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我們需要「澳神」

董事會副主席 張明俊牧師

作為一個在西方社會裏生活了五十年的過來人，我曾目睹過不少同胞的移民和海外華人教會的增長。當教會增長，對會眾牧養和教牧人員的需求也同時變得逼切。「澳神」的設立，就是為了滿足這個需求。讓我們同心禱告，祈求儘快開展全時間學員的培訓，以解所需。

因為移民條例收緊的緣故，從海外呼召教牧來澳現在是比以前困難得多了。而且，就是「成功」地從海外呼召了教牧，他是否真的適合本地教會也沒有保證。一旦教牧跟會眾間的配合不如理想（這情況並不罕見），雙方就會解約，而教會便得重新等待，並且可能等得更久。

對一個多年來曾經積極參與在海外尋覓教牧的人來說，我很能夠理解為什麼我們逼切地需要像澳神這樣的神學院，以訓練牧者，來滿足在西方文化背景下海外華人教會的需要。經驗告訴我，華人教會對教牧有以下的期望：

- 一、教會期望牧者不單具有神學學歷，更要有屬靈領導能力。（我們都知道具神學學歷不就等同有屬靈素質或屬靈領導能力。）我們相信澳神可以同時做到這兩點，因為澳神的宗旨就是神學和靈性並重，而且特別著重培養學員的屬靈品格。
- 二、華人教會期望牧者不但工作勤奮，更能在言語、行為和信心上作信徒的榜樣。很多獨立華人教會都是由一群熱心的「平信徒」發起成立的。他們為教會無償地奉獻、辛勤地服侍，同時也形成了一種不言而喻的期望，就是牧者也要抱著同樣的態度去事奉。

三、華人教會期望牧者具有良好的人際關係技巧，能夠跟平信徒領袖——如部門領袖、長老、執事——合作愉快。在中華文化中，和諧關係至為寶貴，其對教會增長以至福音推展的重要性毋容低估。澳神將會設立導師制，邀請有經驗的牧者為學員作指導。

四、華人教會期望牧者是一個好的講道者。在悉尼的英語神學院固然在英語講道上提供了很好的訓練，但澳神的中文講道學課程在中文講道的培訓上將有所貢獻。在教會崇拜中，講道是佔了中心位置，而在信徒生活上，神的話語更是不可或缺。因此，澳神在這方面所貢獻的價值將是無法估計的。

澳神的承諾，就是要滿足以上所說的，甚或未提及的需要。我們會在教會領導和事工的範疇內，探討中華文化因素的影響。雖然學位課程的必修學科將以英語教授，但有一些學科則會用中文教授。此外，也有跟中華文化有關的科目，由具資格的華人教牧以中文教授，以促進學員的理解，並提高他們將來在中華文化背景下事奉的能力。

澳神的另一重要目標是要培養學員的牧者心腸，要作好的隊工，按各人的屬靈恩賜和訓練謙卑地參與和付出。

請你同心為澳神禱告，祈求我們的期望和承諾得以成真，訓練工人為主所用，榮耀主名。阿門。

感謝 神帶領李志強弟兄及詹友良弟兄參與澳神院訊的翻譯及校對工作；葉寶揚弟兄幫忙會計事工，還有許多弟兄姊妹參與不同的事工，感恩不盡。「耶和華以勒」，祂必預備！

鳴謝

最新消息

◆ 感謝主，本院申請澳洲神學協會認可開辦學位課程已於五月十八日原則上批准，待本院呈交「經營計劃」並通過後即可作實。

◆ 貴會如歡迎本院代表到訪講道並介紹「澳神」，請與拓展主任馮約瑟牧師聯絡或電郵至 develop@ctca.org.au

◆ 為使用網上理財服務，我們已將銀行戶口轉往 Westpac Bank，新戶口號碼為 032-080-29-0867，敬請垂注。

代禱事項

- ✦ 請為董事會成員代禱，求主賜他們智慧，策劃學院的發展。
- ✦ 為本院的招生工作代禱，求主揀選報讀聖工學士或道學碩士的學生。
- ✦ 請為本院經費代禱，求主感動更多朋友大力支持。
- ✦ 請為本院正在進行申請「校舍基金」及「圖書基金」奉獻能獲稅局審批扣稅認可事宜代禱。
- ✦ 請為設立圖書館及預備圖書一事代禱

澳神院董知多少? 陳鍾春蘭女士

陳鍾春蘭女士生於香港，早在 1966 年來雪梨讀書，後在此定居。她一家蒙神賜福，育有三名子女及兩名孫子。多年來，她一直在西雪梨華人基督教會聚會及在執事會事奉，至今在教會內仍十分活躍。

早在十五年前，眼看大批中國學生來澳讀書，許多更接受福音，歸入主內。陳太太深受感動，而神亦在她心中燃起中國事工之熱火。她深知把神的道好好餵養這些蒙神光照的學生，他們日後便可返國內「傳好信息」。在與黃彼得牧師傾談過後，要成立一所華人神學院，以華語教學的異象明現眼前。神學院的目的為培訓學員，讓他們可返國內作福音的使者。為此自本院創校以來，陳太太不遺餘力參與「澳神」神學教育的事工。



急徵圖書

為預備明年可以開設兩科學位課程選修科，本院圖書館必須於七月底前集齊足夠數量的該類圖書(中、英皆可)。該兩科為「中國教會歷史」及「澳洲中國教會事奉觀」，其內容如下所列。弟兄姊妹如有合適書籍，歡迎捐贈或暫借給本院，請與梁太(0425-342-552) 聯絡。如有感動，更歡迎奉獻支持圖書基金。

中國教會歷史

- 概論
- 特定時期
- 特別課題(教會體制，文化影響，及宣教歷史等)
- 中國教會各宗派歷史
- 中國本色神學的發展

澳洲中國教會事奉觀

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| 教會結構 | 教會的領導和行政 |
| 聖工人員的靈性 | 基督教輔導 |
| 基督教教育 | 福音傳播和宣教工作 |
| 多元化堂會/年代/不同年紀事工 | |
| 不同文化背景間的溝通事工 | |
| 聖禮(神學與實踐) | 崇拜(神學與實踐) |
| 教會復興 | 小型教會的牧養 |

羅陳恩麗女士 (Belinda) 生於中國內地並在香港成長，家人均為熱心基督徒，以致她早在十三歲時已決志信主。中學畢業後，她在香港受訓，並取得護士及助產士的專業資格；其後更在坎培拉完成社區康護訓練。她曾在香港、美國和澳洲等地任職護士。



羅太太於 1972 年離港赴美，繼而在 1976 年移居坎培拉與羅業華先生結婚。其後為照顧小孩而離開職場五年之久，期間接受語言、電腦及圖書管理訓練。在過去二十年間，她曾任職於澳洲國立大學圖書館、雪梨科技大學圖書館及麥格理(Macquarie) 大學圖書館。

Belinda 一家為回應神的呼召 — 去服事華人教會，於是舉家遷來雪梨。現在她每週於麥格理大學圖書館工作兩天，其餘日子為主作工。羅家現於雪梨華人基督教會(Milson's Point) 聚會，而羅先生亦於該會擔任義務傳道。他們育有一子一女。

羅太太是神學院的義務圖書館主任，專責發展圖書館，為籌辦開設學位課程作好預備工作。

澳神同工介紹

羅陳恩麗女士

2009 年第三季 證書暨文憑課程

『團隊事奉』 — 必修科 (信徒領袖證書課程)，四學分

講師：羅德麟牧師 [香港中國神學研究院道學碩士，美國國際神學研究院神學碩士，美國改革宗神學院教學博士；寶活華人長老會主任牧師，本院董事會主席。]

語言：國語 [普通話] [可用粵語發問]

日期：七月四，十一，十八日；

八月一，八，十五，二十二日

時間：(週六)下午 2 時至 5 時，共七講 [21 小時]

地點：寶活華人長老會

『新約概覽』 — 必修科，四學分

講師：黃彼得牧師 [本院院長]

語言：國語 [普通話] [可用粵語發問]

日期：八月十一，十八日；九月一日至十月六日

時間：(週二)上午 10 時至下午 12 時半，共八講

地點：華澳浸信會展愛堂

報名表格可於在本院網站「下載區」下載

靠著神的恩典和供應，本人願意支持澳神事工：

By God's grace, I would like to support CTCA:

- 神學院經常費 General fund 購置神學院校址基金 Campus building fund 購買圖書基金 Library fund

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電話(住宅) Tel (Home) : (_____) _____ 手電 Mobile _____

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Please make a cheque payable to “Chinese Theological College Australia” and return with this form to us.

直接存入戶口(Westpac Banking Corporation 032-080-29-0867)，存款後請將收據及此表格一併寄回本院。

Direct deposit into Westpac Banking Corporation 032-080-29-0867 and return the deposit slip with this form to us.

請支持澳神事工 Please support CTCA

Belinda was born in China and grew up in Hong Kong in a devoted Christian family. She accepted Jesus Christ as her personal saviour at the tender age of thirteen. After graduating from high school, she entered nursing training in Hong Kong and obtained qualifications in general nursing and midwifery. She later completed training in community health nursing in Canberra. She has worked in the nursing profession in Hong Kong, US and Australia until 1983.

Our Librarian—

Mrs. Belinda Law

Belinda left Hong Kong in 1972 for the United States, and later migrated to Canberra in 1976 to marry Mr. Yip Wah Law. She took a five-year break from work in order to take care of her children. During this time she undertook training in languages, computing and finally librarianship. She has worked at the Australian National University Library, the University of Technology Sydney Library and the Macquarie University Library for the past 20 years.

Belinda moved to Sydney with her husband in response to God's calling to serve the Chinese churches here. At present, she works two days at Macquarie University in order to have the other days free to serve our Lord. The Laws are now serving at Chinese Christian Church (Milson's Point) where Yip Wah serves as an honorary pastor. They have been blessed with a son and a daughter; both of them are still at home.

Belinda is our honorary Chief Librarian, helping the College to setup the Library in preparation of providing theological degree programs.



Meet a Director in 3 minutes ~



Mrs. Pamela Chan

Mrs. Pamela Chan was born in Hong Kong. She came to Sydney for further education in 1966 and she later got married and settled down here. The Lord has blessed her with a family of three children and two grand children. For many years, she has been worshipping at the West Sydney Chinese Christian Church and has served as a Deaconess. At present, she is still an active member there.

Since about 15 years ago, there was an influx of overseas students from mainland China into Australia. Many of these students received the Gospel and were converted. This has deeply impressed Mrs. Chan and the Lord stirred up the passion for China ministry in her. She saw the great need of equipping the converted Chinese students with the word of God and sending them back to China as "missionaries". After discussing with Rev Wongso, the vision became clear that a Chinese Theological College is needed to train them in their own language. The aim is to equip graduates to return and work in China as ambassadors of the Gospel. Because of this conviction and urgent need, Mrs. Chan commits herself to the ministry of CTCA since the beginning of the College.



Appeal for Library Books

To get ready for offering two elective degree courses next year, our Library must by July hold a sufficient collection on these two subjects - 'Chinese Church History' and 'Ministry to the Chinese churches in Australia'. The topics of these courses are listed below. If you have books (Chinese or English) of related topics and can donate or loan to us, please contact Mrs. Iris Leung on 0425-342-552. Donation to our Library fund is most welcome.

Chinese Church History

- Overview
- Specific period
- Special topic (church polity, cultural influence, and mission history etc.)
- Denominational history in Chinese churches
- Development of indigenous Chinese theology

Ministry to the

Chinese churches in Australia

- Ecclesiastical structure
- Church leadership and administration
- Spirituality of Christian workers
- Christian counseling
- Christian education
- Multi-congregation/multi-generation ministry
- Cross-cultural communication and ministry
- Evangelism and Mission
- Sacraments (theology and practice)
- Worship (theology and practice)
- Church revival
- Ministry to small congregations

Acknowledgement

Praise the Lord for calling brother Terry Lee and Yau-Leung Tsim to help translation and proof reading for the CTCA Newsletter; brother Amborse Yip to help on accounting and many other brothers and sisters to work on different areas of the College. "Jehovah-jireh!" The Lord Will Provide.

Term 3 - 2009 Diploma and Certificate courses

Enrollment forms can be downloaded from our website

Team Ministry

(Core for Certificate program in Ministry , 4 credit points)
Lecturer : Rev. Dr. Dennis Law

(Rev. Dr. Law obtained Master degrees in Divinity and Theology and Doctor of Ministry from the Reformed Theological Seminary, USA. He is the Senior Pastor of Burwood Chinese Presbyterian Church and is the Chairman of the Board of CTCA)

Language: Mandarin (Putonghua)

Date : 4/7- 18/7/2009 ; 1/8-22/8/2009

Time: Saturday afternoons from 2 p.m.-5 p.m. [21hours]

Venue: Burwood Chinese Presbyterian Church

Introduction to New Testament

(Core, 4 credit points)

Lecturer : Rev. Dr. Peter Wongso (Principal of CTCA)

Language: Mandarin (Putonghua)

Date : 11/8 - 18/8/2009 ; 1/9 - 6/10/2009

Time: Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Venue: Chinese & Australian Baptist Church
(1 Reserve Street, West Ryde)



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WE NEED CTCA



As someone who has been living in the West for the past 51 years, I have witnessed the migration of our people and the growth of the overseas Chinese churches. As the churches multiplied, the need of more pastors to care for the flock becomes urgent. To meet that need, CTCA has now become a reality. Let us pray that the training of full-time students for the ministry may begin soon.

To call a pastor from overseas is more difficult now, as immigration rules become stricter. Moreover, even when a pastor is “successfully” called from overseas, his suitability for a given church is in no way guaranteed. When a good match between pastor and people is not found (as not infrequently happened), termination of call occurred, and the church is left waiting again, maybe for a long time.

As one who has been actively involved in the difficulty of searching for pastors from overseas for many years, I can see the urgent need of a theological college, such as CTCA, to train pastors to meet the need of overseas Chinese churches in the Western cultural setting. In my experience the following are what Chinese churches are looking for in a pastor:

Firstly, they are looking for a pastor who is qualified theologically and who can provide spiritual leadership in the church. (We all know that theological qualification is not equivalent to spirituality nor spiritual leadership.) We believe CTCA will be able to meet this need, as it is the declared aim of CTCA to train students both theologically and spiritually, paying special attention to their spiritual formation.

Secondly, the Chinese churches are looking for a pastor who is willing to work hard for the church and sets a good example in speech, conduct and faith. As many of the independent Chinese churches were formed by enthusiastic “laymen” who were willing to give sacrificially and serve diligently, there is an unspoken expectation that the pastor will demonstrate the same spirit in his ministry.

Vice Chairman of the Board :

Rev. Charles Cheung

Thirdly, the Chinese churches are looking for a pastor who has good relational skills and who is able to work well with the lay-leaders such as department heads and elders and deacons. A harmonious relationship is highly treasured in the Chinese culture and its importance for church development and the advancement of the gospel cannot be overemphasized. CTCA will set up a mentoring system for the students in which some experienced senior pastors will be invited to be mentors.

Fourthly, the Chinese churches are looking for a pastor who is a good preacher. As far as preaching training in English is concerned, it is well catered for by the English theological colleges in Sydney. CTCA will be able to offer precious help in the Chinese area, as there will be a homiletics course in Chinese. As preaching occupies a central position in church worship and the word of God indispensable for the Christian life, the contribution of CTCA will be incalculable in this area.

CTCA has committed itself to meeting the above needs and others not mentioned here. The Chinese cultural factor in church leadership and in ministry will be explored. Even though the core subjects of a degree course will be taught in English, there will be selected subjects conducted in Chinese. There will also be Chinese culture-related subjects taught in Chinese by qualified experienced Chinese Pastors to enhance the understanding and effectiveness of students for their future ministry in the Chinese cultural context.

Another key aim of CTCA is to train students to have a pastoral heart, serving well as a good team-mate and contributing humbly according to their spiritual gifts and training.

Please pray for CTCA that our wishes and commitments may become a reality, that CTCA will be used by the Lord to train workers, and to glorify God's name. **AMEN.**

News update

♣ Praise the Lord, our application for accreditation from the Australian College of Theology was approved in principle on 18th May, confirmation depending on our submission of the College Business Plan.

♣ Any requests for deputation are to go through our Director of College Development, Rev. Joseph Fung or email to develop@ctca.org.au

♣ To be able to use internet banking services, we have changed our bank account to Westpac Bank, account number is **032-080-29-0867**.

Please use this new bank account for donation or fee payments.

PRAYER POINTS

✚ Please pray that the board members will have wisdom in planning the future development of the college.

✚ Pray for recruitment of students, that the Lord will call people to enrol for the Bachelor of Ministry or Master of Divinity program.

✚ Pray that many fellow Christians may share the vision of providing a Chinese Theological College in Sydney.

✚ Pray that we can obtain the Deductible Gift Recipient status from ATO for our ‘School Building Fund’ and our ‘Library Fund’.

✚ Pray for setting up of the College Library and acquisition of library collections.