



WINDOW TO BGST NEWSLETTER

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Hudson Taylor:

CAN GOD USE ANYBODY?

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CAN GOD USE ANYBODY? EVERYBODY? OUR BODY?

Can God really use me? How can I lead others if I so often fail to even lead myself? How can I take care of somebody if I cannot take care of my own body? What about my rebellious flesh? Do I really have to pretend all my life that I am managing to keep it under control, or can God bring a true transformation even to the most hidden and complex parts of me? How about all those times of doubt and skepticism that invade my heart and mind? These and other questions are haunting many people today.

The great missionary and leader Hudson Taylor struggled with seasons of immense doubt and skepticism, but looking back at his life he recognized that even these times were redeemed by God:

It may seem strange, but I often felt thankful for the time of skepticism. The inconsistencies of Christian people who while professing to believe the Bible were yet content to live as they would if there were no such book, had been one of the strongest arguments of my skeptical companions, and I frequently felt at that time, and said, that if I pretend to believe the Bible I would at any rate attempt to live by it, putting it fairly to the test, and if it failed to prove true and reliable, would throw it overboard altogether. These views I retained when the Lord was pleased to bring me to Himself. And I think I may say that's since then I have put God's Word to the test. Certainly it has never failed me. I have never had reason to regret the confidence I have placed in its promises, or to deplore following the guidance I have found in its directions."

Almost straight away after hearing God's call to China he began preparation; he exercised in the open air, and ate healthier. However he continued to battle the sin in his flesh even though he knew that victory was possible; that our human body can be trained to resist much discomfort, and our flesh can be crucified on the cross and be regenerated. With passion and love for China he said:

I almost wish I had a hundred bodies. They should all be devoted to my Saviour in the missionary cause. But this is foolishness. I have almost more than I can do to manage one; it is self-willed, earthly-minded, fleshly.

So here are two lessons for us:

1. Firstly, do not be afraid of times of doubt and skepticism. God is not afraid of the

questions you may have. Face all the nagging thoughts and look for his face in everything; you may be surprised to see him even in the darkest thicket of your mind. He can bring good out of all situations.

2. Secondly, do not live your life kidding yourself you have a thousand bodies to accomplish the task. You don't; you have only one. Your body needs rest and health, and your flesh needs discipline and boundaries. Make your body an ally to your ministry, not an obstacle, and make your flesh submit to the Lordship of Jesus. Even the greatest leaders have come through times of doubt, had to learn to take care of their bodies, and had to crucify their flesh. Do not be naïve to think you are an exception.



Joanna is a founder of SheLives and One Rock International. She is an author of two biographies one on Hudson Taylor, and one on Amy Carmichael. Joanna is a lecturer at Westminster Theological Centre and director of MA in Public Service Leadership. She sits on several boards including Renovare Britain & Ireland and Sanctus – A European Institute for Theology and Spirituality in Germany. Over the last 15 years she travelled to over 35 countries working with millennial generation.

JOANNA WILL BE LEADING A CONFERENCE AND COURSE AT BGST ON 7, 10, 11, 12 MARCH 2020.

Registration:

(Conference) Leading Across Generations: Engaging Millennials in Church & Marketplace bit.ly/acrossgenerationsevent

(Course) ID218: Leading Across Generations: Engaging Millennials in Church & Marketplace bit.ly/acrossgenerationscourse



Catholic History

An Appreciation Tour

HOW MUCH DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FAITH AND HISTORY?

Catholic priests first set foot in British governed Singapore in 1821. Today, about 5.7% of Singapore's populace, or 300,000 people, are Catholics (one third of Singapore's Christians). There are 31 Catholic churches in Singapore and many of them are impressive Neo-Gothic design buildings.

In medieval times, churches served both didactic and cultic purposes in which the majesty and grandeur of the faith and all creation were reflected. Arched roofs, soaring spires, stained glass windows, marble statues, iconic images – all are intended to accentuate worship and the celebration of the Eucharist.

Participants of the BGST organized tour, facilitated by a graduate from the Catholic Theological Institute, had a lively learning journey to the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd and the Church of St Peter and Paul. It was followed by a dialogue session at the Catholic Centre and hearty lunch fellowship of Franciscan Burgers!

Don't miss the upcoming tour in Semester 2 if you want to learn more about Inter-Faith dialogue!

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2020

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CONFERENCE (SAT)

7
MAR

"LEADING ACROSS GENERATIONS:
ENGAGING MILLENNIALS IN CHURCH &
MARKETPLACE"

Dr Joanna Williamson

9:30am-4:00pm

@ Zion Bishan B-P Church

bit.ly/acrossgenerationsevent

CONFERENCE (SAT)

28
MAR

"DISTORTIONS IN DOCTRINE"

Dr Robert Solomon and Prof Tony Lane

9:00am-5:00pm

@ Zion Bishan B-P Church

bit.ly/distortionsindoctrine

PUBLIC LECTURE (MON)

30
MAR

"THE WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF
FAITH: ITS HISTORY, POLITICS, AND
THEOLOGY"

Prof Tony Lane

@ Covenant House

bit.ly/pltonylane2020

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1-DAY RETREAT (SAT)

25
APR

"SPIRITUAL RETREAT: A SILENCE AND SOLITUDE WITH GOD FOR GOD'S SAKE"

Ms Seah Chiew Kwan

9:00am-5:00pm

@ Agape Village

bit.ly/silencesolitude



18-29 Nov 2020

**BGST HISTORY TOUR:
EXPLORING CHRISTIAN HISTORY,
ART AND SPIRITUALITY IN ITALY**



Led by Dr Lai Pak Wah, Principal &
Lecturer in Church History Biblical
Graduate School of Theology (BGST)

For enquiry, contact Dr Lai at
laipw@bgst.edu.sg

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT



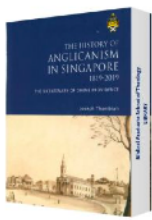
As Singapore has now raised the risk assessment to DORSCON ORANGE, please note that:

- 1) self-exclusion is necessary should you feel unwell
- 2) temperature taking and travel history declaration is expected at all classes
- 3) seating should be at least 1m apart
- 4) stepped up personal hygiene should be practised
- 5) classrooms at BGST are wiped down with bleach

You will be informed should any live class be converted online. Some have already been switched. Do check your course Moodle page for the latest.

Thank you for your cooperation thus far and we count on your continued support in the weeks to come.

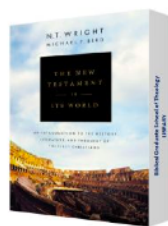
LIBRARY NEW BOOKS



THE HISTORY OF ANGLICANISM IN SINGAPORE 1819-2019: THE BICENTENARY OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE

Thambiah, Joseph

*Anglican Communion-Singapore-
History*



THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ITS WORLD

Wright, N.T. (Nicholas Thomas)

Bible-New Testament-
Introductions



MEND THE GAP : CAN THE CHURCH RECONNECT THE GENERATIONS?

Ang, Peng Hwa

*Conflict Of Generations-Great
Britain-Church Work With Youth*

FULL NEW BOOK LIST AT

<https://bgst.vlibonline.com/images/202001-bull.html>



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MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT EXECUTIVE

Reporting to: (1) the Principal; (2) Director, Administration & Operations.

Employment Type: Full Time

BGST is looking for a suitable candidate to fill the position of **Marketing Communications & Engagement Executive (MCE Executive)**. The MCE Executive should ideally share the vision and mission of the school. The incumbent will engage and work with various stakeholders, both internal and external, and these may include agencies, business executives, and existing and potential sponsors of BGST. His / her responsibility is to deliver strategic and operational support for the internal and external communication-related matters of the school, including providing innovative solutions in the areas of communication.

Key Roles and Responsibilities

The work of the Marketing Communications & Engagement Executive entails:

(A) Marketing & Communications The executive is expected to

- Work with Senior Management to develop marketing strategies to develop BGST's brand in Singapore and the region, ensuring consistency of branding across all platforms and collaterals.
- Implement and oversee marketing campaigns on classical and digital platforms for BGST's programmes, courses, events, and other initiatives.
- Manage the contents for BGST's website and other social media platforms.
- Assist the Principal in his public and internal communications.
- Manage and publicise events in a timely manner by exploring the most effective means of communication and creative promotional materials to reach the target audience.
- Assist speakers / lecturers with event materials. This would include preparation of participant / student content packages for pre-event dissemination and archiving.
- Explore and review creative and digitized means of communication to enhance and improve the current standards.

(B) Strategic Engagement The executive should work with key personnel to

- Assist the Principal in his Business Development and Engagement initiatives with partners, churches and donors.
- Implement strategic initiatives and programmes to engage BGST's community partners and donors.
- Coordinate sustainable medium to long-term fund-raising programmes / projects for BGST

Qualification and Experience

The candidate should be a degree holder, preferably in marketing communications. He/ she should have at least 3 – 5 years' experience in the relevant field. Should the candidate not have the required work experience but is willing to explore possibilities with the college, he / she may be invited to present his / her portfolio that indicates creativity and solutioning and / or be invited to make a presentation.

The candidate should send in his / her resume (hard copy) to BGST, attention "HR Department" or via email to laipw@bgst.edu.sg



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FACULTY SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS (FEB-MAR)



DR LAI PAK WAH 23 Feb

Mt Carmel BP Church
Mandarin Service



DR TAN SENG KONG

23 Feb

Matthew 5:1-6

Bethel Assembly of God



MR QUEK TZE-MING

18 Feb

Overview on
Daniel 7-12

Varsity Christian Fellowship -
Fellowship Teaching

15 Mar

Jesus the Vine
and We are the
Branches
(John 15:1-8)

Bethesda Chapel Service



DR KWA KIEM KIOK

23 Feb

Psalm 126

Trinity Methodist Church

29 Mar

2 Timothy 4

Living Hope Methodist
Church



MR LEOW WEN PIN

23 Feb

Love in
Redemption
(Ruth 4)

Singapore Life Church
English Service

8 Mar

Including
People with
Disabilities

Prinsep Street Presbyterian
Church (Sunday Services)

22 Mar

Transformed by
Truth (John
14:1-14)

Singapore Life Church
English Service



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