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Summer in Hong Kong



Editorial

When people think about the summer in Hong Kong they immediately comment on the heat and humidity. And indeed there are days when every movement outside is strenuous. So it is maybe a good idea to have a longer academic break before the autumn semester starts at Cheung Chau with the hope of soon-dropping temperatures and a little dryer air. Nevertheless, Hong Kong summers are not without many activities and a lot of fun. Immediately after graduation our professors and students, for example, travel in various directions. Many of our graduates begin new jobs right away. A faculty retreat aims at getting to know the situation of our students in their home countries better and at strengthening the bonds with our partners abroad. That certainly worked out this year around Lake Toba in Indonesia, where we were received with overwhelming warmth and with very positive results for the recognition of our degrees. This faculty retreat explains why in this issue focuses a little on Indonesia. But our professors also

travel to many different places in China and Laos to teach intensive courses. There are also conferences around the globe to attend and families to visit so that the beauty of the Hong Kong summer's empty beaches and high skies can only briefly be appreciated before the new academic year starts. We tried to capture a little of the summer's glories in this issue. This 102nd year of LTS will start with a new MA Programme in Classical Judaism and new teachers, but it will also be the first year starting without Mabel Wu, Ted Zimmerman, and John LeMond teaching regular courses, something unimaginable for many, many previous years. Our gratitude to them cannot be put into words. May you all encounter the beauty of summer with a heart full of praise. Yours,

Jantzen Depew

Devotion

Rev. Dr. Wayne Nieminen

Have you toiled all night near the shore in vain?

Push away from the shore, launch out:

Where the flood is deep cast your nets again.

Push away from the shore, launch out;

There a blessing waits your soul to take,

Haste away from the barren strand;

Toil no more where the surges break;

“Launch out” is your Lord’s command.

After June 2014 graduation celebrations, members of the LTS faculty journeyed to Northern Sumatra, Indonesia, for our annual retreat. We visited church leaders and LTS alumni who now serve a marvelous array of institutions within the Gereja Kristen Protestant Indonesia Church (GKPI – 355,000 members) and Huria Kristen Batak Protestant (HKBP – with over 4.1 million members). We were moved by these church ministries to the blind, orphans, Muslims, and schools for teaching and preaching, training pastors and deaconesses. A vibrant holistic ministry of Word, Sacrament, Service, Education and Song was evident to all.

One early evening we found ourselves on a passenger ferry crossing Lake Toba on our way to Samosir Island. The sun was about to set when we boarded the ferry. We faced a warm but growing headwind. Our HKBP guides sang hymns as the captain navigated the choppy waters and the Southern Cross constellation seemed to travel with us above our heads. I later read that the “crux” constellation was “circumpolar” – always above the horizon in the southern

hemisphere. Sailors used it as navigational aid – a guidepost.

I remembered an old hymn, “Launch Out.” written by Rev. James Bruce Mackay (author of some 60 hymns) who lived from 1861-1940. It is one of the many nautical hymns composed in the missionary era. Those hymn writers knew about capricious seas, rogue waves, incoming swells, gusts of winds, typhoons, as well as the sea’s calmness - the sea was a metaphor for the unpredictability and arbitrariness of life.

Nevertheless, Mackay believed that the Savior continually called his disciples to “push away from the shore, launch out.” We, the LTS Hong Kong faculty, were witnesses to the Indonesian churches “launching out” through its many ministries. The kingdom of God is emerging across the globe with men and women dreaming big dreams - reimagining the world. And we, as teachers, felt privileged and grateful to have a (small) role in God’s movement in these churches and in this country.

The refrain for Mackay’s hymn is: *“Launch out, launch out; Push away from the shore, launch out; God’s grace flows free, like a might sea, And the Master calls, “Launch out!”*

May we as the Lutheran Theological Seminary – faculty, students, and staff, together with you our friends and readers – continue to “launch out”!!!

Summer in Hong Kong is:
... sticky, steamy, sultry,
sweltering ... like
“swimming through soup!”
Wayne Nieminen

Goodbye

Rev. Dr. Ted Zimmerman

How do you say “Goodbye” after all these years? During these twenty-one years, many students, faculty, and staff members have come and gone, and almost every one has had an impact on the seminary and on me. There are so many memories of people and events that I can’t begin to describe how I feel. I have prayed, sung, laughed, played, learned, studied, and grown together with so many of you. We have challenged each other, questioned each other, engaged each other in thoughtful dialogue, and through it all I have been greatly, mightily blessed.

What a honor it is to have been at LTS, on this Mountain of Word and Spirit, with its mix of academics and spirituality, its many degree programs, different denominations, different languages, ethnic backgrounds, and cultures! But we know that nothing except God is permanent in this world and a seminary is by nature a place of temporary stays; a launch pad into the future. So Janey and I feel like we are part of the graduating class of 2014 and with the other graduates will be moving to a new life and an unfolding future in God’s love and grace. “Graduation” is better than “retirement” because it speaks of new beginnings. Graduates move on to new phases of life taking the gifts of their seminary years with them, and we will be taking the rich gifts of LTS with us to our new life in the United States.

We will miss this place terribly, and all of you, too, but we will also be taking you with us in our hearts, and we hope to be able to see you again some time in the future. We remain always connected to LTS and each of you by the cords of God’s love, by our shared faith in Jesus Christ, and our shared experiences here.

So, instead of saying “Goodbye,” I will say “再見(zài jiàn)” which means “See you again!” I pray that God will be with and bless each one of us throughout all our days.



Summer in Hong Kong is:
... city of air-conditioners.
Kenneth Tsang

Nunc dimittis

Ms. Mabel Wu



Thirty-three years? Yes, thirty-three years between 1980-2013 I served in LTS. I can divide my service into two parts: the old campus part and the new campus part.

At the old campus, I was a part-time piano teacher and choir conductor. Every year the choir sang at the annual sacred music worship and at other LTS celebrations; the choir practices were a spiritual exercise for many of the theological students.

In those early years, I took summer courses at the Royal School of Church Music in England, where I learned Choral Conducting, Church Music, and Liturgy. During one of the worship services in Salisbury Cathedral in 1985 I received the holy call to dedicate my life to the Lord.

I then continued my study at Notre Dame University and I diligently participated in all the liturgical hours: Daily Morning Prayer, Noon Prayer, and Evening Prayer as well as in the weekly Eucharist. These aspects of liturgical life contributed greatly to both my teaching and planning and conducting of worship at LTS.

I subsequently represented Asia to participate in the Lutheran World Federation "Worship and Culture" study group (1994-1997). This international exposure proved to be most valuable in my teaching and doing liturgy.

Since the late 1990s, I have gathered a group of students to assist in all the worship activities at LTS so they can learn through practice. I trained them, prayed with them, worked with them, planned with them, had fun with them. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ we indeed encounter God in worship and our lives are indeed transformed.

Many of these worship group students have graduated and become pastors and evangelists within their own congregations. What they have learned at the seminary is now being manifested in their own context. I am extremely thankful to the Lord; what I have seen at LTS the Lord is allowing to grow in His own way and His own time. Now I can depart in peace. I thank all my students, my colleagues, friends, staff, and board members for giving me such a wonderful time at LTS. May the Lord bless you all!!!

Summer in Hong Kong is:
... high skies and empty
beaches.

Jan Depner

Hello and Farewell

Rev. Dr. John LeMond

My family and I arrived in Hong Kong in 1991. That's twenty-three years ago! But it seems like only yesterday...or maybe the day before yesterday. So the title of this short article reflects the illogical situation I'm faced with. I feel as though I've just said hello to LTS, and that I'm only now beginning to get to know the people and culture of the amazing city of Hong Kong. But I also know that I will retire this summer, and will soon return to the country of my birth, the United States. Hello and farewell.

Yet the remarkable thing about hello and farewell is that they are not after all the beginning and end of a linear timeline. Instead, they dance and move around each other like the light and dark faces of yin and yang. In saying hello to Hong Kong and LTS, I had to say farewell to the people and places I had known most of my life, a not-insignificant sacrifice. But what wonders and blessings have resulted! For more than 20 years I have had the honor of teaching in an ecumenically Lutheran seminary that has trained many of the young leaders of both the local church and the churches of Southeast Asia and beyond, from almost every imaginable denominational affiliation. Those pastors, evangelists and teachers have now become, and will continue to become, the leaders of vibrant churches, in a world that increasingly will need their wisdom and spiritual insight.

I will soon leave the role of seminary teacher behind, another not-insignificant sacrifice, and enter into a culture with which

I am not entirely familiar. But if my past experience serves as any measure, the future holds similar wonders and blessings: people who will teach me as my students have taught me at LTS; people who will love me as friends and co-workers have loved me here in Hong Kong; people who will laugh at my ridiculous jokes and share my sense of humor the way you have (well, many of you...I think).

Hello and farewell, just another way of saying what Jesus said to his disciples: I am with you always...in spirit and in love. Peace and joy!



Summer in Hong Kong is:
... exposed, exclaimed,
excited.

Eric Chan

East to West to East

Rev. Dr. Carolyn Schneider

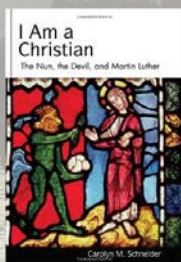


I am preparing with great anticipation to meet my new community of colleagues, students, administrators, staff, alumni, and friends. In a sense, moving to Hong Kong to teach church history at LTS is like going home. I was born and grew up in the Philippines, attending Brent

School, an Episcopal school in Baguio City. I am excited that LTS is also a school with an international community.

I earned a BA in history, then went to the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago for my MDiv, and then to a PhD program in the History of Doctrine at Princeton Theological Seminary. My dissertation explored similarities in the way that Athanasius of Alexandria and Martin Luther saw an intimate connection between Christ and the Christian. While writing the dissertation, I served as a pastor in Staten Island, New York. I finished in 1999 and began teaching theology and church history at Texas Lutheran University, where I worked for twelve years.

I also lived in Bethlehem, working with an international team accompanying and encouraging Palestinians and Israelis trying to create peace and end the sources of conflict in a region so significant in church history. My first book, *“I Am a Christian”: The Devil, the Nun, and Martin Luther*. is about



how Luther held up a woman named Mechthild as a model of faith when she drove the devil of despair away by saying “I am a Christian.” I left Texas Lutheran University to devote myself to another book, not yet published, and to teach at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo. In the book I trace a Coptic discourse on love and self-control from its origin in the fourth century to the eleventh century.

History has always been my favorite subject; the study of church history is full of such wonderful connections. We are a connected global community. I see church history as a study of our roots and identity. The students in my early church history class this fall will read in their syllabus that I hope they will find themselves reflected in the experiences of the church over the ages and that they will find those experiences useful in dealing with their own contexts.

Faculty Visits Indonesia

Kathleen Ferrier

Our Indonesia faculty retreat in June, 2014, has been a remarkable experience of hospitality and fellowship.

Our hosts were GKPI, GKPS, and HKBP, the Batak churches in Northern Sumatra with which LTS has a long-term and trustful relationship. We were warmly received by the bishops and their spouses in the respective headquarters in Pematang Siantar and Tarutung; we visited schools and churches and admired the countryside.

We met a good number of alumni, all active in their churches, in interesting positions. Rodion, head of administration at the GKPI synod office, guided us during the first two days of our visit. He took us to a school for the blind and to a village where the interreligious dialogue is being practiced in daily life, at micro-level in the national perspective of the complicated relationship

between a Muslim majority and Christian minority.

At the campus of the HKBP theological school (STT) in Pematang Siantar alumni Donggho and Ronald took over the guidance. At STT we met Benny and Wilda, both members of the faculty and LTS graduates. On our way to Tarutung we visited the Elim orphanage and got to know also two important HKBP church schools, the preacher-teacher school in Tarutung and the deaconess school in Balige. Alumnus Frans is teaching (New Testament) in Tarutung as Tio and Eleven are doing at the deaconess school, the 'alma mater' of Maida and of which Serapina, the first LTS-graduate (1991) of the HKBP, is the president.



Summer in Hong Kong is:
... being an unwilling
blood donor to mosquitos
... Rospita Siahaan

We travelled through rice fields and villages, visited the different memorials of 'apostol' Ingwer Nommensen, the founder of the Batak church 150 years ago. Churches are everywhere in Batakland; remarkable also are the graves, all with crosses, alongside the roads. The HKBP is an amazing church. With more than 4 million members it is considered to be the largest Lutheran church in Asia and deeply rooted in Batak society, through institutions (schools, hospitals, orphanages) and social programs.

In an unforgettable boat trip, under a clear, star-filled sky we crossed Danau Toba, Lake Toba, one of the most beautiful lakes in the world, to the island Samosir, the idyllic Batak heartland. We had the opportunity to see a glimpse of Batak culture and traditions, in the museum and village at the lakeside and we celebrated Pentecost together with the congregation of the HKBP church in Tuktuk on Samosir island.

During our visit we learned many things. How stimulating and encouraging to see how the teachings and experiences at LTS find their ways into society through the alumni we met. And we learned once again, how important singing is, not only because of the impressive professional school and church choirs we heard, but as a way to strengthen fellowship, praising God together as members of the one body of Christ.

With many thanks to KK, Jan, and Bambang and their efforts to make this retreat unforgettable!

Editor's Note: Kathleen Ferrier, former member of parliament in the Netherlands, and adjunct Spanish teacher at Hong Kong Baptist University, is the wife of LTS professor Tjeerd De Boer and was the sole spouse accompanying the retreat.



Indonesian Student Highlights

Abraham J. Peterson

With the faculty retreat to Indonesia drawing special attention to our connections in North Sumatra in particular and Indonesia in general, we wanted to highlight some of our Indonesian students and their work at LTS and beyond.



Eirene Gulo was drawn to LTS from her work in the BNKP headquarters to LTS by the academic quality and spiritual formation offered, which she discovered through friends, the LTS website, and writings in *Theology and Life*, the LTS academic journal. Classes, like Systematic Theology and History of the Early Church, have proven to be her best memories with the most learning. Eirene hopes that LTS will continue to equip students to develop contextual theologies and skills for future church work.



Maria Ika Nova Tarigan was advised to study at LTS because of its beautiful campus, hospitality of its people, and competency of the faculty. Maria left her position at Abdi Sabda Theological Seminary in Medan to study at LTS and will continue there after graduating. Though studying librarianship, other classes and lecturers (beyond Mr. Tang Sui Tung) also impressed her with their support. Maria treasured the friendship and togetherness of the international students



and hopes the seminary may further develop its process of education.

Maida Parasian Siagian, from the HKBP's deaconess school (see Ferrier's article) and ecumenical bureau, is still awaiting placement at the time of publication. The HKBP sent Maida to LTS, where she enjoyed most the family gatherings – a time for students and professors to share regular community. As a student of diakonia, she was inspired by stories of how the churches globally struggle to promote holistic ministry of people and creation. Maida hopes "LTS, as the instrument of God, continues to work faithfully to educate students in theological education and spiritual formation."



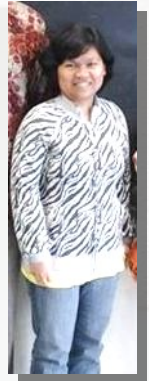
Summer in Hong Kong is:
... exciting and hot life
outside after midnight.

Anon



Jhon Piter Enriko Simorangkir, a pastor of GKPI, applied to LTS for doctoral work specifically because of the appeal of “Lutheran” in LTS. As GKPI sent Jhon to LTS, he hopes he can serve his church better and contribute to future developments, but for all that, his true wish is to just follow Jesus. Jhon, though a dissertation-writing doctoral student, has benefited from discussions in classes he has audited and from the serene environment for reading, a perfect place to study.

Rospita Siahaan was recommended to study by long-time LTS friend and former faculty member, Rev. Dr. Jerry L. Schmalenberger. Rospita, having been a parish pastor and on staff at HKBP headquarters, will return from her doctoral program to teach in her church’s seminary. She enjoyed her time in the Holy Land, and with such diversity in country, culture, and denomination at LTS, she grows and learns and is challenged in her faith by the faith of others. She hopes “LTS keeps its ecumenical and international characteristic in training humble and qualified ministers, both in parish and teaching ministry.”



Many blessings to our Indonesian students and all our students!



This Summer's Graduates

37th Day School Program Graduates

Name

Congregation

English and Leadership Development Diploma

1. Kounthapanya, Malasavanh (Laos)
2. Xaychou, Tongmuva (Laos)

Nakham Church, Lao Evangelical Church (Laos)
Nasala Church, Lao Evangelical Church (Laos)

Diploma in Theological Studies

3. Tang, Shuk Yi Yvonne

Sun Kei Alliance Church

Diploma in Theological Librarianship

4. Wong, Wing Yee Winnie

North Point Alliance Church

Graduate Diploma

5. Cho, Hung Fai Daniel

Life Transforming Gospel Church

Bachelor of Theology

6. Chan, Wai Ming
7. Chik, Elim
8. Ip, Wing Lun
9. Kan, Yuk Ting
10. Lam, Wing Man Naomi
11. Pun, Kwan Ho
12. Sengbhandith Souphab (Laos)
13. Soong, Yee Mee Margaret
14. Tang, Wai Kin Wilkins
15. Wong, Fai Chuen Thomas
16. Wong, Wing Tong
17. Yap, Kwan

ELCHK Ling Fai Church
Church of Christian Faith Lam Tei Gospel Church
Nagu Tau Kok Baptist Church
TMCHK Chinese Methodist Church
ELCHK United Lutheran Church
Grace Community Church
Lao Evangelical Church (Laos)
Revival Christian Church
HKMLC Hsin En Church
New Life Baptist Church
Wing Kwong Pentecostal Holiness Church
Shatin Baptist Church

Master of Arts in Theology

18. Li, Ching Yee
19. Ngai, Ching Ying

HKCCCC China Congregational Church
Fanling Assembly of God Church

in Lutheran Studies

20. Chan, Wai Yin
21. Ip, Suet Fung
22. Kwong, Yee Man
23. Yiu, Chak Wong Terry

ELCHK Praise Lutheran Church
ELCHK Truth Lutheran Church
ELCHK Eternal Life Lutheran Church
CRCHKS Chinese Rhenish Church, Hunghom

in Spirituality

24. Chan, Yuk Lin

HKCCCC Mui Wo Church

in Mission

25. Chan, Lai Mee Loelle
26. Gerhaeusser, Jasmin (Germany)
27. Zaha, Kathrin Eva (Germany)

Tai Kok Tsui Church of Foursquare Gospel
Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirchengemeinde Aha (Germany)
Evangelical Lutheran in Konradsreuth (Germany)

in Diakonia

28. Cer Thlia (Myanmar)
29. Ip, Lai Tak
30. Yu, Shuk Fun Josephine
31. Song, Yong Sheng (Henan China)
32. Touch, Sreynil (Cambodia)
33. Wan, Baochang (Jiangsu China)
34. Rode-Christoffersen, Marieke Elisabeth Bass (U.K.)

Falam Baptist Church, Yangon (Myanmar)
Shaukiwan Alliance Church
Crossroad Community Baptist Church
Henan Christian Church (Henan China)
Prey Veng Catholic Church (Cambodia)
Jiangsu Christian Church (Jiangsu China)
Shatin Anglican International Church

in Theological Librarianship

35. Maria Ika Nova Tarigan (Indonesia)
36. Ro Nghilh Lo (Myanmar)
37. Val Do Thang (Myanmar)

Abdi Sabda Theological College (Indonesia)
Tahan Theological College, Kalaymyo (Myanmar)
Bethel Theological Seminary (Myanmar)

Master of Divinity

38. Chan, Kam Kuen	ELCHK Ling On Church
39. Chan, See Yin Kenneth	HKCCCC Hop Yat Church (North Point)
40. Chiu, Wai Tak	ELCHK Living Spirit Lutheran Church
41. Choy, Kit Yee	TTMHK Shamshuipo Church
42. Chu, Ho Lim	Shatin Baptist Church
43. Chung, Mei Yee	ELCHK Living Word Church
44. Deng, Rong (Nanjing China)	Nanjing Christian Church (Nanjing China)
45. Enoka (Myanmar)	Holy Cross Theological College (Anglican) (Myanmar)
46. Fong, Sin Man Judy	Crossroad Community Baptist Church
47. Ho, Iut Wa	Christian Spiritual Rock Church
48. Mok, Shiu Leung Fox	Shatin Baptist Church
49. Siagian, Maida Parasian (Indonesia)	Huria Kristen Batak Protestan(HKBP) Ressort Rajamaligas (Indonesia)
50. Tith, Pisa (Cambodia)	Cambodian Christian Church (Cambodia)
51. Tong, Siu Yee	LCHKS The Nathan Road (Sung En) Lutheran Church
52. Tran Thi Thanh Trang (Vietnam)	Evangelical Church of Vietnam (Vietnam)
53. Tse, Pui Ha Noris	ELCHK Living Word Church
54. Wong, Chun Kit	The Chinese Full Gospel Church Jordon Church
55. Yang, Pui Ling	Tuen Mun Wai Tsuen Evangelical Church

Master of Theology

56. Kwong, Pui Peng	Macau Baptist Church
57. Tsang, Ho Yin Kenneth	ELCHK Martinson Memorial Lutheran Church
58. Yang, Ju Tsz (Taiwan)	Lon Ga Church (Taiwan)
59. Yeung, Lik Sang	LCHKS Abiding Grace Lutheran Church

Doctor of Ministry

60. Chan, Lai Yuk	EFCC Grace Church
61. Chui, Yan Wai	Church of Christ in China Christ's Harvest Church
62. Lai, Wai Yee	ELCHK United Lutheran Church
63. Lau, Man Leung	Christian Evangelical Zion Church
64. Law, Man Fai	ELCHK Diamond Lutheran Church
65. Leung, Kin Chung Daniel	Conservative Baptist Ming Chung Church
66. Leung, Wing Yan	ELCHK Faith Hope Lutheran Church
67. Somnuk Charipen (Thailand)	Hoey Koew Church, The Church of Christ in Thailand (Thailand)

Doctor of Theology

68. Chung, Sin Man	Evangelize China Fellowship Chai Wan Maan Shin Church
69. Gao, Feng (Shanghai China)	China Christian Council (Shanghai China)
70. Saw Shwe Gyan (Myanmar)	Karen Baptist Theological Seminary (Myanmar)

2014 Theological Education by Extension Program Graduates

Name

Congregation

Certificate in Theology for Lay Leadership

1. Wong, Siu Yung	Kei Yam Alliance Church
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Diploma in Theology for Lay Leadership

2. Ma, Chi Hung	ELCHK Abundant Grace Lutheran Church
3. Ma, Ha Ying	TTMHK Mongkok Church

High Diploma in Theology for Lay Leadership

4. Ho, Cheong Lui	CRCHK Kowloon Church
5. Sum, Kwok Bun	Grace Bridge Christian Church

Master of Christian Studies

6. Chan, Kam Lun Pillow	ELCHK Ling On Lutheran Church
7. Chan, Mei Bo	Charis Christian Church
8. Chan, Sun Keung	HKMLC Spirit of Love Church
9. Fong, Chi Yuen	CRCHKS Chinese Rhenish Church, Wanchai
10. Hui, Sin Yee	ELCHK Abiding Faith Lutheran Church
11. Wong, Man Ling	Kowloon Pentecostal Church Shatin Chapel

Lutheran Theological Seminary (Day School) 2015 Enrollment for Full-time & Part-time Programs

Encouraging each other, we walk forward in God's grace

1) Ministerial Leadership Programs

Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.)
Bachelor of Christian Education (B.C.E.)
Three-year Master of Divinity (M.Div.3-yr)
Two-year Master of Divinity (M.Div.2-yr)
Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.)
One-Year Master of Arts (M.A.1-yr) in Classical Judaism, Diakonia, Lutheran Studies, Mission, Pastoral Counseling, Spirituality, Theological Librarianship

2) Academic Theological Leadership Programs

Master of Theology (M.Th.)
Doctor of Theology (D.Th.)

3) Lay and Special Ministry Leadership Programs

Diploma in Theological Studies (Dip.T.S.)
Diploma in Theological Librarianship (Dip.T.L.)
Graduate Diploma (Grad.Dip.)
Two-Year Master of Arts in Theology (M.A.2-yr)
One-Year Master of Arts in Diakonia (M.A.1-yr)

For local application; enrollment of 2015 Spring semester (January)
Entrance Exam: November 15, 2014 (Saturday)
Application Deadline: October 31, 2014 (Friday)

For overseas application; enrollment of 2015 Fall semester (September)
Application Deadline: January 15, 2015

For the details of admission requirements, please go to www.lts.edu
Any enquiry, please email to registrar@lts.edu

Summer in Hong Kong is:
... the time of hunger for the
monkeys at LTS, albeit they do
have more time to revel in
the waters of the Reflective
Pool.

Rose Chue

Lutheran Theological Seminary (Day School)

Master of Arts Programs

One Year Full-time or Three Years Part-time

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- ✓ Basic understanding of the history, religion, literature, languages, and culture of the Jewish people during the classical, formative period and its antecedents in post-exilic biblical times.
- ✓ Exploring Jewish society, Jewish Bible interpretation, and introducing Jewish writings from the Second Temple and Rabbinic periods.

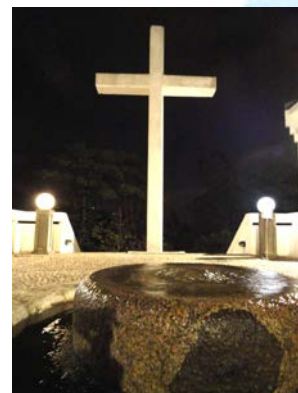
in Diakonia

- ✓ Equipping competent leadership in carrying out diaconal projects and teaching assignments in diaconal and social institutions, especially related to the diaconal task of the church.

Other M.A. Programs include: Lutheran Studies, Mission, Pastoral Counseling, Spirituality, Theological Librarianship

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Summer in Hong Kong is:
...hot. A lot of mosquitos in
the lower dorm of LTS.

Anon

Building up the Volunteer Team for the LTS with One Heart

Jonathan Lee

Executive Assistant to the President

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." (Romans 12:1)

2014 marks the beginning of the second centennial of the Lutheran Theological Seminary moving forward with a big step. The mission of the Seminary is the training of devoted servants for churches in Hong Kong, Mainland China, and the Mekong River Region. To achieve this, the Seminary needs the support of a sizeable volunteer team, helping us to envisage ever-changing challenges and enhancing the teaching environment of the Seminary. The Seminary is eager to utilize the expertise of brothers and sisters who love God and are able to make their contributions to the Seminary, thereby supplementing the shortages of the Seminary. Any Christian who becomes a member of the LTS community should be proud of this fact. In order to strengthen the relationships between the Seminary and those of local churches, and to push the theological ministry of the Seminary towards another climax, the Seminary is now planning to set up the "LTS Service Cadre". Its core members are brothers and sisters of local churches and the target of service is the Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Volunteers are not cheap labour. Members of the "LTS Service Cadre" demonstrate the dedication and commitment of brothers and sisters to theological ministry who can proudly express to others that they have contributed to theological ministry. Any wishing to become a member of the "LTS Service Cadre" shows their commitment to humbly support the Seminary's students who preach in every corner of the world and his or her willingness to serve as God's vessel to make disciples of the Lord in all nations.

The Seminary needs different types of talents contributing to theological ministry. We need different types of talents ranging from simple tasks: from general affairs to gardening, translation to photography, publications, and even design. Today, the Lutheran Theological Seminary is like a ship sailing into deep waters and different people are needed for different posts on board, so that we will be able to become true "fishers of people."

We will be providing a minimum two-hour training for volunteers on their enrolment. There will also be a ceremony presenting the appointment certificate. We welcome servants of all ages and require every volunteer to commit service of at least four hours annually. At the end of the year, LTS will present a certificate of gratitude and will recognize volunteers with the highest hours of service. The registration form is available for download from the LTS webpage.

Summer is... "hot. and wet. And nothing else. And no summer holiday [for Hong Kong students]."

Esther Mo



Lutheran Theological Seminary
Public Lectures on Biblical Studies

Speaker: Prof. Dr. Francis Borchardt

Assistant Professor of Lutheran Theological Seminary
Th.D. (Old Testament Exegesis) University of Helsinki, Finland

Unmasking *the Mysteries of the* Intertestamental *Period*

Lecture 1 : What Were Jews Reading at the Time of Jesus, and Why Were They Reading It ?

Respondent : Rev. Dr. Nicholas Tai
(Dean and Prof. of Old Testament of Lutheran Theological Seminary)

Date & Time : 10 October 2014 (Friday), 10:30a.m.
Venue : Lutheran Theological Seminary (Ming Chieh Chapel)

Forum : What Can Ancient Libraries Tell Us about the Canon ?

Respondent : Dr. Jonathan Tsoi
(Associate Prof. of Old Testament of Lutheran Theological Seminary)

Date & Time : 11 October 2014 (Saturday), 10:30a.m.
Venue : Lutheran Theological Seminary (Main Lecture Room)

Lecture 2 : Why I Study Hellenistic Judaism, and Why You Should Too

Respondent : Dr. Tony Sher
(Assistant Prof. of Old Testament of Baptist Theological Seminary)

Date & Time : 12 October 2014 (Sunday), 3:00p.m.
Venue : ELCHK Truth Lutheran Church
(50 Waterloo Road., Yaumatei, Kowloon)

Free Admission and Chinese translation will be provided
Please contact us for registration and enquiry





Lutheran Theological Seminary **2014 WALKATHON**

In the same
We walk *vision*
together

Date: 26 October 2014 (Sunday)

Time: 3 p.m.

Purpose:

To raise funds (\$600,000) for the operational expenses of the Seminary

Starting Point:

Christian Alliance Cheng Wing Gee College
(12-14 Chik Wan Street, Tai Wai, N.T.)

Destination and Thanksgiving Service:

Lutheran Theological Seminary
(50 To Fung Shan Road, Shatin, N.T.)



For inquiry :

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(Ms. Cheung, Development Department)

Lutheran Theological Seminary
Income and Expenses (April & May 2014)

Income		Expenses	
Personal Donations	\$162,382.46	Salaries and MPF	\$2,125,075.55
Church Donations	\$276,354.30	Utilities (water, cleaning and telephone)	\$20,892.70
Tuition Fees	\$59,400.00	Electricity	\$68,928.90
Dormitory Fees	\$1,348.50	Meal	\$58,367.99
Student Meal Fees	\$626.00	Rates	\$121,601.00
Campus Rentals	\$113,055.00	Printing	\$61,599.00
Meal Fees	\$14,119.00	School Bus	\$28,217.28
Bank Interest	\$16,340.25	TEE Courses	\$5,360.40
Printing	\$6,875.17	Equipment	\$8,495.50
Member Church Subsidies	\$0.00	Postage	\$17,059.60
Overseas Partner Churches & Mission Subsidies	\$723,004.04	Mission Education Bursaries	\$116,301.68
TEE Courses	\$19,680.00	Library Acquisitions	\$21,830.20
Others	\$11,319.87	Maintenance	\$13,015.10
		Advertisement (EnrollmentPromotion)	\$12,936.00
		Special Activities	\$12,378.00
		Others	\$61,907.01
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Coming Up...

Sep 1	Commencement of the Fall Semester	Sep 5	Commencement of the TEE program
Oct 10 & 12	Theological Public Lecture	Oct 26	Walkathon

Looking Back...

- Apr 4 Friday Feast – “History and Mission of Tao Fong Shan” by Dr. TONG Wing Sze of the Tao Fong Shan Christian Centre.
- Apr 10-12 The Seminary together, with the SKH Minghua Theological College , held the international conference on “Christianity and Cold War in South Asia”.
- Apr 11 Annual Sacred Music Worship – “Wondrous Love”; Rev. Patrick CHAN preached and 400 persons attended.
- Apr 23-29 President CHOW and the Head Librarian Mr. TANG Sui Tung visited the seminaries in Harbin and Shandung.
- May 8 Farewell Dinner Party for three Emeritus Professors: Ms. Mable WU, Dr. Ted Zimmerman and Dr. John LeMond.
- May 9 Friday Feast – “Politics and meditation: the influence of missions on 19th century Burmese Lay Reform Movement in Theravada Buddhism” with Dr. Andreas Nehring as the Guest Speaker.



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Economy

- Jun 1 Graduation service: a total of 70 graduates from Day School and 11 from the TEE program.
- Jun 4-8 Faculty retreat held in Indonesia.
- Jun 8-10 President CHOW held a meeting with senior officials of the Education Bureau in Indonesia resulting in confirmation by the latter of the full accreditation of academic qualifications awarded by Seminary to Indonesian graduates.
- Jun 16-22 President CHOW, Ms Mabel WU, and Angel LAM taught courses in Nanjing.
- Jun 23 A total of 14 pastors and ministers from Mainland China attended the second phase of the intensive MA program in NT Studies.
- Jul 3 President CHOW held a meeting with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Friends of LTS with a view to formulating strategies and plans of future development of the Friends of LTS.
- Jul 5 Bishop Finch of the Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America led a 14-member delegation that visited the Seminary.
- Jul 9 Two members of ATESEA visited the Seminary.
- Jul 13-16 President CHOW visited seminaries in Malaysia and Taiwan in conjunction with the inspection program of ATESEA.
- Jul 17-Aug 16 President CHOW on annual leave
- Jul 28 - Aug 16 Summer Orientation for new international students
- Aug 19-20 Advanced Degree Program Orientation
- Aug 21-22 Registration for courses Aug 25-27 Faculty Retreat Aug 27-29 Faculty and Student Retreat

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Dr. Pilgrim LO, on invitation by Professor Leppin of the Universitat Tubingen, wrote an article titled "Lutherrezeption in Asien" (Luther Studies in Asia) which has already been published.

Dr. Peter LI and Dr. Charlene CHANG on publication sabbatical from Jul 1 to Dec 31.

Major cleaning project of the Library commenced with assistance rendered by 14 volunteers from local churches on Jul 15 and ended on Aug 29.

Dr. Angel LAM commenced as a new member of the Faculty on Aug 1.

Ms. Sophie CHUEK assumed the post of Assistant Editor on Aug 4.

Alumni

Rev. CHAN Wai Kam (30th BCS) and Rev. CHIU Kwok Lung (31stM.Div) were ordained on June 15.

Let's pray for...

The passing away of Mr. LAU Lai Tim, father of Mr. LAU Shu Keung (B.Th 2nd year) on May 12.

