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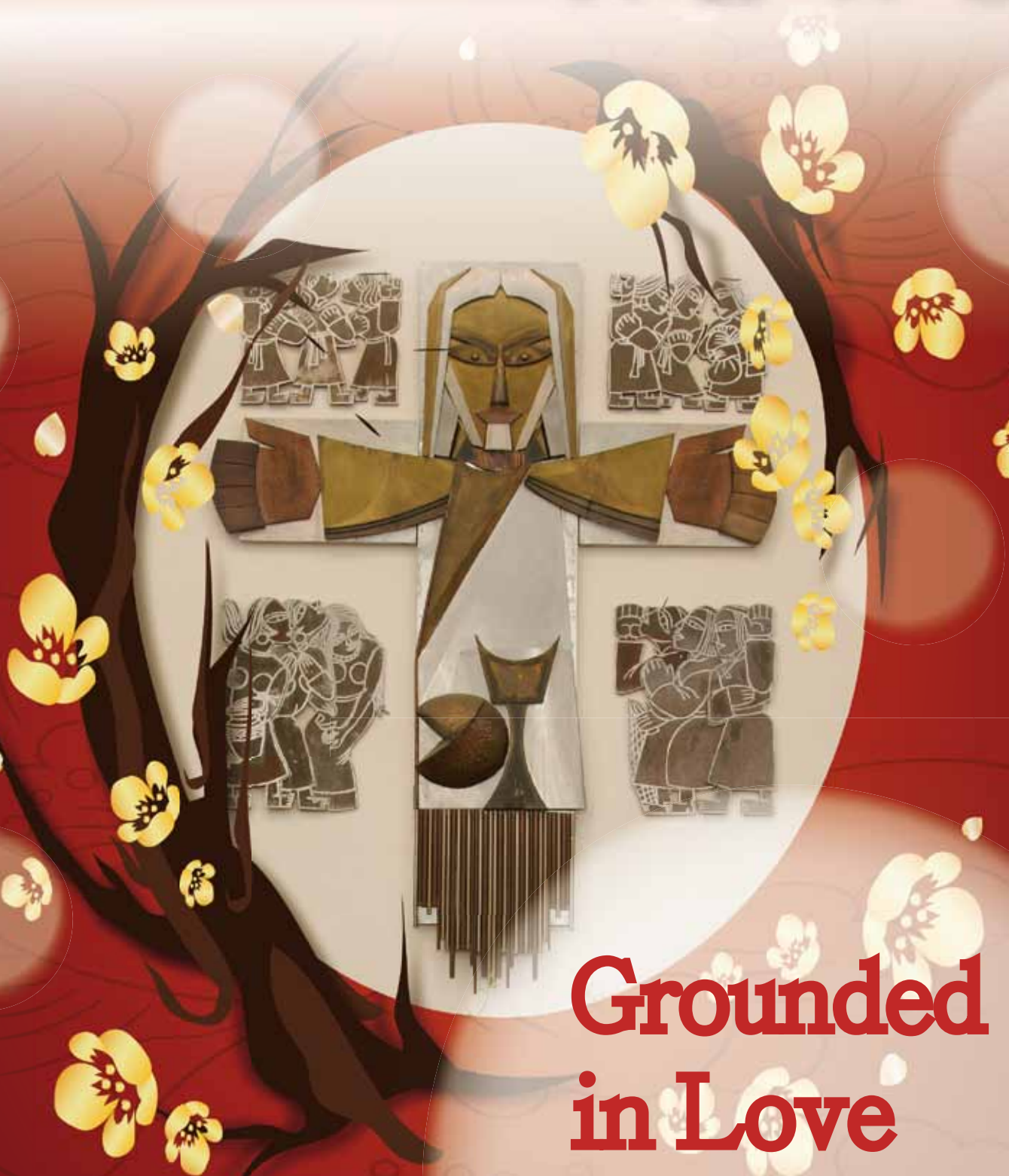
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**Grounded
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Published three times a year, the LTS News, English edition, is a newsletter for local and global alumni/ae and friends of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Hong Kong. Through stories about people and events at LTS, it aims to connect readers and create a sense of belonging to a broad LTS community even beyond graduation.

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This Pentecost issue of the LTS News, English edition, comes to you with a prayer “that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love” (Ephesians 3:17). The prayer speaks of “rooting” and “grounding”, and yet the articles in this issue all speak of traveling: traveling back home from LTS, traveling to LTS to begin a new phase of life and work, traveling to other places as visitors in order to learn and to connect with people. Is it a contradiction? Not really, because Christians are not “rooted and grounded” in a particular geographical place in the sense of being stuck there and unable to open ourselves to the wider world. Rather, we are “rooted and grounded in love” because Christ lives in us. Love is a traveler by nature, as it seeks the good of our neighbors, wherever they live. We hope you find the stories of our LTS travelers inspiring for your own love’s journeys.

The cover art shows the Christ who has come to our hearts in love. Those of you who have been on the campus of LTS will recognize it as the sculpture by artist He Qi that hangs at the front of the chapel. Have you seen a wonderful work of art or taken a wonderful photograph that you would like to share with other readers of the LTS News, English edition? If so, please send it with a little explanation to me at cmschneider@lts.edu. I hope to include your contribution in a future issue.

Many thanks to you who responded to my plea in the Easter issue (#92) for your thoughts about what the aim of the LTS News, English edition, should be. I hope you recognize your response built into the new statement of purpose on the sidebar next to this editorial. In our next issue you can look forward to being connected to our new international students, whose orientation program included reflection on Christ’s dwelling in their hearts, rooting and grounding them in love, even in this new place, LTS.

Carolyn Schneider

Farewell to Dr. Bambang Ruseno Utomo

By Carolyn Schneider



Dr. Bambang with the students of his course, “Jesus in the Qur’an and the Bible” (spring 2016). The students are Patrick Raths, Gladys Tsang, Kay Wong, Ngui Au Sze, and Sui Lian Kam.

*photo by Carolyn Schneider

This fall semester, LTS is missing a beloved professor of Mission and Culture and Islamic Studies, Dr. Bambang Ruseno Utomo. After his retirement in 2010 from pastoral work in Indonesia, Dr. Bambang was called to Hong Kong by the United Evangelical Mission (of which the Rhenish Church of Hong Kong is a member) to teach at LTS. While at LTS, Dr. Bambang’s courses included Islam, World Religions, and Christian-Muslim Relations. Now he has retired again and returned to Indonesia, where he plans to enjoy time at home in Malang with his wife Srisuharti, to see his grown children more often, to preach at various congregations on Sundays, and occasionally to visit seminaries to speak on topics near to his heart. Because most Indonesians are Muslim, relationships between Christians and Muslims is a topic very dear to Dr. Bambang’s heart. One of the highlights of

his time at LTS was seeing more students from Hong Kong, who often have had no experience of living with Muslims, become interested in learning about Islam. Dr. Bambang treasures the opportunity that he had at LTS to deepen his own knowledge through teaching specialized courses, such as “Jesus in the Qur’an and the Bible”, and “Theological Issues between Christians Muslims”. He was pleased that he could also broaden his knowledge by teaching courses about relations between Christianity and world religions other than Islam. He enjoyed teaching about the theology of religion and participating in missiology seminars. When asked where at LTS Dr. Bambang felt most strengthened by love, he said, “In the classroom with my students. We are all bound together in love.”

Lutheran Theological Seminary Graduate List 2016

Thirty-Ninth Graduates

Name	Congregation		
English and Leadership Development Diploma			
1. Mitpasa, Pasa	Lao Evangelical Church (Laos)	47. Yeung, Sin Ping	Tsim Sha Tsui Baptist Church
2. Phonekhampan, Uthen	Phonekham Church, Lao Evangelical Church (Laos)	48. Zaw Rat	Jaw Masat Baptist Church (Myanmar)
Bachelor of Christian Education			
3. Liu, Ping Sum	ELCHK Truth Lutheran Church	in Spirituality	
Bachelor of Theology			
4. Chan, Chi Kin	Revival Christian Church	49. Cheng, Yee Man	EFCC Tung Fook Church
5. Cheng, Sau Mei	Wing Kwong Pentecostal Holiness Church	50. Mariyam Magdalena	Christan Church From North Central Java Indonesia
6. Chiu, Shing Yan	The Church of Christ in China China Congregational Church	51. So, Yin Mui	C&MA Tsing Yee Church
7. Lau, Shu Keung	ELCHK Mei Foo Grace Lutheran Church	52. Tsang, Ping Ha	TMCHK North Point Methodist Church
8. Na, Thomas	ELCHK Joy Lutheran Church	Master of Divinity	
9. Wong, Ming Suen	Fanling Assembly of God Church	53. Cheng, Ju Shu Joyce	Shaukiwan Swatow Christian Church
Master of Arts			
in Theology			
10. Chow, Kit Mei	Ma On Shan Ling Liang Church	54. Cheng, Sui Fan	ELCHK True Love Lutheran Church
11. Raths, Patrick Rolf (Swiss)	Island Evangelical Community Church	55. Lui, Wing Hei	ELCHK Life Lutheran Church Yuen Long
12. Wong, Man Yi	Kowloon Pentecostal Church	56. Ng, Kai Shing David	TTMHK Kau Yan Church
in Theology (Intensive)			
13. Fan, Lei	Jiangsu Nanjing Mo Chou Lu Christian Church (Jiangsu China)	57. Nielsen, Rune Marie Hefty	ELCA Lord of Life Lutheran Church (USA)
14. Jing, Yi Cheng	Trinity International Church of Kunming, Yunnan (Yunnan China)	58. Robby Indarjono	Amanat Agung Theological Seminary (Indonesia)
15. Li, Yi Hua	Guangdong Shunde Daliang Christian Church (Guangdong China)	59. Tsang, Yuet Han	ELCHK Hallelujah Lutheran Church
16. Wang, Zi Lin	Zhejiang Jiangshan Christian Church (Zhejiang China)	60. Wong, King Fan	Conservative Baptist Yan Wo Church
17. Yan, Xin Jian	Henan Shangqiu Christian Council (Henan China)	61. Wong, Wai Chong	TMCHK Kowloon Methodist Church
18. Yang, Mei Ju	Henan Shangqiu Christian Shuang Ai Church (Henan China)	62. Wong, Wing Shan	The Church of Christ in China Cheung Lo Church
19. Zhang, Xin Li	Henan Shangqiu Christian Council (Henan China)	63. Wu, Shuk Han	ELCHK Hung En Lutheran Church
in New Testament (Intensive)			
20. Cai, Yue Huan	Guangdong Jieyang Theological Training Centre (Guangdong China)	64. Yeung, Hok Chi	ELCHK Faith Love Lutheran Church
21. Chen, Wei	Guangdong Jieyang Theological Training Centre (Guangdong China)	Master of Theology	
22. Chen, Xian Zhun	Guangdong Christian Xie He Church (Guangdong China)	65. Chan, Ho Yan	HKSKH The Church of the Good Shepherd
23. Huang, Ai Xi	Guangzhou Christian Dong Shan Church (Guangdong China)	66. Nang Than Than Nwe	Shan Bible College of Myanmar (Myanmar)
24. Huang, Hui Qin	Shenzhen Christian Buji Church (Shenzhen China)	67. So, Wai Man Reming	TTMHK Wo Mei Church
25. Huang, Xian Xiong	Guangdong Jieyang Theological Training Centre (Guangdong China)	68. Sui Lian Kam	Johnson Memorial Baptist Church (Myanmar)
26. Huang, Xiao Ting	Guangdong Jieyang Theological Training Centre (Guangdong China)	Doctor of Ministry	
27. Jie, Qiu Fu	Shenzhen Christian Langkou Church (Shenzhen China)	69. Cai, Jian Wei	Guangdong Union Theological Seminary (Guangdong China)
28. Lin, Shao Yuan	Shenzhen Christian Church (Shenzhen China)	70. Hu, Jun Jie	Henan Christian Council (Henan China)
29. Wang, Min	Guangdong Shunde Christian Rong Qi Church (Guangdong China)	71. Lam, Hau Ching	Fanling Assembly of God Church
30. Xue, Hai An	Guangdong Union Theological Seminary (Guangdong China)	72. Tang, Wei Min	Henan Christian Council (Henan China)
31. Ye, Dong Sheng	Shenzhen Christian Nan Shan Church (Shenzhen China)	73. Xu, Jie Ping	Guangdong Union Theological Seminary (Guangdong China)
32. Ye, Jiang Tao	Shenzhen Long Hua Christian Guanlan Church (Shenzhen China)	Doctor of Theology	
in Classical Judaism			
33. Chan, Kam Ping Beryl	ELCHK Truth Lutheran Church	74. Chen, Yue Xin	Yanjing Theological Seminary (Beijing China)
34. Chang, Siu Pok	TMCHK Kowloon Methodist Church	75. Layang Seng Ja	Kachin Theological College and Seminary (Myanmar)
35. Ip, Wing Lun	Ngau Tau Kok Baptist Church	76. Naw Myatt Hsu Mon	Holy Cross Theological College (Anglican) (Myanmar)
in Diakonia			
36. Dawt Hlei Hniang	Institute of Mission and Church Planting (IMCP) (Myanmar)	77. Wang, Wen Jun	Hunan Bible Institute (Hunan China)
37. Korm, Leakdyla	Cambodia Church of Christ (Cambodia)	78. Zo Dong	Lorrain Theological College (Myanmar)
38. Lam, Kwok Lan	CRCHKS Chinese Rhenish Church, Lei Muk Shue	2016 Theological Education by Extension Graduates	
39. Li, Yang Yang	Harbin Alleluia Church (Harbin China)	Diploma in Theology for Lay Leadership	
40. Lin, De Lai	Fujian Theological Seminary (Fujian China)	1. Cheung, Yuk Ying	ELCHK Eternal Grace Lutheran Church
41. Lung Awng	Du Kahtawng Baptist Church (Myanmar)	2. Lau, Lok Sze	ELCHK Life Lutheran Church, Yuen Long
42. Ry, Channlyda	Home of Love Church (Cambodia)	3. Tang, Ka Ki	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui St. Peter's Church (Castle Peak)
43. Yeung, Wai Ling	ELCHK Faith Joy Lutheran Church	4. Tang, Mei Fan Winnie	ELCHK Life Lutheran Church, Yuen Long
in Pastoral Counseling			
44. Chan, Lien Thai	LCM Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Malaysia)	5. Yeung, Sik Ching Isabella	HK&MLC Lutheran Charis Chapel
45. Law, Wai Cheong	C&MA Shatin Church	6. Yip, Wing Kan	ELCHK Joy Lutheran Church
46. Lui, Yan Lam	HKMLC Living Stone Church	High-Diploma in Theology for Lay Leadership	
		7. Lo, Tak Chuen Sam	The Praise Assembly 633
		Associate Degree in Christian Studies	
		8. Wong, Oi Har Kitty	ELCHK Peace Lutheran Church
		Master of Christian Studies	
		9. Chan, Wing Yan Evelyn	ELCHK Living Spirit Lutheran Church
		10. Cheung, Sau Yee	The Chinese Full Gospel Church Taipo Church
		11. Hui, Tak Yuen	The Chinese Full Gospel Church Taipo Church
		12. Law, Ka Ying	ELCHK Living Word Lutheran Church
		13. Leung, David W	First Assembly of God Church
		14. Lo, Ka Tai	ELCHK United Lutheran Church
		15. Yeung, Man Wai	CRCHKS Chinese Rhenish Church, Hunghom

By Dr. Jan Depner

The Faculty Visit Alumni and Churches in Cambodia



Once a year the LTS faculty enters a plane to fly to an area where our students come from. And every time the same things happen: The LTS family gets strengthened. We meet the people, families and friends our students work and live with, we see with pride how our alumni have grown into their area of service, we learn about the specific situations and needs in that country or in that region of China and we encounter a lot of love and mutuality.

So it was no surprise that this happened again when we went to visit the Kingdom of Cambodia in early June this year. Our alumni in Phnom Penh had met many times before our arrival to arrange a truly remarkable retreat. In a country in which infrastructure is still developing Sokly and Sokhom organized a breathtaking program for us that went extremely smoothly and left no-one untouched.

As many times before, we encountered a situation of the Church that is quite unlike the situation in any other country. The sad recent history of Cambodia has left its marks in almost every area and aspect of life. Church is forming herself out of what seems to be nothing, unable to draw on old structures or wisdom of the older generations. This of course offers new chances and is a burden at the same time.

Our alumni managed to design multifaceted and intense days in Phnom Penh, where we encountered many different aspects of life in modern Cambodia.

We visited Lutheran diaconal projects and different schools of Theology, we met in the office of a Rights-based Empowerment NGO and were deeply moved at the actual sights of political terror. The necessity of lifelong learning is another important aspect of our faith and civil society our alumni are involved in and we learned from Sokhom in what a wise and structured way they proceed. We were able to see and pray together with the students our alumni Joseph works with; see how new perspectives are growing here among poor country people, who are now able to study in the capital; and there we heard how they immediately give back to the even poorer homeless people who live around their humble shelter. We saw a shiny modern shopping center as well as enjoying a dinner-cruise with many alumni and their families on a simple boat on the mighty Mekong.

I would be very surprised if these intense encounters in Phnom Penh won't have consequences for our future life, our understanding, our teaching here at LTS. We all gained new insights, were overwhelmed by the warmth and loving kindness of the people, many of whom we met for the first time. It was wonderful to see how the Gospel is transforming lives and the country. And hopefully we were able to show to the people we met in return that our school is an excellent place for ecumenical learning and theological qualification.

Our time in the capital was interrupted by some days of very different experiences and dynamics. Organized in Hong Kong by our Cambodian student Lyda we took a long drive through the countryside to Siem Reap in order to visit the 12th century ruins of the Khmer empire of Angkor Wat. This trip within the trip gave us time to talk and digest what we had so far seen and heard, enjoy Cambodian hospitality and food and, of course, to walk around the largest religious monument in the world.

Our bus drove us around the City of Temples so we could get a good overview of the vast and majestic area, climb to the top of monuments, explore corridors beneath the roots of gigantic trees and enjoy another aspect of beauty, of which we had already encountered so much in local art and craftsmanship.

So as predicted it happened again: Our faculty visit bound us closer to the region and has fuelled the wish to cooperate and support each other. We returned with a better understanding and were here and there inspired to change according to what we have learned from the young and thriving Church of Cambodia. We came home once more proud that LTS is devoted to serve Hong Kong, China and Southeast Asia.

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On the Mekong riverboat, from left to right - LTS alumna Pisa and his daughters, LTS president Dr. Simon Chow, LTS new student Tharo, and LTS professor Ms. Po-Chu Groenvold. *Photo by Jan Depner



The National Museum in Phnom Penh. *Photo by Jan Depner



Inside the Student Hostel of the Living Grace Ministry of our alumna Joseph. *Photo by Jan Depner

Student Reflections on Text and Context

From February 7 to February 20, ten students from LTS, accompanied by our librarian, Mr. Tang Sui Tung, attended an intensive seminar in Neuendettelsau, Germany, on the theme of "Text and Context." The course was offered in cooperation with the Friedrich Alexander University of Erlangen-Nuremberg (FAU) and the Theological Study Department of Mission One World (Mission EineWelt). The students were warmly received by Dr. Gabi Hoerschelmann, who formerly taught at LTS for ten years and now is director with her husband, Hans Hoerschelmann, of Mission EineWelt. While they were in Germany, the participants were able to visit some of the sites related to Martin Luther and the church reformation of the sixteenth century. Here are the students' reflections on their experience.

We deeply appreciated the arrangement of Mission One World which gave us the best hospitality and showed us a good example of being servants, which we cannot forget. Through the journey of Luther, we learned the context of Luther, which was very impressive. His passion and behavior were inspired by God and also influenced the world.

- Cheng Sau Mei

Dankeschön Ihnen Mission EineWelt für die mir Gelegenheit Text und Kontext zu studieren hier.

"There is no text without context and there is no context without text, therefore contextualisation cannot be done only by a few people but by society."

Ich liebe Neuendettelsau, Germany.

- Robby Indarjono

The two-week seminar enriched my understanding about text, context and the relationship between text and context, which affects how we read and interpret texts. The discussion about text and context of various religions was very fruitful too. Texts and contexts have a great influence on how people think, behave and form their cultures. The visits to Luther sites were exciting and informative for me as a member of the Lutheran Church; it is so impressive to visit places that I had heard and learnt about from the reformation history class.

- Lydia Lui



Participants with a statue of Martin Luther in the central square of Wittenberg
*Photographer unknown

The block seminar in Germany was an eye-opening course, though it was a short period. According to my opinion, Asian students should attend such seminars more because we are very conservative and traditional in our interpretation. It was right to learn that there is no absolute interpretation because every interpretation comes from its context.

-Layang Seng Ja



Dr. Gabi (center in black) welcoming students for Mission EineWelt
*Photographer unknown

The Germany block seminar "Text and Context" contributed new insights to me and beneficial experiences of various religions' texts and contexts for contextualizing in my own context and religion. All the programs of the seminar were every good, and the Luther sites tour also provided a variety of geographical and historical knowledge.

-Nang Seng



Students visiting the Augustinian Monastery in Wittenberg, Luther's home.
*Photographer unknown

The Blockseminar in Germany was absolutely an incredible experience of entering Martin Luther's life, walking through the history of Church Reformation, and learning about texts in different contexts.

-Gladys Wu

No one knows what exactly happened in the time of Martin Luther. No one knows what Martin Luther looked like. These histories are rediscovered from arts and paintings. Arts have meanings. People learn from arts and teach other people through arts.

-Umnai Kui

The two-week intensive course was truly a valuable experience. I am privileged to have had the opportunity to go on the study trip with nine other participants, both local and international. We not only learnt a lot about Martin Luther during the trip, but also got to know each other better. Thanks to our Lord!

-Winnie Loo



A seminar presentation
*Photo by Lydia Lui Wing Hei

By K C Ma Kit Chi
(a student in LTS's Third Age Programme)

LTS Exploration Course on the Lutheran Reformation

The 2016 summer course, enrolled by 17 students from Hong Kong and China taking various LTS programmes, comprised two core components, viz., seminars on the Reformation and Lutheran theology and a trip to Germany from 15 June to 2 July. Dr. Pilgrim Lo Wing Kwong was the lecturer and team leader of the trip.

Our Seminars

Before our trip, participants had to read a textbook about the life of Luther and to attend two lectures delivered by Dr. Lo to refresh our knowledge of the Reformation and Lutheran theology.

During the trip, we heard several talks delivered by German pastors and professors:

- The Jubilee Reformation and Christianity in Germany, by Dr. Jochen Teuffel, a veteran LTS lecturer
- Introduction to Mission EineWelt, by Dr. Gabi Hoerschelmann
- Reformation History in Nurnberg, by Prof. Walter Sparr
- Turks and the Reformation, by Prof. Hans Schwarz
- Christianity during the time of East Germany, by Rev. H.-W. Kasch



*outside Heidelberg University,
*Photographer unknown

Our Trip

We visited Mission EineWelt in Bavaria, a charitable body set up by the church to support church ministry around the world and to render assistance to the under-privileged. In the visit to a sheltered workshop for the disabled, we were impressed by the dedication of the working staff and the nice working environment.

We also visited various places with traces of Luther in the electoral principality of Saxony, for instance:

- Eisleben - where he was born and died**
- Erfurt - where he received his tertiary education and lived as a monk in the Augustinian Monastery**
- Wartburg - where he fled and translated the New Testament into German**
- Wittenberg - where he posted his 95 theses, lived and preached**

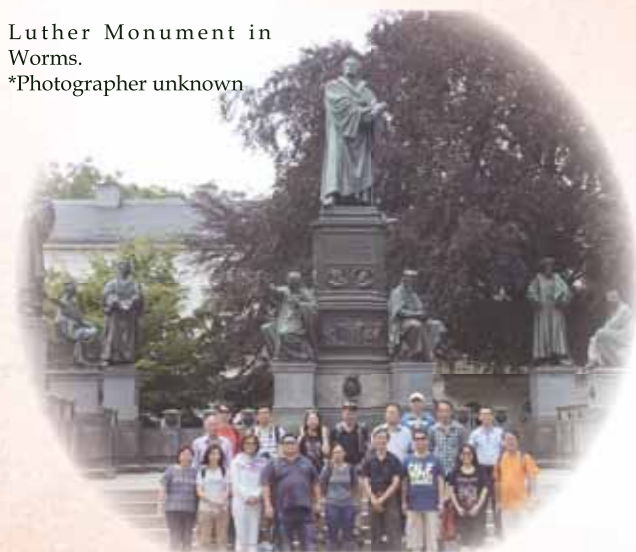
Our Thanks

We praise God for such a rewarding course. We have enriched what we learned from LTS classes and seen for ourselves the Reformation in Luther's footsteps. Through reviewing the life and works of Luther, we are amazed by God's mighty power and grace in the Reformation. Luther's harsh comments on the Jews also remind us nobody is blameless in the presence of our Lord and our salvation is totally God's grace.

We are overwhelmed by the warm hospitality of Mission EineWelt. Also we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Lo for his conscientious effort in planning the course and delivering his teaching and care throughout the trip.

Luther Monument in
Worms.

*Photographer unknown



LTS Welcomes New Faculty Members

LTS is pleased to welcome a number of new faculty members for the 2016-2017 academic year. Here they introduce themselves.

ROWENA CHEN RUIWEN



*Photo by Chen Yuelan

At LTS I will be teaching a course on the history of the Church in China with Dr. Philip Wickeri. I am a Lecturer at Ming Hua Theological College, Hong Kong, and a Research Associate of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (Hong Kong Anglican Church). My research focuses on the history of Christianity in China and Chinese Christian music. My books include *Fragrant Flowers Bloom: T. C. Chao, Bliss Wiant and the Contextualization of Hymns in Twentieth Century China*; and *All Generations Shall Call You Blessed: The History of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui St. Mary's Church (1912-2012)* (co-authored with Philip L. Wickeri). My articles include "Überlegungen zur Kontextualisierung von Kirchenmusik in China" (in *Es freuet sich die Engelschar: Christliche chinesische Kunst und Musik der Gegenwart*); and "Music and Mission: Re-interpretation of Post-Colonial Culture Criticism --Centered

on The Chinese Recorder." My hymn compositions include "The Rough Path" and "Asking".

KIM SUNG



*Kim Sung with his wife Ka Young, daughter Yumin Friederike (11) and son Yujun Dominik (9).

*Photo by Katrin Schäfer.

When I introduced myself three years ago at the small Lutheran parish of Mähringen in the south-western part of Germany where I was to serve as a minister I named the cities and towns I had lived in: "Seoul - Madrid - Cologne - Ansbach - Berlin - Jerusalem - Tuebingen." At that time it would never have come to my mind that my next station would become: Hong Kong.

Although having seen many places round the world it is a wholly new experience being here now. The people, the landscape, the buildings, the food... It seems that a new chapter has begun for me and my family that used to live in a small village in Germany as a pastor's family. So, I am looking forward to teaching (Systematic Theology, especially Ethics) and - more than that - learning in the intercultural and ecumenical setting of LTS.

UWE VETTER



*Photo by Mr. Lepple, KSV Portrait

The day you read these lines we might have met already on the campus of the LTS, at a coffee machine or worshipping together. I am a guest lecturer, arrived from Düsseldorf/Germany, and probably still puzzled by the vibrant city of Hong Kong. In Düsseldorf I am the rector of the Lutheran Center Church where we developed a special program of modern urban mission among Christians without Christian identity. Beside that I am training young pastors in duties of today's church work, especially ways of translating the gospel into languages of young professionals. Models of Urban Mission in a Secular Environment and Bible Talking to Today's People are courses I offer for the fall semester. But most of all I am in Hong Kong because we are all family – in Christ. I have come to learn about your motivation in church work, your ways of worship and the spirit of Chinese Christianity. May God bless these weeks of togetherness.

PHILIP WICKERI



At LTS I will be teaching a course on the history of the Church in China with Dr. Rowena Chen. I am an Advisor to the Archbishop on Theological and Historical Studies, the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

(Anglican-Episcopal), and Provincial Archivist for the HKSKH. I teach at Ming Hua Theological College and I am Adjunct Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California, and Visiting Professor of History, Shanghai University, China. From 1985 to 1998, I worked with the China-based Amity Foundation, and in 1991 was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop K. H. Ting in Nanjing. I am interested in the history of Christianity in East Asia and in intercultural theology. My most recent book is Christian Encounters with Chinese Culture: Essays on Anglican and Episcopal History in China. I am also co-editor of Chinese Religious Life: Culture, Society and Politics and co-author of the history of St. Mary's (Anglican) Church in Hong Kong.

WONG PUI FONG



Monastery at Montserrat, Spain, May 2016.
*Photo by Rev. Lysta Leung

Hello, LTS community, I'm so grateful to be part of this Christian family! I joined the faculty this summer and my major duty is teaching in the area of Christian Spirituality. My interest, study and ministry in Spirituality can be traced back to 1998, when I had the opportunity to meet with two spiritual directors who led me into a new realm of Christian faith and practice. I was fascinated and desired to learn more in this field. I obtained a Diploma in Spiritual Direction (Tao Fung Shan Christian Center [TFSCC], 2001), a MA in Christian Spirituality (Creighton University, 2004), and a PhD in Christian Spirituality (Graduate Theological Union, 2016). My dissertation title is: "From Solitude to Solidarity: A Neo-Confucian Appropriation of Centering Prayer in the Transformation of Self." My connection with LTS began in the early 2000s when I took a course with Rev. Dr. Patrick Chan.

Lutheran Theological Seminary 2017-2018 Enrollment (Overseas Application)



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)
Emphasis 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)

4. Third Age Theological Education Programs

Diploma in Theological Studies (Dip.T.S.)
Graduate Diploma (Grad.Dip.)

For overseas application; enrollment of 2017 Fall semester (September)

Application Deadline: January 15, 2017

Any enquiry, please contact the Registrar by email to registrar@lts.edu

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Walkathon


Walk In One Heart With LTS

To Raise Funds for Theological Education
On the Foundation of the Bible, Training Faithful Servants of God.

Fundraising Target : Eight Hundred Thousand Hong Kong Dollars
Date : 30.10.2016 (Sunday)
Gathering Time : 2:15p.m.
Gathering Point : Christian Alliance Cheng Wing Gee College
(12-14 Chik Wan Street, Tai Wai, N.T.)
Opening Ceremony : 3:00p.m.
Destination : Lutheran Theological Seminary
(50 To Fung Shan Road, Shatin, N.T.)
Thanksgiving Service: Ming Chieh Chapel of LTS at 4:30p.m.
*Lucky Draw starts at 5pm and the Walkathon will end after Lucky Draw.

Sponsors: HING FOOK TONG
Performing Groups: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong Praise Dance Team

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Lutheran Theological Seminary			
Statement of Income and expenses for the 6 Months Ending 31 July 2016			
Income		Expenses	
Personal Donations	\$593,972.72	Salaries and Mandatory Provident Fund	\$6,596,697.34
Church Donations	\$688,283.62	Utilities (water, cleaning and telephone)	\$43,731.20
Walkathon Donations	\$2,000.00	Electricity	\$219,264.10
Tuition Fees	\$309,514.00	Meals	\$130,456.11
Dormitory Fees	\$6,436.00	Rates	\$294,584.00
Student Meal Fees	(\$2,894.00)	Printing	\$52,843.90
Campus Rentals	\$375,202.00	School Bus	\$39,852.42
Meal Fees	\$48,366.00	TEE Courses	\$39,448.80
Bank Interest	\$84,673.37	Equipment	\$57,693.70
Copying / Printing fees	\$30,237.11	Postage	\$20,860.30
Member Church Subsidies	\$280,000.00	Library Acquisitions	\$172,275.74
Overseas Partner Churches & Mission Subsidies	\$845,528.54	Mission Education Bursaries	\$600,401.01
TEE Courses	\$190,340.00	Maintenance	\$120,712.53
Exchange gain	\$834.98	Office Supplies	\$40,673.20
Others	\$66,901.57	Faculty & staff activities	\$40,745.60
		Student activities	\$24,771.40
		Insurance	\$132,642.72
		Advertising	\$22,289.10
		Others	\$66,090.31
Total Income	\$3,519,395.91	Total Expenses	\$8,716,033.48
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LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

2016 Theological Lecture

Sermon on the Mount

Prof. Dr. Ernst Baasland
Professor of New Testament from MF School of Theology of Oslo, and University of Berlin, his recent book: *Parables and Rhetoric in the Sermon on the Mount* (Mohr)

Why is Sermon on the Mount the most influential speech in world history?
Date: 14th Oct 2016 (Fri)
Time: 10:30a.m.-12:30p.m.
Speaker: Prof. Dr. Ernst Baasland (Simultaneous Translation)
Venue: Lutheran Theological Seminary


Contemporary research on the Sermon on the Mount
Date: 15th Oct 2016 (Sat)
Time: 9:30a.m.-12:30p.m.
Speaker: Prof. Dr. Ernst Baasland
Venue: Lutheran Theological Seminary

Prof. Dr. Simon Chow
President of Lutheran Theological Seminary
Professor of New Testament

Messages from the Matthean Mountians
從山上來的訊息
Date: 16th Oct 2016 (Sun)
Time: 8:00p.m.
Language: Cantonese
Venue: ELCHK Truth Lutheran Church

Free Admission For more information, please contact Ms. Cheng at 2684 3201

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LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

103rd Anniversary

Founder's Day and Family Celebration

Date: 25th November, 2016 (Friday)
Venue: Lutheran Theological Seminary
(50 To Fung Shan Road, Shatin, N.T., Hong Kong)
Time:
10a.m. Founder's Day Eucharist Service
5p.m. Campus Tour, Special Performances and Exhibition
7p.m. Fellowship Meal
8p.m. Founder's Day Ceremony

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Coming Up

- 14-16/10 Annual Theological Lecture to be delivered by Prof. Dr. Ernst Baasland and our president, Prof. Dr. Simon Chow on "Sermon on the Mount".
- 30/10 "Walk In One Heart With LTS" Walkathon, raising funds for theological education will be held in the Christian Alliance Cheng Wing Gee College and our seminary.
- 25/11 Founder's Day and Family Celebration

Looking back

- 5-6/6 Completing the 39th Graduation Service full of grace and joy
- 8-12/6 Faculty trip to Cambodia. Thank God for leading faculty in the whole trip.
- 29-31/8 Faculty Retreat. Thank God for warming the faculty and bringing peace to them.
- 31/8-2/9 Students and Faculty Retreat. Thank God for giving a grateful and joyful trip to them.

President's Itinerary

- 2-3/9 Preaching at school opening conference of Canton Union Theological college
- 4-5/10 Teaching Romans at headquarters of Hong Kong YMCA
- 6-8/10 Attending meeting of Mekong Mission Forum(MMF) at the capital of Myanmar, Yangon

Teachers & Alumni

- 3-7/7 Dr. Daniel Ho Sin-pan attended the 2016 Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting at YonSei University in Seoul, South Korea. He presented a paper titled "Identity Changes of the Centurion through the Voyage: The Message of the Great Commission in Acts 27 to the First Readers" in the SBL Synoptic Gospels Section.
- 1/8 The Missionary Commissioning Ceremony of Alumnus Mr. and Mrs. Lai, Yiu Wah (BTH 2009) will be postponed due to the arrangement of the Mission Agency. In addition, Mr. and Mrs. Lai, Yiu Wah will be setting off to Cambodia for Khmer language learning and local culture experience in August 2016. May the Lord bless their learning and schedule in Cambodia and please keep them in your prayers.
- 31/8 The revised PhD Thesis of Dr. Daniel Ho Sin-pan entitled *Paul and the Creation of a Counter-cultural Community* (LNTS, 2015) will be released in paperback format. <http://www.bloomsbury.com/us/paul-and-the-creation-of-a-counter-cultural-community-9780567672018/>
- 3/9 B.Th.Student Miss Kimberly Tang married Mr. Benson Fu at ELCHK Grace Lutheran Church. Congratulations!

TEE News

- 9/9 School Opening Ceremony

Ordination & Commissioning

- 25/9 Alumnus Evangelist Chan Yuk Ying (2009 MDiv-T) by the grace of God, will be ordained by Abundant Life Christian Church as pastor. May the Lord Bless her abundantly.

Staff News

- 1/9 Ms. Phyllis LAM commenced serving as the Director of Development. May God bless her.