



Action Rather than Making Noise

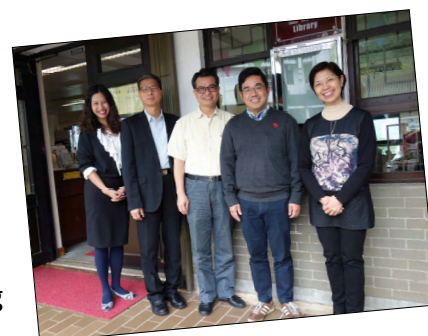
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“The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.” ~1 Peter 4:7-10 NRSV~

We are fulfilling the hospital chaplaincy ministry with action rather than making noise. The reliability and sustainability of this sacred ministry have to be guaranteed firstly by reflective practice, and secondly the collaborative efforts from individual hospital chaplain. These are the core values and objectives needed to be put in action.

Envision a Mega Mindset

Many hospital chaplains claim that they are called primarily to provide care for people in need, and yet only very few of them have envisioned a higher level of mission to participate in overall ministry promotion and advocacy. In the past few years, the Association initiated interviews with Cluster Chief Executives and Hospital Chief Executives. Last year, we also interviewed General Managers of Nursing (GMNs) from different hospital clusters as well as several faculty members of nursing schools at universities in Hong Kong. They shared a very important mindset on “systems and policies” thinking. In order to develop and further enrich the whole discipline including medical practice and nursing care, it is not enough to be a good clinician but someone needs to work “from above”, which means to establish constructive policies, administration and education. This is also very true to the development of professional chaplaincy in Hong Kong. Based on similar vision, the Association continued to visit theological seminaries and see what pastoral education programs may better equip our next generation seminarians.



Visitation to theological seminary



Visitations to GMNs & Nursing Professors

Learning Never Stop

We believe that Chaplain Continuing Education (CCE) is an essential resource to nurture quality clinicians. The Association continued to play a significant role in organizing different educational events for our chaplains. The focus for last year was theological reflection on clinical practice. We reflected from sociological-anthropological-theological perspectives on our ministry

populations as well as their contexts. Among all programs, the learning tour in Taiwan (the 3rd time in the last five years) was considered the most impressive experience to most of the participants. It was encouraging to see a record of high participation throughout the year in all education programs. Below is a summary of 2016 CCE programs offered by our Association:



Chaplain-I/C Education



Reflection on Irreversible Disabilities



Reflection of Being and Doing



Learning Tour in Taiwan



Month	Events / Programs	Counts
Feb	A Theological Reflection on Ministering to People with Irreversible Disabilities	61
March	A Theological Reflection on Ministering to People at the Times of Crisis	68
April	Chaplain Learning Tour in Taiwan	33
May	Forum: Reflection on Chaplain Learning Tour in Taiwan	31
June	The 12 th Chaplains' Day: Enough? Enough!	105
July	Chaplain-I/C Education: Building Pastoral Boundaries & Code of Conducts	24
August	A Theological Reflection on Ministering to People with Mental Illness	77
Sept	A Reflection on Interaction of Being and Doing in Clinical Practice of Chaplains	63
Nov	Learning the Arts of Writing Up Clinical Case Reflection	48



The 12th Chaplains' Day



Reflection of Mental Health

Review on the Development of Professional Chaplaincy

By the end of 2016, there were 95 chaplains out of 160 eligible applicants who have registered with the Association, including 29 Certified Chaplains, 45 Registered Chaplain I, 15 Registered Chaplain II, and 6 Auxiliary Chaplains representing a 59% of participation rate. In order to compare and contrast the experience of



Professional Development Committee 2016



Electronic Survey on Professional Development

the development of professional chaplaincy among local hospital chaplains, the Professional Development Committee conducted a 10-year follow up survey before the end of 2016 to collect feedback from those who had filled the survey in 2006 and also those who joined this ministry

within the last 10 years. Besides asking input from frontline chaplains, the Committee decided to further extend the survey for the very first time to members of local chaplaincy committees. As employers and management bodies, their attitudes and opinions for professional development will surely have significant influence on the overall path and pace of the journey. We look forward to the findings of this survey and hope to consolidate constructive insights to help us moving onward to the next decade.

Conducting Three Levels of CPE Programs

In addition to being the only collaborative body for chaplaincy ministry in Hong Kong, the Association continues to serve as CPE center offering Level I and Level II CPE for local chaplains, congregational pastors and seminarians. Beginning in 2016, the Association also enrolled a new supervisory candidate hoping to equip potential successor in CPE supervision.



Spring CPE for Chaplains and Pastors



Summer CPE for Seminarians



Fall CPE for Chaplains



A historical picture of five supervisory generations in HK

Pastoral Education beyond the Circle

Education serves as concrete mean of ministry promotion and also helps building knowledge and practice. Both conceptual and experiential learning are very important to pastors, volunteers, congregations, and general public who are fresh to pastoral care in healthcare contexts. We are grateful not only to be able to serve the community of Hong Kong but also share with appropriate target groups in Mainland China.



The 7th Pastoral Care Workshops for Seminarians



Certificate Course for congregational pastors



ATS Chaplaincy Team

Month	Events / Programs
Jan	The 7 th Pastoral Care Workshops for Seminarians
Jan	Seminar for congregation: Reflection on Jesus' Healing Ministry in the Gospels
Feb-Apr	Certificate Course for congregational pastors: Pastoral Care to the Sick
Jan & Oct	Pastoral Education for Chaplaincy Team of Alliance Theological Seminary
Mar	Seminar for congregational pastors: Pastoral Preaching in Hospital Context
Mar	Seminar for congregational pastors: Pastoral Care for Chronic and Terminal Illness
Mar, Oct	Seminars for congregation: Pastoral Care to Cancer Patients
Apr, May	Classes at Bible Seminary of Hong Kong: Pastoral Care at the Times of Death and Dying

Month	Events / Programs
Apr, Oct	Holistic care education for religious representatives from China
Apr, May, Dec	Seminars for chaplaincy volunteers
May	Holistic care education programs for patient care groups from China
July	Seminar for medical staff: Pastoral Care at the Times of Death and Dying
Aug	Seminar for high school faculty: Walking with People in Grief
Aug	Holistic care education to medical school faculty from China
Nov	Seminar for congregation in Shanghai, China: On Death and Dying
Dec	Class at China Graduate School of Theology: Pastoral Care to the Sick



Holistic care education for religious representatives from China



Holistic care education for patient care groups from China



Seminar for congregation in Shanghai, China



Conclusion

Similar to good clinicians, the Association also needs to be healthy in both “being” and “doing”. God who called us into this ministry values our eagerness rather than what we have. We are grateful to be accepted and blessed through what we have done. Welcome more colleagues to come onboard!

*“For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have.”
~II Cor. 8:12 NRSV~*

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