

Please pray:

- ✿ East Canada Working Saints Fellowship, Toronto, May 3: that the Lord would burden and release many saints to attend this time, whether live in Toronto or by Skype in Montreal; that the Lord's burden be released to charge the working saints to rise up and bear His testimony.
- ✿ Tirana, Albania: for increased blending in Albania and that some would migrate there; that the saints in Tirana be strengthened to bear the Lord's testimony and gain a lampstand in that city; for the widespread distribution of books in the Albanian language throughout the Albanian-speaking world.
- ✿ Preparations for Victoria weekend conference, May 17-18: that the Lord might stir many saints in the church to serve in the preparation through organizing, providing hospitality, preparing meals, and many other needs; that many saints throughout Eastern Canada might be released to attend this conference; that the conference result in the Lord's speaking and genuine blending for the building up of the churches.
- ✿ Renovations: completion of the work to maintain and improve our meeting hall; 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 92:1 – 107:43
- ✿ HWMR: Entering into the Fourth Stage of the Experience of Life to Arrive at a Full-grown Man for the Fulfillment of God's Purpose, Week 4
- ✿ Life-Study of Genesis, Message 118 – 120

Announcements

- ✿ The International Memorial Day Conference will be held in Philadelphia, USA May 23-26. Many saints are driving and sharing hotel rooms. If you want to attend, please contact Dennis or Simon as soon as possible for arrangements. Please note that the hotel discount is guaranteed only until May 6, and the rooms might sell out before then. If you have financial need to be able to attend, please fellowship with the serving brothers. For more information, please see the bulletin board.
- ✿ There has been some confusion concerning the four regional groups for the hall cleaning each week. To make

things simpler, you can identify your service group based on your regular weekly group meeting:

- **WEST**
 - West Island English
 - West Island Chinese
 - Central Chinese 2
- **EAST**
 - East Chinese
 - East French
- **NORTH**
 - North Chinese
 - Central Chinese 1
 - Central French
- **SOUTH**
 - Central English
 - South Chinese

- ✿ 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 May 1, 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."

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

Apr 27	✿ Serving: French / Spanish ✿ Cleaning: Whole meeting hall cleaning
May 4	✿ Serving: Chinese East ✿ Cleaning: East
11	✿ Serving: South West ✿ Cleaning: North
18	✿ Serving: North Chinese ✿ Cleaning: West

Upcoming Events

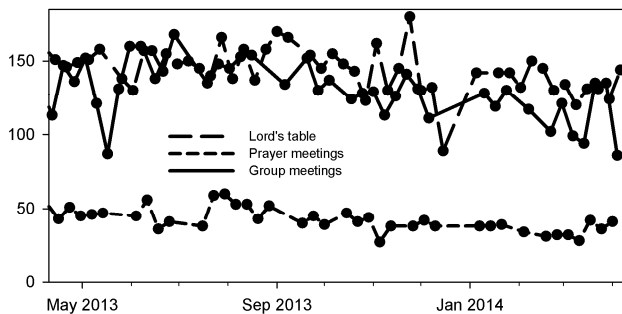
- ✿ Apr 30-May 2, Boston: **Northeast Cluster Team Reunion**
- ✿ May 9-11, Martinique: **Conference in Martinique**
- ✿ May 17-18, Montreal: **Victoria Day Conference**
- ✿ May 23-26, Philadelphia: **Memorial Day International Conference**
- ✿ June 13-15, St. George's, Grenada: **Annual conference**

☼ June 30-July 5, Anaheim, CA: **2014 Summer live training**
 More events are listed on the church website

This Week's Activities

APRIL 27	☼ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
LORD'S DAY	☼ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast ☼ 1:30pm: Whole meeting hall cleaning
28 Monday	☼
29 Tuesday	☼ 7:30-9pm, English / French / Chinese prayer meetings by districts
30 Wednesday	☼
MAY 1 Thursday	☼
2 Friday	☼ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
3 Saturday	☼ 3:30-6pm: Young People's Meeting
MAY 4 LORD'S DAY	☼ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ☼ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

Attendance Statistics



The Priesthood

VI. UPHOLDING THE PRIESTHOOD (continued)

B. No Longer Tolerating the Intermediary Class

We can no longer tolerate an intermediary class. We can no longer accept a hierarchy. We can no longer allow priests to stand between God and His children; we can no longer accept an intermediary class. We need to see what the church is. The church is the place where every child of God is a priest. We cannot have one person or a few persons

monopolizing spiritual service. They cannot be the only ones through whom God speaks or the only ones through whom we approach God to settle spiritual matters. Such an intermediary class cannot exist in the church.

Our controversy with denominations is not a matter of outward forms but a matter of inward content. Today there is a hierarchy in the denominations—one group of people is serving God, while the rest are merely pew members. One group of people is serving God as a profession, while the rest of the pew members, though equally born to be God's children, need to approach Him through them. This hierarchical practice is tolerated by many organizations in Christianity today. But we cannot accept any intermediary class. We cannot set aside the grace given to the church in the New Testament. We cannot forsake it as the Israelites did.

C. The Intermediary Class Abolished When Everyone Serves

We need to abolish the intermediary class. In order for us to abolish this class, we all have to become part of it. When all of us become a part of that class, the hierarchy is gone. How can we make the three groups two groups? How can we turn three-way traffic into two-way traffic? How can these three—God, the priesthood, and the people—become two? There is no other way except to kneel down before the Lord and say, "Lord, I am willing to serve You. I am willing to be a priest." When all of God's children become His priests, the three parties will be reduced to two.

Hierarchy comes from the world, the flesh, idol worship, and the love of the world. If all the brothers deny the world and reject idolatry from the beginning, they will all offer themselves up to God. They will say, "From this day forward, I will live on earth for the sole purpose of serving God." Then hierarchy will disappear spontaneously. If all the brothers realize that their sole occupation is to serve God and if all of them will serve God in coordination, the intermediary class will disappear!

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