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He works with churches and Christian organisations in addressing social issues and alleviating poverty in India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands. His experience in holistic missions started in a community in Aceh, Indonesia, that was ravaged by the 2004 tsunami. He was involved in the rehabilitation of the livelihood and education sectors that was disrupted by the tsunami.

Eu-Lee worships at Cornerstone Community Church with his wife Lydia and 2 boys.

INTEGRAL MISSION, EVANGELISM AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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Integral mission started with the apostles but we are indebted to our Latin American brethren for naming the theology which responded to their dire social problems. Evangelical theologians, recognising that their theological studies in Western seminaries were unable to provide a response they needed, produced a contextual theology called mision integral or integral mission which emphasised, and provided equal weightage for, both the social action and proclamation of the gospel. It was also in response to the Liberation Theology that had several shortcomings, chiefly on the unbalanced emphasis on political action, without offering the gospel that brings hope and transforms people.

It is common to acknowledge that there is a social dimension to evangelism but the relationship between the two is a point of controversy between evangelical Christians. On the one hand, it is common to treat social improvements as a result of successful evangelism. A cause following an action. Hence, a priority of evangelism over social action and this has shaped much of theology in

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churches over the course of history. On the other hand, social action can also be seen as the means towards evangelism. In both cases there is the primacy of evangelism with social action being the result of or the means to evangelism. Neither describes integral mission adequately which emphasises evangelism and social action being both sides of the same coin, to be expressed equally.

Unfortunately in too many circles, the prevailing understanding of the role of the church in missions is producing faithful followers with only one goal in mind – to proclaim the gospel and save as many souls as possible. There is little concern for the lived reality of people. However, salvation must not be viewed from an individualistic nor spiritual dimension only but from a Christological framework encompassing Christ's incarnation, early life, death, resurrection, parousia such that the praxis of Jesus provides us a model for our mission. Jesus' mandate in Luke 4:18-19 serves as a reminder how physical, social and spiritual transformation is the goal of the Kingdom.

Evangelism and social responsibility must be held in tension such that one doesn't dominate the other leading to a spiritualised faith on the one hand and a humanistic philosophy on the other. They are not mutually exclusive. Our evangelism has social consequences and our social involvement has evangelistic consequences. The latter is especially true in areas antagonistic to Christianity, where the only opportunity to bear witness is borne out of responding to the need of others. Bryant Myers asserts that our social involvement provokes questions to which the gospel is the answer.

Christian love cannot be reduced to evangelism alone, but must find concrete expression in the midst of the sociopolitical realities of life. Both the vertical and horizontal dimensions of the Lord's command to love God and neighbour are to be lived out simultaneously. With social activism on the rise, we must avoid repeating mistakes of the past by not introducing the Good News to others. And in our enthusiasm to evangelise, we must not neglect the physical needs of others and to do 'good works such that others may glorify God.'

The Micah Conversation is taking place on 19-20 July 2019.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

EARLY SCHOOL CLOSING

29 July The school will be closing early at 5:00pm for the Induction of the New Principal

CHANGE IN AUDIT FEES

Beginning July 1, 2019, BGST Audit Fees will increase to \$120 per 1.5 credit module and \$240 per 3.0 credit module, respectively.

CREDIT TRANSFER POLICY UPDATES

Effective July 1, 2019, students can transfer up to 50% of the credits required for a BGST MCS or MDiv programme, subject to the curriculum requirements of each programme. Further exemptions may be considered on a case by case basis. For more details, contact registration@bgst.edu.sg.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

BGST LIBRARY HAS JUST GROWN TEN TIMES BIGGER!

We are pleased to announce that BGST has become a co-owner of the Digital Theological Library (DTL) from 1 Jul 2019. Through this annual subscription service, students can have access to more than 400,000 books and 27 million journal articles. **To visit the DTL, see <http://libguides.thedtl.org/home>.** With this new change, we are making revisions to our BGST Access **Membership (BAM) fees. (Please see announcement details [here](#))**

Announcement:

With effect from 1 July 2019, BGST has introduced the BGST Access Membership (BAM). With your BAM, you will be able to access BGST's physical library and digital book resources, thus benefiting from thousands of print books, digital books and journals. There are two types of BAMs.

- **BAM (Basic):** Provides access to our print library and Overdrive digital resources. The annual fee is \$50. This is available for audit students and the general public.
- **BAM (Advanced):** Includes BAM (Basic) privileges, and the new Digital Theological Library (DTL). This is a collection of more than 400,000 digital books and 27 million articles. The annual fee is \$130. Subscription is mandatory for all credit and programme students and optional for audit students.

Due to the generosity of our donors, we are able to waive the fees for BAM (Basic) for 12-months until 30 June 2020. For BGST students interested to use DTL from 1 Jul 2019 to 30 June 2020, it is available at a one-time fee of \$80. You can subscribe by emailing lib@bgst.edu.sg

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A NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH BAKKE GRADUATE UNIVERSITY (BGU)

BGST is proud to announce a new partnership with **Bakke Graduate University (BGU)**. BGU is a global institution that strengthens leaders who steward resources with and for vulnerable people and places, by means of contextual, Christian-based education innovatively delivered throughout the urban world.

The partnership is designed to:

- provide a way to serve BGST alumni and Christian executives in Singapore who desire a doctoral program that will further their career in business, organisational leadership, government service or ministry to people in the marketplace.
- allow Christians to take a postgraduate certificate in marketplace theology and leadership that offer them a flexible and global learning environment, and allows them to progress to either BGU or BGST's postgraduate programs.

To this end BGST will

1. inform the BGST community of opportunities available at BGU, particularly the Doctor in Transformational Leadership (DTL), and
2. offer a 12-credit Graduate Certificate in Transformational Leadership (GCTL) which can be taken at either the Masters or Doctorate levels. The Certificate will be jointly awarded by BGU and BGST, thus named the BGU-BGST GCTL.

The GCTL is expected to launch in January 2020, so stay tuned.

More info about the BGU DTL: www.bgu.edu/admissions-tuition/dtl/



DR LAI PAK WAH

BGST Principal
Lecturer

(Church History &
Historical Theology)

BGST IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE INDUCTION OF DR LAI PAK WAH AS THE NEW PRINCIPAL

BGST is pleased to announce the induction of Dr Lai Pak Wah as the new Principal. BGST thanks Dr Philip Satterthwaite for his 8.5 years of faithful service as Principal, and prays that God will grant him a smooth transition into his new role as Registrar. BGST looks forward to this new chapter and prays that God will walk alongside Dr Lai and the BGST team as they continue to seek His will for the school.

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO THE INDUCTION CEREMONY OF DR LAI


Monday, 29 July 2019

Dinner 6:30 pm, Ceremony 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Prinsep Street Presbyterian Church
77 Prinsep St, Singapore 188649

Registration is free bit.ly/bgstinduction



A photograph of a library office and counters. In the foreground, there is a curved wooden counter with a laptop displaying a website, a telephone, and a small sign that says "SELF CHECK-IN RETURNING STATION". Behind the counter, there is a desk with a computer monitor, a lamp, and some books. On the wall, there are several framed pictures, including a red fish and a purple flower. To the right, there is a wooden chair with an orange and white striped cushion. The background shows a staircase and a wall with more framed pictures.

CHANGES TO THE LIBRARY TO SERVE YOU BETTER!

THE LIBRARY OFFICE AND COUNTERS HAVE BEEN RELOCATED TO LEVEL 1

To enable students to pick up or return books after BGST library's office hours, we are introducing a **book drop cum collection service outside the school entrance.**

Returning Books: To return books after office hours, please notify Daisy by email (simd@bgst.edu.sg) or call the library staff at 62276815 (x 210 or x 222). You will be provided with the number lock combination. Please pack all your items in a bag before depositing them in the cabinet.

Borrowing Books: To borrow books, please email (1) the book title(s) and (2) the call number(s) to simd@bgst.edu.sg. Once they are ready for collection, the books will be checked out to you and placed in the same cabinet. The number lock combination will be provided and you can find them in a bag with your name attached.



Kindly lock the
cabinet after use

THIS SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO YOU WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JULY.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

BOOK LAUNCH / 20 JUL (SAT)

Men for Christ: Living out Our Faith Vol. II
9:00 am - 11:15 am @ Mt Carmel BP Church
Open to All. No registration required

MICAH CONVERSATION 2019 / 19-20 JUL

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm (19 Jul)
9:00 am - 6:00 pm (20 Jul)
@Covenant Presbyterian Church
tiny.cc/micahconversation

INDUCTION OF THE NEW BGST PRINCIPAL / 29 JUL (MON)

6:30 pm (Dinner), 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm (Ceremony)
@ Prinsep St Presbyterian Church
bit.ly/bgstinduction

UK CHURCH HISTORY TOUR / 7-18 AUG

"BGST CHURCH HISTORY TOUR 3: THE SPIRITUAL
LEGACY OF BRITISH CHRISTIANITY"
@ United Kingdom
Email **laipw@bgst.edu.sg**

SEMINAR / 30-31 AUG (FRI-SAT)

"PASTORAL APPROACHES SEMINARS"
Speakers from Journey Singapore and Journey Canada
9:00 am - 4:00 pm @ Prinsep St Presbyterian Church
bit.ly/paseminar

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BOOK CORNER SPECIALS JUL 19

~~\$18³⁰~~ **\$12⁸⁵**



REBOOTED BY TIM GOUGH

Are you passionate about growing youth ministry for the long haul? Tim Gough takes us on an expositional journey through the Bible as he sees it relating to youth work, pulling out purposeful themes through key stories and passages. He offers guidelines which can be used by any leader as he casts this strong, healthy biblical vision to inspire us.

THE RULE OF LOVE BY JONATHAN LEEMAN

Our culture's view of love—with no boundaries or judgments or conditions—justifies whatever our hearts want and whatever our hearts feel, rejecting any authority that gets in the way. Falsely heralded as the only path to true selfexpression and self-realization, this kind of love diminishes—if not completely redefines—the holy love of God revealed in the Bible.

In this book, Jonathan Leeman directs us toward a biblical definition of love by answering critical questions: How is love commonly misunderstood? What is God's love like and why is it offensive? And how does all of this relate to the church? In an age of consumerism, individualism, and tribalism, Leeman demonstrates how God showcases his holy love and authority to a watching world through the lives of his people living in true community with one another as the church.

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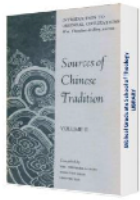
How the Local Church Should Reflect
God's Love and Authority



Jonathan Leeman

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LIBRARY NEW BOOKS



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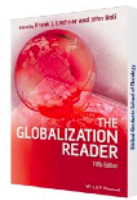
*China-Civilizations-
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SMART FAITH: LOVING YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR MIND

Moreland, James Porter

*Faith & Reason-
Christianity*



THE GLOBALIZATION READER

Lechner, Frank J.

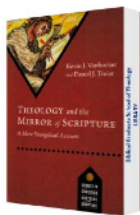
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THE GOOD GOD: REDISCOVERING THE GOSPEL

Koe, John

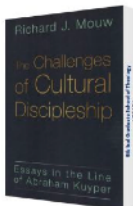
Jesus Christ-Teachings



THEOLOGY AND THE MIRROR OF SCRIPTURE: A MERE EVANGELICAL ACCOUNT

Vanhoozer, Kevin J.

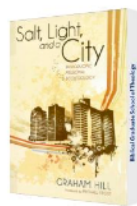
*Word of God-Christian
Theology*



THE CHALLENGES OF CULTURAL DISCIPLESHIP: ESSAYS IN THE LINE OF ABRAHAM KUYPER

Mouw, Richard J.

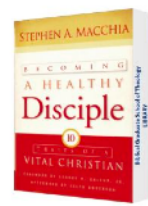
*Reformed Church-
Doctrines*



SALT, LIGHT, AND A CITY: INTRODUCING MISSIONAL ECCLESIOLOGY

Hill, Graham

Mission of the Church



BECOMING A HEALTHY DISCIPLE: TEN TRAITS OF A VITAL CHRISTIAN

Macchia, Stephen A.

*Christian Discipleship-
Christian Living*

MORE NEW BOOKS AT

<https://bgst.vlibonline.com/images/201906-bull.html>

BUSINESS OPERATIONS MANAGER POSITION



To support our local and regional expansion, we are recruiting a Business Operations Manager (BOM).

This will be a full-time position.

Interested applicants, please contact Dr Lai Pak Wah (Vice-Principal) at laipw@bgst.edu.sg

JOB DESCRIPTION

The candidate will:

1. head the administrative department, library, finance, marketing and fund-raising;
2. work alongside the Principal and Faculty to establish long-term goals;
3. lead the implementation of operational goals and strategies
4. provide administrative and governance support for the Council, Principal and Faculty.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

The candidate must:

1. be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel and Powerpoint
2. be skilled at developing business processes and policies
3. be skilled at process mapping
4. be proficient with IT and Web technologies
5. share BGST's conviction of the importance of theological education for the whole people of God, and a passion for facilitating marketplace ministry
6. be a team player, able to work collaboratively with Faculty and staff



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OFFICE TIMINGS

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Extended Hours for Library & Book Corner

Monday & Thursday: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Saturday: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm