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LTS NEWS



**Strength in Quietness
Love in Action**



Editorial

Naw Myatt Hsu Mon



This academic year at LTS began with a retreat centered on the theme “Strength in Quietness, Love in Action.” The theme is beautifully captured by the camera of DTh student Naw Myatt Hsu Mon (Cho) on the cover of this newsletter. As we finish the fall semester I am reminded again of this theme, now in connection with Christ’s coming at Christmas. An ancient Egyptian monastic father wrote to his community,

It is fitting for us always to give thanks to God for his grace and his love that he showed us, having reconciled us to himself through his beloved son...so that we, too, having seen such love and grace that he has carried out with us, might also turn around and love each other..., for this is the will of God and this is the way in which he came to us (On Love and Self-control, translated by Carolyn Schneider, British Library Or. 8802, folio 1).

It is through the ministry of each other that we experience the love of God toward us. This year, LTS received the gift of twelve new international students, whom you can meet in the first article of this issue of the LTS News. These students joined the annual faculty and student retreat on the island of Cheung Chau, at which the theme of the year (and of this Christmas issue) was set (see the second article).

The third and fourth articles are about two academic conferences held on campus in October and November. The annual theological seminar featured LTS professors Dr. Göran Larsson (Jewish Studies), speaking about the significance of Jesus’ birth as a Jew; and Dr. Nicholas Tai Ho-Fai (Old Testament), speaking about the divine blessing of younger sons in the Bible. The “Symposium on the Theology of the Cross of Martin Luther” engaged participants in discussion of six papers on this central aspect of Luther’s thought.

The latter symposium was held in preparation for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017. The fifth article describes LTS’s new Luther garden, inaugurated to celebrate that event. Among the announcements at the end of the issue there is a special page regarding your reception of the LTS News (English edition). We would like to hear from you about your preferences for receiving the LTS News. Please return the form on page 13 (or send an email to cmschneider@lts.edu) to let us know whether and how you want to receive the LTS News in the future.

May this Christmas season be filled with strength in quietness and love in action for you.

Carolyn Schneider



Naw Phoo Plet

My name is **NANG SENG**. I come from Myanmar and I belong to the Kachin ethnic group. I am a lecturer from Kachin Theological College, Kutkai, in Northern Shan State, Myanmar. At LTS I am in the DTh program in the area of Christian Education.



Uthen Phonekhampan Tick

My name is **KORM LEAKDYLA**. I’m from Cambodia. I am in the M.A Diakonia 1-year program.

Thank God for the chance to study at LTS, where I am getting more training to fulfill the calling of God for His ministry. I want to get more new experiences as a means of better serving the Gospel in my country.

In my first semester in LTS, I have most enjoyed Orientation and Intensive English class because I can improve my English and I have got to do many things through this class, like exploring LTS, Tao Fung Shan, and Hong Kong. During the current semester, I am studying “Counseling - Theory and Practice.” After I finish this subject I can help my church members by counseling.

I would like to share with you reflections on Ephesians 4:1-6 from Mr. Tang Sui Tung, Head librarian of LTS, in morning prayer on August 11, 2015.

* We come to LTS from different places, different churches and different denominations. Probably you see how LTS does this or that or has different services from your church. LTS accepts all students from different denominations so we have to learn how to accept and open our minds to learn different opinions from others.

* We have one God, one Lord and one spirit. We are one body.



Korm Leakdyla

Hello! My name is **NAW PHOO PLET**. I am very glad to be here at LTS. I am from Myanmar (Burma), a land of colorful ethnic people, and I belong to the Karen ethnic group. I am a dedicated worker at Karen Baptist Theological Seminary (KBTS), Yangon, Myanmar.

I am currently in the DTh program, in the field of Old Testament. I am looking forward to learning, studying and growing as a family while living in LTS community.

When I am not studying, I like exploring places and cycling.



Rev. Lew Choo Hua

My name is **LINDA CHAN LIEN**

THAI from West Malaysia. I am a pastor with the Lutheran Church in Malaysia and have been serving in the pastoral ministry for the past 15 years. This is my sabbatical year and I am here doing a one year M. A. in pastoral counseling. I am happy to be here studying as I can learn new things that will help my ministry. I am also very grateful that this year here gives me a chance to rest and retreat. What I appreciate about life here at LTS is that I can rest and I can also get to know new friends from many of countries. Therefore, meal times are especially delightful as we sit together to enjoy each other’s company over the meal.

Linda Chan



AU SZE

Having been in pastoral ministry for the past 15 years, it is a great joy and challenge to be able to come and study at LTS. I am an M. Th. Student majoring in the area of Church History and Historical Theology and hope to write a dissertation about a special characteristic of my church, the Basel Mission Church of Malaysia. The pleasures of being here are living in a hostel and being enriched by the relationships within the community. The best thing about being here is to have time to draw close to God in such a conducive environment.

Uthen Phonekhampan Tick



I'm **UTHEN PHONEKHAMPAN**

but friends call me Tick. I come from a small town called Xingkhaoang in Laos. My father is a rice farmer but I work in a photocopy shop in town. Our church began in 2007. There are now more than 80 members. We meet in my sister's house every week. At special meetings like at Christmas there can be over 400 people in our yard. We have our first pastor now to stay with us. He is Souksakhone Ratsavongsy. He studied RELI and BTh at LTS. At LTS I like the architecture and I love the music learning new songs. I would like to learn the piano here so I can play in my church when I go back.

Pa Shan



How wonderful it is to study at the Lutheran Theological Seminary (LTS). I am **UMNAI KUI** (Reverend) from Myanmar. I am in the Doctor of Theology (DTh) program, focusing on mission and culture. Before I came to LTS, I served as a lecturer at Asho Chin Theological Seminary (ACTS) and a pastor of Saing Pin Inn village. I am married and have two sons. I thank God for this opportunity to pursue my further studies. I also would like to say words of my gratitude to Rev. Christa von Zychlin (International Students Coordinator), Dr. Simon Chow (the president of LTS), and Dr. Tjeerd De Boer (my supervisor) and all other teachers and friends who have welcomed and support me in many different ways. I like LTS because it is the place where intellect and spirituality meet together. "Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence." (1 Peter 3: 15-16a).

Mitpasa Pasa



I'm **MITPASA PASA**. My nickname is Mocky. I come from the capital of Laos. I was born in a Christian family. I am the only son of my father, Mr. Mitpasa Khamphaeng, who works in The Lao Evangelical Church, and my mother, Mrs. Mitpasa Khamphanh, who works in the church. My church is the big one in the capital; we have 600 members. I'm also a student in Laos. I am studying for a computer diploma but I am not finished yet. Hong Kong is a very nice place. I like it; it has anything I need. In three months at LTS I have learned many things: my listening is better and I am not shy to speak English. I need to learn more; if I can speak well it will be easy for me to find a job.

Naw Myatt Hsu Mon



My name is **LUNG AWNG**. I am a Diakonia student. I come from Kachin State, which is the northern part of Myanmar. My church is Du Kahtawng Baptist Church in which I am a minister. Before I came to LTS, I worked in our Myitkyina Kachin Baptist Association as director of Youth. I love learning and serving.

Zo Dong



I am Pastor **SIMON THANG**, a Baptist minister from Chin State, Myanmar, serving as Lecturer and Registrar at Union Theological College. After serving three years in the Lord's ministry, the desperate need of qualitative leaders in the region has brought me to pursue a Doctor of Theology in the field of Systematic Theology at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Hong Kong.

Nang Seng



My name is **DAWT HLEI HNIANG**. I come from Myanmar. I belong in the Chin ethnic group. I am studying for a Master of Arts in Diakonia at the Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Unknown



My name is **RY CHANNLYDA**. I am from Cambodia, and I am a one year MA student in Diakonia at the Lutheran Theological Seminary. In Cambodia, I worked as an accounting and administrative officer at one of the local Christian organizations called Continuing Learning Organization (CLO). At CLO, we work with bible school alumni, pastors, and church workers in 5 different target groups. We serve them by conducting different workshop topics to build their capacity so that they can serve the Lord through their ministry better. Through my experience, I have learned that most of them have different needs in terms of knowledge or capacity-building, finances, spirituality, and network-building with Christians from different churches. For that reason, I wanted to build up my knowledge and skill as well as to take one step ahead to see what Christian life in another country is about, what challenges people face there, and the most important thing, how they handle and solve those problem and challenges. I hope that from what I hear and learn from LTS as well as from Hong Kong's Christian society in this one-year program, I can contribute that knowledge to my organization and church as much as possible so that other people can benefit from what I have learned as well.

Lily Chan



I am **RITA, PEI-CHUN TSAI** from Taiwan enrolled in the M. Th. program specializing in Spirituality. I am from the Taiwan Presbyterian Church recently graduated from Taiwan Theological College and Seminary in M. Div.. Although language and economics are both difficulties for me, in obedience to God's call due to a lack of Spirituality lecturers in Taiwan, I am here to study at LTS.



The lights of a temple at Cheung Chau

“Strength in Quietness, Love in Action”: The faculty and student retreat on Cheung Chau Island

By Dr. Jan Martin Depner

Every year again: a week in August on Cheung Chau. As in recent years the faculty met from Monday to Wednesday and the students arrived Wednesday afternoon to join us for an intensive, joyful and festive start of our academic year.

On one hand it is the same, year after year, in my case: the seventh time. I feel at home now on this beautiful island and in the “liturgy” of this yearly LTS-event. On the other hand it is very different each year: different people, different stories and different tasks.

This year the first days among the faculty were devoted to our reflection

about our vision for the future. Where is LTS heading? How do we see our school, our strengths and mission? Under the supervision of Dr. Wayne Nieminen we started considerations that are still going on. Over the summer we all had read articles and books and in Cheung Chau the process of “Appreciative Inquiry” started.

And what a wonderful time this was! In smaller and larger groups we discussed and assessed, we reflected and prayed and the reason I am so enthusiastic about this year’s retreat is the fact that we were so close together. There was a big sense of unity and love for our school tangible.

This is not the place to talk about details, especially as we are still in the middle of the process, but one thing we all were once more very grateful for, was the international character of LTS, which makes it so unique. What can occasionally be experienced as a burden is our blessing indeed. The fact that students from all over the world meet and learn from each other, that ecumenism is a fact rather than a concept here, that an international and multiconfessional faculty is encountering multicultural students is enriching our learning and our discipleship. The “one holy catholic and apostolic church” is meeting on our hill every day under a Lutheran roof. And – if we move in the direction Cheung Chau has pointed towards – we will invest time and resources to work for that precious internationality, that has become a landmark of our school we are committed to and proud of.

This year’s topic for the student and faculty retreat was “strength in quietness – love in action”. Accordingly there was a good mix of contemplative silence, teaching and festive worship services (and, as always: lots of fun). I won’t forget the beautiful evening with candle-lit icons all over the grounds, where we could walk or sit in meditation, followed by a healing service, which touched many of us deeply. I am not going to list all the wonderful activities offered. As always it was a perfect time to reunite with classmates and colleagues after the summer as well as meet the new students. The first meetings with the new LTS “families” created an exciting atmosphere of anticipation, morning swims in the sea refreshed many of us and the good food in the Salesian Retreat House was just one more of the aspects that made the 2015 retreat as always: very familiar and very special at the same time!

When the students joined us Wednesday, most of the faculty (if not all) felt we had really achieved something good that will be with us for some time. Now we could lean back and let the student association take over. And they did it well!

The Labyrinth



The Salesian Retreat Center



Meeting new friends and colleagues

By Seng Tawng (DTh candidate in Old Testament Studies)

LTS Annual Public Lecture

(October 16-18, 2015) – A Summary

This year's series began with two lectures by Professor Dr. Goran Larsson - "The Rediscovery of the Jewish Jesus - and Its Significance" for Christians (part 1) and for Jews (part 2), and ended with a lecture by Professor Dr. Ho-Fai Nicholas Tai - "The Inversion of Primogeniture and Blessings in the Old Testament".

In his presentation, Dr. Larsson tried to answer two main questions; "Did Jesus the Jew turn against the Jews and Judaism?" and "Is it at all important for us Christians that Jesus was a Jew?"

He began by noting that the first Gospel of the New Testament, Matthew, begins by tracing Jesus Christ's genealogy back to Abraham. God made a covenant with Abraham, ordering him to "Go out from your country... to a land that I will show you..." (Gen. 12:3). All nations of the earth will be blessed through Abraham. The Gospel concludes with an echo of Abraham's calling; "Go out and

make disciples of all nations..." (Matt. 28:19-20). Jesus asks his disciples to continue the journey of Abraham and carry the blessings to all nations to the end of the world. Matthew forms his Gospel like a great inclusio, where Jesus and Abraham embrace one another and include everything in between. In between this beginning and end we follow Jesus of Nazareth from the cradle in Bethlehem to the cross on Golgotha. He was born a Jew, lived and taught as a Jew and died as a Jew, crucified by the Romans with these words: "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews" (John 19:19).

As Christianity moved from being a Jewish sect to being a religion with a gentile majority, it felt the need to distinguish itself from Judaism. In this way Jesus was removed from his Jewish context. He was presented as the only Jew who preached forgiveness, compassion, love and peace. He gave dignity to children and women in a Jewish world where they had allegedly no value. He

liberated people from slavery under the law, whereas Jewish leaders were blind to people's needs, recognizing only the letter of the law. Jesus was seen as the person who not only reformed the Jewish world of his time but even revolted against it.

In contrast, Dr. Larsson argued that the Jewish Jesus embodied God's word as it had been revealed to one particular people on earth. God is always the God of incarnation. This implies two fundamental facts, that Jesus is true God and true human. True God refers to no other God than the God of Abraham, and true human refers to a Jew, a descendant of Abraham. The apostle Paul tells gentile believers that even though they are different from the Jews, they share the same root. In Gal. 3: 28 he says, "There is no longer Jew or Greek...for all of you are one in Christ" This does not mean the Jews should lose their identity but the Gentiles are included in the covenant with God through Christ. It

is important to notice the Declaration from the Second Vatican Council from October 28, 1965, *Nostra Aetate* "in our time", which is a unique theological statement of the Christian-Jewish relationship.

Dr. Tai's lecture on "The Inversion of Primogeniture and Blessings in the Old Testament" gave a series of examples of how the first-born son often disobeyed God. According to Jewish tradition, the first-born son had special rights. However, in disobeying God they forfeited these rights and the younger son gained the blessing because of "the faithful God who maintains covenant loyalty with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations" (Deut. 7:9). The same message is found in the New Testament in Romans 8: 29. All new believers are "the first-born children of God," as is Jesus.

By Alister Au Wai Cheong

The **Theology** of

the **CROSS** of

Martin Luther: Text and Context

On November 6-7, 2015 a symposium immersed in the milieu of an ecumenical atmosphere and beyond academic fulfillment was held at the Lutheran Theological Seminary on Tao Fung Shan in Hong Kong. This was a joint-symposium of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and the Lutheran Theological Seminary (LTS), where one would notice an ecumenical fellowship composed of Catholics and Protestants, such as Baptist, Alliance, Presbyterian, and Lutheran, etc.

The symposium started with an opening speech by Dr. Simon Chow, the President of LTS. Then Dr. Pilgrim Lo, the chief organizer of the symposium, and the key person in the cooperation between LWF and LTS, introduced the two days' schedule of the convention. One could picture a symposium that, on the one hand, was surrounded by a series of presentations of scholars' papers and responses of the audience as structured in the program, and on the other hand, spontaneously fostered an ecumenical fellowship without its being noticed at first in everyone's mind.

The theme of the symposium was "Luther's Theology of the Cross - Text and Context". As the 500th anniversary of the Reformation draws near, the theme reminds people that the first highlight of the Reformation was not pride, which is sometimes unfortunately identified as "success", an idea echoed in the Theology of Glory (theologia gloria), but the life of the humble Christ who is adequately appropriated in the Theology of the Cross (theologia crucis) by Luther. In the challenges of modern life, when pursuing success seems justified, the text of Luther's theologia crucis and the context he faced still speak to us. Surely, Luther is one of the "great a cloud of witnesses" (Hebrew 12:1) who thoughtfully addresses every genuine follower of Christ in every generation.

It was quite amazing that the papers presented in the symposium covered a wide range of perspectives, which offered multi-dimensional understandings of Luther's theologia crucis. The issues of theologia crucis were approached by various scholars historically, pastorally,

systematically, ecclesiologically, etc. The scholars presented their papers as follows: 1. LIAO Yuan-wai (China Evangelical Seminary, Taipei) - "The Influence of the Late Medieval Theology on Luther's Theology of the Cross"; 2. Carolyn SCHNEIDER (Lutheran Theological Seminary, Hong Kong) - "Luther's Use of the Medieval Devotional and Pastoral Piety of Bernard of Clairvaux, Johannes Tauler, and Johannes von Staupitz in Shaping his Theology of the Cross"; 3. Benedict KWOK (Alliance Bible Seminary, Hong Kong) - "The Theology of the Cross of Martin Luther - from Repentance to Justification"; 4. Christine LEE (Holy Light Theological Seminary, Kaosiung) - "The Principle of Existential Theology in Luther's theologia crucis"; 5. Thomas QU (Beijing Normal University, Beijing) - "Martin Luther's Heidelberg Disputation and His Theology of the Cross"; 6. LIU Ruomin (Nanjing Union Theological Seminary, Nanjing) - "The Sacrament of the Altar in the Theology of the Cross - Relation with the Marburg Colloquy on the Body and Blood of Christ". After each presentation, there was a short Q & A session; then a group discussion followed every two presentations so as to fulfill the need of deepening the thoughts in detail.

Both the presenters and the audience were quite interactive in discussions that generated a lot of "heat" to allow the Holy Spirit to move in everyone's heart. A symposium like this is always a sign of solidarity where unity with diversity is shown. Concerned with ecumenical

witness, the symposium was conducted in English, Mandarin, and Cantonese. People with different nationalities and backgrounds were formally involved in discussion and were informally occupied in Tea Break and Lunch Break. The ecumenical unity, based on the common apostolic faith shared by the attendants, was revealed by mutual respect and seeking to understand one another. The diversity, highlighted by the various angles of interpretation of the presentations, was very critical and constructive. The responses, enriched by various national and international experiences, personal and denominational convictions, cultural and educational backgrounds, contributed a total sum of the rich understandings of theologia crucis for today. Simultaneously, an authentic ecumenical fellowship was in the making, composed of the attendants' similarity in a common apostolic faith and reception of their differences.

Luther's legacy does not belong only to Lutherans; it belongs to the whole Church. As the 500th anniversary of the Reformation is impending, two more international symposiums have been planned, according to Dr. Pilgrim Lo. One can envision that another sign of Christian unity and activities of faith seeking understanding will shine in the world again.



By Jonathan Lee Tak-yu

LTS's New Martin Luther Garden

On 31 October 1517, on the door to the castle church in Wittenberg, Martin Luther put up his *Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences*, which is known as *The Ninety-Five Theses*. His action created ripples like a rock thrown in the water. That began the Reformation.

In the past five centuries, the Church has experienced dramatic changes and 2017 is the important 500th anniversary of the Reformation. To commemorate how God has used the efforts of Martin Luther in laying the foundation for the Reformation, the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) proposed to build the Luther Garden in Wittenberg. This project was commenced in 2010 and LWF intends planting 500 trees inside the Martin Luther Garden, representing the link within the LWF of worldwide Lutheran churches and the history of the Reformation.

The Board of Directors of the Lutheran Theological Seminary also decided to build a Luther Garden at the main campus of the Seminary in accordance with the spirit of the

Wittenberg Martin Luther Garden. On 6 June 2015, all Board Directors, representatives from member churches, mission partners, and the LTS Alumni Association, attended the inauguration ceremony of the Luther Garden. Elder Wong Fook Yee, President of the Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong, told of the background of the Martin Luther Garden. Bishop Wu Yinbin of the Taiwan Lutheran Church and Dr. Johan Hasselgren of the Swedish Mission prayed for the event, followed by the unveiling of a plaque by Rev. Dr. Bo Lo, the Pastor-in-chief of the Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong, Bishop Ben Cheng of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong, Bishop Lee Lap Yan of the Hong Kong and Macau Lutheran Church of Hong Kong, and Elder Chan Ka Keung, Vice-President of the Hong Kong Chinese Rhenish Church of Hong Kong. These four church leaders also planted four podocarpus trees. The event was concluded by a prayer led by Mr. Yue Shui Yiu, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Dear Friends and Alumni of the Lutheran Theological Seminary,

I am very happy to send you the latest issue of the LTS News, English edition. You can also find this issue and earlier issues of the newsletter online at http://lts.edu/2013/e_main.php#0008A. The newsletter comes out three times a year, in mid-September, mid-December, and mid-May. Would you like to receive the LTS News, English edition, regularly? You can reply by checking the boxes below with the appropriate information and returning the form in the envelope provided or by sending an email to me at cmschneider@lts.edu.

I hope that you enjoy reading our latest issue of the newsletter and staying connected with the Lutheran Theological Seminary.

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Income		Expenses	
Personal Donations	\$220,106.74	Salaries and Mandatory Provident Fund	\$4,290,793.32
Church Donations	\$497,476.39	Utilities (water, cleaning and telephone)	\$33,850.60
Tuition Fees	\$3,243,531.90	Electricity	\$150,031.30
Dormitory Fees	\$524,630.00	Meals	\$71,888.54
Student Meal Fees	\$507,574.50	Printing	\$41,963.40
Campus Rentals	\$261,272.20	School Bus	\$12,186.47
Meal Fees	\$65,754.00	Advertising	\$6,621.40
Bank Interest	\$64,181.18	TEE Courses	\$13,115.60
Copying/Printing fees	\$5,948.43	Equipment	\$14,617.50
TEE Courses	\$284,820.00	Postage	\$10,437.00
Overseas Partner Churches & Mission Subsidies	\$380,848.07	Mission Education Bursaries	\$132,309.17
Student miscellaneous fees	\$75,300.00	Rates	\$140,762.00
Others	\$72,378.74	Tuition discount	\$27,844.00
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		Insurance	\$96,113.47
		Student activities	\$44,378.60
		Exchange losses	\$1,355.64
		Others	\$49,365.65
Total Income	\$6,203,822.15	Total Expenses	\$5,408,111.66
		Surplus	\$795,710.49
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Coming Up

- 8/1 Faculty and Student Retreat - may the Lord bless the day and the preparation for the event.
 11/1 Commencement of the Spring Semester. May the Lord guide students in their studies.

Looking Back Thanks be to the Lord for:

- 16-18/10 Successful completion of the Annual Theological Open Lecture.
 23/10 the Friday Feast with Mr. Matthew Friedman as the speaker.
 2-12/11 Dr. Nicholas TAI, Dean of Studies, on the invitation of the Universität Duisburg-Essen taught on OT Interpretation there.
 6-7/11 Successful completion of the event Theology of the Cross of Martin Luther - Text and Context. Number of attendants exceeded the expectation. Thanks be to the Lord.
 24-30/11 Dr. Nicholas TAI, Dean of Studies, attended the Dialogue on the Relationships between the Anglicans and the Lutheran in South Africa as a representative of the Lutheran churches.
 27/11 Founders' Day and Families Celebrations. Everyone of the LTS community enjoyed delightfully in the love the Lord.
 27/11 New Book Release—Profiles in Asian Theology Volume I: India written by Dr. Peter K.H. LEE and Dr. Karl-Hermann Mühlhaus.
 27/11 Dr. Peter K.H. LEE donated \$500,000HK in the name of his late mother-in-law Madam CHU Shuk Kwan as support of the ministry of theological education for Mainland coworkers. The Seminary wishes to express the sincere gratitude for his donation. May the Lord remember him.



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President's Itinerary

20/11	Led Devotion Meeting at the SKH All Saints' Cathedra.
25/11	Met Dr. Rolfsen, Chief Secretary of the Areopagos Norge.
28/11	Preached on the Open Day of the Tang Ka Wan Treatment Centre of the Social Services of the Evangelical Church of Hong Kong.
4/12	Led Faculty Development and young lecturers for retreat at the Pontificium Institutum pro Missionibus Exteris, Sai Kung.
21/1	Preached on the invitation of the Hong Kong Christian Council at the Ecumenical Prayer Meeting.
23/1	Together with Ms Mabel WU to attend forum held by UEM at To Fung Shan.
27/1	To meet Mr. Leppänen and Mr. Norjanen, representatives of FELM.

Teachers & Alumni

8/10	Mr. CHAN Yau Chuen, beloved father of Alumnus Rev. CHAN Tsui Yee (13th class) passed away. May the Lord comfort Rev. CHAN and her family.
15/11	Mr. ZHU Ronghui, beloved father of student Rev. ZHU Weiyong passed away. May the Lord comfort Rev. ZHU and her family.
22/11	Student CHEUNG Chi Kwan admitted to hospital for cerebral hemorrhage and stroke and is now receiving treatment at home and recovering treatment. Please remember in your prayer.
24/11	Dr. D.M. Mitternacht was admitted into hospital for stroke while attending conference in the US. Please remember in your prayer.
24/11	Alumnus Rev. LAU Shuk Han (34th class) of ELCHK was detected with cancer cells under at her armpit. Further examination and treatment are required. Please pray for her.
1/12	The Seminary wishes to express the most sincere gratitude to Dr. Fretheim for his teaching at the Seminary in the Fall Semester 2015. He and his wife will return to USA on 13/12. May God bless his journey.

TEE News

25/10 Dinner gathering of the TEE Alumni Association with 13 attendants.

Ordination & Commissioning

18/10	Mr. TANG Chung Ming (30th class) and his wife Mdm LEUNG Shuk Lin were commissioned as missionaries by the Christian Nationals' Evangelism Commission.
23/10	Minister LAM Ka Yin, Nelson (38th class) was ordained by the Church of Christ in China as pastor.
15/11	Mr. LEE Chau Keung, Suba, (28th class) was ordained into the Holy Ministry as Ordained Preacher by the Chinese Rhenish Church Hong Kong Synod.
22/11	Miss LAM Wing Man, Naomi (37th class) was ordained as Preacher by the Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong.
22/11	Preacher LEUNG Chung Po (35th class) were ordained as Pastor by the Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong.
22/11	Preacher LIU Hing Sum (18th class) were ordained as Pastor by the Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong.
6/12	Preacher Mr. Lau Shu Shan, (27th class) was ordained as Pastor by the Tsuen Wan Ling Liang Church.

Staff News

30/10	Madam CHAN Kwai Mui, grandmother of Miss Sophie CHUEK, Assistant Editor, passed away because of sickness. May the Lord comfort Miss CHUEK and her family.
30/10	Driver Mr. LIU Tin Ming left the post. Thanks to his past service and may the Lord bless him.
24/11	Ms Winnie CHUNG commenced to work as a worker of the Seminary. May God bless her.

