

# CGST Bulletin

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Vision for China  
Mission to the World

## Feature

# A Continuing Ministry


The first issue of CGST Bulletin came out in December 1970 and its front page article was written by Dr. Arthur Glasser, the then-Chairman of the CGST US Board of Trustees and Dean of Fuller Theological Seminary's School of World Mission. The article mentioned how, a few years earlier, the World Congress on Evangelism held in Berlin already cried out for 'Augustine' and 'John Calvin' of the Chinese community. Dr. Glasser's article also quoted Dr. Eugene A. Nida of the American Bible Society about how there still lacked Chinese trained-biblical scholars who could take up the important mission of modern translation of the Bible into Chinese. Dr. Glasser pointed out that the birth of CGST's vision was the result of a conviction received by several young Chinese Christian scholars: they saw the need and knew very well that for Chinese churches to continue growing, it is vital to develop a graduate-level pastoral training to promote studies of sound academic standards – in particular studies relating to China. Only then would Chinese churches be built up and empowered to fulfill their mission of preaching to all nations. Dr. Glasser concluded, "Nothing else is more decisive than these to the future of the Chinese churches."

CGST originated from the vision received by Chinese theological students studying in the US, known as the 'Four Gentlemen of CGST': Jonathan Chao, Tan Che-bin, Samuel Kau and Wilson Chow. In the process of realizing this vision, theological education obviously played a significant role. Over the past four decades we see noticeably raised standards in pastoral training, academic research and China studies in Hong Kong, Taiwan and overseas. CGST has played her catalytic and mobilizing role, but we have yet to achieve the state indicated by Dr. Glasser of Chinese churches taking the gospel to the ends of the world. There is still much room for the churches to advance.

Before CGST was founded in 1975, three theological education symposia (in 1972, 1973 and 1974) were held to explore the desirable characters in Chinese theological education. In fact, the second article of CGST's first Bulletin was a discussion by Dr. Tan Che-bin on Chinese theological education<sup>1</sup>. Dr. Tan succinctly pointed out that the limitations of Western theological education lied in its over-emphasis on relaying of knowledge, and

suggested that the topics might not necessarily be relevant to local needs. We should include local theological topics such as national identity, religious conversations, demonology, suffering and so forth. However, it would be almost impossible to teach students Western and local knowledge within 2 to 3 years and then expect them to apply the knowledge! Dr. Tan also pointed out that, distinctive from seminaries in the West, Chinese theological schools deem the shaping of personal characters and spiritual formation very important and these must also be essential parts of our training.

Regarding the design of the curriculum, CGST, like the majority of Chinese seminaries, still adapts that of the Western seminaries. The tensions that Dr. Tan Che-bin portrayed remain in how the East and West determine the agenda, between academic training and spiritual formation. To breakthrough these limitations, one must start with 'the goals of theological education' and examine anew how our graduates may serve the Chinese churches and make contributions that meet the criteria of 'fitness of purpose.' One can then rethink whether the curriculum and courses attain 'fitness for purpose'. The combined efforts and dedication of both the School's Faculty and staff are essential to establish a curriculum that is responsive to our times. With such curriculum we are able to equip a new generation of pastors to face challenges of this rapid-changing time and fulfill our mission of global evangelism. In theological training of Chinese churches, spiritual formation is of utmost importance and CGST has made many endeavors in this area (see the article in the Oct-Dec 2011 Issue of CGST Bulletin). However, we must comprehensively integrate life formation into the curriculum so as to alleviate the tensions.

CGST has begun her 38th year. As the first generation of pioneers are retiring, may the Lord continue to lead us so that a new generation of leadership will keep on completing the work that He has begun in us (Phi. 1:6). 

1. Dr. Tan's article was originally published in *The Way* 2 (1970).



**Luke Cheung**

Vice President  
Wilson Chow Professor (Biblical Studies)



Kneeling in humility ~  
Chosen by grace

## CGST President Inauguration-cum-School Commencement Service

September 8, 2013, was a joyous day for CGST, celebrating the inauguration of our Fourth President as well as the commencement of the school year at Wing Kwong Pentecostal Holiness Church. The Ceremony was solemn throughout with laying on of hands, kneeling in humility and giving glory to God for His appointment through grace.

### Not academic qualification but as one being chosen

As servants of the Lord seek His will and receive His calling, the question often asked is, what are the criteria of being used by God? President Emeritus Rev. Dr. Wilson Chow reminded us with the words of King Solomon, "The one in power needs to understand the mission from God, follow Him wholeheartedly, thereby being able to ask boldly for wisdom – thus is the wisdom of Solomon." Dr. Stephen Lee in his inauguration speech also pointed out, "God appoints not by looking at a person's internal and external criteria but according to His own will; the chosen one needs neither be self-deprecating nor self-gloating."


### Kneeling in humility – Receiving the holy office

The Inauguration Ceremony was led by Dr. Michael Chiu, Chairman of CGST Board of Directors, laying on of hands by eleven seminary presidents of HKTEA and prayer said for Dr. Stephen Lee by President Emeritus Rev. Dr. Carver Yu. Officiating guests included Rev. Samuel Wing-wah Chu of Bible Seminary of Hong Kong, Dr. Julie Lee Wu of China Bible Seminary, President Man-chee Kwok of Evangel Seminary, President Lee Sing-lam of Christian Ministry Institute, President Luk Fai of Bethel Bible Seminary, President Simon Chow of Lutheran Theological Seminary, President Fung Siu-sing of Chinese Mission Seminary, President Lo Lung-kwong of Divinity School of Chung Chi College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, President Paul Li of United Wesleyan Graduate Institute, President Joshua Cho Wai-tung of Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary, and President Cheng Yau-sang of China Baptist Theological College. Before God and the congregation, Dr. Stephen Lee knelt down and received the office as CGST's Fourth President. President Edmund Cheung of Ecclesia Bible College was unwell that evening so could not attend the ceremony. Alliance Bible Seminary was having her revival meeting but President Leung Ka-lun came before the Service to give his best wishes.

### Friendships in Christ will not be forgotten

CGST's deepest appreciation to Hebron Orchestra and Sacred Orchestra for their performances that evening, with alumnus Lai Boon-tsing Joseph (MDiv 83) conducting. China & Missionary Alliance Hebron Church was the church that Dr. Lee grew up in. We also thank the choir composed of CGST students, and we thank the 900+ guests including pastors and church workers, church organizations and brothers and sisters who have been supporting CGST, also our directors, alumni, faculty and students. We all witnessed this momentous event. We are thankful for flowers and gifts from friends in Christ.

On the day before the Service we received from Vancouver a love gift from Rev. King Sing -Yui, CGST's first Chairman of the Board, in support of the next decade's ministries designated by The President Office. Since CGST's establishment in 1975, Rev. King had led the School's Head Board and the Canadian Board, and contributed much up to his retirement. At a ripe old age of 93, Rev. King still remembers our works and needs, and the School is deeply touched by his total commitment.

Photos below show only a very small portion of the Service. Please visit our website [www.cgst.edu](http://www.cgst.edu) for the video-recording of the Service in Cantonese and a full text of the inauguration speech in Chinese. 



### Glory, praise and thanks to Him

"This is the day the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it, all glory, praise and thanks to Him." CGST Vice President Dr. Kang Phee Seng read the Call to Worship from the Psalms.



### Great is Thy Faithfulness

Sacred Orchestra & Hebron Orchestra playing under the conducting of Mr. Joseph Lai, the congregation sang "...in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love".



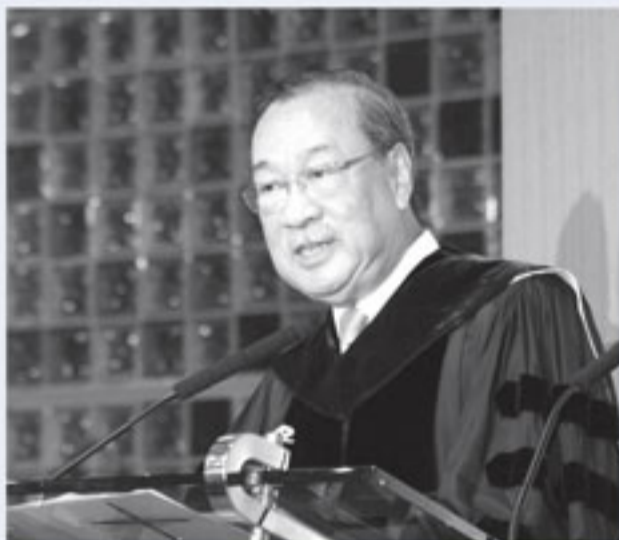
### Thanksgiving prayer for the new school year

"Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments... For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things..." CGST Chaplain Dr. Raymond Au led the congregation in prayer.



### Keep your words and do them

"...if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked..." Pastor Ivan Tsao, Chair of CGST Alumni Association read from 1 King 3.



### A request pleasing to God

A message from President Emeritus Rev. Dr. Wilson Chow, "Pray for God's gospel, the church and the School, do not seek personal fame or achievement, such is pleasing to the Lord."

### United voices

Fiona Pui conducting, accompaniment by Irene Koo and sung by the CGST Choir, 'Eternal Covenant' was taken from Ps. 89 and written by Fiona after the class in which Dr. Stephen Lee expounded the Lord's eternal covenant.



### Blessings at the Inauguration

Dr. Michael Chiu, Chairman of CGST Board congratulated Dr. Stephen Lee as the School's Fourth President.



### Laying on of hands

Laying on of hands upon Dr. Lee by eleven seminary presidents of HKTEA.

### Be bold and courageous ~ complete the work

President Emeritus Rev. Dr. Carver Yu prayed for the new President, "May the Lord's Spirit move Dr. Lee, so that he may be full of wisdom and strength, have a clear vision so that he will be bold and courageous in this disordered and challenging world, and finish what God gives him to do."



### The choice after God's heart

Stephen Lee in his inauguration speech, "The choice after God's heart is to release us to be His useless servants, sanctified and ready for His use."



### The Lord's grace and mercy be with us always

The Service concluded with a prayer of blessing by Vice President Rev. Dr. Luke Cheung.



### Welcome and thanks

CGST Dean Dr. Wong Ka-leung thanked the Officiating Guests and everyone for attending the Service, also welcomed 161 new students to the CGST Family.

## A Thankful Humility



**Stephen Lee**

President  
Lam Ko Kit Tak Professor (Biblical Studies)

After taking office for 130 days, I look back and see plenteous grace.


Over the past year I met with twelve CGST directors. From each conversation I was deeply moved to see the care and burden they have for the School. Many alumni I met on campus would tell me seriously how they have been praying for the School often and remembering me the 'new and busying' President.

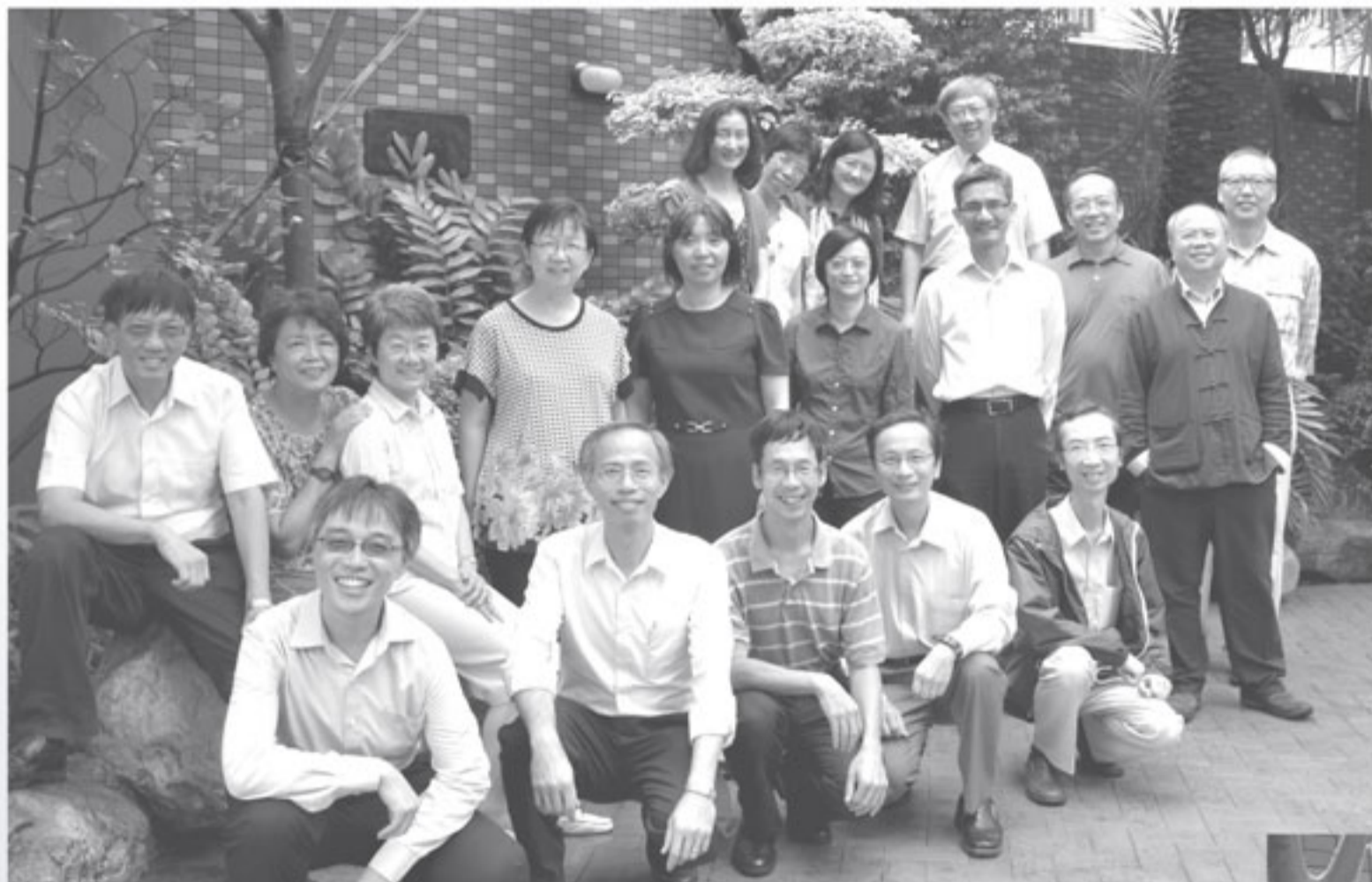
Before the presidential handover, I spent some lunch hours meeting with 70 students. This started off as a voluntary 'extracurricular activity' but I was thrilled to see the students' enthusiastic response. After 35 hours of sharing I am in awe of God's surprising and wonderful work upon each individual life. I also have great respect for the part-time students' determination and tenacity.

Since my acceptance of the Board's appointment, I have been praying earnestly for the candidates to the School's core leadership, figuring that no decisive action would be taken for a year or so. Yet during meetings with individual members of the Faculty, a casual mentioning of personnel rearrangements led to decisions that were made within a week, just in time to be approved at the last senior executive meeting chaired by Rev. Dr. Carver Yu in July, so that the core team could take office on August 1 simultaneously with the new President. I am sincerely thankful for the mutual trust and collaboration between coworkers old and new. This, to me, is the guiding pillars of cloud and fire of Father God's presence.

In the coming decade, of CGST's 80 faculty and staff, we will say farewell to twelve faculty and 33 staff members as they will be retiring. Currently we have five 'faculty-in-preparation' and we are actively liaising with other prospective candidates. I believe Father God will Himself choose CGST's next generation of servant-leaders who are willing to offer their lives for theological education of churches in China, to serve God with loyalty and faithfulness, following the example of the 'Commitment Group' at the time that CGST was founded in 1975.

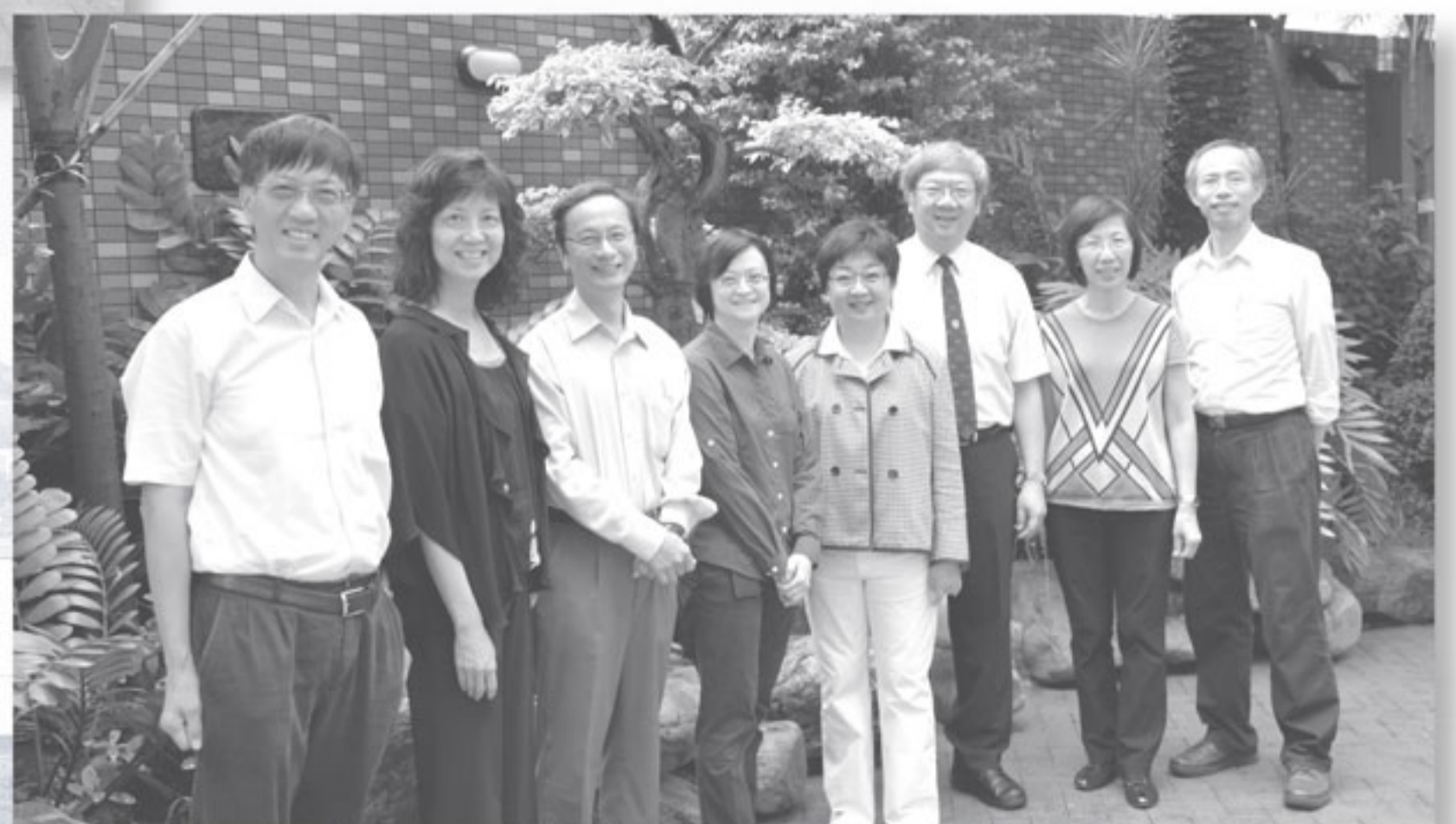
At the Hong Kong Bible Conference in August 2013, I met an alumnus who is in his eighties. When he enrolled with CGST in 1993, he prayed that after two years of equipping he would minister for twenty years. He is "as strong this day... just as [his] strength was then, so now is [his] strength..." (Jos. 14:11). The Lord's grace is sufficient: since graduation in 1995, he has built from scratch over 100 churches throughout China as well as giving regular theological training for pastors and ministers; passionately he works and there is no stopping him.

A student from Nanjing was granted a visa to Hong Kong in November and is now adjusting to life and studying here. After Christmas another seminary teacher from China finished his two-year degree program and returned to teaching at Nanjing Union Theological Seminary. Father God's grace is apparent and teaches us to humbly acknowledge that "we are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do" (Luke 17:10). 



◀ Photo was taken at the Faculty Retreat between August 21 and 23, 2013. (First row from left) Dr. Simon Cheung, Dr Wong Ka-leung, Rev. Dr. Kin-yip Louie, Rev. Dr. Luke Cheung, Dr. Kevin Cheng; (Middle row) Dr. Kang Phee Seng, Mrs. Bess Choi, Dr. Ng Wai-yee, Mrs. Ellie Chan, Dr. Joyce Sun, Dr. Jean Lee, Dr. Daniel Lee, Dr. Raymond Au, Dr. Kasper Wong, Rev. Dr. Joseph Kok; (Back row) Dr. Jane Mann, Dr. Mok Chan Wing-yan, Mrs. Wance Chan, Dr. Stephen Lee.

Faculty members that did not appear on the photo: Rev. Dr. Carver Yu, Rev. Dr. Wallace Louie, Rev. Timothy Au, Dr. Annie Pan Ng, Dr. Donna Ho Lee.



▶ The School's core leadership team: Vice President Dr. Kang Phee Seng, Registrar and Student Affairs Officer Mrs Rebecca Lai, Vice President Rev. Dr. Luke Cheung, Associate Dean Dr. Jean Lee, Director of Strategic Development Mrs. Doreen Chan, President Dr. Stephen Lee, Director of Administration Mrs. Ruby Wong, and Dean Dr. Wong Ka-leung.

### The Lord uprooted me...

**Alumna: Lee Miu-ling** (DipCS 00, MCE 02)

**Interviewed and written by: Chan Hing-ling** (Alumni Affairs Coordinator)



Above photo: Chan Hing-ling (alumna, left) and Lee Miu-ling (alumna, right)

**The Lord uprooted me while I was at CGST –  
I struggled, resisted and grumbled...**

**Yet He was the same whether in darkness or light!  
He let me see greater hardship and made me afraid...  
It's God who made the encounter while I was in pain,  
so that He could plant me anew...**

Those were Lee's moving and memorable words written in the 'Graduates of 2002 Special Issue'. They give us a glimpse of what God has done to shape her life, the tearing down, building up and healing, preparing her step-by-step towards overseas mission.

#### **Work, planting boldness and self-confidence**

The path of college then entering the political arena and then overseas mission was not exactly what Lee had originally aspired to or expected or hoped for. After graduation in 1989, Lee got her first job in community works at a district councillor office. This fresh graduate 'stumbled' into the job but believed in her heart that God will lead the way ahead. One year later Lee went to work in the Hong Kong Housing Society but finding the job unsuitable, she joined the Office of Members of the Legislative Council in 1991, assisting in the community works of the then first woman to be directly elected into the Legislative Council, and went on to become her campaign manager in 1998. Lee quit her job and went to study at CGST after the councillor won a seat in the Legislative Council.

Facing life choices, Lee often asks herself, 'Doing for what?' She also asks God, 'What should I do?'

Lee saw how community works can specifically help people's daily life. When facing significant and enormous changes of our time, community works also helped raised awareness of democracy in Hong Kong around the Handover in 1997. Lee quit her job because she saw how the volunteers she worked with would confide in her with their personal problems and she felt a deepening burden for people, whereas she was getting less enthusiastic about promoting social policies and consultations. Looking back, however, Lee realizes that God used that period in her life to foster boldness and self-confidence.

#### **CGST, an uprooting healing**

In response to God's call, Lee took a counselling course to deepen her understanding of people, although no thought was given yet about her future

ministry. Being unprepared, God started Lee's process of life demolition, reconstruction and healing right from the very first semester at CGST. Throughout the process, God asked Lee to face the traumas she grew up with and she spent more time studying her own life than reading textbooks. Lee described herself in those days as 'depressed' with much shedding of tears.


But God prepared different groups of people to walk alongside her: classmates, members of Lee's spiritual formation group and teachers. Today Lee still remembers clearly how President Dr. Stephen Lee (then her group mentor and CGST Dean) casually said to her, "It is a rare opportunity and not for many people to study at a seminary and have God changing her life." Being much encouraged, Lee understood the significance of this uprooting and being changed by God is a vital process. God was preparing His maidservant!

In her CGST years, Lee joined the prayer group for missions led by Dr. Mok Chan Wing-yan. Hearing the missionaries' sharing and interceding for them opened Lee's eyes on missions and ignited the fire in her. 'Christian Discipleship' taught by Rev. Philip Yeung had a profound impact on Lee and moved her to actively seek God's will in her life. After being cleansed in the valley of tears, Lee's wounded heart received healing. She experienced God's acceptance, affirmation and love.

#### **Overseas mission, a response to the call of God's love**

Lee remembers that in the final year of her MCE study, she sat in a corner of the School campus seeking Father God's direction for her future, and He answered and confirmed immediately with His lovingkindness. Today, almost a decade since Lee's church sent her as missionary to Cambodia, the country has become Lee's second home. There, Lee is responsible for the child-sponsoring ministry, giving warmth and food to impoverished children and youths, raising them with Christian education. Lee derives greatest satisfaction from seeing these lives grow physically and mature spiritually.

How does one deal with the adversity and frustration in missions? Lee does it through recalling what she has learned and received at CGST. "When facing problems, one's attitude and mentality is more important than what one does." Rev. Philip Yeung's reminder has been most helpful to Lee. "Who am I? I am not a missionary but a child of God. This is the most important." As Lee lives and acts in this identity, she is able to face life's ups and downs.

Lee's contentment is by grace alone, having the loving care of God and His gracious hand leading her. 

## Board of Directors

- The third Board Meeting of the year 2013-2014 was held on February 24. Pray that God gave the directors wisdom as they discuss the future development of School's ministry.

## Faculty Movements

- The School appointed President Emeritus Dr. Carver Yu as the first Distinguished Professor for a period of two years.
- January 13 – 14: Vice President Dr. Kang Phee Seng accepted the invitation to attend the "Religion and Power: Political, Legal and Economic Perspectives" Conference hosted by the Center for Comparative and Public Law, Hong Kong University. Dr. Kang presented the paper entitled "Humanising Politics; the Power of the Powerless."
- February 21: President Dr. Stephen Lee, Vice President Rev. Dr. Luke Cheung and Dean Dr. Wong Ka-leung attended the 2014 Annual General Meeting of Hong Kong Theological Education Association.
- March 6 – 25: President Dr. Stephen Lee went to Vancouver, Seattle, Los Angeles, Houston,

San Francisco and San Jose to conduct Revival Meetings, Pastoral Meetings, preaching at Sunday services as well as visited local Regional Councils, alumni and supporters.

- March 13 – 17: Associate Professors of Theological Studies Dr. Daniel Lee and Rev. Dr. Kin-yip Louie presented their papers at an international research project with the theme "Theo-Politics? Conversing with Barth in Western and Asian Context" at Ruhr University Bochum in Germany. Other scholars came from Germany, the USA and other Asian countries.
- Dr. Jean Lee's publication *Marketplace Covenant – A Paradigm for Dialogue between Theology and Economics* in Chinese was awarded the Best New Writer (Academics) by the Sixth Gold Medallion Book Awards organized by the Association of Christian Publishers Ltd.
- Rev. Dr. Kin-yip Louie's new book *The Beauty of the Triune God: The Theological Aesthetics of Jonathan Edwards* with Forewords by David A. S. Fergusson and Samuel T. Logan, Jr. (Princeton Theological Monograph Series 201) was

published by Pickwick Publication in 2013.

- 12 Prophets* (Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture: OT Volume XIV), edited by Dr. Wong Ka-leung and translated by Lam Tsz-fung, was published by Campus Evangelical Fellowship in 2012.
- Isaiah 1-39* (Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture: OT Volume X), edited by Dr. Wong Ka-leung and translated by Lam Tsz-fung, was published by Campus Evangelical Fellowship in 2013.
- Isaiah 40-66* (Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture: OT Volume XI), edited by Dr. Wong Ka-leung and translated by Lam Tsz-fung, was published by Campus Evangelical Fellowship in 2013.
- The Apostolic Fathers*, Christian Classics Translation Series, edited by Dr. Simon Wong, translated by Ko Chan Po Sim, and revised by Dr. Simon Wong and Rev. Dr. Luke Cheung, was published by Beijing Joint Publishing in 2013.

## New Faculty

- We welcome two new faculty members effective from January:
- Rev. Timothy Au joined the faculty team as Assistant Professor of

Practical Studies. After graduating from the MDiv Program at CGST in 1993, Rev. Au has been serving as pastor at the Church of Livingstones (Kowloon) and is currently the Senior Pastor of the church.

- Dr. Donna Ho Lee joined the faculty team as Assistant Professor of Counselling Studies. Dr. Lee is a licensed clinical psychologist and an approved clinical supervisor. She has been providing psychotherapeutic services to adults and children in her private practice and supervised graduate students in counselling and licensure candidates.

## Theology Student Day

- February 21: The Theology Student Day was held at Wing Kwong Pentecostal Holiness Church. Associate Professor of Theological Studies Dr. Daniel Lee was invited to be the speaker of the topic "The Theological Nature of Worship in the Light of Reformation Tradition." Honorary Chaplain Rev. Philip Yeung was one of the speakers at the workshop and he spoke with the theme "Expository Preaching."

## Financial Report

### Oct to Dec, 2013 General Fund

US\$

Donations	922,187
Tuition & other income	1,016,826
	1,939,013
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>(1,705,977)</b>
Surplus	233,036
Deficit from Jan to Sep, 2013	(522,737)

### 2013 Full Year Deficit (289,701)

Outstanding mortgage loan as at Dec., 2013 : US\$ 2,834,089

## Prayer Requests

- We thank God for providing the School's financial needs in the past year; through churches, brothers and sisters' loving support our ministries can be carried out smoothly. Pray that God will give us faith and supply us abundantly for this year.
- Pray for the new student recruitment in the coming school year, that God will guide those responding to His calling, be equipped and study at CGST.
- Pray that through the 2014 Spring TEE programs and 'Word of Life' Bible Study Series students may be richly blessed by His grace.

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