



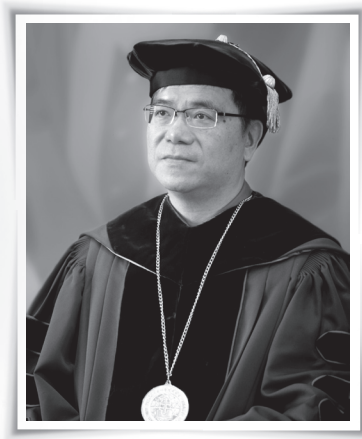
2010-11 Sharing of Our Educational Ministry

“You crown the year with your bountiful grace, and your carts overflow with abundance.” (Psalm 65:11)



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President's Sharing

A Seminary "Soaring High on our Lord's Wings"

The year 2011 is an important year of the Seminary's when we celebrate with thanksgiving our Diamond Jubilee Anniversary. At the beginning of this thanksgiving year, we were challenged by the call of the apostle Paul, "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, press on toward the goal ..." (Phil. 3:13-14). On our path as we follow Christ and strain forward, we do not walk alone but rather "together" we suffer, "together" we imitate Christ, so that "together" we experience the power of Christ's resurrection. At this special time we are keenly aware that HKBTS is both a **school** and a **community** of disciples where we learn "together." In this Thanksgiving Diamond Jubilee Anniversary, I pray that the grace of God will encourage us once again so that we, as a community of disciples, will "together" learn to look to the future, shoulder our responsibility with steadfast faith and in ceaseless hope and constant love and soar high on our Lord's wings for God's glory.

A Seminary "Practicing Cordial Hospitality"

One of the indicators of a disciple community is "cordial hospitality." "Cordial hospitality" is true spirituality in practice. Despite individual differences in personality, temperament, background, and experience, members of a spiritual community are willing to submit to each other in the experience of the power of the risen Lord, to serve and to love one another as brothers and sisters. A disciple

community expresses its spirit of mission when it actively shares Christ's love and grace with strangers. When the practice of cordial hospitality becomes the life habit of HKBTS's disciple community, those around us will recognize us as Christ's followers.

For more than two years, we have exercised cordial hospitality as a discipline drawing closer together not only our teachers and staff with our students but also our alumni with the Seminary. In October last year and May this year, I with our Chaplain Rev. Brian Lam and some of our teachers paid goodwill visits to our alumni serving in churches in the districts of Sham Shui Po, Tai Kok Tsui, and those in Yau Ma Tei, Tsim Sha Tsui, and Mong Kok. We showed them the care and concern of the alma mater and at the same time shared with them the Seminary's recent situation and development. This past summer I paid my first visit to our alumni on the east coast of the United States and then visited our alumni in San Francisco for a second time to strengthen our bonds and relationship. During the visit, I once again witnessed God's marvelous deeds by which our alumni were able to come together from different times and different parts of the world to become members of the HKBTS family.

A Seminary "Having a Single-Hearted Synergy"

Another indicator of a disciple community is single-hearted synergy. We are living in a competitive world and there is a constant struggle not only to survive but also to reach the top. In order to rise above others, one is often determined to put down one's opponents by any means, fair or foul. However, our Seminary community must always reject this mindset and replace it with a mentality of "considering others better than ourselves" as we embrace one another and function

with single-hearted synergy. We must remain vigilant to be like-minded and remain one in spirit as God's humble co-workers.

Looking back over the past two years, I have been encouraged to see our teacher team cooperating and complementing one another. Being experts in their subject areas, our teachers willingly share their insights with one another as they engage in inter-disciplinary studies in order to meet the needs of our churches and the society. These studies result in publications such as the "Spiritual Theology Series," the "Church and Culture Series," and the "Biblical Theology Series."

Besides synergy within our Seminary, HKBTS has also been actively developing synergy with our Baptist churches and other theological education organizations. As a member of the Baptist Convention of Hong Kong, we are pleased to join hands with the Convention as we make concerted efforts in ministry for God's glory. In January this year, over twenty of our teachers, staff, and students joined the Convention's prayer meeting. We came together to pray with our local Baptist pastors and ministers for the evangelistic meeting which was to be conducted at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center in September. In mid-February, three of our teachers were invited to be preachers of the Convention's thirtieth Bible Study and Revival Conference. During this conference, our students had served as ushers, choir members and follow-up counselors.

Beginning from November 2009, God has given me a ministry to serve on a two-year term as the Chairman of the Hong Kong Theological

Education Association. Serving in this position, I have come to the understanding of the will of God that the local seminaries should cooperate rather than compete with each other in raising the quality of teachers and students. Only by pooling our resources and experiences can the seminaries cooperatively equip more excellent workmen for the kingdom of heaven. I pray that "under God" we can share our success and failure and present what we do as our sacrifices to Him.

A Seminary of "Preaching"

I pray that God will enable HKBTS to be a preaching seminary and that He will help our teachers and students mature in their spiritual lives in proclaiming the Truth. I emphasize the importance of the spirituality of a preacher by sharing the essence of spiritual discipline when teachers and students gather together in the morning prayer meetings, the morning chapels, the All-Seminary Prayer Meetings and All-Staff Meetings. The same would be brought up in face-to-face communications and the Seminary's *Newsletter*. Recognizing that praying and hymn-singing are also a necessary part of spiritual formation, I consistently encourage everyone to pray and sing more. At the Diamond Jubilee Thanksgiving Worship Service on February 20, not only did our students and alumni but also our teachers and our trustees participated in the tribute to God through choral presentation. In the Diamond Jubilee Concert of Praise held on May 16, choirs of Baptist churches were invited to join the HKBTS choir as they presented Dr. Cainan Mui's new works, "The Prayer of Thanksgiving."

Apart from highlighting the spiritual formation



of a preacher; I also stress that a preacher ought to be a herald, a pastor, and a prophet. It is a must for the Seminary to train students to be preachers whom God can use as His faithful heralds proclaiming the gospel of Christ, to become pastors who listen with empathy and patience in their service to the brothers and sisters of their congregation, to be prophets who speak the truth with courage and defend the truth by taking necessary action.

In order to provide more opportunities to students to practice preaching, throughout the 2010-11 academic year, graduating students were scheduled to preach in the morning chapel. To heighten students' awareness and enhance their skills in preaching, we provide them with a series of seminars, topical lectures, and an entire week of studies in expository preaching. For the Diamond Jubilee Belote Lectures just held in mid-August, we were privileged to have Professor Thomas Long, often referred to as the Master of Preaching, to explain and demonstrate to our students the whole process of preparation for preaching. The large group of participants includes seminary faculty, students, and church ministers benefited greatly from Professor Long's lectures and sermons. We were deeply impressed by Professor Long's humility, in-depth exposition, and his effective communication.

A Seminary of "Mission"

"Mission" is always an important ministry of a disciple community. We are called to proclaim

the gospel for the non-believers as well as for the people who have confessed their belief. Where there is abuse of power or failure to follow God's way and God's will, we will use our mouths and hands to share the gospel by proclaiming Christ's authority and by living our lives in His way. It is to this end that the Seminary is committed as we move forward. I pray earnestly to God that HKBTS will become passionate about Christ's mission to the world, that our students can put into practice the theologies effectively in their church ministry and in proclaiming God's truth to the world.

We thank God for leading Rev. Pak Loh to join our ministry team this August, who will serve as the Director of the Mission Dynamic Resources Center and share the teaching responsibility in Practical Theology Division. Rev. Loh is a missionary of the Canadian Baptist Mission with ample experience in missions and church pastoral ministry. I believe that through the organizing efforts of Rev. Loh with our teachers God will help us as a disciple community to further Christ's command for mission, for the churches, for preaching the gospel of Christ to the world.

From the Diamond Jubilee year onward, HKBTS will set out upon a new path and will be endowed in new grace of God. I pray that our Baptist churches will continue to support our theological education ministry and join with us shoulder to shoulder on this new path of God's grace.



Prayer

We thank God for guiding the Seminary in every aspect in the past and we praise Him for all the experiences in His grace and in His way. We pray that God will help our disciple community to complement one another as we continue to learn to share the ministry of "preaching" and "mission."

Thanksgiving

The Diamond Jubilee Anniversary Marks Sixty Years of God's Grace



The year 2011 is HKBTS's Diamond Jubilee Anniversary. Throughout these sixty years, God's mighty hand has been at work in this Seminary that is established by Himself, nurturing ministers and preachers from generation to generation with His grace.

Today, we embrace the future with our Lord and look ahead with a fresh new vision. We are a generation who witness God's abundant grace experienced by the "HKBTS people" in the 60 years of our history. We are also brought to light the reality of God's precious promise that "our Lord crowns the years with His bountiful grace."

To celebrate God's grace in this Diamond Jubilee year, the Seminary has organized a series of activities following the theme "Soaring High on

the Lord's Wings of Faith, Hope and Love." We pray that as we remember the Lord's grace in these days, we will continue to advance, always counting His blessings so that we can soar high in faith, hope, and love. At this time, we want to renew our partnership with our churches as we seek to cultivate a community of excellent and humble workers who are committed to the mission of God's Kingdom.



February 20 Diamond Jubilee Thanksgiving Worship Service

At the Service, the Faculty Choir with selected Male Students sang praises with all their hearts, expressing their souls' deep thirst for the divine guidance, "Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah."



February 20 Diamond Jubilee Thanksgiving Banquet

At the Banquet, former president Dr. George Wilson and President Joshua Cho presented "Amazing Grace" as a duet. The Seminary presidents of two generations gave a testimony of passing the torch of leadership in God's amazing grace that has accompanied HKBTS throughout the last 60 years.



March 5 Diamond Jubilee Fund-Raising Walkathon

Seven high-spirited guests officiated at the ribbon-cutting ceremony commencing the Fund-raising Walkathon. We offer our gratitude to God who has led the churches and fellow Christian brothers and sisters to co-minister with HKBTS over the past sixty years.



May 16 Diamond Jubilee Concert of Praise

A mega choir presented Dr. Cainan Mui's newly composed "A Prayer of Thanksgiving" for HKBTS's Diamond Jubilee Anniversary. This choir was made up of choir members from 18 local Baptist churches and the Seminary's own joint choir. The Sunshine Choir from the Baptist Convention of Hong Kong also participated that evening. The 300 voices blended together for a magnificent concert. We treasure this opportunity for the Seminary community to bond with local churches by singing and praising shoulder to shoulder as we express our thanksgiving to God.



August 23-26 Diamond Jubilee Belote Lectures

Professor Thomas Long, a renowned American master of preaching, was the speaker of the Diamond Jubilee Belote Lectures. He gave both an in-depth and practical application of the preaching ministry. The attendants responded with enthusiasm. Around 200 pastors and ministers participated in the morning sessions every day. Our teachers and students took the opportunity to learn and to exchange views with these ministers, and teachers and students from other seminaries.

Retrospect with Thanksgiving Prospect for Progress

We are pleased to report that for the 2010-2011 school year, there was a total of 314 students enrolled in the degree program. Student enrollment included 129 in the Ministerial Preparation Program and 185 in the Christian Studies Program of the Lay Theological Education Department. In this past school year, 72 new students were admitted to these two programs while 55 students graduated from these programs.

I Ministerial Preparation Program

Year after year, when the Seminary's operation seems to go through the motions, we as a community are in fact keenly aware that every drib and drab of the times is in fact a new act of God. In screening applicants for student admission, our hearts were touched again and again by each applicant, whether young or middle age, as they each resolutely set out on the road of consecration to God. In August, the annual Faculty Retreat Camp and the Spiritual Formation Camp for students took

place. Once again we were thrilled to experience the presence of God and the communion of the souls within our seminary community. Our campus life saw individual students' spiritual lives being rebuilt by God. We were touched by how the students care for one another. In the classroom, students had so many joyful moments while studying with great enthusiasm; the class meetings also presented a beautiful picture of the harmonious relationship between teachers and students. All of these take place in the drib and drab of our everyday lives at the Seminary, indicative of God's grace and revealing a special spirit in which the Seminary takes pride.

Sharing from Some of Our Graduates

"My three years of seminary life have come to a close in the twinkle of an eye and I found it hard to say goodbye. As I recount my seminary life, I can see the changes in me from knowing nothing about the Seminary to



falling in love with HKBTS, from being incapable of theological thinking to discovering the wonder of theology, from knowing little about pastoral care to growing in the passion of a shepherd." All of these things manifest the grace God has endowed in me. I must give thanks to God!"

"I must thank HKBTS for these three years of nurture. I also thank my teachers for their life

examples and their commitment to teaching. What impressed me most was to learn about 'the unity and diversity of Christian faith' and 'rightly handling the word of truth.' These two are the most important foundation on which ministry and relationship with brothers and sisters are built."

"Throughout the seasons of these four years, God has broadened my vision and changed the course of my life

through a great many people and events. Thank for every one of "you" whom I have had the privilege of meeting in the course of my life so that I can come to understand more about God's love and righteousness, and His grace and law. I miss HKBTS for there are teachers I respect and love and spiritual friends with whom we have encouraged one another."



God often speaks to us through the sharing of our graduates and encourage us to be faithful to His call for the ministry of theological education. The graduates' testimonies inspire confidence that today's seminary students are tomorrow's ministers and that this generation of students can shoulder responsibility of pastoral care, teaching, missions and evangelism with God's churches. Our students deserve and need the continual cooperation and support of the churches with the Seminary and in providing resources for quality training and nurturing of our ministers-to-be.

We are thankful to God for preparing and sending a new group of outstanding students for the Seminary. We are pleased to report that in the recent 3 years, the number of new students has continued to increase after serious screening. Then too there has been an obvious increase in overseas students applying to the Seminary. In the fall term in the new school year 2011-12, the Ministerial Preparation Program of the main campus admitted 45 new students and the total number of students in the Program has increased from 129 last year to 145 this year. For the spring term of the new school year, we will continue to recruit students. Looking over the school year of 2010-11, we are thankful that the Lord has led 42 new students to the Seminary while we graduated 27 who have entered into God's churches and mission fields.

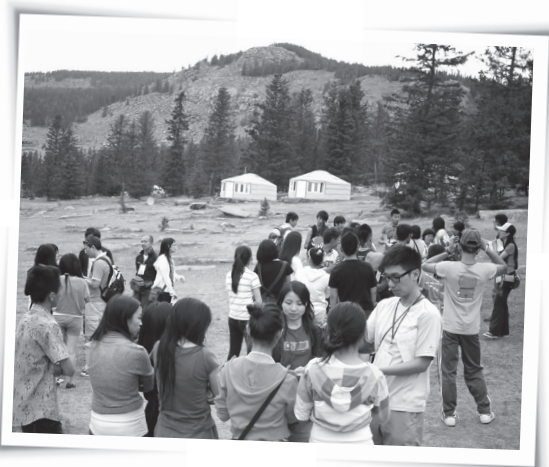
The Seminary accentuates holistic theological training. Besides the discipline and training both inside and outside the classroom, we make character and spiritual formation our highest priority. In the past year, the Seminary particularly

emphasized that all the faculty and students are a "in school" community. Together, this community submits to the power of the resurrection of Christ so that they become a disciple community characterized with faith, hope, and love. We have launched a discipleship mode of theological education involving each of our teachers and the two chaplains serving as mentors. These mentors regularly meet with students entrusted to their care and develop a close relationship. Furthermore, the pastoral care of students is strengthened through a variety of community groups and meetings. There are the spiritual formation groups and growth groups. There are morning prayer meetings, the morning chapel hours, and noon time silent prayer meetings. With various other activities organized by the Student Union, the student shepherding program is strengthened.

In the past school year, students were engaged in their field work in 85 churches and organizations. The field practice is designed to allow students to have new ministry opportunities, to apply what they learn from classes, and to be shaped by the Holy Spirit in various challenges and situations. We also sharpen our students' mind and engage them in academic exchange by organizing relevant seminars and forums for sharing. The seminars included the Baptist Heritage Week of the theme "The Contribution of the Southern Baptist Convention to the Development of the Baptist Churches in Hong Kong (1950-1997)" and two other academic lectures with two of our New Testament teachers as speakers. The noon-time sharing sessions and outreach activities organized by the Student Union also helped to heighten students' awareness of the

variety of ministries and important issues.

This summer and before the field work began, many students went on mission trips to Mainland China with their teachers: the Seminary's choir "The Voice of Hill Road" visited Sichuan (June 1-8); a visit to Yingde Shi, Guangdong Province was organized by the Missions Department of the Student Union (June 10-12); our graduating students participated in a visit to the Republic of Mongolia organized by the Hong Kong Baptist Mission. We thank God for these mission opportunities that permit our students to learn to serve and care, and to shed new light on God's ministry.



As for our faculty team, we thank God for enabling us to form two solid teaching teams in Biblical Studies and Christian Thought. Planning is in progress to further strengthen our Practical Theology Division by adding to the team competent teachers of good character who teach subjects of Missions, Religious Education, Life Mentorship, and Church Music. We thank God for leading Dr. Roy Chan and Rev. Pak Loh to join our Seminary this January and August respectively who bring to the team a new drive. Dr. Chan teaches mainly "Psychology," "Life Mentorship" and "Sports Ministry." Rev. Loh serves as the Director of the Mission Dynamic Resources Center:

The service beyond our campus in the 2010-11 school year saw President Cho and our teachers

leading 24 church revival meetings and 44 Seminary Sunday Service at churches. We thank our Baptist churches for their trust and friendship and for giving us opportunities to not only serve and to seek deeper and mutual understanding between the churches and the Seminary, but also to share the needs of the Seminary that will enhance the understanding of theological education ministry. The Seminary further offered two workshops "Talk on Full Time Ministry" that was followed by "Experiencing Seminary Life Camp" to enable those who are seeking the will of God whether to go into full time ministry and at the same time to know more about HKBTS.

In the past school year, on top of preaching at revival meetings and Seminary Sunday Service, God also sent our teachers to churches to study the Bible with many Christian brothers and sisters. To name a few, three of our teachers in Theology and in Biblical Studies served as speakers of the thirtieth Bible Study and Revival Conference organized by the Baptist Convention of Hong Kong (February 2011). The teachers shared a spiritual feast as they presented a series of three expository sermons on the book of Joshua on three evenings. Our five Biblical Studies teachers studied the Word of God together with brothers and sisters on five Sunday afternoons in succession at the Tsuen Wan Bible Study Conference (October 2010) and the Island South Bible Study Conference (May 2011) respectively.

Besides, President Cho attended and presented a paper at the Third Consultative Meeting of Chinese Theological Education of the World that was held in Malaysia last August. In



the following October, he participated in the 16th North American Chinese Baptist Assembly as well as its 30th Anniversary Celebration. After that, he traveled to South Africa to attend the third Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization 2010. In January 2011, President Cho went to America to lead a retreat camp and to meet with the Alumni Association there. He then flew to South Korea to attend the Third Asian Pacific Baptist Theological Education Meeting. In May, he visited the alumni

who minister in Baptist churches in various local districts such as Tsim Sha Tsui, Yau Ma Tei, and Mong Kok to share with them the latest development of the Seminary. President Cho went on a presidential trip again to North America in summer to visit our alumni and Baptist church pastors, to speak in a spiritual revival meeting, and to participate as the speaker in the convocation of Truth Baptist Theological Seminary of American Baptists.

2 Lay Theological Education Department

The mission of LTED is to nurture committed Christians to become the crack troop of the Kingdom of Heaven. Through diversified programs of studies, including training in the Bible, theology and ministerial skills, students are equipped to be God's useful vessels in the church and the marketplace and His effective witnesses in today's world.

At present, LTED provides 9 programs of different levels, including certificate, diploma, bachelor and master degree programs. Besides biblical and theological subjects, we also offer a variety of subjects in a number of programs to meet the needs and interests of students. Newly offered subjects in the past school year include the following: "Pastoral Care for the Sick," "Public Speaking Skills," "Natural Science and Faith Education for Infants

and Children," and "Reading and Writing Happily as Children Grow." We thank God for preparing for us lecturers who are both well-educated and rich in teaching experience so that students' lives are enlightened and their ministerial skills upgraded.

Besides offering programs of studies, LTED also organizes various kinds of topical seminars. In the past year, a total of 14 topical seminars were held. Most of them were held during the spiritual formation meetings when all students came together. It was through the sharing from pastoral workers and professionals that students came to know and understand more about different ministries. Besides, as the seminary puts a strong emphasis on the teaching and studies on preaching, we believe that quality listening would be a good match. So in February, we organized a seminar open to the public and asked Dr. Sam Tsang to speak on "The Art of Listening to Sermons" so as to make Christians aware of the proper

mindset and preparation for listening to sermons and to enable them to have a better worship experience in the Sunday Service. About 200 people attended the seminar and attendants gave positive feedback to Dr. Tsang's sharing and practical suggestions.

We want to mention that our fund-raising efforts during our Diamond Jubilee Anniversary celebrations. In the Fundraising Walkathon held in March, Mrs. Cheung Siu Kwai-ngo, one of our staff co-

Nine Programs in the Lay Theological Education Department

1. Christian Studies (Certificate / Diploma / Bachelor / Master Degree)
2. Lay Theological Training (Certificate / Diploma)
3. Women Theological Training (Certificate / Diploma)
4. Elderly Ministry (Certificate / Diploma)
5. Youth Ministry (Diploma)
6. Childhood Ministry (Certificate / Diploma)
7. Early Childhood Ministry (Certificate / Diploma)
8. Mission Ministry (Certificate / Diploma)
9. Church Administrative Affairs (Certificate / Diploma)

Number of Graduating Students 2010-11

Master of Christian Studies Program	10
Bachelor, Diploma, Certificate of Christian Studies Program	18
Non-degree, Diploma and Certificate Programs	263
	291



to spare the time from their busy daily schedule to equip themselves for ministry and continue to seek renewal in their spiritual lives. The perseverance of these lay students and their faithfulness to God always inspire our teachers and co-workers. Their stories remain memorable. In this school year, a total of 291 students would graduate from our programs. We pray that God will continue to guide each of the graduating students to serve Him to the best of their abilities in their churches and workplace. The result will be that many more people will be blessed and the name of the Lord will be glorified.

Sharing from Some of Our Graduates

“To be honest, I sometimes fail to see why I need to study a certain course. Then, I later come to see the bigger picture in which subjects are inter-related, just as trees fit into the large forest. In the course of theological education, God continues to transform my life into one that is more sensitive to Him and is more willing to love others! I really thank God that a sentimental person as I am can begin to define problems analytically.”

“Our teachers always teach students with great patience and dedication regardless of students’ age range among the students or their spiritual maturity. Our teachers cover the course contents systematically making it easier for us to understand and acquire knowledge of different disciplines in class. Over my years of study, I have become good friends with a lot of classmates and we have encouraged one another and have grown together. This has been an extra reward for me!”

workers received the individual award for having the most number of sponsors. She got a total of 267 sponsors, mainly LTED students showing how well our students have supported the Seminary. Moreover, the Student Association of the Women Theological Training Program has always been a strong supporter of the Seminary’s education ministry. In the Lunar New Year Thanksgiving Worship Service and Lunch Party, a total of \$13,200 was raised as an offering to the Seminary for the Diamond Jubilee celebration.

Thank God for His grace that in the 2010-11 school year, the quarterly average number of students in the program was 642, while the total number of people enrolled in the programs and in the talks each quarter totaled 2,166. We are touched to see so many Christians who are willing



Prayer

Looking back over the past year, we thank God for His timely provision of different guest lecturers and committee members to join LTED. It is like they have injected new blood and added new color to each of our programs. We also thank God for calling lay Christians to enroll in our programs to receive theological training. We think of one particular brother who, though physically handicapped, has braved great ordeals and worked energetically to complete the Certificate Program in Church Administration and General Affairs. We are indeed greatly inspired by his story and we thank God for him.

Thanksgiving

3 Distance Education Program

Students, whether in Hong Kong or overseas, can enroll in our DE theological programs and be trained by using the specially designed self-study materials. We also provide study support for student learning through email or phone calls as we assist in each student's study progress. Since the inauguration of DEP in 1998 until now, the total number of graduates has exceeded 355 and the average number of students enrolled each quarter



is approximately 290. There is a growing trend for students in the Mainland to enroll in our program.

Our Tenth Graduation Ceremony was held on November 14, 2010. One graduating student shared her testimony with humor admitting that she had been a DEP fan as she had spent the last ten years to complete the Certificate in Old Testament Studies, Diploma, and then Higher Diploma in Christian Studies. During that time, she had experienced changes in family life, from the birth of her first child until the child's entry into primary school. Through it all, she got a taste of what it was like to care for her family while managing a career and studying until late at night. How touched we were by her perseverance and diligence!

To widen students' spiritual horizon, DEP regularly organizes topical seminars. In the past academic year, Dr. Tony Sher led a seminar entitled "The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible" while Dr. Wong Fook Kong led another entitled "Spiritual Pursuit as Viewed from the Old Testament." These seminars are open to the public as we welcome brothers and sisters from all churches to join us to

explore issues on faith and the Bible and to learn together. These seminars always get enthusiastic responses from the attendants and for this, we are grateful to God.

Besides providing lay Christians with regular program of studies, DEP joins hands with other organizations to serve communities with special needs and economic difficulties. We join with the Christian Ministry to Visually Impaired Persons to offer the "Spiritual Light Project" to Christians with sight problems. There are now 11 students studying in this program. We collaborate with the Hong Kong Christian Kun Sun Association to set up the "Onesimus Project" for prison inmates who have come to know Christ while in correctional institutions. At present, in this project, more than 30 students are taking the diploma and certificate programs. These two groups of students face many challenges as they study under unfavorable circumstances. Still, they press hard to complete their course of study. Their commitment serves as a good testimony that encourages us to extend our ministry area far and wide.

In addition to full time staff workers, DEP has more than 20 tutors, most of whom are HKBTS alumni. They are pleased to reciprocate their alma mater by providing study support for our students despite their busy ministerial responsibilities. In the Seminary's Diamond Jubilee Thanksgiving Banquet on February 20, our tutors gathered on stage to paste colorful paper flowers onto a banner that symbolizes HKBTS's growth in these past sixty years. Then, our staff workers pasted paper grass onto the banner, denoting the setting up of the "Special Training" programs which offer training opportunities for those communities with special needs, and thereby adding color to their lives.



The Theological Education Program for Filipino Leaders (TEFL) is another program we offer that inaugurated in 2003. All classes in TEFL take place on Sunday afternoons and courses are taught four quarters a year. Class enrollment has increased from an average of 40 each quarter in 2003 to about 60 at present with a total of approximately 1,730 student registration in the eight years since the program began. Two degree programs, the B.A. in Theological Studies Program and Master of Divinity Program, were launched in 2008 and 2010 respectively. Currently we have 6 M.Div. students and 29 B.Th. students. In June, the fourth Graduation Ceremony took place with a total 19 graduates. We are happy to report that since the end of 2009, students have been using computer as study tools bringing TEFL into an era of paperless education.

Sharing from a Graduate

I must give thanks to God that my life of faith has undergone great changes since I began the DEP study. What I have learned from the program play a crucial role at times of tests and trials. ... Apart from being an important training for my Christian faith, the DEP has provided a positive transitional point in my life as a disciple of Christ. It has given me with an opportunity to come closer to God and to experience more fully His greatness. As a result, my faith in God has continued to grow and I am able to serve brothers and sisters with greater power and effectiveness.



Prayer

Thank God for leading Ms. Sandra Chow to join our ministry team last October as the Director of DEP. With thanksgiving as our offering, we pray that the hand of God will keep leading DEP forward, enabling our staff to be united in spirit and in action as we support one another, and encouraging us to extend our ministry area far and wide so that more lay Christians can be equipped and built up and that together we can offer up to God the fruits of our hard work.

Thanksgiving

4 Applied Theological Education Center

The Applied Theological Education Center located at Bute Street, Mongkok includes the following two program centers:

The Pastoral Continuing Education Center

In the 2010-11 school year, the program design of PCEC followed the main developmental direction of the Seminary that is to focus on "preaching seminary" and "preaching spirituality." The PCEC program consists of four series covering four areas of pastoral ministry. In the **Hermeneutic and Preaching Series**, courses offered this school year included "Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth,"

"Preaching the Living and Enduring Word of God," "Old Testament Spirituality in Different Stages of Our Lives," "Preaching with Charismatic Power" and "Interpreting Scriptures Theologically, Preaching Theologically." These courses were designed to strengthen the effectiveness and dynamics of the preaching ministry of ministerial co-workers and seminary students.



In the **Leadership Series**, the course “Applying Life Mentorship to Ministry I” in the first quarter was so enthusiastically received that we decided to offer “Applying Life Mentorship to Ministry II.” This course was developed to strengthen the communication skills of life mentors by introducing theories and practice. In addition, we offered programs such as “The Social Quotient of a Minister,” “The Example of Faith for Believers and the Church: Studying the Book of I Thessalonians” and also “Enneagram and Life Growth.” These courses have been developed to provide spiritual nourishment to ministerial co-workers, church deacons, and leaders for life transformation, and to equip them for their journey of growth.

The **Pastoral Care Series** offered courses like “The Wound-Recuperation Journey of the Widowed,” “Healing through Prayers of Deliverance,” “Coping with Emotions and Stress,” “Fast-Growing Youth Ministry” and “How to Promote the Elderly Ministry.” For these lectures we invited university professors, psychiatric medical physicians and psychologists as our lecturers. These guest lecturers integrated Biblical principles with their professional knowledge and professional experience in order to respond to the practical situations and real needs of our churches.



As for the **Individual-Equipping Series** and other series, four courses were offered: “Using Our Voice Effectively” aimed at upgrading students’ effectiveness in speaking in the pastoral ministry; “Megatrends and Challenges in Today’s Missions” enabled students to catch the pulse of the times and face the challenges of modern missions; “Doing Theological Thinking in Pastoral Ministry: Taking Church Worship as an Example” mainly explored how to apply theological thinking to church ministry; “Spiritual Formation and Discipline of Ministers” helped ministers to reflect in-depth on their individual spiritual lives and continuing growth.

Student registration in 2010-11 increased from 521 in the previous school year to 617 this year. We thank God for using these courses. In planning our future course design, we will continue to check the pulse of the times and practically respond to the

needs of the pastoral workers so that they can claim their spiritual gifts and abilities as they advance in their blessed ministry journey.

Statistics of Courses Offered in 2010-11

Category	No. of Courses (hour)	Student Registration (9/2010-8/2011)	
1	Shepherding 6(33)	281	(45%)
2	Leadership 6(48)	115	(19%)
3	Pastoral Care 6(39)	123	(20%)
4	Equipping 5(33)	98	(16%)
Total:	23(153)	617	(100%)



Prayer

From the time of devising the courses until the conclusion of the classes, there is always a lot of preparatory work and a certain amount of emotional upheaval. However, to be able to be a co-worker with God and to see that a good number of pastors and ministers are always blessed by the courses conducted each quarter, I can only give thanks to God! I pray that God will use these courses as vessels of blessings to our ministers, and He will lead us forward from the foundation of our ministry to a new milestone.

Thanksgiving

Edna Wong Christian Worship and Arts Education Center

Augustine has said, "Beauty is the light shone from truth!" God's nature is Truth, the source of all Goodness, and the reality of Beauty. As we worship God in truth, we reveal the genuineness of our worship as we allow ourselves to shine, reflecting His divinity, and as we proclaim His mighty deeds. The Biblical reference for "ministry" is man's worship for God that involves liturgy, ritual, action The setting up of Edna Wong Christian Worship and Arts Education Center can be said to correspond precisely with this need to worship God. We hope to instill in Christians a renewed understanding of worship based on the wisdom of the Bible, Theology, and Church History. We also offer diversified integrative training in all sorts of art-forms so that learners can broaden their vision, scope, and experience of their ministry, and upgrade their ability in application of art in church services and other ministries.



In the 2010-11 school year, we offered over 10 courses or workshops which were theoretical-based and practical-oriented. Subject areas include Application of Electronic Media, Floral Art Application in a Worship Setting, Appreciation of Lyrics in Hymns, Vocal and Instrumental Music

(such as electronic organ playing) Training, Music Appreciation and Analysis, Learning Music Theory and Score Reading, Training of Chorus Singing Skills and Conducting, Training of and Experience in the Art of Ethnic Folk Songs (especially gospel Cantonese operatic songs). Registration has exceeded 500 students.

In today's world, most people agree that education in art should be an integral part of human growth. Taking Hong Kong as an example, though most parents want their children to take "art education," they would more often than not want their children to "face" the reality and take art as a leisure activity rather than a profession. Reflecting the local culture, Christian churches tend to adopt a similar attitude towards the function of art when applying art to worship, evangelism, the Christian fellowship and training. They simply hope that in each of these categories, art can be an attractive ornament. When it comes to true integrated application, there are still a lot of misgivings.

Summing up our experience in offering courses in these few years, we face a dilemma. In courses on dancing, drama, composing and application of church hymns, the use of space in the worship setting, and various visual art, we in general do not have enough students. Among those courses we offer, a few of them have also been provided by other organizations. Singing courses such as those in western vocal music and local song art have always been popular. From this we can see, our churches at present are generally still using art within a certain "security zone." To help attain an understanding that art can be used in a diverse way in all areas of church ministries we still have a long way to go. Our center aims to recover the idea that the Bible reveals how God contacts men and women through all their senses (seeing, listening, smelling, tasting, feeling and receiving in the spirit) and does not depend on just one or two forms of the media.



Prayer

Thank God for bestowing art to us and we pray that God will help us design courses that can be used to serve and enable our churches to see with us how art, such as music, dance, drama, literature, painting, sculpture, architecture, movies, and electronic media can enrich our lives so that we can respond to God's words and deeds with all our being.

Thanksgiving

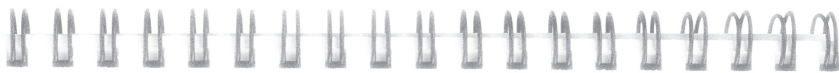
5 Learning Resources

Library Resources

Before July this year, the total size of the collection of our Rankin Memorial Library had already reached over 117,000 items. Our holdings include over 92,000 Chinese and English books, over 11,000 audio-visual materials, 730 CD-ROMs, nearly 1,300 periodicals and full text electronic periodicals, over 5,300 bound periodicals; and 6,500 books and music scores which are available at the ATEC in Mong Kok. As we received two large book donations within this year, we have processed a total number of 7,358 items of books and audio-visual materials. This represents an increase of 37.4% than last year. The total number of books in circulation has also slightly increased to 21,478, a rise of 0.3% over that of last year.

As we give thanks to God for His continued provision and guidance, we hope that these abundant resources can help our teachers and students in teaching and learning, and serve as solid

support to our alumni and Baptist church ministers for their continuing education and pastoral ministry. It is our prayer that every user will treasure each book in hand as they carefully ponder the writer's experience and insight so that he or she can understand God's will, and draw closer to Him to receive His blessings.



Prayer

We pray that our Lord will continue to lead us in the development of the library, to guide our staff in their services, to minister to the readers so that they treasure reading each one of the books and the opportunity of using the library. Let us be reminded of God's rich provisions and grace in our daily lives and not to slip into a mechanical routine.

Thanksgiving

Information Technology Facilities

Information technology facilities are crucial for the learning, teaching, communication and the operation of the entire seminary. In the past academic year, the IT staff worked closely with members of other departments. In fact, through these opportunities, we continue to learn of the importance of synergy and find suggestions from different departments useful in developing the seminary's information technology.

In May this year, the Seminary redesigned and launched its webpage to create a new look for the

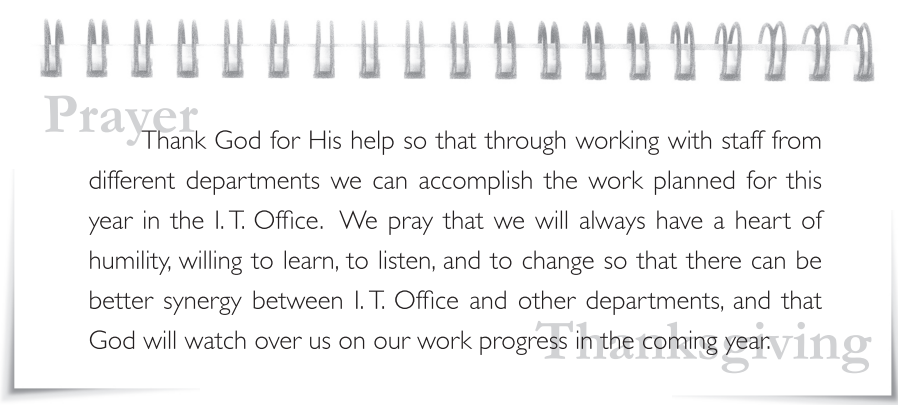


school. Although webpage design is not the strength of the Seminary's Information Technology Office, we are thankful for an alumna who has helped in the design of the framework, for the colleague of the Design Office who attended to the artistic details, and for the President's Office and the Publication Office to proofread the contents. As a result, we managed to accomplish a major task through inter-departmental cooperation and our mutually complementing one another.

In March, one of our core network equipment broke down and the Information Technology team initially assumed that it had something to do with the power supply unit. With the assistance of our Audio-Visual colleague in repairing the device,

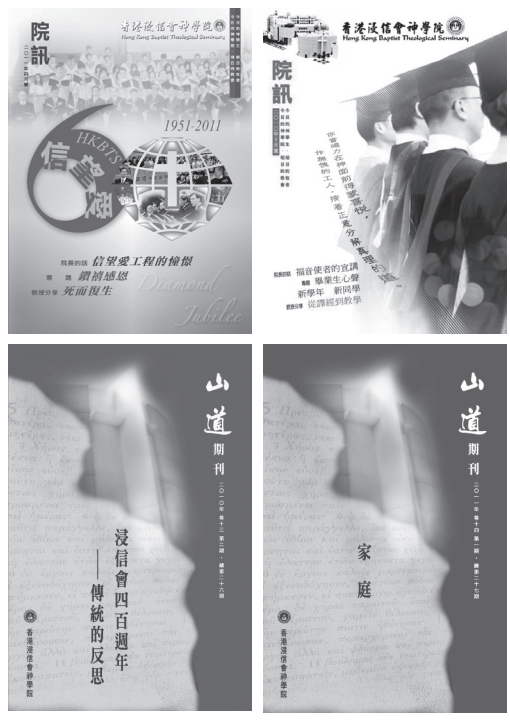
the I.T. team had gained time to produce a strategic plan for our network enhancement. The Seminary's network traffic flow, especially that of our wireless network, is expected to continue to increase. Thus, we have enhanced the wireless network signal strength in the parts of the campus such as the classrooms where it is most often used.

Looking ahead, the I. T. Office expects to establish more joint projects with other departments. We hope to master new technology, understand the needs of users, continue to learn about the application development and deployment technique, and use information technology to facilitate students' learning, teachers' research studies, and our staff's daily operations.



6 Publication

Both *Newsletter* and *Hill Road* are important Seminary publications and the main responsibilities of the Publication Office. We publish the Chinese and English Seminary's *Newsletter* every quarter to share on a regular basis the development of our theological education ministry with local and overseas churches and keep our readers informed about our students' lives and studies. An alumnus once said however busy he is in his ministry, he would always spare time to read through the Seminary's *Newsletter* to understand his Alma Mater's recent development. This concern and passion for the Seminary, whether it is from our alumni, the churches or individual brothers and sisters, keep reminding us to do our best in the publication of the Seminary's *Newsletter*, to be

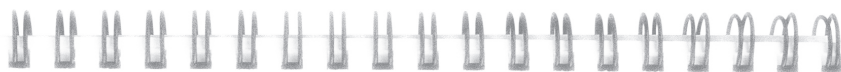


closely related to our readers and to establish partnership with them in the ministry of theological education so that we become God's useful vessels.

The *Hill Road* of thirteen years old is the Seminary's academic journal that is published semi-annually and each issue has a special theme. The themes of our recent issues are "Discipleship," "New Perspective on Paul," "Baptist for 400 Years – Heritage Revisit" and "Family." *Hill Road* is like a garden, which has been tended with care. We thank God that this journal is well established and its contents and editorial style excellence continue to be affirmed within the Chinese theological circle.

As for our book publication, our teachers currently immerse themselves wholeheartedly in research as they write books for two series: "Spiritual Theology" and "Church and Culture." *Seasons of Our*

Lives: Spirituality of Poetic and Wisdom Literature by Dr. Wong Fook Kong (the Spiritual Theology series) and *From Oral Text to Hypertext: Classical, Biblical and Contemporary Rhetoric for the Pulpit* by Dr. Sam Tsang (the Church and Culture series) are now in the final editing stages and will be published in the first half of 2012. Five other books will also be published in the next two years. Two will be in the Spiritual Theology series, including *Spiritual Warfare: Biblical Basis and Real Examples* by Dr. Alexander Mak and *Living out the Truth: The Spiritual Pursuit of Martin Luther and John Calvin* by Dr. Nathan Ng. In the Church and Culture series, there will be *The Church with an Alternative Culture* by Dr. Andres Tang, *Discipleship against Culture: The View of John Howard Yoder* by Dr. Vincent Lau and *Globalization and the Gospel* by Dr. Eric Kwong.



Prayer

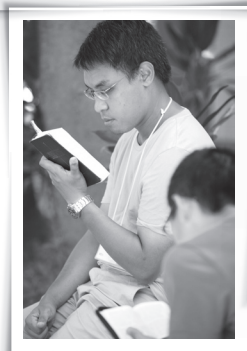
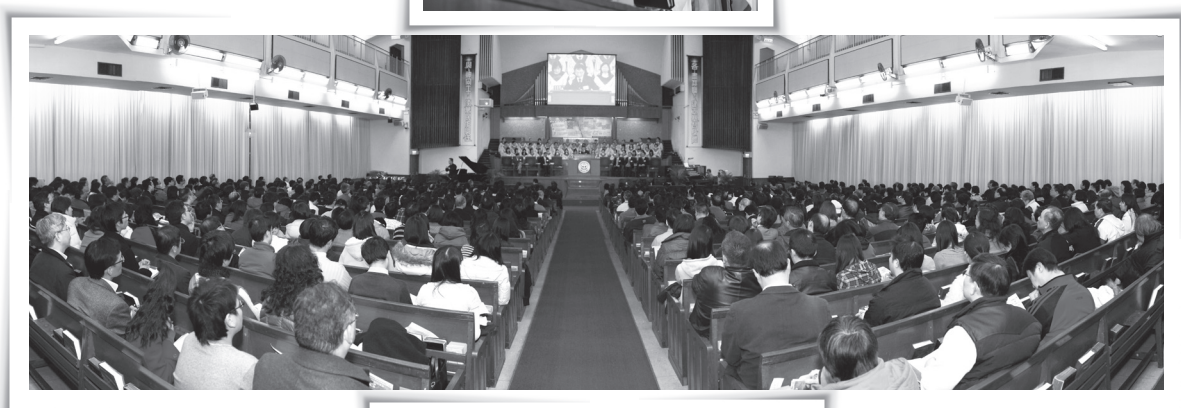
Publication involves multi-stages of production that are intricately related. The coworkers in the Publication Office thank God for the rich opportunity to serve Him and experience His presence and protection year after year. We pray that God will help us to be faithful in our literary ministry, remain alert, take seriously whatever God has entrusted to us, and never rely only on our own abilities and experiences.

Thanksgiving

HKBTS needs your prayers and support

- 1. Please pray for our teachers:** Pray that God will enable them to support one another; to be one in the bond of love, and to grow stronger as a teacher team relying on God's grace and power to protect and guide their students. Let us continue to support and pray for our faculty team as they bear such a heavy teaching responsibility and face so many challenges in their teaching and ministry.
- 2. Please pray for our students:** Pray that God will bestow on our students the ability to study effectively, to develop spiritual sensitivity, to gain in memory of God's Word and understanding of God's Truth. Ask God to help them also to cultivate hearts of faith, hope, and love of God. Ask God to send His Holy Spirit to strengthen our students and to enable them to overcome trials and difficulties.
- 3. Pray for our staff coworkers:** Pray that God will enable our staff coworkers in all the departments to complement one another; be united as one body, keep watch over one another; and always pray to God, asking Him to strengthen them in their ministries.
- 4. Pray that God will guide our Baptist churches to work together to support HKBTS's theological education ministry:** Without the prayers and financial support of Baptist churches, HKBTS can never accomplish the task entrusted to us by God to equip our future preachers. Pray that God will lead our Baptist churches to contribute faithfully in their support to HKBTS in the coming year.





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