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## Theological Education Sunday Worship Order

### Prelude

#### Call to Worship – 1 Corinthians 1:18-19

*For the message of the cross is foolishness  
to those who are perishing,  
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.  
For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;  
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."*

#### Songs of Praise

#### Corporate Prayer

#### The Lord's Prayer

#### Sharing

#### Scripture Reading – Acts 17:16-20 (ESV)

#### Sermon – To be a preacher of foreign divinities

#### Response Song

#### Offertory Prayer

#### Welcome & Family News

#### Monthly Bible Verse – 1 John 2:5

*But if anyone obeys his word,  
love for God is truly made complete in them.  
This is how we know we are in him.*

#### Doxology & Benediction

#### Postlude

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<b>Guest Speaker:</b>	Dr. Barry Cheung	<b>Chairperson :</b>	Rev. Stera Chan
<b>Praise Leader :</b>	Dawn Yiu and Peacemakers	<b>Scripture Reader :</b>	Beverly Inao
<b>Pianist :</b>	Lilian Chow	<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Claudia Chan
<b>Sharing:</b>	Jeffrey Lau		
<b>Welcome Team:</b>	Peacemakers (Beatrice Wong, Uno Tai, Yahoo Wong)		
<b>Offering Counters:</b>	Imelda Choi, Josephine Kwan		
<b>Sound System:</b>	Amanda Chan, Bono Lee, Clarence Fok		

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For onsite meeting guidelines and prevention measures, [click here](#).

Worship service arrangements for extreme weather, [click here](#) for details.

## Theological Education: A Collaborative Effort among Churches and Seminaries

By Rev Wayne Cheung

The Theological Education Sunday every two years at NPAC is aimed at encouraging brothers and sisters to seek God's will on whether he/she is called to serve as full-time ministers and to get equipped in seminaries. Meanwhile, the church also wishes to take the opportunity to promote theological education. We encourage brothers and sisters to take appropriate Bible or theology courses to know God more fully and for serving Him. This is to *"equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up"* (Ephesians 4:12).

Small as it is, Hong Kong nevertheless provides many seminaries and Christian training institutions. Since the middle of the last century, various kinds of theological training have been flourishing, grooming large numbers of local pastors and missionaries. They also train up full-time and tentmaking Kingdom workers who suit the needs of the times for local and overseas Chinese populations. The seminaries and institutions also train up church leaders and lay believers. They become a blessing for our churches, the workplace and Christian organizations, and have advanced the development of theological education.

You may ask: Isn't the church done with its mission just by sending appropriate believers to seminaries to be trained as future pastors and church leaders? Now theological education is not installation work as in factories. We should not think that we only need to send people to be "processed" and then we can produce some sort of workers suited to the needs of the market. On the contrary, theological education should be training on both life and skills. It should also address the complexity and drastic changes of the era.

This is why we need even closer collaboration between churches and seminaries so that future pastors and church leaders can respond more effectively to contemporary pastoring ecology and needs upon completion of equipment and training. To achieve this goal, churches have five practical tasks:

First, churches should make a greater effort to encourage believers to serve, use their gifts and, in the process, learn to work with God. This will help them discern God's calling in the course of their lives.

Secondly, pastors and church leaders need to walk with those who serve, providing timely spiritual, emotional and practical support as well as prayers so that they will realize the importance of "close pastoring" as well as teaching by example. When these committed believers serve regularly, pastors should suggest appropriate training or theology courses for them to attend so that they can reflect on and more fully integrate their ministry experience, life of faith and their biblical and theological knowledge.

Thirdly, for those committed to nurturing others' lives, pastors can help them with spiritual direction and discernment. On the one hand, pastors can continue to support them, walk with them and watch over them. On the other hand, pastors can recommend them to join the church's Dedication Group where they can more concretely discern whether God calls them to serve as pastors.

Fourthly, pastors can help believers who are prepared to receive full-time training to know various seminaries and Christian training institutions more. This will help them make a choice after God's heart when responding to His call.

Finally, for seminarians, pastors should continue to watch over them while at the same time encourage them to share their personal experiences with those after them. That way, they would contribute to the efforts in passing on the legacy regarding equipping for faith as well as theological education to build up the body of Christ together.

Read the article online: <https://npacem.org/ps20221120/>

## Family News

### 1. Regular meetings

a. **Gatekeepers** (secondary school): Fri, 7:30-9:30pm, Rm 219

Nov 25 Treasure Room: Poverty

Dec 2 Bible Study

Dec 9 Special

16 Topical

b. **Peacemakers** (uni students & above): Fri, 8-9:45pm, Rms 217-8

Nov 25 Words from the Senior Pastor

Dec 2 Bible Study: Jeremiah

Dec 9 Prayer Meeting

16 Care packages preparation

c. **Tentmakers** (young working adults): 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sat, 5-6:45pm, Rms 217-8

Nov 26 Evaluation Meeting

Dec 10 Topical (TBC)

d. **Couples Fellowship**: Book Study: Growing Old Gracefully (Chapters 5 & 6); Sun Nov 27, 1:30-3pm, Rms 217-218; Children's Room: Rm 219

e. **Women's Fellowship**: OT Character: Moses; Sun Nov 27, 1:30-3:15pm, Rm 215

f. **Joint Adult Fellowship**: Outing (Detail TBC); Sun Dec 11, 1:30-3pm, Rms 217-218; Children's Room: Rm 219

g. **EM Prayer Meeting**: Sun morning, 8:30-9am, Rm 204

h. **Sunday School** (Children, youth and adults): Sun from 9:15-10:20am

i. **Children's Program**: For children aged 3-10 during English worship service

- CP2: Rm 219, CP3: Rm 211

### 2. Other meetings

a. **Sunday School Teachers Monthly Prayer Meetings**: Sun Dec 4, after worship service

b. **Men's Group**: Sat Dec 17 (TBC), 12:30pm

3. **Theological Education Sunday**: Believers in NPAC are encouraged to seek God's calling, prayerfully consider serving as full-time pastors and get equipped in seminary. You are also encouraged to take extension programs offered by seminaries to know God more deeply and serve God in different capacities. *For further exploration*: Talk to Rev. Stera or Pastor Lawrence.

4. **Youth Winter Camp**: What are you up to this winter? Why not join us for a great time for a day camp at church! We will have praise, devotion, Bible study, topical sharing, prayers, games, hiking, etc. It's great fellowship time with one another. *Date & Time*: Fri Dec 23, 10am-9:30pm. *Venue*: Education Centre. Bring your Bible and prepare to eat out! *Sign up*: [Fill this form](#) by Fri Dec 16. See you there! *Enquiries*: em\_youth@npac.org.hk

5. **"Health and Joy" Caring Day for Indonesian Domestic Helpers**: *Organizers*: NPAC and C&MA Indonesia Faith Church. *Activities*: Basic body check, nutrition advice, handicraft, etc. *Date & Time*: Sun Dec 11, 2:30pm, 3:15pm, 4pm (Reservation needed). *Fee*: Free. *Venue*: Living Stone, G/F, Truth Centre. *Enquiries*: Indonesia Faith Church (2503-1155 or WhatsApp 5405-0519).

6. **Art Ministry – “Lent Meditation” Photography Workshop:** Learn to use your camera to create images inspired by Lent-related Scripture passages. Your work may be selected for publication or exhibition during Lent. *Date & Time:* Mon Jan 9, 16, Feb 6, 20, Mar 6. 7:45-9pm. *Venue:* Main Church. *Instructor:* Pastor Lo Yuet Mei. If you are interested in photography and wish to join the worship, fill up the registration form from the info rack and give it to Pastor Lo via the Reception by Sun Dec 11. *Quota:* 15 persons.
7. **Faith Offering for Mission:** Our budget for Oct 1, 2022–Dec 31, 2023, is HK\$45,283,250. As of Sun Oct 16, we have received pledges totalling HK\$20,142,723 from 808 units. HK\$25,140,527 is needed to reach the target budget. Pledge Form: [bit.ly/Mission-Pledge](https://bit.ly/Mission-Pledge) (Submit by: Wed Nov 30).
- ★ **What’s at our Info Table?** NPAC newsletter, Barnabasaid, Bible reading plans, devotional materials, gospel tracts, evangelism resources, and much more!

### Prayer Corner

We pray for your personal needs, your unbelieving friends, and families. Please find and join our prayer meeting outside the A/V Room after the worship service.

### Tithe & Offering

Tithe & offering will be collected in the red offering bags at the end of the worship service at the entrance of the worship hall. Charity offering (every 4<sup>th</sup> Sun) will be collected in the green bag. Please prayerfully prepare beforehand. For other collection channels, please [click here](#).

## Prayer Items

1. *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15) “May the Holy Spirit bestow on us the wisdom and love for the word of God. We ask You to keep our minds sober in this world full of the spirit of falsehood. By Your Truth, may Your name be proclaimed and people be saved. Amen.”*
2. **Theological Education:** Pray for wisdom and perseverance for brothers and sisters studying at seminaries. Pray for God’s guidance for those considering full-time/part-time theological education and their joyful submission to the Lord’s will. Ask God to call more from NPAC to get theologically equipped to serve Him.
3. **Advent (Sun Nov 27 – Sat Dec 24):** As we look forward to the second coming of our Lord Jesus, we should also remember the joy He brought to the world two thousand years ago. Ask God to help us prepare our hearts for this Christmas and turn our eyes on Jesus. Pray that we will remember to tell our unbelieving families and friends of His good news. Pray that people who are suffering and living in sin will find true hope in this season by learning about the Lord of Christmas Day.

**Next Sun Nov 27:** Guest Speaker: Rev. Kin Louie (“Thus we know we have passed from death to life,” 1 John 3:11-24); Chairperson: Pastor Lawrence Choy; Praise Team: James and Tentmakers; Pianist: Rev. Stera Chan; Scripture Reader: Howard Liu; Welcome Team: Tentmakers (Christina Bruce, Nathaniel Bruce, Jason Li); Offering Counter: Carman Chan, Stanley Kam, Heidi Kan, Wilson Lam; PowerPoint: David Yeung.