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## Narcissism and Self-Love

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### **An Era of Narcissism**

Many people say that we live in an era of narcissism. In the English-speaking world, there is an idiom that aptly describes the current situation: "You do you." This means that you follow your own unique path and do what you think is best and appropriate for you. While this may sound like an inspirational saying, it is actually highly problematic. Behind "you do you" lies a strong narcissistic mentality, which involves the question of ultimate personal authority: "Only I can decide everything!" Extreme examples of this sort would be: "When I want it all, I must have it now," or "When we think they are unjust, we are right to be angry, even to the point of burning them down."

In everyday life, narcissists abuse their "right to freedom." They are arrogant and force others to acknowledge their supposed superiority. They bully others to achieve their goals, envy what others have, and try to destroy those whom they are jealous of. They disregard others, driven by their own desire for self-glorification. Hence, when we think of narcissism, we often associate

it with grandiosity, an excessive need for admiration, an inflated sense of self, unsettling interpersonal relationships, and a lack of empathy.

In churches, we may come across some "diligent" narcissistic brothers and sisters. They constantly compare others, whether they are pastors or fellow believers, with a critical attitude, praising those who share their views while condemning those who disagree. They also like bullying others online, probably using social media to attack people by insulting, teasing, or spreading rumors, which leads to further malicious comments, insults, and personal attacks. Through such words, they attempt to demonstrate how great they are. Such inflated self-image often causes people to provoke and challenge one another, and incite mutual jealousy. Jealousy arises from comparing oneself to others, trying to compete with them, and even bearing grudges against them. When people let their anger grow unchecked, they eventually become controlled by it.

### **Two Types of Narcissism?**

The term "narcissism" originates from the Roman poet



Ovid (43 BC–AD 17) in his epic poem *Metamorphoses*. This work explores the relationships between humanity and nature, love and destruction, and gods and mortals. *Metamorphoses* tells the story of human history and the lives of the gods, from the creation of the world to the death of Julius Caesar. One of its famous stories is about Narcissus, which reveals the dangers of narcissism and the fragility of human emotions.

Narcissus was a handsome young man. One day, while hunting, he came to a pond where he saw his own reflection while drinking from it. He became deeply attracted to his own beauty and burned with love for himself. He was the one who fanned this flame of desire and subsequently bore the torture. Consumed in this hidden flame, he was unable to extricate himself. In this Greek myth, love turns inward, leading the protagonist down a path of self-destruction. **“Narcissism” is defined as love turned inward, and this inward-directed self-love might destroy both oneself and others.**

Modern psychologist Sigmund Freud (1856-1939) classified narcissism into two types in his paper “On Narcissism: An Introduction”: normal and pathological. According to Freud, normal narcissism is the natural state during infancy when the ego is first forming. At this stage, infants have legitimate needs, such as feeding and love. However, as people grow and interact more with the external world, they develop an ideal ego. When they meet the expectations of this ideal ego, the ego feels satisfied. As people continue to grow, they go through various psychosexual stages of human development and the energy libido,\* originally directed inward to the ego, gradually flows outward toward external people and objects, reducing the extent of narcissism. Nevertheless, if this process is disrupted, such as when love-objects do not respond or trauma occurs, the libido that should be

flowing outward flows inward to the ego instead, leading to pathological narcissism. **For narcissists, the love-object is no longer an external person or object but plainly themselves. This is an abnormality.**

### **The Fall and Narcissism**

The renowned contemporary theologian Wolfhart Pannenberg (1928-2014) agreed with some of Freud's assessments in his works *Christian Spirituality and Sacramental Community* (1984) and *Anthropology in Theological Perspective* (1985). On a natural level, narcissism is related to the “primary narcissistic pleasure ego of infancy.” He described this kind of narcissism as primary as it is related to a child's legitimate need for well-being, which comes from a child's instinctual need for preservation. For example, they cry for food until they are fed. However, Pannenberg questioned Freud's view that the libidinous and aggressive features of primary narcissism in early infancy are normative and natural. He argued that narcissism is not a fundamental quality of human nature put there by God.

Pannenberg believed that when narcissism persists beyond infancy, it becomes abnormal in that the individual has an internal bellowing demand for self-security beyond genuine needs. Pannenberg believed this egocentricity arises from the Fall, which alienated humanity from God. Leaving God, humans no longer trust Him and become egocentric. Narcissistic people seek security in finite human existence rather than through their basic trust in God. This is the tragedy of humans after the Fall: people distrust God and rely on selfish self-preservation to maintain their own security. This is a kind of perversion of self-love. Humans replace their basic trust in God with the illusion of having infinite control. In other words, narcissism is a sin of pride. It distorts trust, ultimately leaving people controlled by worldly matters rather than receiving the life-sustaining power given by God.

This loss of trust in God had harmful effects on the first person in the world: humanity's original selfhood became distorted. When we prioritize ourselves over God, we will develop excessive self-love and become distorted. When people turn away from God and become overly focused on themselves, their personhood becomes distorted and alienated. Human fallenness brings about our unnatural narcissistic disturbance. Such narcissistic disturbance imprisons the entire person within itself and orbits around itself, filling the person with dread-laden



anxiety, constantly wearing on itself. Narcissism causes people to lose not only their selfhood but also their humanness, sacrificing their relationships with others.

***If we accept Pannenberg's view, narcissism is not our natural state but a feature of fallen humanity.*** Narcissism, therefore, is an unnatural state caused by the Fall, alienating people from God, themselves, and others.

### **Ordered Self-Love**

Does this mean we should not love ourselves then?

Augustine (354-430) believed that humans could have proper self-love without being selfish. The Bible also mentions this kind of self-love, which forms the foundation of the commandment to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt 22:39; Lk 10:27). This is a form of normal, healthy self-love, which is both a legitimate inner need worth fulfilling and a driving force for healthy relationships.

From a theological perspective, ***true self-love is moral and sincere.*** Living out the true self requires rigorous honesty, which can only be achieved with the help of others. Being honest with others and accepting their views of ourselves can be a thought-provoking experience.

True self-love is also spiritual; it is part of the reality of human relationships ordained by God in creation. True self-love exists within a divine order that calls for people's efforts to return to God. As Augustine declared: "... you have made us and drawn us to yourself, and our heart is unquiet until it rests in you." Augustine advocated for ordered love. True self-love can only be "set in order" by virtue of redemption in Jesus Christ and God's design in creation. ***Only when people establish a proper relationship with God and accept His love can love find its appropriate order.*** People must seek true love and avoid distorted love.

Self-love is an affirmation of oneself. To affirm oneself, one must listen to oneself in the Spirit, recognizing one's own limitations and distinguishing between real and false boundaries. In this process of self-examination, we may come to see how foolish and arrogant we have been, and how ignorant we are before God. ***We must seek God's grace so that***

***we may view ourselves soberly, not only caring for ourselves but also rising to care for others.***

### **Transformation in Christ**

In Galatians 5:16-17, Paul says: "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do." What Paul means is that each Christian has two centres in their lives: one is the new life given by the Spirit and the other is the old life of the flesh. These two kinds of life are in constant conflict: the desires of the flesh oppose the Spirit, and the Spirit opposes the flesh. In this battle, people often feel defeated, unable to do the good they wish to do.

Paul points out that our only hope is the cross. Paul declares that followers of Christ voluntarily crucify "the flesh with its passions and desires" (5:24). As a result of this, Christ lives within them (Gal 2:19-20). Thus, we can say that the self is transformed through being reborn in Jesus Christ. ***By virtue of a saving relationship with Jesus Christ, we become fully human, as He did, by being propelled into our destiny of restoration to the image of God.***

Through the restoration of the image of God within ourselves, we become fully human. This means that individuals can be rescued from the mire of narcissism and become fully human. In other words, humanity is healed of narcissism through Jesus Christ. By accepting Jesus Christ's invitation to reconcile with God and receive His supernatural help, distorted narcissism is resolved, true humanity is restored, and people become new creations as designed by God. Only in this way can people truly become authentic humans, freed from the fate of self-destruction. This is a lifelong process of growth, gradually restoring this rediscovered humanity. It is a gift and grace from God.

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\* Libido not only refers to sexual desire but also to pleasuring love that is not erotic. Libido may also generally refer to the energy source for all human psychic and behavioral activities.



## Molding My Life

*Man-yee Wan (M.Div. I)*

### **The Encounter with God**

Touched by God's unconditional love, I accepted Jesus Christ during the school's Gospel Week evangelistic meeting in Form 2. When I was in junior high school, I encountered the first crisis in my life: my father suffered from myasthenia gravis (a chronic neuromuscular disease) and my family's situation was rapidly declining. In Form 6, I became more active in church life. As I grew up, I realized that God is the Mighty Healer, Love, and Salvation; God can change people's lives; and God is the greatest treasure of one's life. During the difficult times my family experienced, God was the only One I could rely on. Despite all the hardships we went through, God brought the Gospel to my family one by one: first to my parents and then to my sisters. Within ten years, my whole family came to faith in the Lord. Thanks be to God!

### **The Beginning of My Calling**

Some ten years ago, I attended a praise and worship celebration where the speaker made a call to full-time ministry, which I responded to with a passionate desire. Although I didn't enroll in a theological seminary right away, I was always conscious that I was committed to serving God full-time. From then on, I experienced God's transformation of my life over and over again. My father's illness lasted for more than 10 years which made me deeply understand the feeling of helplessness and the complex needs a sick person experiences and the feelings and struggles of caregivers. In 2011, my first daughter was born, and I learned how to be a full-time mom and live a simple life. In 2014, my father-in-law passed away due to illness and I gave birth to my younger daughter (who was suspected of having Down syndrome before she was born but thankfully did not) which allowed me to learn a lesson in faith.

### **A Time to Wait**

In the past ten years, taking care of my family has been the top priority in my life. As a family member of an ill person, I found that it is very important to strengthen the faith of the sick person and his/her family. God is our greatest support in these long battles with illness.



*Man-yee with her husband Tak-sum and two daughters.*

Therefore, I asked, "Is it the right direction for me to become a chaplain? If I become a minister, how should I support the patients and their families?" When I became a full-time mother, I realized that women need pastoral care and support to cope with the challenges of marriage and motherhood. And again I asked, "Are women the ones I am to serve?" **Regardless of the ups and downs, I am convinced that God kept building me up and preparing me through it all.**

At certain points in my life, God asked me through messages in worship services or Bible conferences, "Do you still want to serve Me full time?" My response was always, "Yes, Lord, I do." When my elder daughter started primary school and my younger daughter started kindergarten, I intended to answer God's call. With the encouragement of my church pastor, I attended the Full-Time Ministry Exploration Camp at the Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary in 2017. During the camp, I was most excited about talking with the professors individually. It was then that Dr. Clement Shum affirmed my dedication to God and encouraged me to enroll in the program. However, after discussing with my husband, I realized that God's time had not yet come because my two daughters still needed their mother's close attention, and my husband had the same sense of calling. Finally, we decided that my husband, Tak-sum, would enter the seminary first, and I would go back to work at my alma mater to support him in his studies and take care of my family, which was also a way of responding to the Lord's call.

### **A Time to Respond**

When my husband was about to graduate, God subtly

called me again. In the past few years, I had to teach Christian Education at the junior high school level as part of my job, and I realized that my Bible knowledge was insufficient. I had always longed to study God's Word in depth, and I admired the way my husband shared what he was learning. Moreover, I was eager to devote myself to pastoral care and to take care of people's spiritual needs. In September 2023, I spoke again with the pastor of my church, who encouraged me to seek a more definite calling before God. While waiting patiently, God gave me these verses:

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it." (Mt 13:44-46)

On October 15, 2023, Dr. Shum came to preach at my mother church. Through his preaching, God urged me to respond to His call, "Do you spare nothing and pour out everything for God?" We indeed had the burden of caring for our daughters and the financial needs of the family, but our Heavenly Father further strengthened my faith with the Scriptures in my devotion. Throughout October, God spoke to me through the story of Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac, telling me to offer whatever I could for the Lord and He would surely provide for my needs. Therefore, I responded to God, "Here I am! Send me." When my faith faltered, God always promptly responded and encouraged me not to look to myself for what I could do, but to look to God for what He would do. **For more than a decade, I have been asking God for His time. When I look back at all these times, has God not been molding and guiding me? Now that I am being equipped at the seminary, let me be further molded and used by the Lord.**

## Yearning to Bring People to God

### God's Calling: "Go Ahead!"

I have attended Christian schools since kindergarten and accepted Jesus Christ in primary school. It was not until I experienced a relationship setback in secondary school that I seriously committed myself to a church and had deeper experiences of God's love and grace.

In 2020, my church pastor invited me to take on a church position, which I ended up not accepting, and I took a position with another company instead. However, God had been teaching me and nurturing me through my work, giving me lots of exposure to schools and opportunities to learn how to communicate with teachers, plan activities, understand the needs of the students, etc. It seemed God was encouraging me to reach out to and better understand the young people. In 2021, the pastor invited me to join the church full-time again. At that time, the church was understaffed due to the emigration, retirement, and resignation of pastoral staff. This made me seriously consider whether it was an opportune time for me to go for full-time ministry in the church. Then a nearly forgotten image came back to my mind, that is, at the end of a Christian concert in 2017, the speaker called out to invite brothers and sisters to stand up if they had the desire to serve full-time. I was hesitant, but the

fervor in my heart urged me to bravely stand up in the end.

From that day on, I prayed and asked for God's will. At that time, I was also having all sorts of worries in my heart about financial needs, my family's reaction, and so on. God did not answer my prayers immediately but had me wait patiently until a Sunday service in December 2021. It was the last sermon preached by the seminary student intern at my church, and I was on duty in the audio-visual room. I was so absent-minded that day that I could not listen to anything. Miraculously, I heard alone the lyrics of the sermon response song, "Go ahead!" It dawned on me that it was God's answer to me! Right then and there, I was convinced that He would make a way for me.

### An Idea Germinating: Studying Theology

In my first year of ministry at the church, my brothers and sisters asked me when I would enter a seminary to study theology. I responded perfunctorily, "It is up to our Heavenly Father!" In 2023, the church announced the resignation of a



Kai-sum Yip (M.Div. I)

minister, which gave me a big shock. A thought came to my mind: What should I do to bring brothers and sisters closer to God? I brought all my feelings to God, and the idea of entering a seminary emerged in my heart. Yet, I was unable to discern whether it was God's will or not.

God's providence was perfect. In June of the same year, I participated in a mission trip to Mongolia organized by the Hong Kong Baptist Mission. During the trip, I had the opportunity to talk with a local pastor about how she responded to God's call to study theology at a seminary. She said, "It was all with a pure mind: to get well equipped to deliver God's Word to brothers and sisters and lead them closer to God." This inspired me to rethink the idea of entering a seminary: ***Is it not the purpose of studying theology, namely to equip oneself to lead brothers and sisters closer to God with the truth?***

### **Not to Miss a Single One!**

"Not to miss a single one!" This idea has haunted me since early 2023, when I was in preparation for a spiritual program on the mission trip to Mongolia. During the program, our pastor preached in the local churches, encouraging and calling the local brothers and sisters to be equipped for mission and evangelism. Unexpectedly, when I heard the pastor's call to receive training for pastoral ministry, I struggled inwardly. Upon the pastor's repeated appeals, I surrendered myself and responded with a determined show of my hand and dedicated myself to receiving training.

On this trip to Mongolia, I met two youth participants from different churches who shared that they had grown apart from God and were even feeling lost. Suddenly, "Not to miss a single one!" resurfaced in my mind and I longed to bring them back to God. This experience made me even more determined to equip myself to lead and shepherd every brother or sister closer to God through His Word.

On the Mongolia mission trip, there was a two-day retreat for our team, which included a meditation session in the grassland. There was a grassy field in front of me, and all I could see was just one little yellow flower surrounded by the grass. I closed my eyes and meditated on my ministry life. It was like being all by myself and feeling helpless and alone. But when I opened my eyes again, it was like a camera putting on a wide-angle lens and my field of vision widened. I saw that there were in fact small yellow flowers all around, only separated by the grass that they could not see each other. It seemed to tell me that I too was surrounded by brothers and sisters who were working together, fighting side by side, and accompanying each other. What a beautiful picture! I am convinced that God showed me through this imagery that He is my Shield, my Help, and my constant Companion.

As I look back, God did not give me a rough or difficult life but allowed me to receive His abundant grace and mercy every day, and to be lovingly nurtured by Him. ***I just want to say to the Lord, "I am willing to serve You for the rest of my life!"***

## Rekindle My First Aspiration

*Kuan-wa Wong (M.Div. I)*

### **Finding the Meaning of Life**

I was born into a family that practiced Chinese folk beliefs, and ever since I was a child, my family had established a spiritual kinship (*shangqi*) between me and the god of the earth (*Tudi Gong*). My parents were very strict, and as a result, I was short-tempered and had low self-esteem during my primary school years. I did a lot of bad things, such as running away from home, smoking,



drinking, swearing, self-harming, and bullying my classmates: in the eyes of my teachers, I was a problem child. In



Primary 5 and 6, I often asked myself, "What is the point of living?" I figured that no matter how successful I may be in the future, or even if I become the richest man in the world, I will not be able to take anything with me when I die. I even thought I could not choose how I came to this world, but I could decide when to leave.

I am so thankful that when I progressed to secondary school, I enrolled in the Macau Baptist College and learned about the Gospel through the weekly assembly. ***Through my faith, I experienced a remarkable change in my life.*** I recognized Jesus as my Savior and gradually realized my God-given values, so I no longer found life meaningless. I went from a problem teenager to a committee member of the youth fellowship at the church. I even made peace with those I bullied when I was a kid. The unfulfilled emotional needs from my family life were filled by God through different people and things. I learned to accept compliments and to share my worries with God through prayer. I have experienced many graces in my secondary school and university years, and in recent years, I have become a teacher who promotes moral education. Every time I look back, I can only marvel at God's work in my life, making me always want to respond to God's love and better serve Him.

### **From Being Fervent to Weary**

During my secondary school and university years, I became more and more passionate about serving God, from serving as a fellowship committee member to a fellowship mentor pastoring a group of young people. I have been in various positions in the worship service at different times. After graduating from university and returning to Macau, I developed an immense interest in Bible study through fellowship meetings, personal Bible readings, and preparation for Sunday school. I wanted to spend more time studying the Bible every day. As I studied the Bible, I was inspired to enter a seminary, hoping to know God and study the Bible more deeply.

However, when I had this idea, I experienced a difficult breakup. I thought God was telling me to stop, so I put aside my plan to enter a seminary and instead pursued a master's degree in education. I then served in the church as usual and continued with my work. Three years went by and I became more and more tired of my life due to frustrations in both my job and my service in the church.

Such weariness even spread to the youth ministry and Bible teaching work which I had always been so passionate about. Instead of getting more and more fervent in my service, I became increasingly tired of it. When my faith hit rock bottom, I asked God, "Do You really exist in my life? Is the grace that I have experienced in the past just a rare coincidence?" At that moment I wanted to deny all the grace God had given me over the years.

### **Awakening at Rock Bottom**

The turning point came on the evening of March 19, 2024, when I listened to a hymn I had never heard before called "For Thy Kingdom and Thy Name." The hymn brought back memories of my eagerness to enter a seminary. The lyrics went like this:

All the gold and silver in the world  
And all the delights that this world can offer  
I would lay them down, but to follow You  
To answer Your glorious call

After listening to this hymn, I suddenly saw the light. I was so tired of life that I went to work every day just waiting for the end of the day, and I didn't even want to go to church; this was because I was running away from the problem that I already had at the time when I first became a Christian: one cannot take along anything in this world when one dies. ***No matter how hard I work, and how much fame and fortune I have, I cannot take anything with me when I die. No matter how many lives are changed by my instruction and counseling, what is the meaning if their souls are lost? What is most important is saving people's souls!***

I realized that my tiredness stemmed from compromising with the world and forgetting God's call. Deep down inside, I had always longed for success, to be recognized and admired by my family, relatives, friends, and everyone else. In fact, I had been pondering: Is it more glamorous to be a teacher, a dean, or a preacher? Is it more honorable to study education or theology?

I thank God for reminding me through this hymn not to forget and not to let go of His calling. I made up my mind right away to dedicate myself to the Lord, to study theology, and to be equipped for the Lord's use! At the moment I made the decision, I felt a profound sense of peace that I had never felt before in my life.

Glory and praise be to the Triune God!

# No More Stalling

Chi-wah Yip (B.Th. 1)

I decided to come to faith in the Lord at an evangelistic meeting when I was in junior high school. Later on, my classmate brought me to the fellowship and worship services of their church, and I began to have a regular church life. I was baptized into the church in 1997 and began to try different service positions. I am thankful that in the following days, I experienced God's graciousness in my work, love, marriage, and parenthood, which greatly strengthened my faith in God.

## “Perhaps Later”

The idea of equipping myself to become a minister came to me in 2015 when I participated in a mission trip to Cambodia. When we visited the missionary in Cambodia with a group of brothers and sisters from our church, he not only took us to the local church to understand the needs of the ministry but also invited us to his home to listen to the sharing of a group of missionaries and to pray together. I felt their passion for evangelism and their devotion to the Lord. After the gathering, as I was sitting in the tuk-tuk staring at the sunset on the way back to our lodging place, there was a voice in my heart asking, “Are you ready for this?” which I answered, “Perhaps later.”

In the days afterward, I had the opportunity to participate in mission work in other places. Whether it was joining the church choir to share hymns at the churches in Mainland China during Christmas or working with brothers and sisters to organize English classes in Mainland China during summer vacation, all these made me realize the need for evangelism. Then the verse, **“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few,”** suddenly popped into my mind. In the summer of 2019, I joined a mission trip to northern Thailand and eastern Myanmar organized by the Hong Kong Baptist Mission. One of the most memorable moments of the trip was visiting a church in rural Myanmar, where I sang and played in the meadow with local children, whose smiling faces were deeply imprinted in my mind. At that moment, I asked myself, “Would you get equipped to serve with all your heart?” But, in my heart, I still said, “Perhaps later.”

Then came the local social unrest, the COVID pandemic, the civil war in Myanmar, and so on. All of these made me realize that every good thing could be lost in the blink of an eye and that people and things that I used to take for granted could be gone all of the sudden. The deaths and partings in the church also made me recognize that **“time waits for no one.”**



Chi-wah and his wife

## “Stop!”

Changes in my job caused me to further reflect on whether I was pursuing earthly comforts or pining for heavenly things. At that time, I was working in a foreign bank and primarily responsible for customer service, creating a stable life. In mid-2023, when I learned that my company was going to reorganize, the nature of my work would change, and my colleagues whom I had been working with would have to change positions, I was very upset and troubled. On the evening of August 18, I went jogging, with my mind in turmoil. Halfway to my destination, I heard a voice say to me, “Stop!” Jesus’ call to Matthew the tax collector came to my mind. I stopped. Although there were tears streaming down my face, in my heart, there was an extraordinary peace and quiet.

At that moment, I thought, “Is this the call of God? Do You really want me to stop, leave everything, and serve as a full-time minister? Can I commit myself to preaching the Gospel without any regrets? Do I have the ability to do so?” I prayed earnestly to God on all of these questions and asked Him to show me the way I should go. In addition to sharing this with my wife, I told my pastor, brothers, and sisters about this experience and asked them to pray for me. Certainly I hoped to receive confirmation that it was His call and not just my wishful thinking.

## The Answer and the Action

Thank God for His prompt answer: On August 20, Chaplain Cheung from the Shatin Hospital’s Chaplaincy Ministry came to our church to preach. She not only shared her own testimony of God’s calling but also gave a message from Exodus 36 to encourage us. On August 27, Pastor Lee from the Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service gave a sermon on the parable of the ten virgins, and God reminded me once again to get ready with all my heart. So I resigned in September, left my job in November,

and started looking for a seminary that suited me while enrolling in some evening courses for lay believers. At the end of February 2024, I attended the Experiencing Seminary Life Day Camp at the Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary. Apart from talking with the professors, there were also students sharing their testimonies of God's calling and their lives on campus, which was very helpful to me.

My experiences on mission trips gave me a strong sense of commitment to mission work. But, I know that I have to go step by step and build a solid foundation: not only do I need

to learn theological knowledge, but I also need to accumulate pastoral experience in order to cope with all sorts of challenges. ***I hope to build up a group of brothers and sisters with shared aspirations through my pastoral ministry so that together we can fulfill the Great Commission God has given us.***

I am looking forward to not only acquiring theological knowledge and pastoral skills at the seminary but also building up fellowship with my fellow students and supporting each other to meet the challenges of pastoral work in the future, so as to become a worthy worker for the Lord.

## Introducing Our New Teachers



*Rev. Lui and his family*

### **Rev. Dr. Ken Lui**

*Researcher and Visiting Assistant Professor of Preaching*

Rev. Ken Lui joined our faculty in November 2023. He and his wife have been married for 29 years and have one daughter. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Design from the Hong Kong Polytechnic and served ten years at Tien Dao Publishing House and the Worldwide Bible Society. He was then called to study at Alliance Bible Seminary and obtained a Master of Divinity degree. After graduation, he returned to his mother church, the Causeway Bay Baptist Church, and served as a pastor for the next 17 years. During that time, he studied at our seminary and obtained a Master of Theology degree, majoring in Christian Thought. In 2019, he put aside his pastoral work to pursue a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Homiletics at the Taiwan Theological College and Seminary, completing his studies in 2023.

Rev. Lui's full-time ministry over the last thirty years has had a distinct direction, namely the pursuit of the effective dissemination of biblical truths. From "behind-the-scenes"

publishing and design work to the "front-line" of pastoral and preaching ministry and then to today's research and teaching on preaching—all of these are related to the effective spread of biblical truth.

Rev. Lui's research interests cover the history of preaching in Chinese churches, the study of outstanding Chinese preachers, Chinese preaching, Chinese and Western rhetoric, and Chinese and Western communication. He observed that while Chinese churches emphasize the pulpit, they seldom invest resources in homiletics research. Up till now, there have been no Chinese scholars specialized in this field. Most of us are only introducing and adapting the preexisting homiletics used in North America; unfortunately, this lacks the reflection and exploration of the Chinese churches' preaching experience over the past 200 years. Rev. Lui believes there is an urgent need to develop a specifically "Chinese Preaching" which is rooted in the context of Chinese churches.

Rev. Lui joined our seminary in the hope of conducting research in an academic institution, interacting with teachers from different fields, and reaching out to seminary students to understand the needs of preachers so as to make the results of his research more relevant and practical to local churches. He would like to thank the seminary for creating a customized position for him as a Researcher and Visiting Assistant Professor of Preaching, where research is the primary focus with teaching as its essential complement. His long-term goal is to establish a Chinese Preaching Research Centre to continue to promote related research, and he asks for your prayer support.





*Dr. Seng and his parents*

## **Dr. Hing-weng Seng**

*Assistant Professor of Old Testament*

**D**r. Seng joined our seminary in August of last year and is now an Assistant Professor of Old Testament. Dr. Seng's grandparents originally lived in Guangdong but later moved to Malaysia. Thereby, his father became an overseas Chinese in Malaysia, and he became a second-generation overseas Chinese. His wife is a Hong Kong resident and a primary school teacher.

Dr. Seng graduated from the University of Manchester with a degree in engineering and worked for a local building services consultancy for about two years and focused on managing the carbon footprint of buildings. He later responded to God's call and enrolled in the Nazarene Theological College at the University of Manchester, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology

before coming to Hong Kong to serve in a church as a youth pastor. After six years of pastoral work, he returned to study at the University of Manchester's Nazarene Theological College and earned a Doctor of Divinity degree in 2023. Since then he has devoted himself to theological education.

Dr. Seng's research interests include the Pentateuch, hermeneutics, narrative genre, and rhetorical criticism. He currently teaches "Old Testament Background," "Introduction to the Old Testament," and other Old Testament subjects. He wishes that through God's careful molding, he could become a person rooted in God during this time of rapid change. He also hopes that while teaching at our seminary, he will learn alongside our students how to understand the Word of God so that we can faithfully share and live out God's Word. Then, together they can make known the truth and goodness of Jesus Christ and draw people to Him. He believes that our students have been working very hard, and he encourages them to continue longing for the Bible, to study wholeheartedly, to imitate Christ, and to serve in unity in responding the many contemporary challenges.

Dr. Seng understands that serving God in his current role is a result of God's grace and the loving support of many people: his wife, his parents, his elder sister and brother, and members of the church. He is deeply thankful to God and to each and every one of them.



*Dr. Dan and his family*

## **Dr. Daniel Lam**

*Assistant Professor of New Testament*

**D**r. Daniel Lam, who joined our seminary last August, is a third-generation Christian and the youngest of his

family, which includes three brothers and one sister. He is happily married with a son and a daughter. His family calls him "Dan," so he would also like his students to call him "Dr. Dan."

Dr. Dan graduated from Criswell College in Texas with a major in Biblical Studies. He then served as a pastor in a church for ten years; during that time, he pursued an MCS degree at our seminary, which he completed in 2017. In 2019, he furthered his studies at the University of Edinburgh in the United Kingdom, earning an M.Th. degree in 2020 and a Ph.D. in 2024.

Dr. Dan's research interests include ancient monotheism, Christology, the New Testament within Judaism, decolonial hermeneutics, antisemitism and early Christianity, and divine-human boundary. This school year he has been teaching Biblical Greek and New Testament subjects broadly, with some related to Second Temple

Judaism. He is grateful to serve at his alma mater. After ten years of pastoral ministry, he came to teach at the seminary. These experiences allowed him to deeply realize the needs of pastors and seminary students: they may have learned all kinds of knowledge, theories, and skills from the seminary, but they may encounter difficulties when trying to apply them in practice. Therefore, he hopes to help students with his own experience to integrate their academic study with practical pastoral care. In addition, he also wishes to do more writing to make an academic contribution to the Church, especially on such topics as how to develop a contextualized/

decolonial biblical hermeneutics. He hopes that the Hong Kong churches and even the Chinese churches can be truly decolonized and become contextualized churches.

Although Dr. Dan describes himself as a “sociable introvert” who doesn’t like crowded and busy environments, his warm smile and interest in anime and movies will surely bring him closer to his students. “Make your work your worship” is Dr. Dan’s motto. He hopes that his students also adopt this attitude and enjoy their studies and lives at the seminary.



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## Admissions Open for 2025-26

### Ministerial Preparation Programs

Bachelor of Theology  
Master of Divinity

### Pastoral Continuing Education Program

Master of Divinity (Further Studies)

### Lay Leadership Training Program

Master of Christian Studies

### Graduate School Programs

Master of Theology  
Doctor of Theology

#### Application Date for Admissions

**Hong Kong:**  
January 2-June 13

**Overseas:**  
January 2-April 30

#### Dates for Entrance Exams and Interviews

By individual arrangement  
during the seminary's  
office hours.

#### Start Date of Fall Semester

August 2025



Learn More

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## Academic Affairs News

### Joint Graduation Ceremony

The Joint Graduation Ceremony of the Main Campus Programs, Lay Theological Education Department, and the Distance Education Program was held at the Kowloon City Baptist Church on November 17 last year.

### Seminary for a Day

Seminary for a Day 2025 will be held on our Sai O Campus on February 26 (Wednesday). Dr. Ken Lui, Researcher and Visiting Assistant Professor of Preaching, will speak on the theme “Do You Love Me More Than These?” Activities include sit-in-class lessons, talks with professors and current seminary students, testimonies of God’s calling, workshop, introduction to the seminary’s programs, etc. The fee is \$100 per person and the deadline is February 18 (Tuesday).

## Events and Activities

### Mission Week

The Mission Week will be held on our Sai O Campus from 10-11 am from March 11 to 13 on the theme “Sending and Mission—Mutual Partnership.” The representatives from HKBM, Serving In Mission, and OMF Hong Kong will share the nature and features of their ministry and discuss the opportunities and challenges of our times. Come and join us.

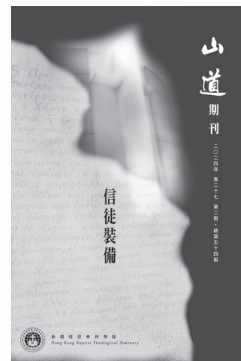
### 2025 Bible Conference

The 2025 Bible Conference on the theme “Hermeneutic Approaches to the Old Testament” will be held in the Grand Conference Hall of the New Academic Building on Sai O Campus from 10 am-12 pm on March 17 (Monday). Our faculty, students, and alumni, those teachers and students from other seminaries, and church pastors are all welcome to join in person or online.

### Spiritual Revival Concert

The Spiritual Revival Concert 2025 on the theme “Apocalyptic Vision, Victorious Lamb” will be held at the Kowloon City Baptist Church from 4:30-6 pm on April 27 (Sunday). Dr. Daniel Lam, Assistant Professor of New Testament, will give a message while the HKBTS Choir, HKBTS Alumni Choir, and the Sacred Singers will present the concert with conductors Dr. Kit-ying Law, Assistant Professor (Worship and Church Music), and Mrs. Helen Chang Wan, Associate Professor Emerita of Church Music, and accompanist Ms. Marsha Chow. Testimonies will also be shared by our students. Admission is free. Come and join us.

## Publication News



The seminary’s academic journal, *Hill Road* (issue 54) has been published with the theme “**Equipping Believers.**” There are five thematic articles: “The Equipment of Disciples according to the Gospel of Matthew” (Simon Chow), “The Pursuit and Renewal of Faith Led

by Lay Believers: The Late Middle Ages *Devotio Moderna* Movement” (Pui-shum Ip), “The Needs and Responses on Equipping Believers during the Reformation” (Nathan Ng), “The Disciples’ Training of the United Church of Christ in Japan during the Pacific War” (Jun Song), and “The Role of Christian Spirituality Training in Christian Education: A Case Study on the Learners’ Experience” (Yuk-ping Pun). In addition, there are two discussion articles and book reviews.

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



## Visitors

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- Rev. Julian Wong, Senior Pastor of the Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church, visited the seminary and met with President Joshua Cho on October 4, 2024.
- Rev. Steven So, Pastor of Chinese Ministry of the First Chinese Baptist Church of Dallas, visited the seminary and met with President Cho on November 5, 2024.
- Mr. Alfred Leung, Spiritual Director of Marketplace Fireseeds, Hong Kong Campus Crusade for Christ, shared a message on “Insights on Building Up Young People” at the morning chapel service on December 3, 2024. Afterward Mr. and Mrs. Leung met with President Cho.
- Ms. Rowena Yiu, Coach of Vessel of Coaching Institute, Hong Kong Campus Crusade for Christ, shared a message on “Ministering Mindset and Skill Set” at the morning chapel service on December 10, 2024.

## Faculty News

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- The Chinese book of **Dr. Nathan Ng**, Vice President (Academic Affairs), *Expanding the Church: Key Developments of the Modern Church* (Hong Kong: Logos Publishers, 2024), was published in October 2024.

## Student Union 2025

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The Student Union Committee 2025 took office in January. Please pray for them and support their activities this year:

Chairperson: Kai-sum Yip

Vice-chairperson: Hang-chung Lui

Secretary: Lai-wa Cheng

Treasurer: Chi-wah Yip

Spiritual Devotion: Ka-leung Tam

Living: Yannie Lau



## Alumni News

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- Alumnus **Yuen-chuen Yip** (classes of 1966 & 1981) rested in peace on November 17, 2024. May the Lord's consolation, grace, and peace be with his family.
- Alumnus **Kin-cheong Hui** (class of 2014) and alumna **Siu-fan Ho** (class of 2008) was ordained as pastors by Swatow Baptist Church Kowloon City on October 20, 2024.
- Alumnus **Lai-yin Chu** (class of 2017) was ordained as a pastor by Poimane Baptist Church on December 15, 2024.
- Alumnus **Terrence Hoi-yui Law** (class of 2022) married Ms. Mei-ying Lai in a wedding ceremony held at the Fanling Baptist Church on November 30, 2024.

# Lay Theological Education Department

## Degree Programs in Christian Studies

February-May 2025 (auditing is welcome)

Subject	Lecturer	Date/Time	Instruction Mode
The Message of Old Testament	Dr. Hing-weng Seng Assistant Professor of Old Testament, HKBTS	10/2-26/5 Mon 7:00-10:00 pm (2/1/4, 5/5 class suspended; 14 lessons)	In Person/ Video Conferences
The Study of Philippians	Dr. Daniel Lam Assistant Professor of New Testament, HKBTS	18/2-22/4 Tues 7:00-10:00 pm (10 lessons)	
Funeral Design and Pastoral Theology	Dr. Kit-ying Law Assistant Professor (Worship and Church Music), HKBTS	21/2-16/5 Fri 7:00-10:00 pm (4/4, 18/4, 25/4 class suspended; 10 lessons)	
Church History II	Dr. Sam Ip Visiting Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, HKBTS	13/2-22/5 Thur 7:00-10:00 pm (1/5 class suspended; 14 lessons)	Video Conference

## Lay Theological Programs

March-April 2025 (admission is now open; auditing is welcome)

Subject	Lecturer	Date/Time	Instruction Mode
Teach Children to Know God's Words	Dr. Helen Mui, Rev. Chi-shing Lo, Ms. Pui-size Cheung	6/3-24/4 Thur 7:15-9:15 pm (8 lessons)	In Person
Church Administrative Work	Rev. Brian Lam, Rev. Brahms Ma, Rev. Benny So, Mr. Eric Chu, Deacon Alice Chao, Mr. Chi-man Yu, Deacon Vincent Cheung, Rev. Wai-hung Koo	11/3-29/4 Tues 7:00-10:00 pm (8 lessons)	In Person

\* The lecturer names are listed in no particular order.

All the programs above are conducted in Cantonese.

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# Distance Education Program

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

Degree Program	Description	Admission Requirements	Date of Commencement	Registration Deadline
<b>Bachelor of Arts/ Higher Diploma/ Diploma in Christian Studies (Degree Programs)</b>	To provide students with basic practical theological training, equipping them to serve in churches and to witness Christ in society. Some credits earned in these programs can be transferred to master's degree programs at the seminary.	Secondary school graduates with 'their pastors' recommendations, who have passed our written test and interview.	February, June, and October	<b>Spring trimester:</b> <i>Hong Kong:</i> November 20 <i>Overseas:</i> October 20 <b>Summer trimester:</b> <i>Hong Kong:</i> March 20 <i>Overseas:</i> February 20 <b>Fall trimester:</b> <i>Hong Kong:</i> July 20 <i>Overseas:</i> June 20

These are all online degree programs.

Non-degree Program	Description	Admission Requirements	Date of Commencement	Registration Deadline
<b>Higher Diploma in Christian Studies (Non-degree Program)</b>	Providing basic theological training including bible study, theology, and practical studies. It enables students to lay a solid foundation of faith, reshape their lives, and live out their calling.	Diploma (non-degree program) graduates with 'their pastors' recommendations.	March and September	<b>Spring semester:</b> <i>Hong Kong:</i> February 10 <i>Overseas:</i> January 10 <b>Fall semester:</b> <i>Hong Kong:</i> August 10 <i>Overseas:</i> July 10
<b>Diploma in Christian Studies (Non-degree Program)</b>		Secondary school graduates with 'their pastors' recommendations.		
Certificate in Biblical Studies	Introductory programs in biblical studies, guiding students to study the Bible systematically.	All are welcome	January, May, and September	<b>Spring trimester:</b> <i>Hong Kong:</i> January 20 <i>Overseas:</i> December 20 <b>Summer trimester:</b> <i>Hong Kong:</i> May 20 <i>Overseas:</i> April 20 <b>Fall trimester:</b> <i>Hong Kong:</i> September 20 <i>Overseas:</i> August 20

Non-degree programs can be taken online or by mail.

Trial online programs: <http://elearning.hkbts.edu.hk>

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# Pastoral Continuing Education Centre

## Courses and talks offered from January to March 2025

Course/Talk	Lecturer	Date	Time
Book of Exodus	Dr. Fook-kong Wong	6, 13, 20/1	2:30-4:30 pm
Overcoming Obstacles on Daily Devotion of Congregation Leaders*	Dr. Sarah Shea	27/1	10:00 am-12:00 pm
A Matter of Life and Death—Practical Equipment for Pastoral Care of Patients	Rev. Wai-chuen Lo	10, 17, 24/2	10:00 am-12:00 pm
Emerging Adulthood—Keys to Connect to the Younger Generation	Dr. Patrick Chan	17, 24/2	2:30-4:30 pm
Seeking God in His Providence—An Exploration of the Narratives of Moses and Samson	Dr. Sam Ip	3, 10/3	10:00 am-12:00 pm
Serving in the Margins: A Call to Love	Dr. Dannis Au	10/3	2:30-4:30 pm
The Servant Songs	Dr. Alison Lo	24, 31/3	10:00 am-12:00 pm

\* Video conference only

### Fee concessions

- (1) *Early Bird Reduction*: those who pay the full fee for the enrolled course a week before the course begins may enjoy a reduction of HK\$20 (for a 2-hour course) or HK\$30-40 (for a 4-to-6 hour course).
- (2) A 10% discount for graduates from HKBTS degree programs, pastors of member churches of the Baptist Convention of Hong Kong, and current part-time students of HKBTS.
- (3) A 20% discount for valid cardholders of HKBTS Alumni Association members.
- (4) A 50% discount for full-time seminary students from the 16 member seminaries of the Hong Kong Theological Education Association.

**Instruction Mode** In Person/Video Conferences

**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)

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# Edna Wong Christian Worship and Arts Education Centre

## Classes offered from January to March 2025

Class	Lecturer	Date/Time
Intermediate Class Voice II	Mr. Sanson Lau	14/1-4/3 Tues 7:00-8:30 pm (5 lessons)
Intermediate Class Voice V		Class A: 14/1-4/3 Tues Class B: 15/1-5/3 Wed 8:30-10:00 pm (5 lessons)
Primary Class Voice II		15/1-5/3 Wed 7:00-8:30 pm (5 lessons)
Church Musicians' Humanistic Quality V		11/3, 18/3 Tues 7:15-9:15 pm (2 lessons)
Integrated Voice and Musicianship Training II (11)	Mrs. Wong Fung Chi-la	17/1-14/3 Fri 1:30-4:00 pm (8 lessons)
Evening Class: Integrated Voice and Musicianship Training II (11)		13/1-17/3 Mon 7:00-9:30 pm (8 lessons)
Integrated Voice and Musicianship Training III (13)		15/1-19/3 Wed 10:00 am-12:30 pm (8 lessons)
Integrated Voice and Musicianship Training I Follow Up	Ms. Rachel Kwok	Class A: 6/2-27/3 Thur 10:30 am-12:30 pm (7 lessons) Class B: 3/2-24/3 Mon 2:00-4:00 pm (7 lessons)
Integrated Voice and Musicianship Training I		6/2-27/3 Thur 1:00-2:00 pm (7 lessons)
Integrated Voice and Musicianship Training II		3/2-24/3 Mon 10:30-11:30 pm (7 lessons)
Basic Aural and Sight-reading Training I		6/2-10/4 Thur 6:45-8:15 pm (6 lessons)
Basic Aural and Sight-reading Training II		3/2-17/3 Mon 7:30-9:00 pm (6 lessons)
Drama Art at Church: Bible Study through Drama Workshop 2	Mr. Felix Du	13/2-6/3 Thur 7:15-9:30 pm (4 lessons)
Devotional Day Camp: Contemplating in Arts	Dr. Chi-chun Cheung	Class A: 28/2 Fri; Class B: 3/3 Mon; Class C: 8/3 Sat; Class D: 10/3 Mon 12:00-6:00 pm

\* For class details, please refer to our website.

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WhatsApp: (852) 9433 7726

## Financial Report

General Fund, 1 July - 31 August, 2024

	HK\$
Income	5,547,708.38
Expenditure	(5,229,205.31)
Deficit	<u>318,503.07</u>

## DONORS REPORT FOR JULY 2024

<b>Education Fund (Church / Organization)</b>			
九龍城浸信會	302,166.70	李國雄伉儷	1,000.00
九龍城潮語浸信會	55,000.00	李新蘭	200.00
九龍國際浸信會	9,455.00	李德祥	6,000.00
上環浸信會	10,000.00	周慧蓮	500.00
大埔主恩浸信會	1,750.00	洪錦漢	300.00
大埔浸信會	12,000.00	洪鷹輪	300.00
屯門浸信教會	700.00	殷振強伉儷	1,000.00
以馬內利浸信會	5,400.00	張啟明伉儷	1,000.00
竹園浸信會	8,000.00	曹啟明伉儷	800.00
阡陌社區浸信會	5,000.00	梁明財伉儷	500.00
沙田浸信會	8,000.00	梁錦松、郭詠文	1,500.00
旺角浸信會	20,000.00	許煥英	300.00
香港（西區）潮語浸信會	5,000.00	許鋒威	1,000.00
香港仔浸信會	6,394.80	陳偉倫	200.00
香港浸信教會	125,000.00	曾慶忠	500.00
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朗福浸信會	200.00	黃念施	200.00
深荃浸信會	500.00	黃華娟	100.00
愛群道浸信會	17,500.00	黃雅忠	10,000.00
置富浸信教會	3,000.00	葉玉梅	300.00
銅鑼灣浸信會	3,500.00	葉煥章	300.00
廣林浸信會	6,871.00	廖釗華伉儷	1,000.00
樂滿浸信會	4,000.00	劉永生、鍾梓萍	300.00
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北角福音堂	9,000.00	蔡慧英	300.00
基督教宣道會大埔堂	500.00	羅佩珊	100.00
基督教豐盛生命堂	3,900.00	羅凱慈	1,000.00
番禺恩典家教會	400.00	譚葆基	13,000.00
啟聞基金	500.00	關廣智、鄧慧然	500.00
HK\$	<u>626,328.50</u>	無名氏	10,000.00
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<b>Education Fund (Individual Donor)</b>		無名氏	500.00
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王紹良	700.00	無名氏	400.00
朱活平伉儷	300.00	無名氏	200.00
何仲儀	1,000.00	無名氏	200.00
何柏濠、李惠芳	1,000.00	無名氏	200.00
吳炳榮伉儷	8,000.00	無名氏	100.00
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## DONORS REPORT FOR AUGUST 2024

<b>Education Fund (Church / Organization)</b>				<b>Distance Education Program</b>	
九龍國際浸信會	15,552.00	李毅	8,000.00	鄭鵬程	300.00
土瓜灣浸信會	25,000.00	洪錦漢	300.00	無名氏	500.00
大埔浸信會	12,000.00	洪鷹輪	300.00	無名氏	444.00
屯門浸信教會	700.00	殷振強伉儷	1,000.00	無名氏	100.00
以馬內利浸信會	5,400.00	曹啟明伉儷	800.00	HK\$	1,344.00
北角浸信會	120,000.00	梁明財伉儷	500.00		
百德浸信會	5,000.00	梁錦松、郭詠文	1,500.00	<b>Lay Theological Education Program</b>	
阡陌社區浸信會	5,000.00	許煥英	200.00	李毅	2,000.00
旺角浸信會	1,000.00	許鋒威	1,000.00	陳紀明	2,000.00
香港（西區）潮語浸信會	5,000.00	陳偉倫	200.00	無名氏	26.00
香港仔浸信會	13,250.80	陳毓倫	500.00	HK\$	4,026.00
香港西區浸信教會	40,000.00	陳慧冰	10,000.00		
香港浸信教會	125,000.00	曾慶忠	500.00	<b>Campus Maintenance and Repairs</b>	
香港堅尼地城浸信教會	1,000.00	馮德華、鄧如玉	200.00	楊美玲	300.00
恩典浸信會	11,000.00	黃念施	200.00	鄒小寶	1,700.00
荃灣浸信會	75,000.00	黃華娟	100.00	無名氏	1,000.00
將軍澳浸信會	1,000.00	黃雅忠	10,000.00	HK\$	3,000.00
博愛潮語浸信會	7,166.00	葉煥章	300.00		
置富浸信教會	3,000.00	劉永生、鍾梓萍	300.00	<b>Campus Extension Project</b>	
銅鑼灣浸信會	3,500.00	蔡慧英	300.00	許煥英	100.00
錫安浸信會	16,657.21	鄧活靈伉儷	300.00	陳克平	248,300.00
麗城浸信會	7,000.00	黎穎儀	2,000.00	鄧輝祥	500.00
耀東浸信會	3,000.00	羅佩珊	100.00	無名氏	8,000.00
觀塘浸信會	1,920.00	譚葆基	10,000.00	無名氏	1,000.00
鑽石山浸信會	3,000.00	關廣智、鄧慧然	500.00	無名氏	500.00
基督教宣道會大埔堂	500.00	無名氏	4,000.00	HK\$	258,400.00
基督教會以琳堂	1,000.00	無名氏	2,000.00		
番禺恩典家教會	400.00	無名氏	1,437.00	<b>Support “Chinese Preaching Research Project” in Practical Theology</b>	
啟聞基金	500.00	無名氏	1,000.00	銅鑼灣浸信會	2,000.00
HK\$	508,546.01	無名氏	400.00	無名氏	25,000.00
		無名氏	400.00	HK\$	27,000.00
<b>Education Fund (Individual Donor)</b>		無名氏	400.00		
方志強	200.00	無名氏	200.00	<b>Faculty Support</b>	
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October 8-10, 2024  
**Baptist Heritage Week**

Baptist Heritage Week 2024 on the theme “Facing Challenges: Retrospection, Reflection, and Looking Forward” was held in our morning chapel meeting for three consecutive days on our Sai O campus, exploring how Baptist churches of different sizes have responded to recent challenges.

On the first day, Rev. Ann Lee and Rev. Christopher Law shared with us the “Examples of Large Churches.”



On the second day, Rev. Peter Koo and Ms. Deborah Yeung shared with us the “Examples of Medium and Small Churches.”



On the last day, Rev. Ken Lui and Rev. Miguelito Kwok shared on the topic “Reflections on Baptist Faith and Practice.”



October 14, 2024  
Seminar on  
Chinese Preaching

In the Seminar on Chinese Preaching titled “Is There ‘Light’ in Your Sermon?,” five of our teachers dissected the key term “Chinese Pulpit” from various perspectives and explored how to improve the quality of preaching.

Dr. Fook-kong Wong explored the meaning of “light” from an Old Testament perspective and shared how new researches, methods, and contexts can lead to a more accurate understanding of God’s revelation.



Dr. Andres Tang explored the meaning of “light” from a theological perspective, pointing out the role of the Holy Spirit therein and the importance of cultivating habitus that facilitates Bible study and preaching.

Dr. Bernard Leung discussed the meaning of “light” from the perspective of cognitive psychology, leading us to reflect on the issue of insight as related to preaching, reception, and reading the Bible.



Dr. Kit-ying Law explored the “light” that the lectionary may shed on preachers and how to preach “baptismal repentance” through the lectionary. She explained how worship team members can systematically and intentionally shepherd the whole congregation from the perspective of the Bible and historical tradition.

Dr. Ken Lui used Watchman Nee as an example of a Chinese evangelist’s understanding of “light” in preaching, covering the source of “light,” the quality of the speaker, and the role and qualities of “light.”



November 17, 2024

## Joint Graduation Ceremony

The Joint Graduation Ceremony of HKBTS Main Campus Programs (73rd class), Lay Theological Education Department (25th class), and the Distance Education Program (24th class) was held at the Kowloon City Baptist Church. We thank God for His guidance for the graduates in completing their theological training at HKBTS. We pray that the Lord will lead them as they enter into their ministry and keep them faithful to their calling, fearless of the challenges of the times, and as blameless servants before God, spreading the Gospel and practicing the truth.



Dr. Nathan Ng, Vice President (Academic Affairs), preached a sermon on the topic of "The Tragedy of Two Servants of God" at the graduation ceremony.





December 23, 2024

## Christmas Worship: "Who am I" and "who I am"

The Christmas Worship Service, jointly organized by HKBTS and the Alumni Association, was held on our Sai O campus. All our teachers, students, staff, and alumni joined together to remember the birth of our Savior. The Alumni Choir led the congregation in worship. Dr. Hing-weng Seng spoke on the topic "'Who am I' and 'who I am.'" Based on the possibility of an incomplete chiasmic structure of 1 Chronicles 29:14-19, he discussed how even though each person's life on Earth is transient, one can leave behind a lasting effect of one's "uprightness" and "willingness to offer" as part of God's eternal plan for a community which is upright and offers willingly.



The Alumni Choir was singing hymns.

The reading of Scripture interspersed with pantomime added to the power of the Scriptures.







Dr. Hing-weng Seng was sharing the message.

We were singing the Grace Song before the love feast after the Christmas worship service.



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