

## Please pray:

- ✿ East Canada Teachers' Training, Toronto, March 22-23: that the Lord would release His burden to perfect the saints who serve in the Summer School of Truth.
- ✿ FTT Anaheim: that the Lord would bless the trainees in the present term with His grace, light and love; that those who serve in the training might be strengthened to model Christ to the trainees; that many young saints in North America might be stirred up to consecrate themselves to be trained, either full-time or short-term; that the new facilities might be built on time to meet the growing need, including the financial provision for the construction.
- ✿ Ukraine: that the churches in Ukraine might shine as bright lights during the perfect dark political crisis; that the oneness of the Body might be manifest in the churches in Ukraine and throughout the Russian-speaking world, transcending all international human politics; that the saints might be protected from any violence or harm during the crisis; that the construction of the new meeting hall in Kiev would not be hindered or delayed.
- ✿ Halifax: Strengthening and building up of the church; preparation for summer BfC distribution; growth in life and growth in numbers; that saints might migrate to strengthen the church; that the church might be perfected to be a shining golden lampstand.
- ✿ Renovations: kitchen renovation from January to March; renovating the downstairs stage area; fellowship and building up of saints through the labour of renovation; financial provision for the renovations.
- ✿ Pray for various local needs, including saints in Montreal, contacts, and those in need of care and shepherding.

## Weekly Readings

- ✿ Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: Psa 44:1 - 58:11
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Genesis (I), Week 10
- ✿ Life-Study of Genesis, Message 100 – 102

## Announcements

- ✿ The Annual General Meeting of the church corporation will be held in the meeting hall TODAY at 12 pm.
- ✿ There is a Parents & Serving Ones Conference being held in Toronto from March 28 to 30. There will be 5 meetings, 1st meeting-Friday, March 28, 7:30pm; 2nd meeting-Saturday, March 29, 9 am; 3rd meeting-Saturday, March 29, 11am; Q&A - Saturday, March 29, 4pm; 4th meeting-Saturday, March 29, 7:30pm; 5th meeting-Lord's day March 30, 9am (Lord's table & message). We will be

joining the saints over Skype at the meeting hall. All parents and serving ones for young people and children are encouraged to join this time. The material used will be from the book 'Raising up the next generation for the church life'. Please register with br Aaron Chao.

- ✿ Because of all the ongoing activities, there will be no 96 Lessons training in March. The next training will be on April 19.
- ✿ The 2014 Summer Training in Anaheim will be held from June 30 to July 5. There is a registration donation of \$150.00 USD per trainee and the registration deadline is May1, 2014.
- ✿ The Full-Time Training in Anaheim needs to move from its current location on Ball Road to a new dedicated training centre to be built in the Ministry Conference Center on La Palma Avenue. The current facilities are now insufficient for the increasing number of trainees (well over 300 trainees); the new centre is necessary to meet the present and future growing needs. Living Stream Ministry can contribute \$2.5 million to this project, but there is a need of an additional \$5.5 million by August 2014 to complete this project. If the Lord leads you to participate in this grace, then you can send a donation through the church or directly to LSM designated for "FTTA Training Center."
- ✿ All the saints who took out Bibles to distribute for Bibles for Canada, please indicate on the form near the bookroom if you have given them all out and bring in any forms you have received that are filled out. We had at least 300 Bibles signed out and would like to confirm what has been given out. Please feel free to continue to sign out the Bibles so we can reach our goal.

## Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

<b>MAR</b>	✿ Serving: English (B)
<b>16</b>	✿ Cleaning: Whole meeting hall cleaning
<b>23</b>	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 1 ✿ Cleaning: West
<b>30</b>	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 2 ✿ Cleaning: South
<b>APR</b>	✿ Serving: NDG
<b>6</b>	✿ Cleaning: East with YP

## Upcoming Events

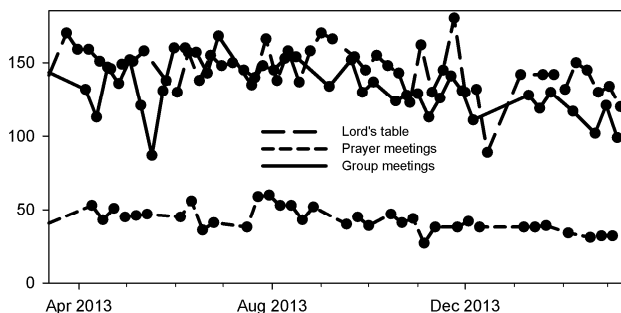
- ✿ Mar. 22-23, Toronto, ON: **East Canada Teachers' Training**
- ✿ Mar. 28-30, Toronto, ON: **East Canada Parents & Serving Ones Conf.**
- ✿ Apr. 04-06, Anaheim, CA: **Spring Intl. Training for Elders & Resp. Ones**

- ✿ Apr 11-13, Palgrave, ON: **East Canada Young People's Retreat**
  - ✿ Apr 19: **96 Lessons Training**
  - ✿ Apr 25-27, Wickliffe, Ohio, USA: **Regional Blending Conference in Cleveland**
  - ✿ Apr 26-27, Paris: **Conference in France**
  - ✿ June 30-July 5, Anaheim, CA: **2014 Summer live training**
- More events are listed on the church website*

## This Week's Activities

<b>MARCH 16</b>	✿ 10am – 12pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✿ 12pm – 12:30pm: The Annual General Meeting ✿ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast ✿ 1:30pm: Whole meeting hall cleaning
<b>17 Monday</b>	✿
<b>18 Tuesday</b>	✿ 7:30-9pm, English / French / Chinese prayer meetings by districts
<b>19 Wednesday</b>	✿
<b>20 Thursday</b>	✿
<b>21 Friday</b>	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
<b>22 Saturday</b>	✿ 3:30-6pm: Young People's Meeting
<b>MARCH 23</b>	✿ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✿ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

## Attendance Statistics



## The Priesthood

### III. THE CHARACTERISTIC OF THE PRIESTHOOD—BEING A MEDIATORIAL CLASS

From Exodus until the time of the Lord Jesus on earth, no other tribe could function as priests except the tribe of Levi. They could not offer sacrifices to God. Their sacrifices had to be made through the priests. They could not even come to God to confess their sins; they had to confess them through the priests. They could not separate themselves from the world because they had no authority to touch the anointing oil. The priests alone could anoint and sanctify a person. All the spiritual services had to be carried out by the priests on their behalf.

One special characteristic about the Israelites in the Old Testament was that God was far away from them. Not everyone could contact Him. In the Old Testament we find the evolution of the priesthood, which I call an intermediary class. Man could not go to God directly. God's people had to go through the priests before they could draw near to God. They could not commune with God directly. God came to man through the priests, and man also went to God through the priests. Between God and man, there was a mediatorial class. Man could not come directly to God, and God could not come directly to man. Between God and man there was a mediatorial class.

This class was not found in God's original design. God's original intention was to approach His people directly and for them to come to Him directly. But now there were three parties. The people had to come to God through the priests, and God had to approach His people through the priests. God and man could no longer commune with each other directly. All contact became indirect.

### IV. THE CHANGE IN THE PRIESTHOOD

For about fifteen hundred years, from the time of Moses to the time of Christ, God's people were unable to come directly to God. Only one household was qualified to be the priests. A man had to belong to this household to come to God. If he drew near to God directly, he would die. During that period, the ministry of the priests became a very powerful ministry. Man could not come to God directly; he needed the intercession of the priests. How noble and great the priestly ministry was! There was no way for man to come to God without the priests. But with the coming of the New Testament age, we find salvation and redemption reaching all men. Now we hear the word: "You yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 2:5).

*Note: The content is extracted from New Believers Series: #23, The Priesthood by Watchman Nee, published by Living Stream Ministry, available at <http://www.ministrybooks.org/alphabetical.cfm>.*