking the time to read something deeper or more complex than the average newspaper article is not easy. Nevertheless, it is time well spent since it actually saves time. It takes more time to do the research necessary to produce an article in our journal than to read it. The readers are acquiring knowledge quicker than if they have to do the research themselves. And this does not include the years spent preparing the author for the research.

In conclusion, I have this to say about our journal: Get it; read it; now!



## The Pain and Joy of Giving Birth

**Nathan Ng** *Professor of Christian Thought (Church History)*

Publication resembles giving birth; on hearing the good news of pregnancy, we always feel happy and excited. I began serving in HKBTS in early 2001 when several issues of *Hill Road Journal*, which was founded 20 years ago, had been published. Soon afterwards, I was fortunate to be invited to be the Issue Editor of Issue Eleven in 2003 when I could try my hand at the manuscript invitation, review and proofreading processes. From that issue onward, *HRJ* included the miscellaneous article section. The task was challenging but joyful. Afterwards I continued to have the opportunity to be the Issue Editor for three more

issues, and to write more than 10 articles. My involvement has increased since then. In 2010, upon the invitation of President Joshua Cho to join the Editorial Committee, I happily accepted the offer because I have always felt a duty to pursue work related to academic research.

Publication resembles giving birth; it is inevitable to bear a heavy burden as in the pregnancy stage.



For many seminary students, reading anything serious such as an academic article is a chore. Being an Editorial Committee member, besides carefully reading articles and book reviews, I need to give each contribution comments. When there are deficiencies in the manuscript, I must propose appropriate amendments and communicate with the author of the article so that the ultimately published article can be perfected through our dedication and hard work. With the journal being gradually recognized by more Chinese scholars, recently many scholars from a great variety of backgrounds have voluntarily submitted articles or book reviews to *HRJ*. Yet, some of these works are inadequate and not appropriate for publication. The number of manuscripts having been reviewed and then rejected by the Editorial Committee is, in contrast, more than those published.

Publication resembles giving birth; the agony of child-birth is unavoidable. The service of the Editorial Committee members is an extra responsibility beyond the usual academic duty as required by the Seminary. The daily teaching load, research, writing and regular duties of the seminary faculty will not be reduced because of *HRJ*'s editorial work. As *HRJ* can only be accomplished through the communal efforts of a good number of individuals, to avoid delaying the publication progress, even when I am sick, on vacation, or traveling overseas, I still need to provide a timely response. I remember early last year when I was on sabbatical leave, I still needed to be responsible for work

as a manuscript reviewer. At that time, I was struggling with recurrent bladder cancer and waiting for my operation at the hospital. From my mobile phone I received inquiry on matters about the journal's publication. As I thought that recovery after the operation would take some time, I reluctantly took the limited amount of time available to review the document quickly and give a proper reply.

Publication resembles giving birth; upon seeing the baby being born, all the pain and agony will quickly be forgotten. Undoubtedly, a *HRJ* Editorial Committee member has many duties to attend to, but seeing that a journal of academic quality is successfully published one issue after another, my heart is full of gratitude. I always have the opportunity to share messages in churches in many different areas and by chance I would often hear pastors, alumni and seminary students who share with me what they have gained from reading *HRJ*. In this way, I have come to realize the contribution of the journal to the Chinese churches as far as the study of Christianity is concerned and take pride in having played a part in this ministry. Today, as Chinese theological educators generally assume numerous duties and are exceptionally busy, it is not an easy task for the seminary to maintain *HRJ* being published on time; I hope that all our friends can give us more support through prayers and their actions so that more high-quality scholarly journals will be published one after another in the years ahead.

## Readers' Response

### In-depth Faith Reflection and an Integration of Theology and Practice

*Sin Kam-kong* Conservative Baptist Missionary in Macau

*Hill Road Journal*, being rich in content, is the result of masterful research by a good number of theological educators, and it provides me with the best impetus for in-depth faith reflection on certain areas of my ministry such as pastoral ministry (issues 1, 12, 15, 24), preaching (issue 10), teaching (issues 13, 24), leadership and missions (issues 9, 18, 30).

From the perspective of "users" or "customers," reading *HRJ* is the process of re-interpretation of both theology and inter-disciplinary integration for our target audience. In the process, whether we accept or receive, whether we find the content relevant and practicable, whether we get help and whether our life quality will be improved depends on whether we regard "listening" as the center of communication, just

like the propagation of the gospel (Rom 10:14-15). From the communicator to the receiver, "listening" becomes the emphasis for both sides. This also enables both to return to the core. This too is the impulse for both to take on new challenges. From the angle of "communication" and "reception" alone, no differentiation should be made between the two. Nor should we make any comparison. In modern language, we are the "stakeholders," who need to be humble to remain open to each other, especially to God above. Only then can we meet in the form of inter-subjectivity, from being to becoming. In this way, we can make the most out of each other.

***Hill Road Journal* helps to broaden my horizons. Putting into practice what has been integrated allows me and the**

community that I serve to get the most out of life and see our lives transformed. There is a group of experts in theology and writing who themselves “listen” to reality and then make

revisions and improvements, humbly allowing the “communicator” and the “audience” to come together to meet more fully so that they enrich each other and live life to the fullest.

## Readers' Response

### If There Were No *Hill Road Journal* . . .

Wong Shun-shing *Th.M. Student*

If there were no *Hill Road Journal*, what a big pity it would be. *HRJ* reveals the passion for learning of HKBTS's teachers and scholars and their love for the Chinese churches. Each of these teachers and scholars has his / her expertise: some are adept at theology and doctrine, some are well versed in the Old and New Testaments, and some are conversant in ethical thinking. By reading *HRJ*, I enter into their knowledge and through their perspectives, I can see the past, present and future possibilities of the world of theology and our churches.

We, as students, are taught in HKBTS that theological education is a lifelong pursuit. After obtaining our graduation certificate and working busily in the ministry field, we tend to forget this exhortation. But *HRJ* reminds us pastors and ministers that we must still walk on the path of learning. “Pick it up and develop good reading habits” is the challenge my teachers put in front of me. This is also the request from the sheep I serve today. Indeed, I cannot always take advantage of simply refurbishing the “old stuff” just to avoid personally making

a great effort.

To pastors, reading amidst their busy ministry seems to be a luxury. It always takes me several evenings to read through *HRJ*. Nevertheless, I still find it worth the time to climb this mountain of knowledge. I seem to be going on an adventure to deepen my Christian faith and broaden my horizons. **In recalling my experience of reading *HRJ*, I cannot forget the time when I was touched deeply as I read “Witness of the People of God” (Issue 37). Similarly, I cannot forget the days when I was eagerly reading “New Perspective on Paul” (Issue 25) and the exhortation and inspiration gained from reading “Spirituality and Pastoral Ministry”(Issue 15).**

If there were no *Hill Road Journal* ... Fortunately, this is merely an “if”! I pray that *HRJ* will continue to inspire our perceptions and sharpen our thinking, to put on display the content of our faith and be a great blessing to the local and overseas Chinese churches.

## More Information about *HRJ*

### *HRJ*'s Themes in 20 Years

Andres Tang *HRJ's Associate Editor*

The theme of *HRJ*'s first issue is “Character Formation and Church Ministry” while that of the fortieth issue is “Discipline of the Faith Community.” If the first issue and the fortieth one have some kind of representation, they indicate certain *HRJ* characteristics: ***HRJ* is concerned about the Church and engages in serious reflections on faith.** After having categorized the themes of these 40 issues, it is not hard to arrive at this conclusion (refer to the pie chart below).

*HRJ* is not simply an academic journal. While the journal delivers themes on biblical studies, church history and doctrine / theology, *HRJ* offers many more themes on pastoral ministry and lay ethics. What must be noted is that these *HRJ* articles

within the category of shepherding and ethics take more than one approach: both biblical studies and church history, as well as doctrine or theology. Besides, even when it is dealing purely with biblical studies, church history, doctrine or theology, what is discussed is not limited to academicians who talk amongst themselves but rather is **targeted to the needs of the faith community.** From this perspective, over the past 20 years, *HRJ* has never deviated from its original goal: “Building bridges between the academic circle and the churches,” and “fostering an integration of academic research and church ministry as well as the lives of faith of the lay people.”

**Church Shepherding (15 issues)**

Issue No.	Theme
40	Discipline of the Faith Community
38	Christian Education
34	Spiritual Care
30	Mission
24	<i>Discipleship</i>
21	<i>Worship as Ethics</i>
18	<i>Theology and Practice of Mission</i>
15	Spiritual Formation and Pastoral Ministry
13	Rethinking Children Religious Education
12	Theological Reflection of Pastoral Care
10	The Living Word: Preaching in the 21st Century
9	Church and the Religiously Pluralistic Situation
5	Worship Renewal: The Way to Go?
3	Women in Ministry
1	Character Formation and Church Ministry

**Doctrine or Theology (9 issues)**

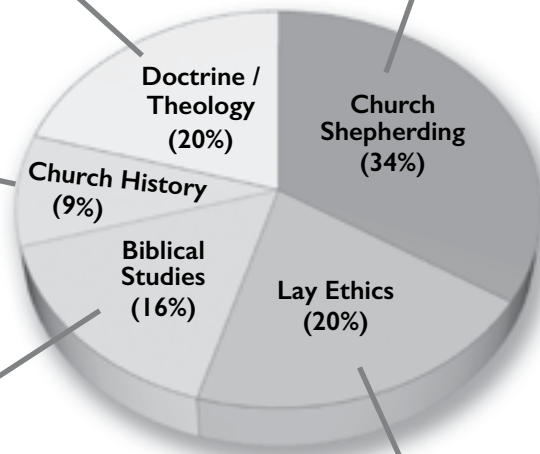
Issue No.	Theme
36	<i>Theological Interpretation</i>
31	Public Theology
29	Spiritual Theology
23	Theology and Psychology
20	Theology and Art
19	Body as a Metaphor of the Church
18	<i>Theology and Practice of Mission</i>
14	Ecclesiology
7	Pneumatology

**Church History (4 issues)**

Issue No.	Theme
39	Spirits and Traditions of the Reformation
32	Baptist Faith and Polity
26	400th Anniversary of Baptist: Heritage Revisit
11	Exhortation of Church History

**Biblical Studies (7 issues)**

Issue No.	Theme
36	<i>Theological Interpretation</i>
28	Biblical Theology
25	New Perspective on Paul
17	Old Testament Ethics
8	Old Testament Studies
6	Study and Interpretation of the Book of Revelation
2	Interpretation of the Bible



**HRJ's Themes in 20 Years**

**Lay Ethics (9 issues)**

Issue No.	Theme
37	Witness of the People of God
35	Hospitality
33	Peacemaking
27	Family
24	<i>Discipleship</i>
22	Forgiveness
21	<i>Worship as Ethics</i>
16	Phronesis
4	Study of Homosexuality

\* The words in italic means that issue belongs to more than one category.



## Why It Was Called “Hill Road” ?

Since 1956, HKBTS was located at 1 Homantin Hill Road until 1999 when it was relocated to the Sai O campus. Over a period of 43 years, HKBTS's teachers and students, one generation after another, walked up and down Homantin Hill Road. Every day as they walked, they learned to adopt the attitude of the pilgrims who sang the Songs of Ascent in the Hebrew Psalter as they made their way uphill towards Jerusalem.

“Hill Road” carries the teachers' and students' collective memories of HKBTS's Homantin campus and also symbolizes their quest for holiness and academic excellence. In 1998, when the seminary's academic journal was born, it only seemed natural for the journal to adopt the name “Hill Road.”

### Academic Affairs News

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#### 1. Two Mission Trips: Macau and Cambodia

Our students took part in a three-day mission trip held from June 10 to 12 which was organized by the Mission Department of the Student Union. They visited Macau churches and learned more about the ministry of the local missionaries there and also the culture of Macau. This trip helped to enrich the students' understanding of mission outreach ministry in places where the culture is similar to our own. Besides, this year's graduating students joined a cross-cultural mission trip to Cambodia from June 5 to 13. They learned about the native people of Kuy, who had never heard the gospel of Christ before. Students got to learn about the mission organization's ministry and how they planted churches among the local people. They also came to understand more about human trafficking and the realities of poverty. In addition, they were able to put into practice the ministries of home-visiting and teaching. Direct face to face contact, visits and observation enable our students to learn more about cross-cultural missions, strengthen their determination to serve others, and help build a good foundation for their future pastoral ministries.

#### 2. Faculty Movement

Dr. Clement Shum, Assistant Professor of New Testament, will have his sabbatical leave from August to December.

#### 3. Faculty Retreat

The Faculty Retreat was held from August 1 to 3 with the theme “An Outlook for the Future.” At the retreat, the faculty explored the future of the faculty team and the student body as they sought God's will for the seminary with one heart and mind.

#### 4. Spiritual Formation Camp

HKBTS's students and teachers will attend the Spiritual Formation Camp for the new school year from August 15 to 17. The theme will be “Returning.” Three of our faculty members will deliver theme messages with a view to helping students return from busyness to rest, from the individual self to the community, and from knowledge to faith. Moreover, three sessions will be scheduled: a teacher-to-teacher dialogue, a teacher-to-student dialogue, as well as a student-to-student dialogue. Through quietness, worship, listening to messages and mutual sharing, students will be better prepared for the journey of learning in the new school year.

## 5. Opening Convocation

The Opening Convocation 2017-18 will be held on August 22. The next day will be the Opening Convocation Lecture with Dr. Freeman Huen speaking on the topic, "The Discipline of Listening: Beginning with the Theological Nature of Worship ..."

## Publication News



*Hill Road* (issue 39) was published in June. Coinciding with the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, "The Spirits and Traditions of the Reformation" has been set as the theme of this issue. The journal seeks to trace the ideas and purpose of the

founding of several longstanding denominations. The contributors of this issue also examine the evolution and development of each of these denominations in history. There are six theme articles: "A Question of Meta-Reformation" (Pilgrim W. K. Lo), "Progressing with the Times and Responding to the Challenges: The Contemporary Face of the Reformed Tradition" (Yang-en Cheng), "The Principle of *Via Media* in Anglican Theology, Liturgy, and Biblical Interpretation" (John Y. H. Yieh), "The Birth of Anabaptism: The Controversy between Zwingli's Students and Their Teacher" (Vincent C. P. Lau), "Denominationism: A Baptist Principle?" (Nathan Ng), and "Quakers: Beginning and Ending with Silence" (Andres Tang). There are also a miscellaneous article and several book reviews. *Hill Road* is available at the Seminary and its town centers as well as in local Christian books stores. For enquiries, please call the Publication Office at 2768 5168.

## Visitors

Rev. Terence C. Y. Man, Executive Secretary of Hong Kong Baptist Mission, and four of its directors visited the Seminary on March 15.

## Faculty News

- **Dr. Andres Tang**, Professor of Christian Thought (Theology and Culture) spoke on "Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer" in Reading the Christian Classics Series organized by Virtue and Wisdom Link on April 20, 27 and May 4, 11 respectively. Besides, Dr. Tang's article, "'But I have this against you': Bonhoeffer's Preaching on Reformation Day" was published in *Behold* 81 (February 2017). Also, Dr. Tang's new book, *Bonhoeffer The Pastor* (Hong Kong: Logos, 2017) was published in July.
- **Dr. Nathan Ng**, Professor of Christian Thought (Church History) spoke on the topic "Baptist Faith and Polity" in a lecture organized by The Baptist Convention of Hong Kong on April 28.

## Alumni News

Alumnus Leung Ping-kong (class of 2000) was ordained pastor by Markham Chinese Baptist Church, Canada on May 28.

### A New Term of the Executive Committee of Alumni Association (2017-19)

Advisor : President Joshua Cho  
President : Wong Mun-lun  
Vice President : Tsang Hing-chung  
Secretary : Lam Mei-ling  
Treasurer : Chan Yee-wah, Elaine  
Academic Department : Cheung Chin-pong  
Spiritual Devotion : Lam Wing-ting  
Coordinator : Cheung Wai-lun  
Care Department : So Mei-ho



# **Lay Theological Education Department**

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## **Student Recruitment 2017-18 (Classes are conducted in Cantonese)**

### **Master of Christian Studies Program (Major in Christian Communication)**

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

The new school term will begin in October.

Early registration concession: enroll on or before July 14, a 50% discount concession on the registration fee.

Registration deadline: August 18

### **Bachelor / Diploma / Certificate Program in Christian Studies**

#### **Choice of Major**

**Certificate Program:** Christian Studies or Music Ministry

**Diploma Program:** Christian Studies, Biblical Studies, Music Ministry, Care and Counseling Ministry

**Bachelor Program:** Christian Studies, Biblical Studies, Music Ministry, Care and Counseling Ministry

Student can directly apply to study in the above part-time evening programs.

The new school term will begin in October.

Classes meet two or three evenings every week.

Early registration concession: enroll on or before July 7, a 50% discount concession on the registration fee.

Registration deadline: July 28

### **Women's Theological Training Certificate Program**

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

The new school term will begin in October. Student recruitment is now in full swing.

### **Youth Ministry Certificate Program**

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

The new school term will begin in October.

Classes meet every Monday evening. The program can be completed in two years.

Early registration concession: enroll on or before July 17, a 50% discount concession on the registration fee.

Registration deadline: September 15

## **Children's Ministry Certificate Program**

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

**The new school term will begin in October.**

**Classes meet every Tuesday evening.**

**Early registration concession: enroll on or before August 11, a 50% discount concession on the registration fee.**

**Registration deadline: September 8**

## **Early Childhood Ministry Certificate Program**

The program is designed to provide holistic and systematic ministry techniques together with theological training for lay Christians devoted to ministering to infants from 2-5 years old. This program helps upgrade students' ministerial techniques and the quality of their spiritual lives so that they can serve the infants and parents more effectively.

**The new school term will begin in October.**

**Classes meet every Friday evening.**

**Early registration concession: enroll on or before August 11, a 50% discount concession on the registration fee.**

**Registration deadline September 8**

## **Mission Ministry Certificate Program**

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

**The new school term will begin in October.**

**Early registration concession: enroll on or before August 15, a 50% discount concession on the registration fee.**

**Registration deadline: September 20**

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For enquiries or registration, please call 2711 2552, email [ltedinfo@hkbtn.edu.hk](mailto:ltedinfo@hkbtn.edu.hk), or log-on to our website: [www.hkbtn.edu.hk/lted](http://www.hkbtn.edu.hk/lted) to download the application form.

## Distance Education Program

### Exploring Truth • Reflecting upon Faith • Equipping for Ministry.

Student Recruitment: The new diploma programs will begin in September 2017 while the certificate programs can begin at any time.

Correspondence Program	Program Description	Admission Requirements	Date of Commencement	Registration Deadline
Diploma in Biblical Studies Program	Through an in-depth study of a specific book of the Bible, students can get in in-depth understanding of the Bible.	Secondary school leavers with their church pastor's recommendation	March and September	<b>March semester :</b> Hong Kong: February 10
Diploma in Christian Studies Program	Designed for equipping students for ministry, the program helps students strengthen their foundation in the Christian faith and doctrine.			Overseas: January 10
Higher Diploma in Biblical Studies / Christian Studies Programs	Further studies for students having completed the diploma program.			<b>September semester :</b> Hong Kong: August 10
Certificate in N.T./O.T. Studies Programs	Introductory programs in biblical studies, leading students to study each specific book of the Bible systematically.	Completion of the diploma program and with a church pastor's recommendation	All are welcome	Overseas: July 10
			Register at any time	

**Elective students:** Students can choose a portion of the subjects offered in the correspondence courses according to their own personal interests. For details, please log on to the Distance Education website: [www.hkpbs.edu.hk/dist](http://www.hkpbs.edu.hk/dist).

Online Program	Program Description	Date of Commencement
<b>Online Version</b> Online Certificate in Old Testament Studies Program  Online Certificate in New Testament Studies Program	* Students can read and download learning materials and course work directly from the website. * Upon completion of the course work, a student may upload it for the tutor to mark and provide comments. * Time-saving, quick and efficient.	* Students can begin at any time with fee concessions. * Trial study of the online program is welcome: <a href="http://elearning@hkpbs.edu.hk">http://elearning@hkpbs.edu.hk</a>

For enquiries, please call 2768 5105, email [deinfo@hkpbs.edu.hk](mailto:deinfo@hkpbs.edu.hk), or log on to the Distance Education website: [www.hkpbs.edu.hk/dist](http://www.hkpbs.edu.hk/dist).

## Pastoral Continuing Education Center

### Courses and talks offered from September to December 2017

Course / Talk	Lecturer	Date	Time
Establishing a Team of Workers with a Shepherding Boundary and Integrity	Rev. Lo Wai-chuen	11/9, 18/9	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Applying Christian Positive Psychology to Pastoral Care	Mrs. Vivien Chan	25/9	9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Church Festivals: Advent and Christmas Worship	Rev. Chan Shing-tung	9/10	2:00 - 5:00 pm
Understanding Contemporary China	Rev. Au Bak-ping	16/10, 23/10, 30/10	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
The Success and Failure of Hezekiah, King of Judea	Rev. Robert Lo	13/11	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Rethinking Group Life	Rev. Bob Lo	20/11, 27/11, 4/12	2:00 - 5:00 pm
Personnel Management and Supervision of Full Time Workers in the Church	Rev. Leung Ting-yick	11/12	9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Looking at Teaching of the Word of God from 2 Timothy	Dr. Victoria Kwok	18/12	2:00 - 5:00 pm

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

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

**Registration :** Application form can be downloaded from the seminary's website or submitted online [www.hkpbs.edu.hk/pce/apply1.html](http://www.hkpbs.edu.hk/pce/apply1.html)

**Enquiries :** You can contact us at 2768 5179 by phone, or [pce@hkpbs.edu.hk](mailto:pce@hkpbs.edu.hk) by email.

# Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary Baptist Heritage Week 2017

## Overall Theme: **The Legacy of Walter Rauschenbusch**

Date: October 24-26, 2017 (Tuesday to Thursday)

**Rev. Dr. David Gushee** is Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics and Director of the Center for Theology and Public Life at Mercer University. Widely regarded as one of the leading moral voices in American Christianity, he is the author or editor of 21 books. Dr. Gushee is the President-Elect of the American Academy of Religion and the President of the Society of Christian Ethics. He is also the Acting Chief Pastor of First Baptist Church of Decatur, Georgia which has a congregation of over 1,400 people.



### Morning Academic Lectures

Date	Topic	Respondent
24/10 (Tue)	<b>Theological Methods</b>	<b>Prof. Jerry Juergens</b> Emeritus Professor of Christian Thought (Theology and History)
25/10 (Wed)	<b>Reshaping a Social Gospel</b>	<b>Prof. Jerry Moyer</b> Emeritus Professor of the Old Testament and Spirituality
26/10 (Thu)	<b>Christian Social Ethics</b>	<b>Prof. Lo Ping-cheung</b> Associate Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Professor of Department of Religion and Philosophy, and Director of Centre for Applied Ethics, Hong Kong Baptist University

Time : 10 am to 12 noon

Venue : HKBTS's Chapel (1 Nin Ming Road, Sai O, Sai Kung North, N.T.)

English lectures with Cantonese translation (Free bus ride to the seminary is available in the morning)

### Evening Public Lectures

Date	Topic
24/10 (Tue)	<b>How to Discern the Truth?</b>
25/10 (Wed)	<b>What Is Our Message?</b>
26/10 (Thu)	<b>Engaging Society and Its Problems</b>

Date : October 24 – 26 (Tuesday to Thursday)

Time : 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Venue : Immanuel Baptist Church

(1 Fortune Street, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon; close to Cheung Sha Wan MTR station, take exit B)

Lecture in English with Chinese interpretation

Public lecture Free of Charge Registration on the web All are welcome  
For enquiries or registration: log on HKBTS's website [www.hkbts.edu.hk](http://www.hkbts.edu.hk) in August

## Financial Report

### General Fund, 1 March - 31 May 2017

	HK\$
Income	8,828,509.23
Expenditure	<u>(8,850,565.61)</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)	<u><u>(22,056.38)</u></u>

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HK\$	<u>311,960.60</u>

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無名氏	80.00
無名氏	42.20
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HK\$	<u>125,528.27</u>

### Scholarship and Bursary Fund

陳禮文伉儷	HK\$	<u>20,000.00</u>
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### Faith, Hope and Love Project

吳國傑伉儷(彼得助學金)	10,000.00
曹偉彤(神學領域開拓備用金)	40,000.00
溫恩智執事伉儷(擴建學院工程)	100,000.00
HK\$	<u>150,000.00</u>

### Lay Theological Education Program

杜桂鵬	1,650.00
蔡艷桃	500.00
HK\$	<u>2,150.00</u>

### Theological Education for Filipino

#### Leaders Program

張智理伉儷	5,000.00
陳麗英	400.00
· · ·	400.00
HK\$	<u>5,800.00</u>

### Distance Education Program

Chinese Gospel Church of Dublin	15,845.86
Ernest & Sylvia Ho	1,000.00
鄒小寶	1,200.00
劉麗珠	1,000.00
無名氏	6,000.00
無名氏	444.00
HK\$	<u>25,489.86</u>

### DE: Special Need Training Program

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### Campus Maintenance and Repairs

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主所愛的兒女	2,000.00
無名氏	1,000.00
HK\$	<u>36,000.00</u>

### China Training Ministry Fund

盧炯志	HK\$	<u>50,000.00</u>
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九龍國際浸信會	10,428.00	何仲儀	1,000.00	無名氏	500.00
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紅磡浸信會	24,000.00	徐詩雅	300.00		
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香港堅尼地城浸信教會	1,200.00	陳偉倫	200.00	.....	400.00
將軍澳浸信會	500.00	勞家怡	500.00	2017 TEFL畢業生	2,400.00
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筲箕灣潮語浸信會	20,000.00	.....	500.00	Ernest & Sylvia Ho	1,000.00
置富浸信教會	3,000.00	葉煥章	300.00	無名氏	444.00
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興華浸信會	3,500.00	劉建紅	600.00		
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基督教宣道會觀塘堂	2,000.00	羅佩珊	100.00	<b>Spiritual Revival Concert 2017</b>	
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	HK\$ 382,717.95	關志偉	100.00		
Chinese Indep. Baptist Church-S.F.	USD 540.00	關德華伉儷	200.00	<b>Award Ceremony 2017</b>	
		2016年神學學士畢業生	2,250.00	楊美玲	HK\$ 1,000.00
<b>Education Fund (Individual Donor)</b>		主知名	300.00		
方志強	200.00	無名氏	10,000.00	<b>Faith, Hope and Love Project</b>	
王群	800.00	無名氏	8,000.00	鍾曼儀(彼得助學金)	HK\$ 20,000.00
白智信伉儷	500.00	無名氏	4,000.00		
伍志龍	500.00	無名氏	1,000.00	<b>President Samuel Tang Memorial Bursary Fund</b>	
				W君	HK\$ 2,000.00

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屯門浸信教會	500.00	李德祥	10,000.00	無名氏	500.00
以馬內利浸信會	4,300.00	周碧容	300.00	無名氏	500.00
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沙田浸信會	8,000.00	洪鷹輪	100.00	無名氏	300.00
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香港仔浸信會	15,759.85	曹啟明伉儷	400.00		<u>HK\$ 261,720.80</u>
香港浸信教會	117,250.00	梁麗嫦	300.00		
香港堅尼地城浸信教會	1,200.00	許鋒威	1,000.00	<b>Lay Theological Education Program</b>	
恩典浸信會	10,000.00	陳偉倫	200.00	蔡艷桃	<u>HK\$ 500.00</u>
深荃浸信會	500.00	陳維智	100,000.00		
慈雲山浸信會	12,000.00	陳麗英	500.00	<b>Theological Education for Filipino</b>	
置富浸信教會	3,000.00	勞家怡	500.00	<b>Leaders Program</b>	
銅鑼灣浸信會	3,500.00	曾慶忠	500.00	星月餐廳	1,000.00
灣仔浸信會	10,000.00	馮德華、鄧如玉	200.00	陳麗英	200.00
觀塘浸信會	2,205.00	黃華娟	100.00	...	400.00
鑽石山浸信會	5,000.00	楊謝金玉	2,800.00		<u>HK\$ 1,600.00</u>
浸信宣道會啟業堂	7,801.70	...	500.00		
馬利亞、馬大團契	2,000.00	葉煥章	300.00	<b>Distance Education Program</b>	
馬頭圍基督教會	3,000.00	劉永生、鍾梓萍	300.00	Ernest & Sylvia Ho	1,000.00
基督教四方福音會彩坪堂	1,000.00	劉建紅	600.00	周俊昌	150.00
基督教宣道會華基堂	2,000.00	蔡淑儀	1,000.00	無名氏	500.00
禧年行基金有限公司	25,000.00	蔡慧英	200.00	無名氏	444.00
啟聞基金	500.00	鄧炳光伉儷	1,000.00	無名氏	200.00
星月餐廳	2,000.00	鄭鵬程	300.00		<u>HK\$ 2,294.00</u>
<b>HK\$ 374,770.55</b>		薛聲明	1,000.00		
<b>Education Fund (Individual Donor)</b>		謝兆祥伉儷	10,000.00	<b>Campus Maintenance and Repairs</b>	
Mafalda	30,000.00	羅佩珊	100.00	鄒小寶	<u>HK\$ 1,200.00</u>
方志強	200.00	羅凱慈	1,000.00		
王紹良	700.00	譚嘉敏	2,000.00	<b>Bursary Fund</b>	
王群	800.00	關志偉	100.00	溫恩智執事伉儷	<u>HK\$ 20,000.00</u>
白智信伉儷	500.00	關德華伉儷	200.00		
伍志龍	500.00	主知名	300.00	<b>Award Ceremony 2017</b>	
朱活平伉儷	300.00	無名氏	50,000.00	無名氏	<u>HK\$ 1,500.00</u>
何仲儀	1,000.00	無名氏	8,000.00		
何偉明	200.00	無名氏	4,000.00	<b>Faith, Hope and Love Project</b>	
		無名氏	3,000.00	李德祥	<u>HK\$ 5,000.00</u>

## Precious Moments



### HKBTS Spiritual Revival Concert Our Father's World



#### **April 2, 2017 Spiritual Revival Concert —This is My Father's World**

The Spiritual Revival Concert in 2017 on the theme "This is My Father's World" was held at the Academic Community Hall of Hong Kong Baptist University. That evening, Dr. Nathan Ng preached the sermon message while Ms. Josephine Li conducted the seminary's joint choir (the seminary choir and the alumni choir). The joint

choir presented the musical composition with guest soloists Ms. Fung Chi-lai and Mui Wai-lun singing, and Mr. Chow Chun-yin playing the violin. The Hand-Bell Choir of Kowloon City Baptist Church delivered a hand bell performance, and a student, To Wan-ting, shared her testimony. Over 500 guests were present to offer worship to our Heavenly Father. In this age of turbulence, our Lord is still in charge of the world and calling people to follow Him. Indeed, a number of people responded to the call of God during the altar call.



#### **April 4 TEFL's 6th Graduation Ceremony**



There were a total of 34 graduating students with 27 of them receiving a diploma or certificate, while 7 were awarded a bachelor or an associate degree from the Philippines Baptist Theological Seminary. Over 250 people attended the ceremony. Professor Jerry Juergens, the first Program Director, was the speaker and the presenter of the certificates to the graduates. He exhorted graduates to uphold the truth of Christ, love their flock and serve God faithfully.

### **May 11 Commissioning Ceremony for Graduates**



Blessed with prayer support from the seminary community, our graduating students were commissioned to go out into different ministry fields to proclaim the Lord's love and the gospel of Christ as well as to correctly explain the Word of Truth. President Cho presided over the ceremony and Dr. Eric Kwong exhorted the graduating students on behalf of teachers and students.

### **May 13 President's Council Exchange Meeting**

We thank members of the President's Council for attending the exchange meeting. They are concerned about the seminary's development and needs and enthusiastically contributed their expertise by offering valuable suggestions for the future direction and development of the seminary.



### **May 29 Awards Night and the Installation of Directors Ceremony**

At this annual occasion, we present awards to students who have achieved academic excellence and express our gratitude to donors of bursaries and scholarships. That night, we also presented long service awards to faculty, staff, voluntary workers and a commemorative award to a staff member who will retire soon. Meanwhile, on this occasion full of God's grace, the Installation of Directors Ceremony was also held and together we asked God to empower them with wisdom and strength as they began their new term of office.



### **June 5-13 Short-Term Mission to Cambodia**

Graduating students went on a short-term mission to Cambodia led by their teacher Rev. Pak Loh. They visited more than ten missionaries, came to understand more about the Kuy tribe (a local ethnic group which has not heard about the Christian gospel before) and personally participated in many kinds of ministry. They entered the territory of a minority tribe and through their observations and visits to a school, a kindergarten, a slum, rural families and para-church organizations, they came to a better understanding of the local culture and the missionary situation there. Through such a mission, which is cross-cultural, cross-regional and cross-language, our students learned to integrate classroom learning and through the experience they gained, to consolidate their understanding and cultivate a passion for cross-cultural mission ministries.

### **June 10-12 Short-Term Mission to Macau**

Led by Dr. Eric Kwong, a team of nearly 20 students went on a mission trip to Macau. It was organized by the Mission Department of the Student Union. They visited local pastors, churches, attended a worship service and meetings in secondary and primary schools. They also took a trip to the Christian cemetery of Robert Morrison, the first protestant missionary to China in the 19th century. Through the trip, our students came to understand the present situation of Macau churches and the Macau mission field, and they learned more about the local culture and the missionary situation in a culture similar to ours.

