



今天是疫情末后，马来西亚开放之后的第二次出国。出境的手续已恢复往前，手续上已经没有了有关于新冠病毒的检测。抵达英国更是顺利，只要有合法的护照，不需要任何防疫措施的证明和要求。

这一切看起来似乎跟疫情之前已经逐渐恢复到一样了，但是人们的生活一样吗？教会的生活一样吗？事奉和宣教又是否一样？其实疫情之后恍如隔世，很多事情已经产生了很大的变化，而且是回不去了。

不必说在疫情之中有多少人经历了家庭的突变、亲人的死亡、事业的崩溃、人生跑道的变化…就连同教会都产生了实质的改变。有一些教会因为耐不住疫情冲击，特别是经济上的压力，关门了，或搬迁到更小的地方，或者是苦苦挣扎…不知道接下来应该怎么走。我也访问了几间比较大型的教会，有欢喜也有忧愁。忧愁的是他们的教会因为没有办法更配合时代，用更先进的音响灯光，更专业的表演式的设计，结果有很多年轻人就跑到别的教会去了。欢喜的是有一些超大型的教会因为投资专业，包括许多新媒体的器材和手法，结果吸引了许多小教会，也吸引了其他大教会的人，所以教会就越形增大。

## 院长的话

# 后疫时代的教会 和神学使命

很多牧者都感慨万千，因为有很多的会友不回来教会了（说要继续留在线上），而且他们也没有办法知道自己的会友是否参加自己本教会的线上崇拜，还是已经转到别条线了，往别的教会聚会了，或者是甚至不在线上，已经在线外了，停止了聚会，断线了。

在这样的时刻，神学院的使命又如何呢？我们是否仍然有异象以至于不至灭亡？我和团队们一直在思考也一直在努力，甚至比以前更加的努力。为了要实践神学的使命，也不论在怎样的环境都要完成基督的使命。

摆在我们面前的挑战和使命有几项：

第一、怎样帮助现今的牧者，怎样鼓励他们不至于灰心。怎样帮助他们更新，属灵的更新，异象的更新，还有事奉方法的更新，好叫他们继续带领教会往前走，经历增长。

其二、怎样装备教会领袖和参与事奉的弟兄姐妹们，好叫他们有正确的观念更加注重健康的教会，而不是人数量多的追逐，怎样帮助他们有正确的神学根基以至于不倾向浮华膨胀的增长而离开了教会的本质。

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第三、更广泛的、更普及性的推展神学教育，好叫广大的信徒会众能够自己追求圣经，能够为自己和家人的信仰来守望，也能够配合教会的牧者和领袖一起爱教会，一起在教会中服事，也彼此鼓励去服事外面许多更有需要的人。

第四、帮助教会更能够了解到自己有整全宣教的使命，这包括福音的宣讲，也包括社会的关怀。这不限制于自己的邻居和社区，也应该延展到其他有需要的地区，包括不同的族群。

第五、我们推动了很多线上的神学课程。如今，也着重当中的品质管理，我们关注课程的严谨性，也鼓励学生虽然在线上参加课程，但是一定要顾及自己每一天的灵修，灵性的更新。如果失去了自己属灵的生命，多少的神学知识都是空谈。

第六、我们目前也积极推动中区、雪隆分院的发展。感谢上帝赐下一间别墅作为行政、藏书和教学中心。今年底就将装修完毕可以启用。我们又整合了中区的老师和有教导恩赐的牧长们，组织成教导的团队。我们也跟教会配合开展对教会适切的课程。

第七、我们神学院也和全球华人浸信会宣教促进会紧密配搭。回顾过去20多年的时间，我们的讲师、职员、学生和校友都积极参与了海外许多跨文化的宣教。如今看到英国许多香港的移民，在短短两年之间，数十万的移民的涌入。我们也配合关心他们，与当地的教会一起配合如何把福音带给没有信的，也把神的话语坚固已经信了的。我们也

继续推动巴尔干半岛的宣教，这一次来欧洲之行也到马其顿去，配合另外大约20位我们神学院在欧洲的学生和同工来推动在马其顿跨文化的植堂工作。我们在疫情期间已帮助四个新的植堂的设立，这一次也帮助另外一个植堂和购堂的计划。

第八、这一段日子两大难民的需要也在我们的关怀之中。阿富汗的难民，我们参与了在巴基斯坦边境的关顾、福音和牧养的计划。也帮助他们提供英语的教育，还有帮助当中阿富汗人读神学。还有就是乌克兰战乱引起国内外的危机和需要。我们也配搭丝路福音中心给他们支持，给他们祷告及救援上的关心。

今年11月12日我们将举行实体毕业典礼，在槟城乔治市浸信会进行。欢迎诸位尽可能参加，祝福神学院，祝福毕业生。在此也谢谢你们多年来给我们慷慨的支持，甚至在疫情泛滥的时候特别献出你们的爱心。

这一年在几个月后也即将过去，我们呼求主差派有感动、愿意献身者前来神学院接受装备。人生没有多少个十年，没有多少个五年，盼望多人能够把握机会装备自己去事奉主和有需要的人们。

# 代祷 事项 *Prayer Item*

- 我们欢迎两位新老师莫楷恩博士及顾佐荣传道和他们的家庭加入团队。请为他们祷告，他们将协助教导神学基础课程、职场课程、青少年事工和跨文化事工。

We welcome two new teachers, Dr. Kaien Mok and Pastor Jo Rong Koo, and their families to the team. Please pray for them as they help teaching in the Theological Foundations Program, the Workplace Program, Youth Ministry, and Cross-Cultural Ministry.

- 我们也欢迎四位进修的同工陈志存传道、林敏传道、丘骏广传道和杨清音姐妹。他们一方面念神学装备自己，另外至少超过一半的时间参与神学院办公室和延伸课程的行政。

We also welcome four co-workers who are pursuing further studies, namely, Pr Steven Chin, Pr Ling Ming, Pr John Hew, and Sis Josephine Yeoh. While studying theology to equip themselves, at the same time, they are also involved in the administration of the seminary office and extension programs during most of their time.

- 六月份疫情之后，王院长第一次出门就到法国巴黎去主持第二届的毕业典礼。感谢上帝，特别是看到巴黎各宗派的教会牧长前来祝福，也愿意差派学生到巴黎分院修读，心里感恩。求主使用毕业生，在法国，也在欧洲一带祝福教会。



After the pandemic in June, President John Ong went to Paris, France, for the first time to officiate the second graduation ceremony. Give thanks to God, especially when seeing the pastors of churches from various denominations in Paris coming to bless and were willing to send students to the Paris branch. Pray that the Lord will use the graduates to bless the churches in France and also in Europe.

马来西亚浸信会神学院 Malaysia Baptist Theological Seminary



## 毕业典礼 GRADUATION Service

*Class of 2022*

- Time 时间: 12 Nov 2022 (Sat) 2022年11月12日 (星期六)  
11am 上午十一时
- Venue 地点: IMPACT Georgetown Baptist Church  
乔治市浸信教会 (新堂)  
(physical meeting 实体聚会)
- Live • 直播:  
  [bit.ly/mbtsgrad22](http://bit.ly/mbtsgrad22)

# BBQ NIGHT



# 烧烤夜



空气中弥漫着火上烤肉的诱人气味，笑声不绝于耳，三五成群的朋友在一起自拍.....自从世界因新冠肺炎病毒而陷入封锁以来，这些景象、声音和气味在马浸校园里已经消失了近两年。值得庆幸的是，随着大流行的严重程度开始缓解，政府实施的限制也被取消，校园活动也慢慢恢复。因此，在4月12日，学生会委员在马浸海滩组织了一次烧烤活动，这是在长达两年的停顿后成功举办的第一学生会活动。学生和教职员都享受到了从烤排骨到烤玉米的烧烤会，所有这些都是由我们的学生准备的。当太阳的最后一丝光芒开始从地平线上消失时，我们在岸边燃起了篝火，在那里我们烤着棉花糖，围着火堆唱着歌。总而言之，海滩烧烤是享受美食的好时光。



The air was filled with the tantalizing aroma of meat being roasted over a fire, the sound of laughter was ever present and groups of friends posing together for selfies... these were the sights, sounds and atmosphere that had been missing from the MBTS campus for almost two years now ever since the world was plunged into lockdown due to the COVID-19 virus. Thankfully, as the severity of the pandemic started to ease and government-imposed restrictions were lifted, campus activities slowly resumed as well. Thus, on the 12th of April, the Student Body Committee organized a barbecue held at the MBTS beach front, marking the very first student body event to be successfully held after a two-year long hiatus. Students and staff alike enjoyed a smorgasbord of food ranging from barbequed pork ribs to char-grilled corn – all of it prepared by our very own students. And as the last of the sun's rays began to disappear over the horizon, we started a bonfire on the shore where we roasted marshmallows and sang songs around the fire. All in all, the beach barbecue was a really great time of good food enjoyed in the presence of even greater company!



# MBTS Retreat & Inter-Seminary Game

## 马浸家庭营及神学院际运动会

2022年7月2日到7月4日，来自全马各地马浸家人们脚步整齐来到吉隆坡，一起走访主内同路人，赞美上帝奇妙作为，也为参加神学院际运动会的四家神学院运动健儿加油鼓劲，为上帝国度欢呼雀跃，为主内团契欢笑流泪。在漫长的旅途中，激烈的竞赛中，局促的宿舍中、家人们交谈、欢笑、哭泣、安慰、体贴、鼓励、欣赏和扶助，成为“我们这许多人，在基督里成为一身，互相联络作肢体，也是如此”的活泼见证者。

赛场上，马浸的运动健儿们奉现了高超的技能、顽强的精神和精彩的比赛，取得两项冠军，四项亚军和团体亚军的佳绩。比赛后，大家声音嘶哑，身体疲累，然而基督恩典激励我们举起下垂的手，挺起发酸的腿，如鹰展翅上腾。

From July 2 to July 4, 2022, Baptist families from all over Malaysia came to Kuala Lumpur in unison to visit our fellow co-workers in Christ, to praise God for His wonderful works, to cheer on the athletes of the four seminaries participating in the Inter-Seminary Games, to cheer for the Kingdom of God, and to share the Lord's fellowship with laughter and tears. During the long journey, the fierce competition, and the confined dormitory, the families talked, laughed, cried, comforted, thoughtful, encouraged, appreciated and helped each other, and became living witnesses of "Romans 12:5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."

On the field, the athletes of MBTS showed their excellent skills, tenacity and wonderful competition, won two championships, four runner-ups and the team runner-up. After the competition, all of us were hoarse in voice and deadly tired, but the grace of Christ inspired us to lift up our sagging hands and sore legs, and soar up like eagles once again!





# MBTS-KLANG VALLEY

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## OUR FACULTY



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## INFORMATION

MBTS-KV has been offering courses since 2003. The campus offers programs in diploma, bachelor, and masters level. Students can study theology, biblical studies, apologetics, and missions in a modular, part-time format.

The campus has a special focus on urban and marketplace ministry. MBTS-KV alone offers the Masters in Urban Mission.



## INTERESTED?



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For more information about courses and programs, please scan the QR code shown here.



In early 2023, MBTS-KV will move into a new location in a renovated bungalow opposite Pantai Baptist Church. Pray for God to do great things in this new location!

2022年 线上中文课程

# 网络神学 事工证书

## 申请者资格

- 1.基督徒
- 2.有兴趣或负担了解和参与网络事工。

## 上课时间

- 1.上课时间是马来西亚时间周二晚上8-10时。
- 2.一门科目上课4堂（四个周二），之后两周内交上上课反思/报告

## 升学

- 1.若完成证书课程及一项指定作业，可转为学士/硕士4学分。

上课时间：每周二晚上8pm-10pm（马来西亚时间）

### 2022年 课程设计与时间表

6月 7, 14, 21, 28日	虚拟网络事工、元宇宙与创造论的神学探讨	周逸方博士
7月 5, 12, 19, 26日	门训、牧养与教会论	李成就博士
9月 6, 13, 20, 27日	科技、AI与基督教伦理	黄嘉生博士
11月 1, 8, 15, 22日	制作、传播与信息	梁志光传道

### 2023年

1月 3, 10, 17, 31日	新媒体与宣教	安平牧师
3月 7, 14, 21, 28日	网络原理、技术、安全与使用	IT 专家
5月 2, 9, 16, 23日	网络心理学与辅导	许丹平讲师
7月 4, 11, 18, 25日	在元宇宙、网络世界传福音的为什么与如何	周逸方博士
9月 5, 12, 19, 26日	大数据时代、信息处理与辨别真假	黄嘉生博士
10月 3, 10, 17, 24日	基督教远见学	吴国雄博士

这门课程乃为发展神国网络圣工而装备，使参与者对于虚拟世界以及元宇宙的轮廓架构有所理解，同时本着信仰真理分辨其中之虚实、善恶、陷阱、良机。

课程中除了勾勒国度及教会应用领域之愿景外，也将对于某些特定项目之制作技术流程进行解说。

最后也将一探如何培育未来所需之各类人才以及展望未来可能的发展路径。

## 课程设计

### 必修科目：

1. 虚拟网络事工、元宇宙与创造论的神学探讨
2. 门训、牧养与教会论
3. 科技、AI与基督教伦理
4. 制作、传播与信息
5. 新媒体与宣教

### 选修科目：

1. 在元宇宙、网络世界传福音的为什么与如何
2. 线上心理学与辅导
3. 大数据时代、信息处理与辨别真假
4. 网络原理、技术、安全与使用
5. 基督教未来学和远见思维

2022年 线上中文课程

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# 瓦器：美中不足更感恩

王美锺院长六十岁采访集锦

王院长是一位土生土长的马来西亚槟城华人，信主之后热心事主，一生到过世界许多国家，却心系本土，凭一股神国情怀拓展福音事工及神学教育。

今年2022年是王院长神学毕业以后侍奉的第三十五年，也是担任马来西亚浸信会神学院院长二十五周年的纪念。今天年届六十，精力不减当年，在位领导廿余年来孜孜不倦，院务日益增长，不单在母国大地广撒福音种子，呼召信徒献身事主，也把祝福延伸外地，催化亚洲、中国、欧洲、中东等地不同伙伴群体，齐心共建基督神圣国度。

在这充溢祝福、数算主恩的时候，众同工们齐献上此书以贺王院长。

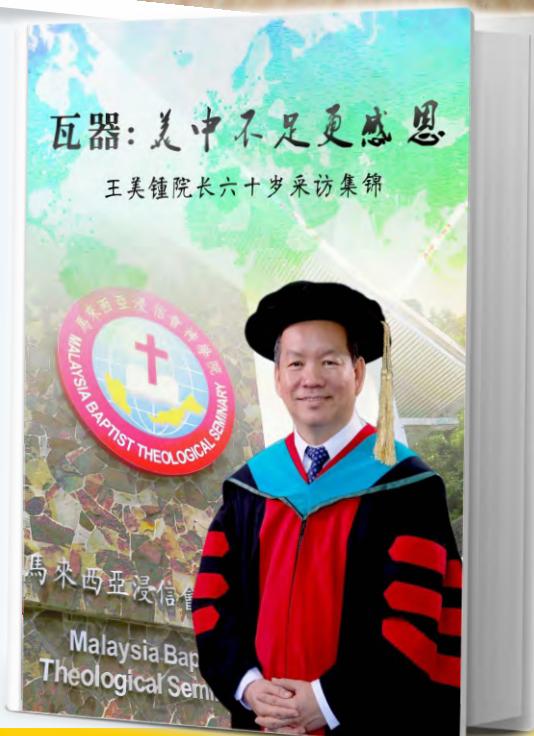
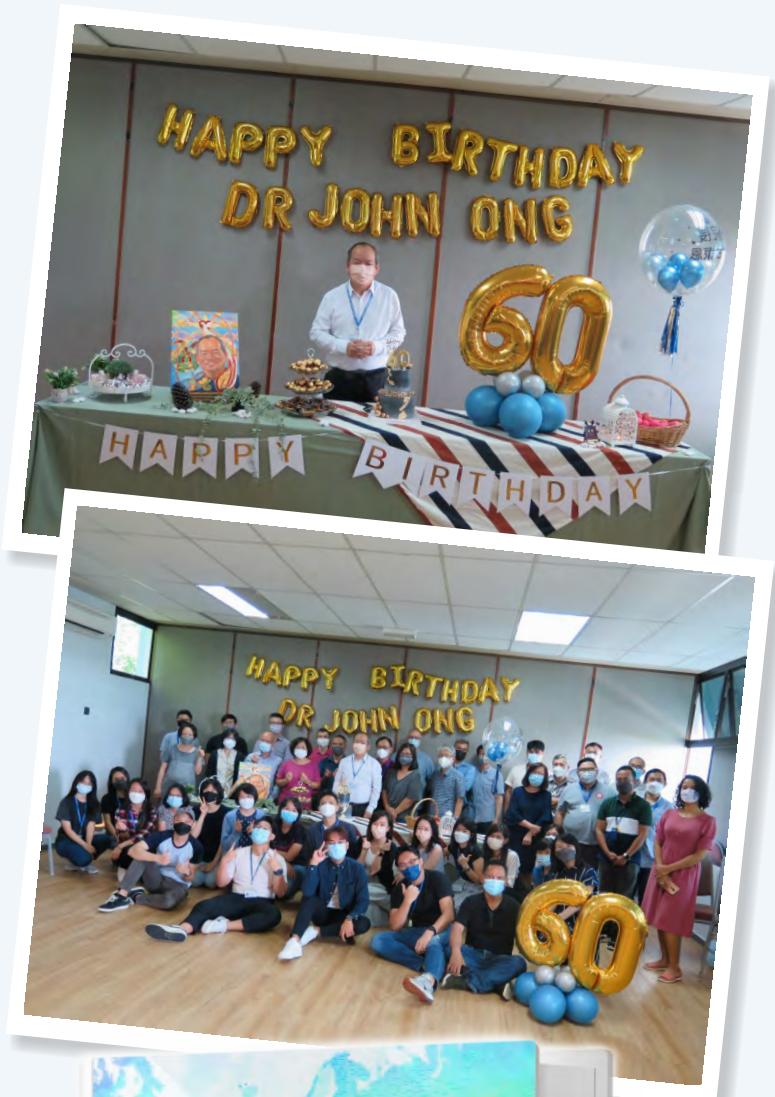
此书共有8章，主要描述王院长生命的经历、他的异象和使命、他的家庭观、他的领袖风范和他对神国所发挥的影响力。

- 第一章：得救、成长、蒙召
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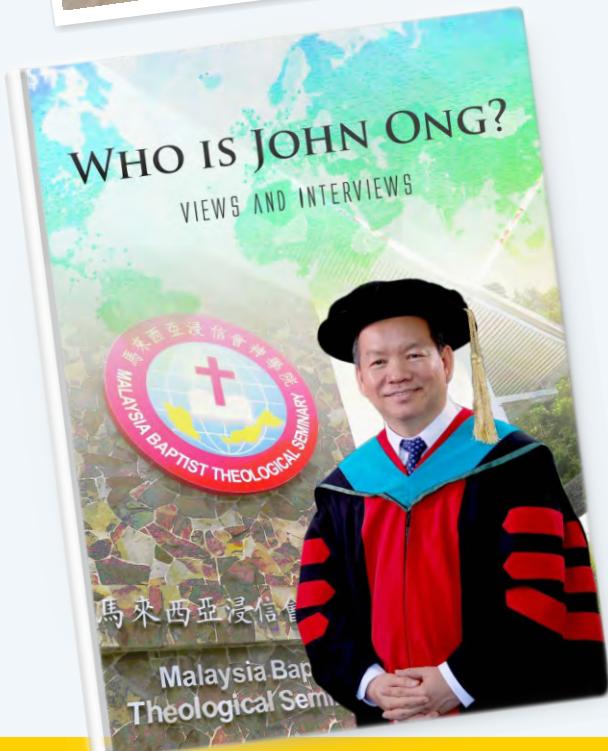
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# WHO IS JOHN ONG?

## VIEWS AND INTERVIEWS

Online Book Launch



Dr John Ong is a native Penangite who has served the Lord passionately since his conversion. He has visited numerous countries around the world throughout his life, but his heart is in his homeland, expanding the ministry of the gospel and theological education with a sense of God's kingdom.

Dr. John Ong is celebrating his 35th year of ministry after seminary graduation; 25th year as MBTS President. He has not only sown the seeds of the Gospel in his home country and called believers to devote themselves to serving the Lord, but also extended the influences to different groups in Asia, China, Europe, Middle East and other continents through missions, theological education and preaching.

In this time of celebration and reckoning of the Lord's grace, the co-workers of MBTS presented this book in appreciation of Dr John Ong.

The book "English version" consists of 6 chapters describing Dr John Ong's life experiences, his vision and mission, his family, his leadership, and the impact he has made on the Kingdom of God. The book is a result of the collection of views and interviews with Dr John Ong. Another chapter about the various ministries developed by him will be added later.

- Chapter 1: Salvation, Growing, Called
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# 为乌克兰祷告

## PRAY for UKRAINE

乌克兰和俄罗斯战争爆发，战火不断地燃烧。乌克兰国内居民苦不堪言，有灭国之危险。难民四处奔跑，邻国应接不暇，在此时此刻我们祷告避免战火扩张，避免第三次世界大战或者欧洲大战。我们要献上祷告同时和乌克兰境内的肢体和逃难出去的肢体一起同心来帮助逃难者重新建立家园。在这一个“为乌克兰祷告”聚会中，我们邀请来自乌克兰及邻近国家的同工现身说法，分享他们的故事，好叫我们的祷告更具体，在此邀请您看回播。

War began between Ukraine and Russia and continues to ravage. The Ukrainians are in suffering and in danger of being wiped out. Refugees are escaping and pouring into neighbouring countries. We pray the war is restrained and not become the Third World War or European War. Meantime, our hope is that together with Ukrainians in the country and those who escaped abroad, we help in the rebuilding of their home. In this “Pray for Ukraine”, we have invited co-workers from Ukraine and the neighbouring countries to share their stories so that we can pray with precise knowledge. We welcome you to watch the replay.



回播 Replay

 <https://tinyurl.com/317ukraine>

### 题目和讲员

基辅，被围困的城市?

费多尔牧师，乌克兰基辅福音神学院神学系主任

灰烬中的希望

尤里传道，基辅神的平安五旬节教会

从乌克兰到罗马尼亚

胡家亮牧师，在乌克兰的加拿大宣教士

96小时的逃亡

王守阵传道，乌克兰哈尔科夫华人教会

神的预备

叶琴飞弟兄，罗马尼亚伯利恒华人基督教教会

为陌生人打开我们的家门

日夫科牧师，北马其顿福音教会

### Topics and Presenters

*Kyiv, the city under siege?*

Rev Fyodor Raichynets, Head of Theology Department of Ukrainian Evangelical Theological Seminary, Kyiv

*Hope in the ashes*

Pastor Yuriy Kulakevych, God's Peace Pentecostal Church, Kyiv

*From Ukraine to Romania*

Rev Roger Wu, Canadian Missionary to Ukraine

*96 hours in the Run*

Pastor Wang Shou Zhen, Kharkiv Chinese Church

*God prepares before it happened*

Brother Ye Qinfei, Bethlehem Chinese Christian Church, Romania

*Welcoming Strangers into our midst*

Eastern European Church

Chaired by: Dr John Ong



# 移民信仰論壇

(粵語)

2022年10月13日 星期四

時間區域

倫敦 晚上8時

美西/溫哥華 中午12時

美東/多倫多 下午3時

A

創世記中的移民故事 (論壇形式)

- 蒙召移民： 亞伯拉罕-信心之旅
- 移民的後代：以撒&雅各-身份和家庭問題
- 被動移民： 約瑟-冤屈、奮鬥、祝福

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B

移民英國的挑戰 (訪問形式)

- 初來者可作的三件事
- 如何融入英國社會
- 英國人的教會歡迎你

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6月13-17日	启示录
6月20-24日	后疫情時代宣教动员新视野
7月11-15日	教牧领导学
7月19-22日	艺术与疗愈
7月25-29日	散聚宣教学
7月25-8月5日	宣教士生命、生活与关顾
8月2-5日	艺术与心灵之『戏剧的魅力』

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July 18-29	Leadership & Succession	Dr. Thomas Chin
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The fourth point is to help churches better understand their holistic mission, which includes both the preaching of the Gospel and social care. This is not limited to our own neighborhoods and communities, but should also be extended to other areas of need, including different ethnic groups.

Fifth, as we have promoted many online theological courses, we need to focus on the quality management and rigor of the courses. While we encourage students to take courses online, they need to take care of their own spirituality and be renewed each day. For if one loses his or her spiritual life, any theological knowledge is mere empty talk.

Sixth, we are also actively promoting the development of the Klang Valley Campus. We thank God for blessing us with a bungalow to be used as an administrative, library and teaching center. It will be fully renovated and ready for use by the end of this year. We have integrated teachers and pastors in the central district with the gift of teaching to form a teaching team. We are also working with churches to develop church-oriented programs.

Seventh, our seminary works closely with the Trans-World Chinese Baptist Mission. Looking back at the past 20 years, our faculty, staff, students and alumni have been actively involved in many cross-cultural missions overseas. We have seen the influx of hundreds of thousands of immigrants from Hong Kong into the United Kingdom within the short span of two years, and we are working with the local churches to bring the Gospel to the unbelievers and strengthen those who have already believed the Word of God. We are also continue to promote missions in the Balkans.

An upcoming trip to Europe will take us to Macedonia, whereby we will work with about 20 seminary students and co-workers in Europe to promote cross-cultural church planting in Macedonia. We have helped to establish four new churches during the pandemic. This time, we will also help in another church planting and building project.

Eighth, we are concerned with the needs of two big groups of refugees. We are involved in the care, evangelism and pastoral care programs for the Afghan refugees along the Pakistani border, by providing them English education and even theological education. There is also the internal and external crises and needs caused by the war in Ukraine. We have set up the Silk Road Evangelism Center to support them through prayer and providing relief care.

On November 12 of this year, we will hold a physical graduation service at Georgetown Baptist Church, Penang. We welcome you to join this event as a blessing to the seminary and graduates. We would also like to thank you for your generous support over the years, and your special love offering during the epidemic.

As the year draws to a close in a few more months, we call on the Lord to send those who have been moved to give their lives to be equipped at the seminary. We hope that many people will take the opportunity to equip themselves to serve the Lord and those in need.



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

# Challenges Faced by The Churches and The Seminary in The Post-Pandemic Era

Today is my second time leaving the country after Malaysia reopened for post pandemic travel. The immigration procedure has returned to its pre-pandemic norm, with the requirement of Covid-19 test dropped. The entry into the UK was especially smooth. As long as one has a legal passport, there is no need for a proof of vaccination.

Things seem to be gradually returning to how it was before the pandemic. However, is this the same with people's lives? Is this the same with church lives? Is this the same with services and missions? The truth is the pandemic has changed life forever and there is no going back.

Not only have many people experienced sudden change in their families, death of loved ones, collapse of their careers, change of life trajectories... Even the church has changed substantially. Unable to withstand the impact of the pandemic, especially the financial pressure, some churches have closed down, moved to smaller location, or are struggling to survive, not knowing what to do next. I visited several larger churches, and there were both joy and worry. The worry stems from the church's inability to keep up with the times by having more advanced sound and lighting system, professionally designed performances, which led to many of their young people going to other churches. On the contrary, the joy is that some mega churches have attracted more people from both small and big churches by investing in professional equipment and techniques, including many new media. As a result, their churches are growing bigger and bigger.

Many pastors lamented that many of their members are not returning to the church (saying they will stay online), and they have no way of knowing if their members are attending their own church's online services, or if they

have moved to another line and are meeting at another church. Perhaps, instead of staying online, they might have gone offline, have stopped meeting, and are disconnected.

What about the mission of the seminary at such a time? Do we have a vision that will prevent us from perishing? The team and I have been diligently thinking about this and working on it. In fact, we are working harder than before in order to live out our theological mission and to fulfill the mission of Christ regardless of the circumstances.

There are several challenges and missions before us:

First, how to help the present pastors and encourage them to not give up? How to help them to be renewed, spiritually, in their vision, and in their methods of service, so that they can continue to lead the church forward and experience growth?

Second, how to equip the church leaders, brothers and sisters involved in service, so that they may have the right concept a healthy church is more important than number? How to help them have the right theological foundation so that, instead of looking for superficial and bloated growth, they will focus on the essence of the church?

The third point is to promote theological education more widely and universally, so that the vast believers and congregations can pursue the Bible on their own, keep watch of their and also their family's faith, and cooperate with church pastors and leaders in loving and serving the church and encouraging one another to serve the many needs outside the church.