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Feature

Entrustment and Heritage

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I. Introduction

Faith needs to be passed on from generation to generation. The church needs to pass on what God entrusted until the Lord's second coming. Parents also need to pass on the salvation of the Lord Jesus to their children. The rock of our faith is Jesus Christ; the Lord has given this authority to the apostles and the church to build the church on the rock, on the body of Jesus Christ and the apostles (Mt 16:18-19). We must understand that the church is manifested through this; we must be filled with faith toward the church. What authority did the Lord Jesus entrust to the church?

1. Entrusting Salvation

Only believing in Jesus and He will not let us down or cause us shame. That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart, you will be saved. He will save all those who call on Him (Rom 10:9-12).

2. Entrusting the Truth

Everyone should be united in the church in order for God's spirit to abide. God's chosen people will then increase daily. Therefore, do not be strong in individual opinions but

fight for the truth (Act 16:4-5).

3. Entrusting Management

Paul said: “We must submit to the government of the world”, let alone church’s regulations (Mt 18:15-18). If it is not God’s will, how can anyone do anything? Therefore, we must be clear that salvation, truth, and the management of the church are all entrusted to the church (Rom 13:1-5).

Bear the Entrusted Glory

In order to enter into God’s kingdom, one must receive the Holy Spirit and baptism. Baptism can forgive sins, making one to belong to Jesus Christ and receive renewal of life. One must also rely on God’s gracious truth to keep one in God’s love. In addition, before Jesus comes again, things against the truth and church must occur, especially since the church is established through the latter rain of the Holy Spirit, in order to welcome the second coming of Jesus Christ (Act 20:28-32). Therefore, we must pass on what God has entrusted to us from generation to generation. Receiving entrustment is conditional and is something that every Christian must diligently pursue.

Conditions of Receiving Entrustment

“I thank the One who gave me strength, which is our Lord Jesus Christ, because He deemed me faithful and used me to serve Him. I once was a blasphemer, persecutor, and was insolent; however, I still received mercy because I did those things while I was an unbeliever and did not understand. I have abundant grace from my Lord so that I have faith and love in Jesus Christ” (I Tim 1:12-14). Paul mentioned how we should receive entrustment in the future. Paul said, “I thank the One who gave me strength,” so we must receive entrustment and receive power from God. To be entrusted, one must not only be faithful, but also have the ability to teach others. Therefore, the teaching of the truth is more important; it cannot go wrong.

Passing on the Entrustment of Glory

Paul said, “He entrusted the work to me because of my faithfulness”, so the next thing is to keep the faith (I Tim 1:14). We must constantly pursue the truth and edify ourselves in servitude. Only when the spirituality grows we will be able to receive the entrustment. Next is to have love and constantly be compelled by God’s love so that we know to love God and love men. Why was Paul able to love God? Paul said, “I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me (Gal 2:20).

Conclusion

To pass on the entrustment to the next generation, the most important is to lead by example in faith. If we are not fervent in the truth, but lazy in attending service, the leaders of the church will become weak. Therefore, lead by example and not by mouth.

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Church News

Current Holy Work in Australia

The Australia liaison office currently has four churches, two houses of prayer, and two pioneering locations. Last year, in addition to the routine pastoral, evangelical, and training work, Pr. Zephaniah Li made a brief introduction and report on the current situations of all the local churches, houses of prayer, and developing areas.

Last year, Brisbane Church began actively pioneering the gospel in the Golden Coast. October of last year, the first gospel tea fellowship was held at Sis. Yen Lin's house; more than thirty truth-seekers attended. Since January of this year, church has held a gospel tea fellowship at Golden Coast each month. The fellowship in January and February all had nearly twenty-some truth-seeker friends; amongst those were many returning truth-seeking friends. Thank God for His guidance; through this God has strengthened the faith of the church. It is our hope that in the near future a stable service location can be established on the Golden Coast so the tent of God may be stretched out.

Thanks to God's guidance, the factory building which Melbourne Church previously purchased in Croydon South was renovated and dedicated last May. In the past, due to the inadequate condition of the Box Hill Chapel afternoon service had to be held in an elementary school chapel. Having to relocate between the Sabbath service caused many members to lose the opportunities to fellowship; in addition, many works were limited due to the facility. However, today as the new chapel has been put to use, Sabbath Day attendance has increased, and many works are in the process of being carried out. At the same time, the church hopes to actively mobilize evangelical works; therefore, several gospel tea fellowships were held at the Box Hill chapel last year. This year church council has the idea of establishing a set service location either in the northern or eastern part of Melbourne, in the hope that soon new service locations may also be established in Melbourne.

Perth Church currently has only two chapels. However, under the circumstance in lacking manpower, they now have service at Clinton Church every other Friday (newly purchased chapel), and other times at Dianella Church (original chapel). For the future branching work of Perth Church, church council members has increased from three members to five;

furthermore, the church has increased the numbers of training seminars or spiritual cultivations held during the pastoral periods of the preachers. For example: Holy Worker Personnel Training Seminar, Sermon Speaker training seminar, RE Cultivation Seminar, Youth Spiritual Convocation, Hymn leader seminar, etc. It is hoped very soon there will be sufficient workers to accomplish the work of branching and establishing churches.

Sydney Church is now the church in Australia with the greatest membership. Whether they are newly migrated or baptized members, it is also the fastest growing church. Therefore, the chapel has not been adequate for use for a period of time. Apart from this, the number of council members has also increased from five members to seven. In fact, training works of the church has long been on track; many youths are able to take up various holy works at church. Like Melbourne Church, offering has been growing steadily. However, housing prices remain high in Sydney. Therefore, it is rather difficult to purchase a new chapel. For this reason, the Australian National Church Conference has approved for Sydney Church to establish a construction fund. It is hoped in the near future Sydney Church will be able to establish more than two churches in this large international city.

Darwin House of Prayer currently has about ten members and is developing at a steady pace. Starting in 2011, the Darwin work team has designed a special series of adult religious education classes. This is a systematic way to build up the foundation of the members. Adelaide House of Prayer currently has about thirty members. It was originally established upon a student fellowship; however, since the establishment of a temporary council board in 2010, it was transformed to the format of a church. Apart from lending assistance from Dn. Peter Yang to pastor and serve as the chair of the church, all the miscellaneous works are taken up by local members. Therefore, holy works are gradually getting on track and able to operate independently. Currently, the most urgent work is to purchase a chapel of their own.

In regards to the pioneering work in Perth, it is still in process. Thank God through the arrangement of the eastern evangelism and assistance from ministers two or three times throughout the year, there are now at least three stable families seeking the truth. However, regrettably due to the lack of pastoral talents, oftentimes right when the follow up works start to grow, it would return to the starting point once the workers leave. Until the next turn of workers then follow up work would start over again. It is our hope and we ask God to guide us so there will be methods to break through this difficulty in the future. Papua New Guinea – The original plan was to re-visit this place last year in May. However due to the election and deterioration of law and order, many Chinese have left the country to avoid potential harm and disasters. Due to this, the plan to visit Papua New Guinea was changed to Griffin in New South Wales and members in Canberra. Last year, the Papua New Guinea work team also sent the Holy Spirit Monthly and sermon DVDs through the Taiwan GA allowing the members to not be in lack of spiritual food. Thank God! In March of this year all the visitation plans for the remaining of the year have been set. May God bless and watch over.

Since 2011, the liaison office began following a five-year plan in the hope that these holy works goals may strengthen various holy works throughout the Australian churches. Basically, this five-year plan is carried out on two levels. First is to establish a more

comprehensive training structure; second is to establish a more active evangelism structure.

First: Establish a more comprehensive training structure

In order to strengthen the curriculum of the National Working Youth Seminar, the Australia liaison office training department has set one week of every year as the National Working Youth Seminar. Besides the original workshop, the additional systematic theology courses will enable the youths to be established upon the foundation of basic spiritual knowledge and systematic theology. Thanks to God's guidance, currently courses on the theory of God, Christ, and Holy Spirit have been completed.

The short-term theological training course held by the Australia liaison office has entered into the 19th year. Today, many of the youths who've gone through this training have now become important holy workers in the church. However, in order to adjust the curriculum of the STTTC according to the level and needs of the students, being able to achieve a more effective and productive study is to establish the structure of basic training and extended theology training in the STTTC. Starting in 2013, part of the STTTC courses will be in charge by local holy workers: Dn. Andrew Chu, Dns. Esther Wee, Bro. Benjamin Chen. The three speakers will be in charge of courses on the Ten Basic Beliefs, New Testament and Old Testament intro.

Second: Establish a more active evangelism structure

This year's goal is to try to preach to a designated ethnic group. Australia is a country made up of multi-ethnic immigrants. Therefore, in order to meet the needs of different ethnic groups, we must first prepare and publish flyers and publication in different languages, and provide flyers meeting the needs of their lives. It is hoped that the gospel will spread. Following is the hope to establish gospel attendees in all the local churches. Whenever new truth-seeking friends come to church, the trained personnel are there to speak and preach to them face to face. Therefore, we must strengthen the work of personal evangelism.

Thank God. Australia is a country with great lands, abundant resources and a thriving economy. We believe that God will greatly prosper the holy work in Australia and not only for the immigrated members to live a stable life and stay at where we are today. Moreover, we are to utilize the resources which God has blessed us with to fulfil the duties entrusted by God. We hope all the churches in the world can pray for holy works in Australia, that Australia may be the place which accomplishes the commission of the end day True Jesus Church.



Short Term Theological Training Course



Melbourne Church Dedication

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1. IA WORK IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES:

Date	Location	Program	Personnel
March	Spain	Visit & Concern- Madrid / Albacete / Barcelona	CJ Hsieh
March	Philippines	Evangelizing to the Chinese Filipino/ Ministers' spouse and Ministers' seminar / Seminary	Indonesia. Pr + SVMT Zechariah Alo Lemuel Leong Zacchaeus Yong
3/1-17	Canada	Sacred Music Seminar - Toronto/ National Church Conference-Edmonton	Tina Yang KC Tsai
3/1-3/31	Japan	Pastoral and Pioneering work in Sumida and Chiba	Peter Kao
3/1-25	Russia	Outreach/ Training/ Pastural	Michael Hsu
3/2-18	India	Residential Pastoral	Joshua Phoong
3/2-22	Korea	Theological Training	HH Ko
3/9-18	Italy	Spiritual Convocation- Empoli/Students Spiritual Convocation	BQ Wang Yiyun Liu
3/15-25	Dominican Rep.	Pastoral Visitation	Steven Lin
3/17-4/22	Australia	Spiritual & Evangelistic Convocation in 5 Cities	ZW Lin
3/18-21	FIJI	Pastoral/Evangelism	Zephaniah Li Ben Chen
3/28-4/2	Argentina	RE Teacher Seminar/Holy Work Personnel Seminar	SD Chang
3/28-31	Germany	Students Spiritual Convocation-Heidelberg Prayer House	Johnny Liu
3/29-4/7	Myanmar	Pastoral/Evangelism	Ling Yi Wai Leng 2 volunteers
3/29-4/19	New Zealand (Auckland)	RE Teacher Seminar/ Bible Study Seminar	Daniel Chen

2. DEVELOPMENT OF DIVINE WORK IN ALL NATIONS

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Relevant meetings during World Delegate Conference:

IA 10-25 SCO Meeting: 26 March 2013 (Venue: Cerritos Church, US)

IA 10-8 EXCO Meeting: 27 March 2013 (Venue: Cerritos Church, US)

IA Truth Research Committee Meeting: 28-29 March 2013 (Venue: Irvine Church, US)

IA Holy Work Symposium: 30-31 March 2013 (Venue: Irvine Church, US)

IA 11-1 WDC Meeting: 1-2 April 2013 (Venue: Irvine Church, US)

IA 11-1 EXCO Meeting: 3 April 2013 (Venue: Irvine Church, US)

IA 11-1 SCO Meeting: 4 April 2013 (Venue: Irvine Church, US)

DLM/IMPAC Meeting: 5-7 April 2013 (Venue: Cerritos Church, US)

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