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Being an important consultation team for the president of HKBTS, the President's Council is dedicated to supporting the president by providing helpful advice and ideas for the seminary's development. We have, therefore, invited President Joshua Cho to tell us more about the Council, as well as inviting a few members to share with us.

## HKBTS and the President's Council

*Joshua Cho* President

Feature

First established in the 1980s, the President's Council of the Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary (HKBTS) was less active then and the council members met less frequently. It was not until 2009 when I started to convene members of the Council for regular meetings each year that the situation began to improve. I am glad to see the team beginning to gel and functioning well over the past ten years. Now passionate discussions frequently occur in meetings and our council members are enthusiastic in contributing ideas generously as we all bond and grow closer together.



The annual meeting of the President's Council on February 28, 2009.

### Mentors Who Enlighten Me

Essentially, I am a pastor and a scholar, and there are still many areas in which I am unenlightened. *Council members have become my mentors in enlightening me with*

*their expertise.* I have been free to show my "ignorance" in front of them at each annual gathering, and discuss with them any experimental concepts I have come up with. The Council consists of elites from different industries, such as banking, finance, insurance, marketing, architecture, trading, education and other professional fields. With no fear of being mocked and losing face, I wish to use my ignorance to facilitate our council members in exchanging their professional views and experience, hoping to compensate for my inadequacy. It has been truly enjoyable to listen to their stories and perspectives and to learn from their experiences.

In fact, their life experiences have impacted me throughout the past ten years. The bits and pieces that I have gained from listening, however insignificant they may appear to be, have widened my horizons, enriched my life, and built up my experiences, which in turn can be transformed and utilized to pastor the church and advance the development of the seminary.

### Friends in Fellowship

There are also times I met with individual members





President Cho dined with the council members on May 13, 2017.

of the Council. Not only do we further our discussions from the meetings, exchanging views so as to better understand each other on certain issues, but we are also connect through fellowship as brothers and sisters in Christ. We share our joys in serving the Lord and delight in the bonds we have in Christ.

### **A Two-way Learning Experience**

The growing bonds among us in the past few years have also reinforced our mutual trust as our council members are more willing to boldly share their thoughts and burdens with each other. This, of course, puts me in the position where I can be more than a listener; I can also give suggestions on how to pastor the church and to lend them my full support.

*Hence, I am not a mere learner among them, but I have also become increasingly an educator, offering them my knowledge in theological education.* As exceptional as they are in their workplace and as leaders in the church, theological education is, however, not a field the council members would normally be masters within. My role, therefore, is to share with them my own vision in theological education, any relevant stories that are known to me, as well as my first-hand experience, so as to ensure our council members are well-informed and hence are able to offer more pertinent ideas. On the other hand, the experiences of the council members from both workplace and the church that I learn from them help me shape my “church theology” to be more relevant and applicable to the church. I am therefore eager to share with my fellow council members more of the theological perspective which I have been reflecting on. Hence, we learn from each other in various aspects. *Of course, what we are to learn in our ministry in the Council is ultimately who the Lord we are serving is.* This is our most important life-long learning.

### **The Campus Extension Project and the Council Members**

The Extension Project of the Sai O Campus (Phase 3) has been incubated for 10 years, and its groundbreaking ceremony finally took place on May 23. Let me recount some of the

episodes involved, in which the roles of the council members are not to be missed.

When I first took office as president, an enthusiastic council member offered to make a donation of \$7.8 million to the seminary for the construction of a new building. The name “Faith, Hope, and Love Project” was already on my mind then. However, was it an appropriate time for campus extension while the seminary was in the darkest

valley? Having consulted with the chairman and vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees, I found that the timing was apparently not fit to initiate an extension project. The seminary was at a significant turning point in its history. No one knew whether it would be reviving after having been ruined, or if things would go further downhill. No one knew except God. So I expressed my appreciation and concerns to this council member through a deacon at her church: “Regarding the donation, not for now. May the Lord lead us. We will expand our ‘hardware’ some day when our ministry starts blooming and when we know it is the will of God. And shall that day arrive, we will rejoice and be joyful and glad in the campus extension.”

*The good intent of this council member and her family was an encouragement to the seminary anyhow, reassuring us that the seminary belongs to the church, and belongs to God.* He, who sends us both sunshine and rain, provides sufficiently. What we, as workers with God, are to do is to respond faithfully. Thereafter, I focused my efforts on fostering spirituality among us in the seminary and enhancing the strength of our teaching and research capacity.

During this time, such terms as hospitality, *theologia*, synergy, discipleship, integral mission, solidarity, and *koinonia* became our common language. *The “software” of our “Faith, Hope, and Love Project” and the blueprint of its content gradually took shape as time went on.*

In the Thanksgiving Service, held on February 20, 2011, celebrating the diamond jubilee (60th anniversary) of our seminary, I spoke of our vision for the “Faith, Hope, and Love Project” and its implementation in specific ministries such as: expanding our faculty team, developing our graduate studies program, reforming and developing the lay believers program, and exploring the possibility of setting up a Baptist Theological Research Centre, a Family Education Research Centre, a Social Research Centre and an Ethics Research Centre. Over the years, our teaching staff, students, publication, graduate studies programs, lay believers equipping programs, and distance



education program have all witnessed significant progress in terms of quality and quantity. Our graduate studies programs and publication have seen exceptional achievements in particular. These achievements have made it essential for our seminary to move forward, and to further its development for churches in both Hong Kong and China. In view of the shortage of space to cope with our development, we put the campus extension project back into our agenda once again.

### **Spiritual Signs of Validation and the Council Members**

Initially proposed by the president, the Campus Extension Project is now zealously supported by the Board of Directors and the President's Council. I did step back and had doubts at one point, as a huge sum of money would be involved. But the Board of Directors and the President's Council unanimously support this project. They believe it is a golden opportunity, and God will finish what He Himself starts. Thus, we all committed to this Campus Extension Project.

There are numerous spiritual signs testifying it is the will of God since the extension project was launched. One was *the unity among the members of the Board of Directors*, where disputes and debates on this issue never appear in our meetings. We all said "amen" after careful considerations and thoughtful prayers.

The "730 meetings" also serve as a sign of validation. It started at the beginning of the new school term in 2018, a time when my schedule was tightly packed with conferences and camp meetings. Meanwhile, the work of the Campus Environmental Consultation and Development Committee and the Building Committee was kicking off. *To my surprise, the members of the committees, some of which are also our council members, showed their ungrudging support to attend the meetings at 7:30 am. The meetings are always held in a pleasing atmosphere.* One of the committee members once told me, "We are here for a morning worship and fellowship at the seminary!" Our meetings are full of energy and joy, and more like "morning tea time" with old friends. We still continue to gather at 7:30 am up till now. These elites from the architectural and engineering fields and of the church, value others above themselves in humility, and humbly listen to each other. The way they prioritize the benefits of the church and of the seminary touches my heart. Some may say, "This is the ideal of Baptist faith in practice," but I also see among us a fellowship with a deep and strong spiritual bond.

*The maturation of the President's Council* may serve as well as a sign of validation. The President's Council spent five hours discussing and exchanging ideas in a

meeting held on April 13. In fact, in an annual gathering several years ago, our council members advocated us to boldly take a step further in the Campus Extension Project. The preliminary proposal was to build a three-story academic building with a gross floor area of 10,000 square feet on the Sai O Campus so as to strengthen the seminary's education and research capacity, but the Council prompted the seminary to go further and look into the space usage planning and the complete renovation of the existing campus.

With these spiritual signs, I am convinced that the Lord has been leading us through the whole Campus Extension Project. We offer our thanks and praise to the Lord for all His blessings.

### **Self-offering to the Lord**

The seminary has been maturing in various aspects, though its word-of-mouth reputation has yet to be solidly established. Those dark days have made a deep and far-reaching impact, and outsiders might have wondered how we would ever get back on track. In recent years, the President's Council has been striving to establish the word-of-mouth reputation and the witness of the seminary, in the hope that the seminary may benefit the church more. They generously offered their advice and opinions on the different issues concerning the seminary such as our website, image, financial management, and campus extension. This year, we discussed how the seminary constructs a theology so as to help the church respond to society. And our council members are willing to offer help and support, and even to take the role of initiator:

*Ten year ago, I said that our faculty is the engine that pushes the seminary forward. Now, the seminary also have our auxiliary engines, one of which is the President's Council.* Every time a council meeting is held, my heart is filled with joy and excitement, and my mind is stimulated. The council members are not bound by the walls of the meeting room, as they continue to contribute their ideas and advice to me through phone messages and letters after the meetings.

How blessed is HKBTS to be endowed with such a dedicated team of council members in expanding the ministry of God!



The annual meeting of the President's Council on April 13, 2019.

## Interviews with Council Members



# The Reciprocal Relationship of HKBTS and Churches

Interviewee: **Prof. Ir. Steve Wong**

**P**rof. Ir. Steve Wong grew up in the church. He has been attending and serving at the Diamond Hill Baptist Church and the Tai Kok Tsui Baptist Church respectively for the past 50 years. In addition to his ministries at the church, Prof. Ir. Wong also actively volunteers to work for school sponsoring bodies, building and managing schools locally and overseas in the hope of bringing up students through education while spreading the gospel. Prof. Ir. Wong works in construction consulting and environmental protection industries. He established his own company which has developed into an international enterprise. Prof. Ir. Wong and his wife are parents to three children, all of whom are Christians.

Prof. Ir. Wong joined the President's Council in 1999; there has been a hiatus period, but later on the new President Dr. Joshua Cho invited Prof. Ir. Wong to return to the President's Council.

### **Churches and Seminaries Are Interdependent**

Prof. Ir. Wong believes that the lives of church believers are shaped by the guidance and life example of pastors, and a seminary is exactly the cradle to foster and enlighten pastors. ***Pastors who have built solid foundations at the seminary are instrumental in pastoring churches; when churches are thereby thriving, believers should in turn support the seminary to continue nurturing great pastors; this is a virtuous cycle.*** Prof. Ir. Wong believes that in this cycle, HKBTS holds a vital role that concerns the entire Baptist community; therefore, being able to help the president develop the seminary and nurture God's servants to better shepherd churches in the last days of this ever-changing world, he finds to be meaningful and regards it as an honor given to him by God. He points out that all Baptists must support the seminary wholeheartedly in order for it to serve its purpose. If the seminary has to fight the battle on its own, its chance of winning will be halved.

One of the things that impressed Prof. Ir. Wong during his ministry in the President's Council is the example set by Dr. Cecil Chan. Even though Dr. Chan is now retired, he insists on serving as long as he is healthy. His humility, faithfulness and persistence in ministry make him a role model for us Baptists. With his actions, he let the seminary know that it is not alone. ***Prof. Ir. Wong points out that the more the Baptists support the seminary in action, the more thriving the seminary will be; and the ministers and pastors nurtured in the seminary will be of better***

***quality; having them become church leaders will further help the church grow.*** This is an interlinked chain; any broken link would cause the chain to fall apart. He hopes that Baptist churches and believers will continue supporting HKBTS and not let the chain break.



### **United against the Sewage Pumping Station Reveals the Baptist Spirit**

Prof. Ir. Wong recalls the government's plan to build a sewage pumping station close to the seminary as another event that impressed him. This decision of the government could have a far-reaching impact on the seminary. He has also been helping the seminary in handling this issue, hoping that working together as a team, they could persuade the government to change the plan. He finds that everyone (including members of the President's Council and other brothers and sisters in Christ) are united and very involved. President Cho on many occasions calls a meeting at 7:30 am, and because of his charisma, everyone attended punctually and offered precious advice while discussing with humility how to help the seminary solve the problem in joint efforts. Prof. Ir. Wong said he was contented to be able to be a part of it.

### **Promoting Ecological Theology**

Prof. Ir. Wong lauded HKBTS's dedication in environmental protection as he heard that HKBTS is the first seminary in Hong Kong that promotes ecological theology. He also heard about Dr. Cho's speech on this topic at the graduation ceremony. Prof. Ir. Wong hopes to offer his help in leading and developing ecological theology at HKBTS, so that brothers and sisters at church, entrepreneurs and industrialists would pay more attention on such topics as environmental protection and recycling.

Last but not least, Prof. Ir. Wong expects the President's Council to remain humble, and keep the president informed of all the latest developments and trends across all disciplines, so that he may have a more broad and solid foundation from which to build the directions and strategies for the development of the seminary.



# Fellowship-like Council

Interviewee: **Mr. Ma Yuk-ming**

**B**rother Ma Yuk-ming has been a Christian for nearly 40 years. He is a member of the Choi Ping Baptist Church, and after leaving his post as chairman of its deacon board more than 10 years ago, he pursued a certificate program in theology. He has been serving in the Sunday school ministry of his church for many years. He established his own company 30 years ago, and with God's provision, it has achieved outstanding success. To show appreciation of God's abundant blessings, he and his wife set up a fund in 2016 to support startup evangelical ministries.

## A Special Honor

For over 30 years, Brother Ma has known President Cho, who in 2014 cordially invited him to join the President's Council. It was such a warm invitation that Brother Ma found it hard to decline. He also finds President Cho friendly and willing to seek other people's advice; he feels honored to work with him and be part of the seminary's mission. Besides, as a Baptist he is interested in how the seminary trains and nurtures his beloved pastoral workers.

The Council consists of people from all walks of life. Each member is able to provide the president with practical advice informed by his or her individual profession. ***Bound by a friendship and based on mutual trust, the Council and the president are able to interact freely and honestly. Members may sometimes take an approach that is different from the president's and play the role of critical, albeit never cynical, challenger by offering frank advice to help broaden Dr. Cho's perspective. It is a role Brother Ma finds meaningful.***

## Baptist Family

In April or May every year, the President's Council holds a meeting to exchange ideas. Brother Ma enjoys each occasion so much that he always yearns for more. Although members are from large and small Baptist churches, and some are more senior while others are more junior to him, he feels they are all part of a family even if they only meet once a year. Since all are Baptists, Brother Ma reasons, it is truly a blessing to take part in the affairs of the Baptist family and practice the doctrine of the "priesthood of all believers." After warming up in the meeting, every member will respond to the president's sharing and offer timely advice to him. It is a pity that due to time constraints, they often cannot fully

share their mind. However, they may continue their sharing during the dinner that follows, but it never feels like there is enough time amongst this group of friends.

Brother Ma has benefited tremendously from being a member of the President's Council. In the meeting, he has the opportunity to receive input regarding church administration and pastoral work from those who are more senior to him. Their experience can serve as useful reference for his own church. Members also share valuable insights and experiences on how to build up the congregation. Moreover, through these exchanges, he is able to understand the heart and vision of pastors.



## Nurturing Believers: Living the Life of Christ

***Brother Ma points out that under President Cho's leadership, HKBTS does not only train believers to know about the Bible. It nurtures students to learn to trust Christ and live the life of the Lord.*** President Cho is someone with drive and courage who leads the seminary with heart. Over the years, the seminary has been advancing step by step to realize his goal of the "Faith, Hope, and Love Project."

Moreover, Brother Ma is greatly impressed with the seminary's graduates. Over the past two years, his church has hired five or six of them. He finds that those who have graduated in recent years are of very high standard, capable of illuminating the Bible as well as applying Biblical knowledge to life. They are also modest and down-to-earth. Imbued with the heart of a pastor, they are earnest to serve others. Brother Ma urges students, besides undergoing practical training in churches, to get more involved in social service and to visit people from diverse social backgrounds during semesters. This will enable them to learn how to interact with different people and broaden their network of contacts.

Brother Ma would like to see the Council as more than an advisory body; it should also be like a fellowship offering support through prayer for the president and the seminary.



# A Seminary That Engages with Society and the Church

Interviewee: **Deacon Vincent Kwan**

**A**s a second-generation Christian, Deacon Vincent Kwan has been going to church since childhood. He grew up and has been serving at the Tokwawan Baptist Church. He served as the chairman of the Church Council in the past and is currently the chairman of the Board of Deacons. Vincent has been working in the financial industry since his graduation from university and is currently an executive of a company running stock market indexes. He is married with two sons.

## Meaningful Service

In 2015, President Cho invited Vincent to join the President's Council. After understanding his role in the Council and its requirements, Vincent agreed to join because he identifies with HKBTS's goal to create a seminary that meets the needs of society and the church; he is also interested in theological education and is enrolled in theological courses.

Vincent believes that today's Hong Kong is a complex and ever-changing society filled with challenges. Churches and pastors are confronted with problems with increasing complexity. What should the seminary undertake to support churches and nurture pastoral leaders that are suitable for this generation? This is precisely what the Council wants to discuss and explore, and why this ministry is particularly meaningful.

Vincent finds his role in the President's Council not a burden but beneficial. On the one hand, it provides him with more opportunities to contact and communicate with President Cho on a personal level, so that he can consult with the president and learn from him; on the other hand, his own horizons have been broadened as members from churches big and small come together once a year to exchange views. From the discussion, he discovers that different churches have very different expectations of their pastors. Some may pay more attention to pastoral skills, while others may focus on theological thinking.

## Dual Identities and a Balance of Perspectives

Vincent is mindful of the fact that he has only participated in the Council for a relatively short period of time. At each meeting, the president would share what he is recently considering, and council members

would express their opinions in response. Vincent is himself a seminary student, who thus knows well the learning experience and the difficulties of seminary students, and he is also a leader of the church, who thereby understands

the challenges pastors must confront when shepherding the congregations. Such dual identities allow him to have a balanced perspective in the discussion of what sort of theology courses can better equip students to become future pastors.

## Connect the Seminary with the Church

Vincent believes that, for congregations to know more about the seminary, more effort should be made to strengthen the link between HKBTS and the local Baptist churches. HKBTS nurtures pastors, and in turn these pastors care for congregations of churches; therefore, an indirect connection between the seminary and the church already exists. However, if there is a direct connection between the two, and HKBTS can help the church cope with challenges at hand, that will obviously be better. For example, apart from participating in "Theological Education Sunday" in churches, the seminary could also bring forth its own views from a theological or biblical perspective on major political and social issues that are being discussed within church circles. As another example, if the workload is affordable, the seminary faculty could teach Sunday schools, hold lectures, or provide materials for Bible studies and group sessions, etc.

*Vincent believes that one of the major contributions of the seminary is to train workers for God in this generation and enable the church to face the challenges in today's society.* He expects HKBTS to be both "not of the world" and "in the world." HKBTS serves not only the church but also society. It not only engages in theological studies and trains pastors, but also applies the fruits of its research to the church so as to help the church face various social challenges.







# United as One and Moving Forward

Interviewee: **Mr. Kuen Pak-sui**

**B**rother Kuen Pak-sui is a member of the Kowloon City Baptist Church. He is fervently committed to serving Christ, especially through ministries of evangelism and community care. He has been serving on the church's mission board for 20 years to help develop overseas and Mainland China ministries. During his 15 years with the evangelism ministry, he has been involved in local mission projects, caring for seminary students and local communities, as well as developing ministries for Indonesian domestic helpers. He is also director of his church's social and recreational unit and supervises a spiritual growth class. Brother Kuen is a businessman and has his own factory. He and his wife have a son and a daughter.

In 2012, when Brother Kuen was asked to join the President's Council of HKBTS, he accepted the invitation right away. As he has been serving in his church's evangelism ministry, he is always concerned about the needs and growth of seminary students. He decided that it would be marvelous if he could go a step further by becoming part of the Council and contributing his share of support to theological education. Besides, he not only identifies with the direction of the seminary, but also appreciates President Cho's ways of conducting himself and doing things. Hence, for many years he has been eager to serve in that capacity.

## United as One

*One of the profound impressions Brother Kuen has of HKBTS is its solidarity and unity. The president, teaching staff and students are all, regardless of rank or position, bound by one heart.* The president does not put on airs, but is kind and friendly, trusting people and treating them with care and love. He is also willing to listen to others' views with an open mind. Brother Kuen knows even though HKBTS has gone through a difficult period, President Cho presses on persistently to build up the seminary. Amid those challenging times, he suffered a heart attack, but after he recovered, he carried out his duties at the seminary tirelessly, bringing it back on the right track. His dedication has earned the respect of others and inspired Brother Kuen to do his best to support theological education.

Moreover, Brother Kuen finds HKBTS faculty friendly,

with whom he can easily develop a good rapport. His church often invites them to lead church activities and give sermons. In addition, students' lives are a moving testimony for Jesus Christ. In the seminary's Spiritual

Revival Concert this past May, he was so touched by a student's testimony that he even thought of inviting her as a guest at his church's evangelistic meeting to witness for Christ. It is hard to imagine that HKBTS can achieve such level of growth without solidarity and unity.

## Community Care

Brother Kuen takes an active part in organizing and promoting ministries of evangelism and community care within his church. *He expects seminary students not only to do well in academic studies but also to care about their community.* These days many seminary students when serving in churches are quite protective of themselves, unwilling to open themselves up. If they can learn how to care about their community and live among the poor, they can become open-minded and treat others with sincerity. Later on, they may be able to motivate their own church to provide caring services for people in the community and spread the gospel to them. This will spur the growth of the congregation. Brother Kuen suggests that the seminary organize visits to people living in cage homes and subdivided units, and bring them the gospel. Such an experience will inspire students as well as bring about changes in them. Brother Kuen hopes that his specialty in this area can contribute to the progress of the seminary.

Brother Kuen is impressed with the seminary's current development and its campus extension project. The president's development aspirations and guidance show his drive and courage. He hopes that he can help HKBTS develop a better future with his advice and contributions.







## Light of the Age

Interviewee: **Deacon Wan Yun-chee**

**B**rother Wan Yun-chee is a deacon at the Kowloon City Baptist Church. He serves the Lord attentively and wholeheartedly. He has been a voluntary treasurer for the church for 30 years, and participated in various ministries, including Sunday school, a training union, extension of the original premise and missionary ministries. Since 1996, he has also actively supported the scholarship and bursary of HKBTS. Deacon Wan was in the public construction industry for 40 years and retired 15 years ago.

### **Exemplary Predecessors**

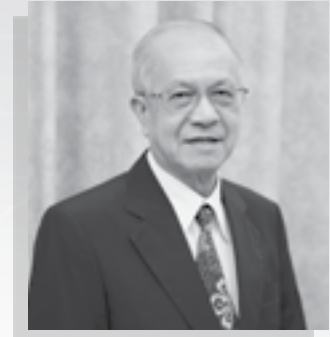
Ten years ago in 2009, Mrs. Celia Lam Juergens of HKBTS invited Deacon Wan to join the President's Council. Deacon Wan and his wife prayed together that night, and he accepted the invitation the following day. In fact, when Deacon Wan was younger, he wished to be trained in a seminary, but was not able to do so due to his concerns for his family and work at the time. He feels deeply committed to theological education. Deacon Wan sees being able to serve in the President's Council as a fulfillment to his wishes.

The late Deacon Chan Sai-ying, chairman of the Deacon Board, Kowloon City Baptist Church has also left an impression on him for his lifelong faithfulness to and love of the Lord. Deacon Chan had gone all out for God, with no complaints nor regrets; he also strongly supported theological education and was an example to Deacon Wan. Seeing other members serving and committing themselves in the President's Council for years, even more senior than himself, Deacon Wan is moved and has deep appreciation for their efforts. These predecessors became his motivation to continue in his ministry.

### **Responding to God's Love**

Deacon Wan has been in the President's Council for ten years, offering his expertise and advice for the seminary. During his service in the Council, he has been able to listen to the opinions of various church leaders coming from different backgrounds. He credits these kinds of thought provoking reflections with broadening his horizons. Deacon Wan thinks that education itself is important and theological education particularly so.

He suggests that HKBTS should further promote itself, so that not only do churches get to know the seminary, and to have expectations of the seminary, but they also will offer support to the seminary in response to God's love.



Deacon Wan appreciates the harmonious fellowship within the President's Council. Even though its members are from various churches, with each of them bearing different aspirations, backgrounds and ideas, they all have something in common – *all of them are experienced members of Baptist churches; in order to respond to God's love, they all hope to better HKBTS so that the seminary could be used by God; they also encourage more believers to become a part of HKBTS and support the seminary financially.* Therefore, even though they may have different opinions, they are able to accept each other and collaborate harmoniously. Deacon Wan further hopes that such harmonious, collaborative relationships can continue.

### **Light of the Age**

Deacon Wan thinks that HKBTS practices the Bible's command of 3T (namely train the trainee to be a trainer), that is to "entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also" (2 Tm 2:2 ESV), and has trained a lot of students to be God's servants for His kingdom, preparing them well for the good fight. HKBTS also has a beautiful campus with great surroundings; the faculty of HKBTS also possess excellent spirituality with great academic achievements, and yet they are also attentive to individual students; they nurture their aspirations so that students may put their gifts into good use and be greatly used by God in the future. Finally, *Deacon Wan hopes that HKBTS can become "the light of the age," to shine for God and guide people to the right direction.*

## Academic Affairs News

- **Summer Visit**

From June 5 to 12, our students joined a mission trip to eastern Myanmar, organized by the Hong Kong Baptist Mission. They went to observe and get to know the diversified evangelistic ministries of Abundant Life Church at Tachilek in eastern Myanmar. They helped serve the different groups in the center, visited local residents, and talked with the local seminary students. Through this trip, they learned how to develop evangelistic ministry in a more diversified way.

- **Faculty Retreat**

The Faculty Retreat was held from August 6 to 8 with the theme "HKBTS's Response to the Challenges of the Times."

- **Spiritual Formation Camp**

HKBTS students and teachers will attend the Spiritual Formation Camp for the new school year from August 14 to 16. The theme will be "Prayer." Three of our faculty members will deliver thematic messages. Through worship, sharing of message, prayer and solitude, students will learn the lesson of prayer together.

- **Opening Convocation**

The Opening Convocation 2019-20 will be held on August 27. The next day will be the Opening Convocation Lecture by Dr. Jonathan Lo, Assistant Professor of New Testament.

- **Joint Graduation Ceremony**

The Joint Graduation Ceremony of HKBTS for Main Programs, Lay Theological Education Department and Distance Education Program will be held on October 20 (Sunday) at 3:30 pm at the Queen Elizabeth Stadium. Church pastors, deacons and brothers and sisters are welcome to attend the ceremony to celebrate and share the joy of our graduates.

## Publication News



The seminary's biannual academic journal, *Hill Road* (issue 43) was published with the theme, "**Jesus the Messiah.**"

There are six thematic articles: "The Profile of Messianism in 2 Maccabees" (Francis Borchardt), "The Messianic View of the Dead Sea Scrolls" (Tony H. K. Sher), "The Conflation

of Messianic Traditions in Mark's Composite Scriptural References" (Jonathan W. Lo), "Another Take on the Johannine Temple Cleansing Crucifixion: A Perspective from Jewish Messianism" (Josaphat C. Tam), "Paul's Messianic Idea in the Letter to the Romans" (Xue Xi Xia), and "The Suffering Messiah as Christian Ingroup Prototype in 1 Peter" (Joyce Wai-Lan Sun). In addition, there is a miscellaneous article and four book reviews.

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

## Alumni News

- Alumna **Lam Oi-ye** (class of 1995 & 1998) and alumnus **Tommy Law Ka-yeung** (class of 2010) were ordained as pastors by the Ngau Chi Wan Chuk Yuen Swatow Baptist Church on April 21, 2019.
- Alumnus **Cheung Wai-man** (class of 2014) was ordained as a pastor by the Aberdeen Baptist Church on April 27, 2019.
- Alumnus **Samuel K. W. Ma** (class of 1967 & 1981) rested in peace on April 29, 2019. Please pray for his family. May the Lord's peace be with them.
- Alumna **Yeung Yuk-wan** (class of 1994) went to be with the Lord on May 16, 2019. May the Lord's consolation, grace and peace be with her family.



# Campus Extension News: Groundbreaking Ceremony

On May 23, the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the New Academic Building under the "Faith, Hope, and Love Project" was held on our Sai O campus.

The weather was unstable throughout that day, but amazingly the pouring rain ceased before the event, providing a refreshing outdoor environment for the over 210 people who participated to give thanks to God and witness this significant milestone.

The Groundbreaking Ceremony was presided over by the vice chairman of our Board of Directors Rev. Chan Che-keung, with Mrs. Ip Ng Ching-lan as song leader and Rev. Benjamin Yeung and Deacon Victor Lai as scripture readers. Ms. Yeung Po-wah led the congregation to give thanksgiving prayer, and Rev. Leung Ming-choi gave benediction. In addition, a worship team of 12 members including faculty members, colleagues and students dedicated the hymn "Amazing Grace," praising the Lord for His benevolence. The groundbreaking per se was

conducted by President Joshua Cho, chairman of the Board of Directors Rev. Timothy Lau, the convener of the Campus Development Committee, the Building Committee, and the Campus Environment Consultation and Development Committee Dr. Cecil Chan, and the president of the Baptist Convention of Hong Kong Rev. Lo Hing-choi. At the ceremony, President Cho shared with us his vision for the seminary, gave an account of the journey HKBTS has taken through the past ten years, and recounted God's abundant grace along the way since we decided to construct the new academic building.

We ask you all for your continuous prayer and support. Some of the scheduled works are as follows:

- May            *Receiving tenders for the contract of the foundation project*
- June           *The opening of the tenders for the foundation project contract*
- December    *The expected commencement of the foundation piling*



President Cho shared with us his vision for the seminary.



The members of the Building Committee and the Campus Environment Consultation and Development Committee were pictured after the ceremony.



It was a full house at the ceremony.



# Lay Theological Education Department

## Student Recruitment 2019-20

### Master of Arts in Christian Studies

- This master-degree-level, part-time evening program enables students to lay a solid Biblical and theological foundation.
- Students may select courses according to their interests and needs.
- Students may choose "Biblical Studies" or "Communication" as their major or they may choose not to pursue any specific major.
- Some credits acquired in this program can be transferred to the Master of Divinity or the Master of Christian Studies degree programs in the seminary's Main Programs.

**Admission Now Open**  
**Class Start Date:** Early October

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

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

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

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

*These are part-time evening programs.*

**Admission Now Open**  
**Class Start Date:** Early October

### Early Childhood Ministry Certificate Program Childhood Ministry Certificate Program Mission Ministry Certificate Program

**Admission Now Open**  
**Class Start Date:** Early October

### Women Theological Training Diploma / Certificate Program

The program provides holistic and practical theological training for women. It seeks to help them develop mature Christian lifestyles and enable them to manage individual growth, family responsibilities, church service and societal challenges in a positive way.

**Admission for Certificate Program is Now Open**  
**Class Start Date:** October

All the classes above are conducted in Cantonese. For inquiries or registration, please call 2711 2552, email [ltedinfo@hkbits.edu.hk](mailto:ltedinfo@hkbits.edu.hk) or log on to our web page at [www.hkbits.edu.hk/lted](http://www.hkbits.edu.hk/lted) to download the application form.

## Distance Education Program

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

**Student Recruitment:** Diploma programs will begin in September 2019, while certificate programs can be joined 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 gain a better understanding of the Bible.                          | Secondary school leavers with their church pastor's recommendation          | March and September  | <b>March semester:</b><br><i>Hong Kong:</i><br>February 10   |
| Diploma in Christian Studies Program                            | Designed for equipping students for ministry, the program helps students strengthen their foundations in the Christian faith and doctrine. |   |                      | <b>September semester:</b><br><i>Hong Kong:</i><br>August 10 |
| Higher Diploma in Biblical Studies / Christian Studies Programs | Further studies for students having completed the diploma program.   | Completion of the diploma program and with a church pastor's recommendation |                      | <i>Overseas:</i><br>July 10                                  |
| Certificate in N.T. / O.T. Studies Programs                     | Introductory programs in biblical studies, guiding students to study each book of the Bible systematically.                                | All are welcome   | Register at any time |  |

**Elective students:** Students may choose subjects offered in the correspondence courses according to their own personal interests. For details, please log on to the Distance Education web page at [www.hkbts.edu.hk/dist](http://www.hkbts.edu.hk/dist).

| Online Program  | Program Description  | Date of Commencement   |
|---|--|--|
| <b>Online Version</b><br><b>Online Certificate in Old Testament Studies Program</b><br><b>Online Certificate in New Testament Studies Program</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Students can read and download learning materials and course work directly from the website.</li> <li>* Upon completion of the coursework, students may upload it for the tutor to mark and provide comments.</li> <li>* Time-saving, quick and efficient.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Students may join the program at any time with fee concessions.</li> <li>* You may try the trial study of the online program:<br/><a href="mailto:helearning@hkbts.edu.hk">http://elearning@hkbts.edu.hk</a></li> </ul> |

For inquiries, please call 2768 5105, email [deinfo@hkbts.edu.hk](mailto:deinfo@hkbts.edu.hk) or log on to the Distance Education web page at [www.hkbts.edu.hk/dist](http://www.hkbts.edu.hk/dist).

# Pastoral Continuing Education Centre

## Courses and talks offered from September to December 2019

| Course / Talk   | Lecturer          | Date               | Time                                    |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|---|
| Practical Equipment for Christian Apologetics   | Rev. Charles Chu  | 2/9<br>9/9         | 9:30 am - 4:30 pm<br>9:30 am - 12:30 pm |
| The Message of Zechariah for the Contemporary Church                                      | Dr. Lo Hing-choi  | 16/9               | 9:30 am - 12:30 pm                      |
| Project Learning of Marriage and Family in this Century                                   | Dr. Joseph Tam    | 9/9, 16/9, 23/9    | 2:00 - 5:00 pm                          |
| From Discovery to Sharing: Faith World in Art   | Dr. Sam Ip        | 23/9, 30/9         | 9:30 am - 12:30 pm                      |
| Leading Worship: The First Step in Child Worship  | Ms. Cazaria Choi  | 30/9, 14/10, 21/10 | 2:00 - 5:00 pm                          |
| Walk with Those in the Valley of the Shadow of Death: Self-preparation Workshop           | Dr. Wallace Chan  | 11/11, 18/11       | 9:30 am - 12:30 pm                      |
| Learn to Pray and Worship through the Psalms  | Dr. Victoria Kwok | 11/11              | 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm                       |
| The Issue of Global Climate Change: From the Perspective of Bible and Ecological Theology | Dr. Ho Kin-chung  | 18/11              | 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm                       |

### Fee concessions:

Those who enrolled and paid the course fee a week before the course begins may enjoy either the *Early Bird Reduction* or a *fee discount*.\*

- (1) *Early Bird Reduction*: those who pay the full fee of the enrolled course may enjoy a reduction of HK\$20 (for 3-hour course) or HK\$30 (for 6-to-9 hour course).
- (2) A *10% discount* for graduates from HKBTS degree programs, pastors of Baptist churches and students in our Lay Theological Education Department.
- (3) A *20% discount* for valid cardholders of HKBTS Alumni Association members.
- (4) A *50% discount* for full-time seminary students.

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

**Registration:** Application forms can be downloaded from the seminary website, or you may enroll online at [www.hkbts.edu.hk/pce/apply1.html](http://www.hkbts.edu.hk/pce/apply1.html)

**Inquiries:** Please call 2768 5179 or email [pce@hkbts.edu.hk](mailto:pce@hkbts.edu.hk)

\* One cannot enjoy both the Early Bird Reduction and fee discounts. After the Early Bird concession period, please pay the full fee. For fee details, please see the Application Form ([www.hkbts.edu.hk/pce](http://www.hkbts.edu.hk/pce)).



## Financial Report

General Fund, 1 March - 31 May 2019

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
|                     | HK\$                |
| Income              | 8,555,592.74        |
| Expenditure         | (9,081,010.53)      |
| Surplus / (Deficit) | <u>(525,417.79)</u> |



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| 九龍國際浸信會                                       | 15,683.00  | 曾慶忠                                      | 500.00     |  |                                       | <b>Theological Education for Filipino</b> |
| 上環浸信會   | 6,600.00   | 馮德華、鄧如玉                                  | 200.00     |  |                                       | <b>Leaders Program</b>                    |
| 大埔浸信會   | 12,000.00  | 黃挺安伉儷                                    | 10,000.00  |  | 星月餐廳                                  | 1,000.00                                  |
| 屯門浸信教會  | 500.00     | 黃萃娟                                      | 100.00     |  | 陳麗英                                   | 200.00                                    |
| 以馬內利浸信會                                       | 4,300.00   | 黃嫺貴                                      | 50.00      |  | 溫祥、黎琮珍                                | 400.00                                    |
| 永興浸信會   | 7,000.00   | 楊淑霞                                      | 5,000.00   |  | HK\$                                  | 1,600.00                                  |
| 石澳浸信會福音堂                                      | 5,500.00   | 溫祥、黎琮珍                                   | 500.00     |  |                                       |   |
| 尖沙嘴浸信會  | 80,000.00  | 葉煥章                                      | 300.00     |  | <b>Campus Maintenance and Repairs</b> |   |
| 沙田浸信會   | 16,000.00  | 董清雅                                      | 10,000.00  |  | 張智理伉儷                                 | 10,000.00                                 |
| 青山道潮語浸信會                                      | 5,000.00   | 劉永生、鍾梓萍                                  | 300.00     |  | 楊美玲                                   | 300.00                                    |
| 香港(西區)潮語浸信會                                   | 5,000.00   | 劉永彪                                      | 2,000.00   |  | 鄒小寶                                   | 1,200.00                                  |
| 香港浸信教會  | 125,000.00 | 劉建紅                                      | 100.00     |  | HK\$                                  | 11,500.00                                 |
| 香港聖尼地城浸信教會                                    | 1,200.00   | 蔡淑儀                                      | 3,000.00   |  |                                       |   |
| 香港懷恩浸信教會                                      | 10,000.00  | 蔡慧英                                      | 200.00     |  | <b>Campus Extension Project</b>       |   |
| 朗福浸信會   | 200.00     | 鄧炳光伉儷                                    | 2,000.00   |  | 岑麗嫻                                   | 3,000.00                                  |
| 培正道浸信會  | 5,000.00   | 薛聲明                                      | 1,000.00   |  | 張智理伉儷                                 | 10,000.00                                 |
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| 深荃浸信會   | 500.00     | 羅佩珊                                      | 100.00     |  | 溫恩智伉儷                                 | 100,000.00                                |
| 第一城浸信會  | 8,000.00   | 羅凱慈                                      | 500.00     |  | 盧炯志                                   | 100,000.00                                |
| 新希望浸信會  | 1,500.00   | 關永盛                                      | 20,000.00  |  | 關永盛                                   | 10,000.00                                 |
| 筲箕灣潮語浸信會                                      | 20,000.00  | 關志偉                                      | 100.00     |  | 無名氏                                   | 10,000.00                                 |
| 置富浸信教會  | 3,000.00   | 關廣智、鄧慧然                                  | 500.00     |  | 無名氏                                   | 10,000.00                                 |
| 銅鑼灣浸信會  | 3,500.00   | 關德華伉儷                                    | 200.00     |  | 無名氏                                   | 10,000.00                                 |
| 廣林浸信會   | 10,000.00  | 主知名                                      | 10,000.00  |  | 無名氏                                   | 5,000.00                                  |
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| 觀塘浸信會   | 1,872.00   | 無名氏                                      | 4,000.00   |  | 無名氏                                   | 1,500.00                                  |
| 基督教宣道會華基堂                                     | 2,000.00   | 無名氏                                      | 3,500.00   |  | HK\$                                  | 263,550.00                                |
| 馬利亞、馬大團契                                      | 2,000.00   | 無名氏                                      | 3,000.00   |  |                                       |   |
| 啟關基金  | 500.00     | 無名氏                                      | 2,000.00   |  | <b>Faith, Hope and Love Project</b>   |   |
| 星月餐廳  | 2,000.00   | 無名氏                                      | 1,700.00   |  | 曹偉彤                                   | 50,000.00                                 |
| 無名氏   | 100,000.00 | 無名氏                                      | 1,400.00   |  | HK\$                                  | 50,000.00                                 |
| HK\$  | 501,755.00 | 無名氏                                      | 1,000.00   |  | <b>Scholarship &amp; Bursary Fund</b> |   |
|   |            | 無名氏                                      | 700.10     |  | 陳禮文伉儷                                 | 20,000.00                                 |
|   |            | 無名氏                                      | 500.00     |  |                                       |   |
|   |            | 無名氏                                      | 500.00     |  | <b>Spiritual Revival Concert 2019</b> |   |
|   |            | 無名氏                                      | 500.00     |  | 九龍城潮語浸信會                              | 2,000.00                                  |
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| 方志強   | 200.00     | 無名氏                                      | 300.00     |  | 粉嶺浸信會                                 | 3,000.00                                  |
| 王紹良   | 700.00     | 無名氏                                      | 300.00     |  | 荃灣浸信會                                 | 3,000.00                                  |
| 王群  | 800.00     | 無名氏                                      | 300.00     |  | Kwan Yee Man                          | 500.00                                    |
| 朱活平伉儷   | 300.00     | 無名氏                                      | 300.00     |  | 吳炳榮伉儷                                 | 5,000.00                                  |
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| 吳國傑伉儷   | 500.00     | <b>Lay Theological Education Program</b> |            |  | 莫麗賢                                   | 1,000.00                                  |
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| 曹啟明伉儷   | 400.00     |  |            |  | 無名氏                                   | 300.00                                    |
| 梁明財伉儷   | 500.00     | <b>Distance Education Program</b>        |            |  | HK\$                                  | 27,800.00                                 |
| 梁麗嫦   | 300.00     | Chinese Gospel Church of Dublin          | 8,451.68   |  |                                       |   |
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| 陳偉倫   | 200.00     | 無名氏                                      | 444.00     |  |                                       |   |
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| 紅磡浸信會                              | 22,800.00              |
| 香港(西區)潮語浸信會                        | 5,000.00               |
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| 香港浸信教會                             | 125,000.00             |
| 香港浸信教會顯理福音堂                        | 6,667.00               |
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| 觀塘浸信會                              | 2,977.00               |
| 鑽石山浸信會                             | 3,000.00               |
| 基督教宣道會華基堂                          | 2,000.00               |
| 啟聞基金                               | 500.00                 |
| 星月餐廳                               | 2,000.00               |
|                                    | <u>HK\$ 355,149.02</u> |
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| 劉建紅     | 100.00                |
| 蔡慧英     | 200.00                |
| 謝兆祥伉儷   | 10,000.00             |
| 羅佩珊     | 100.00                |
| 羅凱慈     | 500.00                |
| 關志偉     | 100.00                |
| 關廣智、鄧慧然 | 500.00                |
| 關德華伉儷   | 200.00                |
| 無名氏     | 10,000.00             |
| 無名氏     | 4,000.00              |
| 無名氏     | 3,500.00              |
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| 無名氏     | 400.00                |
| 無名氏     | 308.30                |
| 無名氏     | 300.00                |
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| 鄭鵬程 | 300.00             |
| 無名氏 | 444.00             |
|     | <u>HK\$ 744.00</u> |

### Lay Theological Education Program

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| 蔡艷桃 | 500.00             |
|     | <u>HK\$ 500.00</u> |

### Theological Education for Filipino

|                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Leaders Program |                      |
| 星月餐廳            | 1,000.00             |
| 溫祥、黎琮珍          | 400.00               |
| 陳麗英             | 200.00               |
|                 | <u>HK\$ 1,600.00</u> |

### TEFL Mission Fund

|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Raquel Eusebio | HK\$ <u>100.00</u> |
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### Campus Maintenance and Repairs

|     |                    |
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| 楊美玲 | 300.00             |
| 無名氏 | 500.00             |
|     | <u>HK\$ 800.00</u> |

### Campus Extension Project

|     |                        |
|-----|------------------------|
| 黃嫻賞 | 50.00                  |
| 鄒小寶 | 1,200.00               |
| 劉少康 | 100,000.00             |
| 無名氏 | 40,000.00              |
| 無名氏 | 3,000.00               |
| 無名氏 | 1,500.00               |
| 無名氏 | 500.00                 |
|     | <u>HK\$ 146,250.00</u> |

### Spiritual Revival Concert 2019

|        |                       |
|--------|-----------------------|
| 深水埗浸信會 | 2,000.00              |
| 鑽石山浸信會 | 2,000.00              |
| 梁耀明伉儷  | 500.00                |
| 無名氏    | 4,000.00              |
| 無名氏    | 3,000.00              |
| 無名氏    | 500.00                |
| 無名氏    | 100.00                |
|        | <u>HK\$ 12,100.00</u> |

### Rev. James Mau Memorial Bursary

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| 冒懷慶 | HK\$ <u>20,000.00</u> |
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### Mrs. Sue Mau Memorial Scholarship & Bursary

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| 冒懷慶 | HK\$ <u>20,000.00</u> |
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### Scholarship & Bursary Fund

|         |                      |
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| 香港浸信會聯會 | HK\$ <u>3,600.00</u> |
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## DONORS REPORT FOR MAY 2019

|   |                   |                                  |                      |  |                       |
|---|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|--|-----------------------|
| <b>Education Fund (Church / Organization)</b> |                   |                                  |                      | <b>Distance Education Program</b>        |                       |
| 九龍國際浸信會                                       | 27,203.00         | 梁麗嫦                              | 300.00               | 鄭鵬程                                      | 300.00                |
| 上水浸信會   | 15,000.00         | 許鋒威                              | 1,000.00             | 無名氏                                      | 500.00                |
| 上環浸信會   | 6,600.00          | 陳偉倫                              | 200.00               | 無名氏                                      | 444.00                |
| 大埔浸信會   | 12,000.00         | 陳偉權                              | 800.00               | 無名氏                                      | 100.00                |
| 屯門浸信教會  | 500.00            | 曾慶志                              | 500.00               | HK\$                                     | <u>1,344.00</u>       |
| 以馬內利浸信會                                       | 4,300.00          | 馮德華、鄧如玉                          | 200.00               |  |                       |
| 沙田浸信會   | 8,000.00          | 黃少娟                              | 2,000.00             | <b>Lay Theological Education Program</b> |                       |
| 香港(西區)潮語浸信會                                   | 5,000.00          | 黃華娟                              | 100.00               | 蔡艷桃                                      | HK\$ <u>500.00</u>    |
| 香港浸信教會  | 125,000.00        | 黃嫻賞                              | 50.00                |  |                       |
| 香港堅尼地城浸信教會                                    | 1,200.00          | 楊維霞                              | 500.00               | <b>Campus Maintenance and Repairs</b>    |                       |
| 恩典浸信會   | 10,000.00         | 溫雅蓮                              | 50,000.00            | 楊美玲                                      | 300.00                |
| 恩潮浸信會   | 12,000.00         | 溫祥、黎琮珍                           | 500.00               | 鄒小寶                                      | 1,200.00              |
| 朗福浸信會   | 400.00            | 葉煥章                              | 300.00               | 鍾陳麗玲                                     | 200.00                |
| 柴灣浸信會   | 10,000.00         | 劉永生、鍾梓萍                          | 300.00               | HK\$                                     | <u>1,700.00</u>       |
| 將軍澳浸信會  | 500.00            | 劉志文                              | 3,000.00             |  |                       |
| 深荃浸信會   | 500.00            | 劉志城                              | 12,000.00            | <b>Campus Extension Project</b>          |                       |
| 愛群道浸信會  | 8,750.00          | 劉建紅                              | 100.00               | 朗福浸信會                                    | 500.00                |
| 新生命浸信會  | 4,000.00          | 歐陽學詒                             | 1,000.00             | 溫啟良                                      | 20,000.00             |
| 置富浸信教會  | 3,000.00          | 蔡慧英                              | 200.00               | 余美蓮                                      | 10,000.00             |
| 銅鑼灣浸信會  | 3,500.00          | 鄧炳光伉儷                            | 1,000.00             | 李德祥                                      | 20,000.00             |
| 廣林浸信會   | 4,440.00          | 盧愛貞                              | 500.00               | 郭惠蓮                                      | 500.00                |
| 麗城浸信會   | 10,000.00         | 薛聲明                              | 1,000.00             | 陳少瑛                                      | 100,000.00            |
| 觀塘浸信會   | 3,072.00          | 羅佩珊                              | 100.00               | 陳國權                                      | 1,000.00              |
| 中華錫安傳道會慈雲山錫安堂                                 | 1,300.00          | 關志偉                              | 100.00               | 黃嫻賞                                      | 50.00                 |
| 基督教宣道會華基堂                                     | 2,000.00          | 關廣智、鄧慧然                          | 500.00               | 劉志文                                      | 2,000.00              |
| 啟關基金  | 500.00            | 關德華伉儷                            | 200.00               | 鄧炳光伉儷                                    | 20,000.00             |
| 星月餐廳  | 2,000.00          | 無名氏                              | 5,000.00             | 鄭永美                                      | 200.00                |
| HK\$  | <u>280,765.00</u> | 無名氏                              | 4,500.00             | 羅榮忠                                      | 50,000.00             |
|   |                   | 無名氏                              | 4,000.00             | 無名氏                                      | 100,000.00            |
| <b>Education Fund (Individual Donor)</b>      |                   | 無名氏                              | 3,500.00             | 無名氏                                      | 3,000.00              |
| 方志強   | 200.00            | 無名氏                              | 2,000.00             | 無名氏                                      | 1,500.00              |
| 王紹良   | 700.00            | 無名氏                              | 2,000.00             | 無名氏                                      | 100.00                |
| 王群  | 800.00            | 無名氏                              | 1,000.00             | HK\$                                     | <u>328,850.00</u>     |
| 朱活平伉儷   | 300.00            | 無名氏                              | 500.00               |  |                       |
| 何仲儀   | 1,000.00          | 無名氏                              | 400.00               | <b>Spiritual Revival Concert 2019</b>    |                       |
| 何錦燕   | 1,000.00          | 無名氏                              | 300.00               | 無名氏                                      | HK\$ <u>150.00</u>    |
| 吳承士、吳幼靜                                       | 3,000.00          | 無名氏                              | 265.10               |  |                       |
| 吳炳榮伉儷   | 8,000.00          | 無名氏                              | 200.00               | <b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Wan Yun Chee</b>       |                       |
| 吳國傑伉儷   | 500.00            |                                  |                      | <b>Scholarship Fund</b>                  |                       |
| 卓穎靈   | 300.00            |                                  |                      | 溫恩智伉儷                                    | HK\$ <u>20,000.00</u> |
| 洪錦漢   | 200.00            | <b>Theological Education for</b> |                      |  |                       |
| 洪鷹輪   | 200.00            | <b>Filipino Leaders Program</b>  |                      | <b>Scholarships and Prizes</b>           |                       |
| 胡文恩伉儷   | 500.00            | 星月餐廳                             | 1,000.00             | 香港浸信教會婦女                                 | HK\$ <u>25,000.00</u> |
| 殷振強伉儷   | 1,000.00          | 溫祥、黎琮珍                           | 400.00               |  |                       |
| 曹啟明伉儷   | 400.00            | HK\$                             | <u>1,400.00</u>      | <b>Bursary Fund</b>                      |                       |
| 梁明財伉儷   | 500.00            |                                  |                      | 無名氏                                      | HK\$ <u>50.00</u>     |
| 梁錦松、郭詠文                                       | 1,000.00          | <b>TEFL Mission Fund</b>         |                      |  |                       |
|   |                   | Esterlita Espina & Joyce Abugan  | HK\$ <u>1,825.00</u> |  |                       |



April 13, 2019

**The Annual Meeting of the President’s Council**

We thanked the members of the President’s Council who actively participated in the exchange meeting. They eagerly discussed the seminary’s recent development and provided us with valuable advice, even for five hours without a sign of tiredness. May God reward them in all their endeavors and service.



April 16

**Memorial Service of Rev. Dr. Jerry Moye**

Our emeritus professor Rev. Dr. Jerry Moye rested in the Lord’s arm on March 22, 2019. The memorial services (April 14 and 16) were held at the Tsim Sha Tsui Baptist Church and on our Sai O campus respectively. In the memorial service of April 16, President Joshua Cho gave a sermon; our emeritus professor Dr. Jerry Juergens and Rev. Timothy Lau offered words of remembrance; a hymn was dedicated by the HKBTS Alumni Choir. All the faculty, students and alumni came together to honor the life and memory of Dr. Moye, our beloved missionary and teacher who has blessed countless people including pastoral leaders and theological educators.



May 5  
**Spiritual Revival  
Concert 2019**



The Spiritual Revival Concert 2019 on the theme “My God, My King” was held at the Kowloon City Baptist Church. That evening Rev. Brian Lam delivered a sermon, and Mr. Sanson Lau was the choir conductor. The HKBTS Choir, together with the HKBTS Alumni Choir led by Ms. Helen Chang Wan, acted as a united choir. Testimonies were given by our graduating students.





*May 9*  
**Commissioning Ceremony for Graduates**

At the ceremony, our graduating students received benediction and intercession from the seminary. President Joshua Cho presided over the ceremony and Dr. Clement Shum, on behalf of the faculty, exhorted the graduating students on the topic “God’s Word,” and reminded them not to forget their identity as preachers who have to study the Bible hard and faithfully preach the gospel.



*May 23*  
**Groundbreaking Ceremony for the New Academic Building**

The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the New Academic Building under the “Faith, Hope, and Love Project” was conducted by President Joshua Cho, Rev. Timothy Lau, Dr. Cecil Chan, and Rev. Lo Hing-choi. At the ceremony, President Cho shared with us his vision for the seminary, and a worship team of 12 members including faculty members, colleagues and students dedicated the hymn “Amazing Grace.”

*May 23*  
**The Awards Ceremony and the Inauguration of the Board of Directors**

At this annual awards ceremony, we formally recognized the students for academic excellence and non-academic achievements, and expressed our gratitude to scholarship donors. We also presented long service awards to faculty and staff, along with commemorative awards to retiring staff members. On this grateful occasion, the inauguration ceremony for a new board of directors was held. Together we prayed for them for God’s blessing and empowerment in their new term in office.



*June 5-12*  
**Our Mission Trip to Eastern Myanmar**

Altogether twenty of our teachers and students joined a mission trip to eastern Myanmar, organized by the Hong Kong Baptist Mission. They visited the cities Kengtung and Tachilek in the Golden Triangle of Myanmar. Besides getting to know the various ethnic cultures in different local regions, they also visited mountain villages, churches, seminaries, schools and addiction treatment centres, etc. and there were many occasions where they also participated in the ministry, thus gaining a personal understanding of the evangelical needs there.