

Spring 2024

GRADUATION MEETING

Full-time Training in London

MAKING OURSELVES READY FOR
THE LORD'S COMING BY OPENING TO HIM,
AND LOVING AND ENJOYING CHRIST
IN ORDER TO GROW IN LIFE UNTO MATURITY
TO BE HIS BRIDE

*Because out from Him and through Him
and to Him are all things.*

To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

Romans 11:36

8 June 2024

PROGRAMME



Hymn 1

Opening Prayers

Welcoming Word

Hymn 2 and Testimonies from Under-term Trainees

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A Departing Word to Graduates from Brother Witness Lee

Concluding Word

Presentation of Certificates

Closing Prayers

Announcements

Jonathan Bonicel

Set me as a seal on your heart, / As a seal on your arm; / For love is as strong as death, / Jealousy is as cruel as Sheol...

Song of Songs 8:6

Ricky Chan

If indeed you have heard of the stewardship of the grace of God which was given to me for you.

Ephesians 3:2

Kelly Chan

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, / Look full in His wonderful face, / And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, / In the light of His glory and grace.

Hymns, 645 chorus

Sharon-Lu Dong

Always rejoice.

1 Thessalonians 5:16

Matthias Glaser

Looking away unto Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down on the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

Julio Gómez

My beloved is like a gazelle.../ Now he stands behind our wall; / He is looking through the windows, / He is glancing through the lattice.

Song of Songs 2:9

José Nicolás Ibarra

My Christ, the all-inclusive One, / My Christ what shall I call? / He is the first, He is the last, / My Christ is All in all.

Hymns, 510 stanza 14

Leah Ibarra

All in all forever, / Only Christ I'll sing; / Everything is in Christ, / And Christ is everything.

Hymns, 513 chorus

Gianni Lim

Death operates in us, but life in you.

2 Corinthians 4:12

Esther Lim

He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:17

We enjoy Him just by calling in simplicity.

Hymns, 1142

Hanitra Raliarimanana

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God and not out of us.

2 Corinthians 4:7

Miriam Seitz

I would give myself, Lord, / Fully unto Thee, / That Thy heart's desire / Be fulfilled in me.

Hymns, 841

Rainbow Yeung

Not that I have already obtained or am already perfected, but I pursue, if even I may lay hold of that for which I also have been laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:12

Xiaomin Zhang

He awakens me morning by morning; / He awakens my ear / To hear as an instructed one.

Isaiah 50:4

FROM THE MINISTRY

If the return of the Lord should be delayed, it will be necessary to raise up a number of young people to continue the testimony and the work for the following generations...My thought is not to establish a seminary or a Bible institute, but to have young people staying together to live the Body life and practice the spiritual life. In such a place they would receive training for the purpose of edification, by learning to read the Scripture, to pray, and to build up a good character. On the negative side, there would be training for the purpose of learning how to deal with sin, the world, the flesh, and the natural life. At a suitable time, the young people would return to their respective churches in various places to be tempered together with other saints to serve the Lord in the church.

Watchman Nee

This is my burden. I must finish my responsibility before the Lord to make the Lord's revelation in the holy Word as clear as I can to all of us. I must continue to present what the Lord has shown us from the beginning of the Lord's recovery in mainland China through Brother Nee until the present time.

I am also burdened to train some young saints, not with the expectation that they all will become lifelong full-timers to serve the Lord. But we do have an expectation that many of the young college graduates among us will spend either one or two years of time to learn something of the Lord, that is, to learn the Word and to learn the lessons in life. After such a training they may decide to go back to continue their schooling, or they may go back to get a job. Of course, by having such a training some will be tested out and approved to be lifelong full-time servants of the Lord.

Witness Lee

THE PURPOSE OF THE TRAINING

1. To build up the trainees in Christ in the growth of His life unto maturity—Eph. 4:15; Col. 1:28.
2. To equip the trainees in the realisation of the divine truths according to the Scriptures by the revelation of the Holy Spirit—2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:18.
3. To raise up the trainees in the cultivation of their spiritual capacity in the preaching of the gospel, the nourishing of the young believers, the perfecting of the saints, and the prophesying of the word of God for the building up of the local churches, consummating in the building up of the Body of Christ—Matt. 28:19; 1 Thes. 2:7; Eph. 4:12; 1 Cor. 14:1.

THE GOAL OF THE TRAINING

1. To reach the highest peak of the divine revelation—God becoming a man that man may become God in life and in nature, but not in the Godhead—Eph. 3:3-11; John 1:1, 14; Heb. 2:14; John 1:12-13; Eph. 1:4; Rom. 8:29-30; 2 Pet. 1:4; Matt. 4:10; cf. Acts 14:12, 15.
2. To reach the high peak of today's Zion (the overcomers) in today's Jerusalem (the church)—Rev. 14:1.
3. To reach the reality of the Body of Christ by living a life conformed to Christ's death in the power of His resurrection—Phil. 3:10.

HYMN 1

- 1 My King will soon come back again,
The sky be filled with Him;
The universe to be redeemed
Will see His light therein.
The Lord will soon fulfill His plan,
His footsteps now I hear;
His glorious frame I faintly see
Beginning to appear.
- 2 I'm longing for His presence blest
And dare not slothful be
While waiting for my Lord's return,
His own dear self to see.
My only hope—that He may come
And change my faith to sight;
There is no other joy on earth
Which gives my heart delight.
- 3 My heart is always with Himself,
My eyes are heavenward,
My lips would utter nothing else
Than meeting with my Lord.
The coming of the Lord draws nigh,
His coming is for me;
His promise ever standeth firm
And soon fulfilled I'll see.
- 4 My Savior, all Thy holy words
Can never doubted be;
With them encouraged day by day,
I'm faithful unto Thee.
Oh, may Thy glory soon appear,
The foe be overthrown;
Thy promises be realized,
And we brought to Thy throne.

HYMN 1

- 5 Thy saving arm a refuge is,
My Savior God, to me;
Thou as the Father keepeth them
Who put their trust in Thee.
The sheep and shepherd are of one,
The head and body same;
None e'er can pluck from out Thy hand
The child who trusts Thy Name.
- 6 A thousand hands won't hinder me,
Nor will ten thousand eyes;
The thorns upon the road but help
Me onward to the prize.
Arise, my spirit and my heart,
And let the world go by;
The Lord of life will take me soon
To be with Him on high.
- 7 Thou healing sun! Thou hope of man!
I really love Thy ray.
Oh, righteous Lord! oh, glorious King!
I bow to Thee and pray:
Oh, may Thou soon ascend Thy throne
And quickly show Thy face;
Thy heav'nly kingdom may Thou found
And grant all men Thy grace.
- 8 The truth should triumph and be king,
And freedom should be queen;
But falsehood, which has rampant run,
Head of the world be seen.
We ask Thee, Truth, to quickly come
And bring Thy light from heav'n;
The foe be crushed and all Thy sons
Into Thy bosom giv'n.

(Hymns, 960)

HYMN 2

- 1 Be Thou supreme, O Jesus Christ,
Nor creed, nor form, nor word,
Nor holy Church, nor human love,
Compare with Thee, my Lord!
- 2 Be Thou supreme, O Jesus Christ,
Thy love has conquered me;
Beneath Thy Cross I die to self,
And live alone to Thee.
- 3 Be Thou supreme, O Jesus Christ,
My inmost being fill;
So shall I think as Thou dost think,
And will as Thou dost will.
- 4 Be Thou supreme, O Jesus Christ,
Thy life transfigure mine;
And through this veil of mortal flesh,
Lord, let Thy splendor shine.
- 5 Be Thou supreme, O Jesus Christ,
My soul exults in Thee;
To be Thy slave, to do Thy will,
Is my felicity.

(Hymns, 367)

HYMN 3

- 1 Rejoice! Rejoice! Our Bridegroom's coming,
And the time will not be long
Before we hail that wedding morning
And lift up the glad new song.

Oh, wondrous day! Oh, glorious morning,
When the Christ we love shall come:
With vessels filled and lamps all burning
Let us welcome His return.
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And lift up the glad new song.
- 2 Oh, let us now redeem each moment,
More the precious oil to buy,
And have our vessels filled with ointment
Ere we hear the midnight cry.
- 3 Oh, what a joy it is preparing
For our wedding with the Lord,
E'en in the tribulations sharing
For the bliss of such reward!
- 4 Oh, with what rapture and rejoicing
Shall the wedding day begin;
And then a thousand years of dining
At the marriage feast with Him!

(Hymns, 1315)

PRESENTATION VERSES AND HYMNS

Hymns, 960, stanza 2

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And dare not slothful be
While waiting for my Lord's return,
His own dear self to see.
My only hope — that He may come
And change my faith to sight;
There is no other joy on earth
Which gives my heart delight.

Hymns, 1229, stanza 1

The church is Christ's deep longing
And His good pleasure too.
His every word and action
Is made with her in view.
His heart's love is established,
And nought can Him deter;
Before the earth's foundation
His thoughts were filled with her.

Hymns, 1099, stanza 4

In clothing too embroidered
She'll to the King be led,
In that fine linen garment
To be exhibited.
'Tis by the Spirit's stitching
That Christ in us is wrought,
And with this glorious garment
We'll to the King be brought.

PRESENTATION VERSES AND HYMNS

Hymns, 1310, stanzas 1 & 2

- 1 The Lord is longing for His Bride,
All glorious within.
His heart will then be satisfied
When she is fit for Him.
- 2 'Tis by the Word the church is made
Holy and pure as He;
All spots and wrinkles it removes
That she His Bride may be.

Hymns, 1241, stanzas 13 & 14

- 13 A city pleasant, comely, too;
No greater building, this!
So beautiful, yet to the foe
A conq'ring army 'tis!
- 14 As we eat Jesus, praise the Lord,
The transformation's done,
Until at last, the work's complete —
Christ and His Bride are one!

PRESENTATION VERSES AND HYMNS

Rev. 21:2

And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Hymns, 1315, stanza 1 and chorus

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

Holding the Bible as the complete and only divine revelation, we strongly believe that God is eternally one and also eternally the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, the three being distinct but not separate.

We hold that Christ is both the complete God and the perfect man. Without abandoning His divinity, He was conceived in the womb of a human virgin, lived a genuine human life on earth, and died a vicarious and all-inclusive death on the cross. After three days He resurrected bodily and has ascended to the heavens. He is now in glory, fully God but still fully man. We look to His imminent return with the kingdom of God, by which He will reign over the earth in the millennium and in eternity.

We confess that the third of the Trinity, the Spirit, is equally God. All that the Father has and is, is expressed by the Son; and all that the Son has and is, is realized as the Spirit.

We further believe that mankind is in need of God's salvation. Though we were absolutely unable to fulfill the heavy demands of God's righteousness, holiness, and glory, Christ fulfilled all the requirements through His death on the cross. Because of Christ's death, God has forgiven us of our sins, justified us by making Christ our righteousness, and reconciled us to Himself.

Based on Christ's redemption, God regenerates the redeemed with His Spirit to consummate His salvation, that they may become His children. Now possessing God's life and nature, the believers enjoy a daily salvation in His Body in this age and the eternal salvation in the coming age and in eternity. In eternity we will dwell with God in the New Jerusalem, the consummation of God's salvation of His elect.