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Christmas Celebration in Hong Kong

“As I grew up my family always celebrated Christmas. My mother enjoyed hanging Christmas decorations in the windows, and making the house pretty for the special holiday. But now, since I have become a Christian, I don’t celebrate Christmas actually.” The student, who made this, in my perception paradoxical, statement, graduated last summer to be a minister in a Hong Kong church. Her mother who loved to celebrate Christmas is a practitioner of Chinese religion. What this means is that she may be a Taoist, a Buddhist, a Confucian, or adhere to a combination of all three, most likely with a special preference for a particular aspect or deity. She had recognized something beautiful about Christmas and incorporated into her religious and festive practices.

“If you love Wong Tai Sin most, you can also worship other gods. He won’t mind,” said a worshipper in Wong Tai Sin

temple, Hong Kong’s most popular Taoist temple at the foot of Lion Rock, to one of our students, who conducted a survey as part of the seminary’s cultural exploration day. Wong Tai Sin (= the great immortal Wong) who, like most Chinese gods, has a human biography, is worshipped and loved primarily for his healing powers.

“I don’t like Christmas,” another student stated emphatically. “It’s all about business and commerce. It is supposed to be about peace for the word, but it’s the most hectic period of the year, especially for Christians. We hurry from mall to mall and sing carols, but people don’t care about the meaning of our songs. They see us as a seasonal ingredient and one more incentive to shop a little more. Worst of all, we don’t have time to be with our families during those days.”

In fact, the enthusiasm with which Hong Kong for about a month turns its shopping



Dr. Peter Li (left) and Dr. Zimmerman celebrating Chinese New Year with students

malls into gigantic Christmas exhibitions is most amazing. Displays of most extraordinarily decorated and huge Christmas trees, breathtaking displays of ribbons and garlands, “Merry Christmas” greetings from shopkeepers everywhere, and “Jingle bells” from the subway sound systems. At Shatin Plaza, a mall close to the seminary, the roof top veranda is turned into a lovely winter landscape where one can pace through snow in short sleeves and sandals.

“I hope you know that Christmas is a pagan invention.” A conscientious student voice brings me back to “reality”. Yes, indeed, but I must confess, I’d rather have people of other faiths remember Christianity for its joyfulness than for the clash of civilizations and religions.

There is no time to loose in Hong Kong. The morning after Christmas day, shops are stripped bare of all Christmas decorations. It’s time to prepare for the really big event, Chinese New Year. Another period of commerce is to be initiated. But Chinese New Year also has a heart and a deeper purpose of which everybody seems to be aware. People travel far distances to get together as families, to renew family bonds by spending time and eating together,

by sharing presents and memories with each other. Chinese New Year is a celebration of peace and joy, and everything is clad in the favorite color red. Strangely, all of these things, even the red color, remind me of my childhood’s Christmas season somewhere in Europe. I can’t help but wonder whether people’s awareness in Asia of the spirit of Christmas would have been different, if the celebration of the birth of the savior had been synchronized with the Chinese New Year celebration rather than inserted

somewhere in-between simply to comply with the western calendar tradition.

In this issue of LTS News we will meet several students who share their faith experiences from within different contexts. Mnai from Myanmar will share about his prayer ministry, and Deth from Laos about his conversion to Christianity. Fook Gun, Phyllis and Jenny from Hong Kong share their impressions from a summer trip to historical sites of the Reformation in Germany, testifying to the wisdom of the Chinese proverb Better to travel ten thousand miles than to read ten thousand books. Contexts make a difference!



Dieter Mitternacht (back row, 3rd from left) and Rebecca Lee (2nd from right) with LTS students

I am a Christian from Laos



Dethsacda (second from the right) packing Newsletters with other students

Dethsacda Aphyamath from Vientiane in Laos has been studying at Lutheran Theological Seminary for a year. Before he came to Hong Kong, he was a youth minister for six years and a deacon at Laos Nakham Church since 2006 where he worked fulltime with social development. Deth shares with us from his own life about the joy and struggle of being a Christian in Laos.

By Dethsacda Aphyamath



I was born into a Buddhism family in the countryside. Nobody in my family or neighborhood knew anything about Jesus or Christianity. As a teenager I had to move to the city in order to go to High school. I was very lonely and homesick all the time, I did not have many friends and felt that I had no peace in my life. After High school I got the opportunity to study at the

University of Laos. There my situation improved and I met some very friendly students. One day they talked about Christianity and the Church. It made me interested and I wanted to know how to get to a Church. But they actually hated Christians and didn't tell me how to get in contact. Another reason was the rule of university, which is very strict about religion.



◀ Dethsacda (right) at the School Opening Ceremony this September

▼ God is my special love



► Teaching children in Hong Kong the Bible



But my interest was kindled and I wanted to learn more about religion and God's word. I decided to go to look for a church by myself and soon I became a Christian. I felt so free and happy, began learning a lot about God's word and go to the Church every Sunday. I treasure the words in John 3:16, where it says that "God loved the world that He gave his one and only son that whoever believed in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." By the way, I really trust in Him alone and give all my heart to Him.

When I came back to the University two months later, I told my friends that I had become a Christian. Their reaction was very negative, they blamed me for being disloyal and did some bad things to me. They clearly didn't want me to be a Christian. All 700 students at the University

were Buddhists, except me, I was the only Christian. I was ashamed and scared when I went to class. When someone asked me about Christianity, I couldn't say anything.

However, I know that God was with me all the time. Whether we are in pain, whether we are sad or happy, we can be certain that He has plans for all who put their faith in Him. Therefore, I chose God as my special love. I believe that He accompanies me all the time. "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me." (John 14:6). This verse I think needs to be heard by all people. I therefore have to live my Christian life so people can see, and open my mouth so people can hear my sharing about Christ.



Mnai (right) teaching the Bible

First of all I give thanks to God for giving me this opportunity to share my testimony with you. My name is Rev. Mnai Thang. I am a father of nine daughters. I have served the Lord as a pastor for six years since March 2000 and then as a lecturer for four years. Before I became a pastor I served the government as a primary school teacher for almost ten years (1984-1993).

Before I became a Christian, I believed in traditional religion, which is animism. When I was around 15 years old I became a Christian. At that time there were no Christians in my village or region. Four missionaries came from the Northern Chin State, which is a part of northwest Myanmar near the boundary of India. They had preached the gospel in our region since 1975.

A short testimony

Mnai Thang
Third-year student, M.Th

After serving the Lord and the first missionary, my pastor wanted to go back to his village or town. At that time I gave him a promise. I told him, when I passed the high school exam, I will serve the Lord. However, when I passed the high school exam, I worked as a primary teacher for almost ten years. While I was a teacher, I participated in church activities regularly. One day I remembered my promise and I asked myself deep within my heart, "Why do I not serve the Lord, my savior?" I believed that the Lord asked me or touched my heart. After that I applied to my mother church to serve the Lord. The church accepted me to attend bible school and I became a pastor in 1994.

After finishing my bible school, I served as a pastor in a rural or remote area. There was no

→ A village house

↓ Home surrounded by flooding this year



Father of nine daughters



With friends in home-country this summer

doctor, no medicine. When someone, a believer, became sick, we prayed to God fervently for the sick person. That person recovered within two or three days through only prayer. God answered our prayer. That made me trust God and empowered me more and more to be mutual in my Christian life. This is the work of God for the believers. The bible says if you believe in God, you will see the Glory of God, John 11:40. What I mean is that when I was serving the Lord and seeing the glory, sometimes when I prayed for a sick person, I knew subconsciously that God answered my prayer and that the sick person would be better from the sickness they suffered. Sometimes I was not touched by the Holy Spirit and then the person I prayed for did

not get better. However, when I moved to an urban area from the rural one, this experience ceased. My understanding of why God does not work in the same way amongst the people in urban areas is that city people are educated and have their minds and souls set on material things, rather than on trusting in God. That's my understanding why God does not work amongst them in a miraculous, healing way. This is my experience in my ministry.

Now by the grace of God I have come to study at LTS for an M.Th. degree. I have finished my course work and am writing my thesis in this coming semester. I like the Lutheran Theological Seminary and I have almost become Lutheran. This is my study experience.

Seminar on **Lutheran Reformation** in Germany Dr Pilgrim Lo

There is a Chinese Proverb "Traveling thousands of miles is better than reading thousands of books" which means experience is better than thinking or practice is better than theory. The Lutheran Theological Seminary in Hong Kong has been offering courses like "Theology of Martin Luther", "Ethics of Martin Luther" and "Reformation Church History" etc. We also recognize the need of providing our students the opportunity to study Luther's theology and his reformation on site. In this Summer (2011) we had a total of 17 students participating in the "Seminar on the Lutheran Reformation" in Germany for 18 days. Besides Wittenberg, the centre of Reformation, we have also visited Eisleben, Eisenach, Erfurt, Wartburg, Worms and Augsburg etc.

For most of the participants it was the first personal encounter with German history, culture and church life. They have not only benefited from lectures on the reformer Martin Luther and from site seeing of historical Reformation cities, but also learned a lot from German culture and society through discussions and observation. This study trip has given them good memories as well as helped their understanding of their theological studies.

Seminar on **My Journey** in Germany Phyllis Lam Pui-fan (M. Div. graduate)

This trip is a gift awarding my completion of six-years of theological study.

It is the simple application of a Chinese proverb, "It is better to travel thousands of miles than to read thousands of books."

It was made possible through the support of my family, blessing of the church and the grace of God.

We intended to comprehend the lifetime of Martin Luther in 18 days during this journey. Although there was an outbreak of EHEC in Germany, we still set off at midnight on the 15th June, 2011. During our time in Germany,



First row : Phyllis Lam (left), Dr. Schwarz (3rd from right)

the enhancement of our knowledge and the sensation of life and spirit really deserves thanks to the endless help of the professors there. Among the accompanying professors, special thanks are due to three of the retired professors. Although they are all over 60, they were always leading and enthusiastically teaching us about



With Dr Sparr, overlooking Augsburg



Dr. Schlichting (center) guiding the group in Augsburg

Martin Luther.

I had studied "The Theology of Martin Luther" for Dr. Schlichting who was my lecturer at LTS last year. In the afternoon of June 16, he waited and welcomed us at the train station of Augsburg. We attended his worship on June 19. His wife cooked us a perfect meal and his little son prepared a lovely chocolate for us. Dr. Schlichting guided us through the town of Augsburg and showed us the place where the Augsburg Confession was signed. We witnessed the dark brown stairs that Martin Luther stood on in 1518. Thinking of the challenges of Thomas Cajetan and the tough time of travelling, it's possible to imagine how heavy the footsteps of Martin Luther were at that time.

Dr. Hans Schwarz has been the teacher of Dr. Pilgrim Lo. Upon meeting him, I thought of a book called "Responsible Faith" in my bookshelf that Dr. Hans Schwarz signed for me. I bought the book around 2005 when he visited LTS. It was a pleasure to take photos with him once again. He looks serious, and although he is over 70, he still walks vigorously. He guided us through the old but rich city of Regensburg on June 21. When we were having lunch, Dr. Hans Schwarz kept introducing us to details about

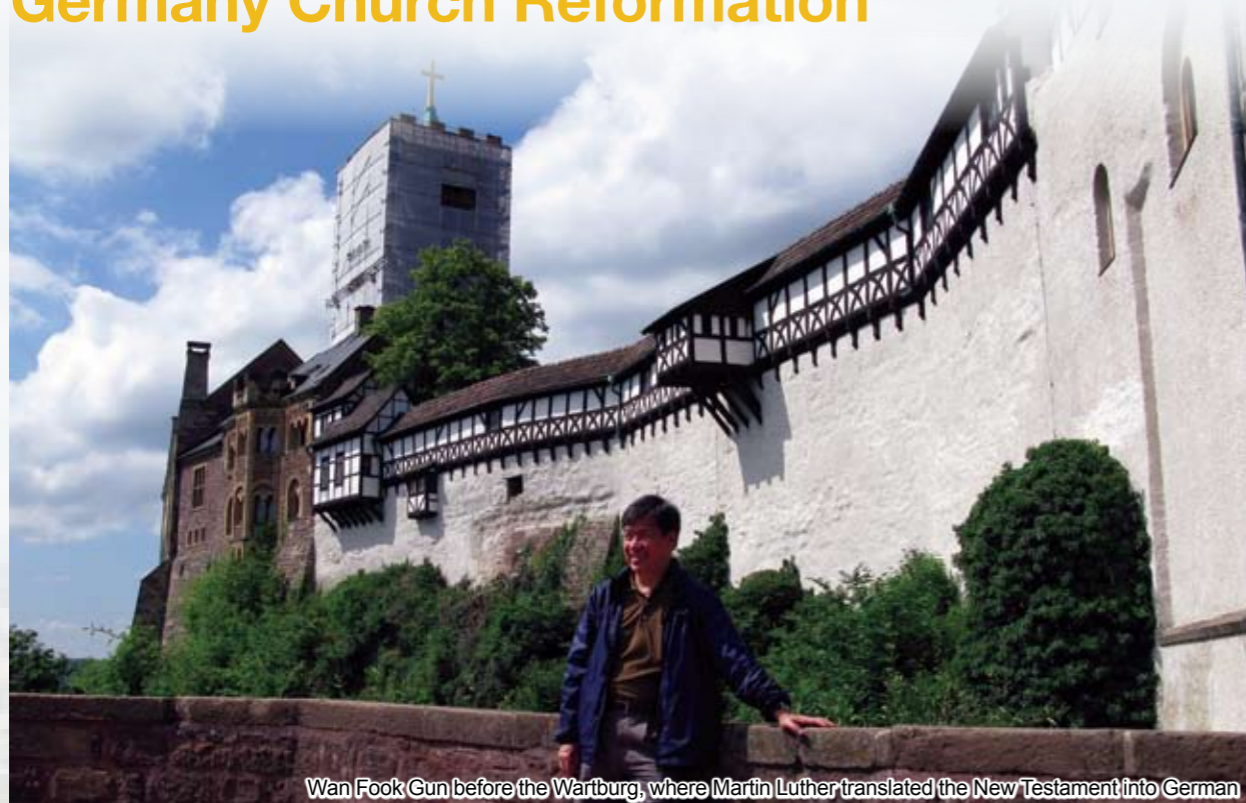
Martin Luther. He was so excited that he even stepped on the chair. Although there were tons of food on the table, Dr. Hans Schwarz and his wife were content to enjoy a dish of salad.

Dr. Sparr is a relatively young professor around 60. He has fluffy and silver hair and has been the teacher of Dr. Teuffel. He showed us the way of Nuremberg on June 22. It is a poor and old town, which attracts lots of new immigrants and an important city for Christianity. We visited a Christian organization there which takes care of Muslim immigrants. That organization provides a place for communication between Christianity and Islam. The purpose is to show the love of God but not to convert people. Dr. Sparr is also a devoted and passionate person and took us to a restaurant that is famous for German sausages. After ordering, he was so busy to answer the enquiries of students that he didn't even have time to take photos with others.

I'm so lucky to have a chance to join this trip with the guidance of Dr. Lo and other professors. From their lives, I experienced their passion, professionalism and hospitality, as well as Martin Luther. If there had been no Martin Luther, there would be no protestants.

Backstage Heroes of the Germany Church Reformation

Wan Fook Gun
1st year student, M.T.H.



Wan Fook Gun before the Wartburg, where Martin Luther translated the New Testament into German

Our group of eighteen people, including the leader Dr. Pilgrim Lo, departed for Munich, Germany on June 15, embarking on an eighteen-day trip of visiting the historical sites related to Martin Luther. Each day was fully packed with programs, departing at about eight o'clock in the morning and returning late, at around nine in the evening. Most days we also had evening prayers or reflections. When we arrived at each site, Dr. Lo explained its historical background and related theological values. Dr. Lo also arranged for three renowned professors in theology and two former visiting professors of LTS to give us thematic talks related to the German Reformation and aspects of the German churches nowadays. Besides,

we also stayed at the headquarters of Mission One World for a few nights, visiting some of its missionary outlets. We deeply thank Mission One World for its generous sponsorship of our Germany trip, everything was very valuable to each participant.

We learned about the history of the German Reformation and its theological implications as we were visiting the historical sites. We were deeply impressed by this very pedagogical form of teaching. From what I saw and heard during the trip, I was stimulated to raise questions and received answers to topics related to the life of Martin Luther that were very valuable to me. One such topic was: Who were the backstage

heroes of the German Reformation ignited by Martin Luther? Most people agreed that Philip Melancthon was a candidate. But in my view, the following figures are also important, whose influence and help should not be dismissed.

The parents of Martin Luther

Luther's father was a self-confident, enthusiastic and able person. He possessed a courageous and open-minded character. Luther's mother was a hard-working, honest, strict and pious woman. Luther inherited the characteristics of his parents, which were helpful to him in tolerating the hard life of a monk and persevering with the reformation work. Luther's parents, although not wealthy, endeavored in providing a good education to Luther since his young age. Just before entering the Augustinian Monastery, Luther had already a good knowledge of Latin and possessed both a Bachelor and a Master of Arts degree. Luther's enormous theological writings and contributions were due greatly to his good educational background and analytical mind.

The direct intervention of God

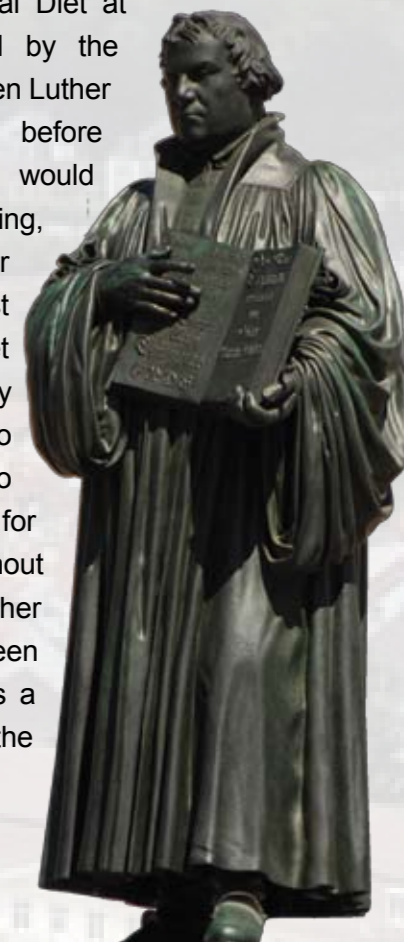
In July 2, 1505, when Luther was on his return trip to Erfurt from his home in Mansfield to pursue his study of Law, he was caught in a violent thunderstorm. In utter fear and total desperation, Luther cried out to St. Anne, the patron saint of miners: "Help me, St. Anne, and I will become a monk". Making this vow was totally unthinkable to me. How can Luther, a person of great perseverance, strong character, and a fearless mind be frightened so much by a storm so as to making a drastic change of his career objective from becoming a lawyer to becoming a monk. In my opinion, this must have been a direct intervention of God in order

to make Luther, in his capacity as a monk, intimately aware of the faults of the Church and prepare him for his fervor for reformation.

Elector Frederick the Wise

After Luther announced his 95 theses concerning indulgences in 1517, he was originally summoned to Rome to account for his views in the presence of the Pope. However, under the influence of Frederick, he avoided going to Rome, and instead, went to Augsburg to debate Cardinal Cajetan. In June of 1520, a papal bull was signed to declare Luther a heretic and he was given 60 days to recant. Yet Luther burned the bull publicly after the 60 days had elapsed. The pope then excommunicated Luther and called for his immediate delivery to Rome. Again, Frederick intervened and saved Luther from going to Rome. Instead, it was arranged for Luther to appear before the Imperial Diet at Worms convened by the new emperor. When Luther publicly declared before the Diet that he would not recant anything, the emperor ordered the arrest of Luther. Yet Frederick secretly arranged Luther to be kidnapped to Wartburg Castle for protection. Without Frederick, Luther might have been killed – burned as a heretic in either of the above incidences.

Martin Luther





Enjoying Augsburg

My trip to Germany ...

Lam Yat Kwan, Jenny
M Div year 3

“When you are climbing up the Hill of Dong, you can see the small country of Lu. When you are climbing up the Mountain of Tai, you can see the world is very small.”

Mencius: Dedication

During this 18-day trip to Germany, I reflected once again on the Lord’s calling in my life. ‘What is my mission?’ I brought this question as I started the trip to the birthplace of the reformation movement, Germany, with my professor and schoolmates. We would visit the reformation path of Martin Luther, learn about the past and the present conditions of Germany’s church, become aware of the church’s ministries and social services, and also experience cross-cultural learning. I have learnt

a lot from this trip.

Why is our Lord taking me to Germany despite all the obstacles, such as financial pressure and health problems? At first, I thought I could not afford a long-distance trip to Germany and did not expect to be able to participate. I am therefore very grateful to the encouragement of my Lord, my pastor and my professor, and also for the financial support of my brothers and sisters in the Lord, my family and relatives. I also thank my doctor and physical therapist for their help. Finally, I could set my feet in the land of Germany.

For me the trip was not only to walk in the footsteps of Luther, but also to understand the current condition of the German church



With young people at church in Hong Kong (Jenny, youth pastor, middle of front row)

and to reflect on my role and direction as a minister and preacher. According to current German national statistics, only about 60% of Germans are baptized, and only about 30% of them are Protestants. Again, only 3-5% of the Protestants actually attend church services and actively support the church. The other 95% are not enthusiastic and almost never go to church. I was thinking why the gap is so big? I felt this group of people is in urgent need of the gospel.

When I faced a magnificent church building, the church held rows of empty benches. Occasionally, there were some gray haired elderly people sitting there. Where were the children? Why were the churches becoming visitors shooting spots? When I visited different places, I met a lot of theologians, pastors, seminary students, brothers and sisters. Even they faced a lot of pressure; they had not given up their mission. I was reminded of the words by the apostle Paul, who asked the believers in the church of Rome: ‘Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?’ (Romans 8:35) Paul even added a quote from Psalm 44:22: ‘for your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as

sheep to be slaughtered.’

We have to admit that as Christians, even as preachers and ministers, we have to face difficult times and a variety of problems. In some cases, these problems make our lives so unhappy that we consider leaving the church, even leaving the Lord. In other cases, we feel lost and lament to the Lord why He led us into a particular situation, recalling that he is our Lord and that is there with us in an instant. Turning to him

may remember our calling and be filled with joy despite of lots of difficult problems. It is like two sides of the same coin. This is how we value the call which the Lord gives us.



Reflecting on the trip at a Luther memorial stone

The German churches face difficulties, but there are many pastors with a faithful heart for God. They serve the Lord humbly and share the love of Jesus Christ with their communities. Germany experienced the Second World War and as a consequence many people left the church. But the country has admitted its mistakes, even before the Lord. Some people have taken courage from this and repented and turned back to faith, relying on the Lord, as Martin Luther and other church reformers. In fact, as long as there is willingness, nothing is impossible.

Many in the German Evangelical Church made gospel work their first priority, hoping for a revival among the people of their land. As we return to Hong Kong and plan to be pastors in our own context and future, what will the Lord entrust to us?

Lutheran Theological Seminary		
The 34th Graduates (Degree and Diploma Recipients) of Day School 2011		
	Names	Affiliated Church
English Diploma		
1.	Chinda Soukpaseuth	Lao Evangelical Church Nakham Church (Lao)
2.	Dethsacda Aphayamath	Lao Evangelical Nakham Church (Lao)
3.	Soutsakhone Ratsavongsy	Lao Evangelical Church Nakham Church (Lao)
Graduate Diploma		
4.	Wong Hahn, Anneliese	CRCHKS Chinese Rhenish Church, Kowloon (Germany)
Bachelor of Theology		
5.	Chan, Kiu Sum Eric	ELCHK Ling On Lutheran Church
6.	Cheung, Ching Yu	CRCHKS Chinese Rhenish Church, Tsuen Wan
7.	Cheung, Chun Yung	BCHK Zion Baptist Church
8.	Cheung, Lok Fung	HKSKH St. Matthias' Church
9.	Chu, Kin Lun	ELCHK Praise Lutheran Church
10.	Lee, Ka Keung Leo	C&MA Tuen Mun Alliance Church
11.	Leung, Suk Fun	Yiu On Gospel Church
12.	Lo, Hang Ying	The Mission Covenant Church Richland Church
13.	Lo, Suet Fun Fanny	BCHK New Life Baptist Church
14.	Ma, Yuk Yee Margie	Chinese Full Gospel Church Sai Kung Mission
15.	Mathieson, Margaret Mckie Wilson	Kowloon Union Church Scotland
16.	Ng, Shuet Chun	ELCHK Peace Lutheran Church
17.	Tse, Wing Man	Sai Wan Ho Christian Church
Master of Arts in Theology		
18.	Huynh Thi Thuy Van	Nghi Duc Evangelical Church (Vietnam)
19.	Lee, Tak Yu	RCHKS Chinese Rhenish Church, Tai Po
20.	Leung, Hong Man	Christ Temple Congregation
21.	Ngai, Moon Yan	C&MA Tai O Alliance Church
22.	Robert Wayne Graham	Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church (USA)
23.	Tung, Oi Lee	C&MA Fairview Park Alliance Church
24.	Wan, Fook Gun	CRCHKS Chinese Rhenish Church, Kowloon
Master of Arts in Mission		
25.	Sam, Soi Lon	C&MA Yuen Kei Alliance Church
Master of Arts in Spirituality		
26.	Liang, Zhi Qiang Bryan	Shifu Christian Church (China)
Master of Arts in Pastoral Counseling		
27.	Fan, Yuen Kay	EFCC Waterloo Hill Church
Master of Ministry		
28.	Snow, Wei Hong	Presbyterian Church (USA)
Master of Divinity		
29.	Au, Siu Yin	Mount of Olives Community Church
30.	Chan, Kwai Mui	CRCHKS Chinese Rhenish Church, Sheung Shui
31.	Chan, Siu Kuen	HKABWE Alliance Ltd Tai Hing Baptist Church
32.	Chan, Wai Ping	ELCHK Salvation Lutheran Church
33.	Chan, Yuen Fun	BCHK Tai Po Baptist Church
34.	Chan, Yuen Yee	The Christian Fellowship Centre
35.	Cheng, Yee Sum	C&MA Kowloon Bay Alliance Church
36.	Cheung, Wai Fong	ELCHK Eternal Grace Lutheran Church
37.	Chow, Chong Kuen	Christian Truth Church Ltd. Kwai Chung Christian Truth Church
38.	Choy, Lai Shan	ELCHK Kwai Yan Lutheran Church
39.	Eleven Sihotang	Huria Kristen Batak Protestan (Indonesia)
40.	Ho, Shang Ju	HKMLC Hsin On Chapel
41.	Jung, Ying	BCHK Tai Po Baptist Church
42.	Kwong, Pui Peng	The Mission Covenant Church Leto Church
43.	Lai, Wai Cheung	MCHK Kowloon Methodist Church
44.	Lam, Pui Fan	HKSKH St. Philip's Church
45.	Lam, Shun Fong	CRCHK Chinese Rhenish Church, Kowloon Central

46.	Lau, Chiu Ming	TTMHK Kau Yan Church
47.	Lau, Shu Tong	ELCHK Aberdeen Lutheran Church
48.	Lau, Suk Han	ELCHK Tuen Mun Lutheran Church
49.	Leap Kirany	Prek Talong Church (Cambodia)
50.	Li, Chi Wah	Ka Fook Pentecostal Holiness Church
51.	Ma, Man long	Christian Sheun Tao Church, Macau
52.	Mak, Nin Fung	Christianity Glory Community Church
53.	Ng, Chun Foo Enoch	BCHK Kwun Tong Swatow Baptist Church
54.	Wong, Chun Ka	ELCHK St. Paul Lutheran Church
55.	Wong, Sun Wah	TTMHK Mongkok Tsung Tsin Church
56.	Yap, Ven Lie	MCHK Chinese Methodist Church
Master of Theology		
57.	Chaiporn Panya	Huay Kaew Church, Chiang Mai (Thailand)
58.	Chow, Lap Kwan	The Mission Covenant Church Leto Church
59.	Henri Napitupulu	Huria Kristen Batak Protestan (Indonesia)
60.	Kuan, Pay Ye Elizabeth	Taiwan Fushin Alliance Church (Taiwan)
61.	Leung, Ping Fai	Tai Po Peace Evangelical Centre
62.	Poon, Sun Leung	Shaukiwan Swatow Baptist Church
63.	Ronald Pasaribu	Huria Kristen Batak Protestan (Indonesia)
64.	Szeto, Wing Fu	C&MA Fairview Park Alliance Church
65.	Wang, Wenjun	Hunan Bible School Yu Xuan Church (China)
66.	Yiu, Chak Wong Terry	CRCHKS Chinese Rhenish Church, Hunghom
Doctor of Ministry		
67.	Cheung, Kwong Foo	China Peniel Missionary Society, Inc.
68.	Chu, Wing Sang Calvin	TTMHK Shaukiwan Church
69.	Hoerschelmann, Hanns Ferdinand	Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria (Germany)
70.	Leung, Kam Wah	The Church of Living Grace (Cheung Sha Wan Church)
71.	Voo, Thien Fui	Basel Christian Church of Malaysia (Malaysia)
72.	Wong, Yuet Ying	Wing Kwong Pentecostal Holiness Church
Doctor of Theolog		
73.	Chan, Tai Tung	New Hope Baptist Church - King Lam
74.	Nogenmyr, Maria	The Church of Sweden (Sweden)
75.	Khin Swe Oo	Lai SBaptist Church Kalay (Myanmar)
76.	Nguyen Truong Hy	Hau Nghia Evangelical Church of Vietnam (Vietnam)
77.	Pau Swan Kam	Cope Memorial Baptist Church (Myanmar)

Graduates of TEE 2011		
	Names	Affiliated Churches
Certificate in Theology for Lay Leadership		
1.	Kwok, Lai Ying	CRCHK Chinese Rhenish Church, Kowloon Central
2.	Law, Kai Kwong	ELCHK Tin Yiu Life Lutheran Church
3.	Ng, Suk Fong	CRCHK Chinese Rhenish Church, Kowloon Central
Diploma in Theology for Lay Leadership		
4.	Hung, Tsui Lan	C&MA Sterling Light Alliance Church
5.	Lee, Yuen Han Becky	C&MA Sterling Light Alliance Church
6.	Li, Yeuk Mui	ELCHK Grace Lutheran Church
7.	Pang, Tak Kin	HKMLC Ming Tao Chapel
8.	Tsoi, Chi Ming	ELCHK Anointed Grace Lutheran Church
9.	Yang, Isaac Bruce	ELCHK Truth Lutheran Church
High-Diploma in Theology for Lay Leadership		
10.	Lo, Lai Ying	ELCHK Faith Lutheran Church
Master of Christian Studies		
11.	Cheung, Man Lung David	BCHK Kowloon City Baptist Church
12.	Lam, Ching	C&MA Sterling Light Alliance Church
13.	Leung, Fiona Fu Sin	LCHKS St. James Lutheran Church
14.	Wong, Chi Shun	CRCHKS Chinese Rhenish Church, Fanling


2011 Coming Up...


November 14 Seminary Outing ; 14-18 Reading Week 25 Founders' Day Worship & Family Celebration


Looking Back... Recent visits to LTS

24 August President Simon Chow hosted a group of over 20 guests from America and China. The group also attended a seminar at Tao Fong Shan Christian Center.

2 September Chief Executive Officer of the Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong Dr Lawrence Yik together with his colleagues and 17 pastoral representatives of YMCA Germany were introduced by President Simon Chow to LTS' new M.A. program in Diakonia.

8 September  Rev. Deng Fu-cun (left), Chairman of Zhejiang Province's National Committee of Three-Self Patriotic Movement of the Protestant Churches in China, together with 14 co-workers visited LTS. They were hosted by the chairperson of the LTS Board of Directors, Rev. Dr. Lo Cho-ching and President Dr. Simon Chow (2nd and 3rd from the right).

3 October  Representatives from the Norwegian Mission Society in *Stavanger* visited LTS and were hosted by President Chow.

7 October  German Regional Bishop Christian Schmidt and co-workers visited LTS. President Chow hosted the group.

School activities

August 29-30 Faculty Retreat; August 20-1 September Student and Faculty Retreat

September 2 School Opening Ceremony; Orientation for New Students ; 5 Classes begin;

September 10 TEE School Opening Ceremony

October 14,16 Theological Public Lecture on the book of Isaiah by Prof. Beuker from Belgium.

Teaching Staff

LTS appointed Rev. Christa Von Zychlin as Coordinator of International Student Affairs and to manage the ministry of the Mekong Mission Forum.

LTS appointed Dr. Gabriele Hoerschelmann as Vice Dean of Studies and coordinator of international student affairs.

Let us pray for...

Dr. John G. Lemond, whose mother-in-law passed away on 25 July. May God comfort him and his family.

Dr. Knud Jørgensen, who resumes teaching after having had an operation. May God protect him.

our Gardener, Mrs Cheung Tsui Yuk-Chun, who is in the recovering stage after an operation this summer. May God heal her.

our maintenance co-worker, Mr Keith Li Wai-Ming, who was discharged from the hospital on 4 September after having suffered a head injury. May God keep him safe.

more than 20 students from Asia and China who were admitted to our school but are still waiting for their visas from the Hong Kong Government. The visa problems not only delay their studies, but also resulted in the cancellation of the English summer course. May God make a way for us.

News of alumni

Alumnus Rev. Choi To-tong passed away on 29 July. President Simon Chow represented LTS at the funeral on 14 August. May God comfort Rev. Choi's family.

Mrs Chan Ying-hung, the wife of alumnus Mr Kwong Yan-yin, was diagnosed with blood cancer and is preparing for a bone marrow transfer. May God heal and comfort her and her family.

Alumna Ms Leung Siu-chun, MDiv (2001) will be ordained to be a pastor by the Standing Committee of Diocese of Eastern Kowloon, HKSKH. The ceremony will be held at 8:00 pm at Holy Trinity Cathedral 135 Mai Tau Chung Road, Kowloon on 28 October 2011.

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