

Please pray:

- ✳ College work on campuses during the start of the school year: 1) pray that the Lord will brood over the campuses to seek out the sons of peace and those seeking for the Lord; 2) that the Lord will bring them to meet with us to have personal appointments, to come to the Bible studies, the meetings, and the different activities; 3) that the Lord will bless all the details of the coordinations, fellowships, and preparations; 4) that the Lord will give us remaining fruit.
- ✳ Districts in Montreal: that the Lord might lead us as He multiplies us into various district meetings; for a clear and controlling vision of the oneness of the Body of Christ; genuine blending between the saints in the districts regardless of language; the Lord's burden and blessing for the propagation of the gospel of the kingdom in each of our neighbourhoods; a way to provide proper spiritual care for our children in the districts.
- ✳ French-speaking conference in Montreal (Aug 30 - Sep 1): Pray for the fellowship, speaking, services and preparations for this conference; 2) pray for the releasing of the French-speaking saints to attend this conference; 3) pray that many new ones in Montreal and the surrounding areas will also be released to come and hear the Lord's speaking; 4) pray that the Lord will gain what He is after in this conference.
- ✳ Purchase of a meeting hall in Berlin, Germany: Over the past 20 months, the Berlin serving brothers have spent a considerable amount of time in search of an appropriate property that would meet the need of the church and support the Lord's testimony in this city. Such property was located in March 2019. The purchase price of the property is US\$5.6 million. The saints in the church in Berlin have pledged the amount of US\$2.64 million. Through the fellowship, the churches in Taiwan will offer their loving help in the Lord to Berlin for as much as US\$0.5 million. We praise the Lord for this brotherly love in the Body. Nevertheless, we still have a shortage of US\$2.46 million. The closing date of the transaction is November 15. Please pray that this financial need will be met. That the Lord will grace many to participate in this financial fellowship that God could be glorified.
- ✳ Bangladesh: 1) Pray for the one-week training for the serving ones in Dinajpur 8/9-8/16, that the attendants will see the vision and be perfected for His move; 2) Pray for the one-week gospel move 8/10-8/16 in Dhaka and Chittagong, that more people will be saved by believing into Him and that the saints will be strengthened for the spiritual warfare.
- ✳ 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: Hos 13:1 – Joel 2:16
- ✳ HWMR: The Reality of the Body of Christ, week 2

Announcements

- ✳ The registration for the Montreal French Speaking Conference is now open. Please register at the link here: <https://forms.gle/geFT8SLbbt78Tgb6>
- ✳ The Library is finishing inventory. Please ensure all material borrowed is returned. The Library will be moving location soon so any willing to help serving with the Library when it is set up, please advise Monica or Phaik Keen.
- ✳ Piano service: if anyone is able to play the piano, please consider serving. There is an urgent need for serving ones.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

11 Aug	Serving: Chinese North (黃育鳳...) Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Chao responsible)
18	Serving: English/French (Rose, Julie ...) Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gary Chen responsible)
25	Serving: Chinese Central (賈筱榮...) Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible)
1 Sep	Serving: Chinese South (陳世山、劉學成...) Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, Guorong responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✳ Aug 17: **Grade 6 Blending Time**
- ✳ Aug 30 to Sept 1: **French speaking conference**
- ✳ Oct 12-13, 2019, Moncton, NB: **Maritimes conference**
The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

11 August	✳ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
LORD'S DAY	✳ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
12 Monday	✳
13 Tuesday	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
14 Wednesday	✳
15 Thursday	✳
16 Friday	✳ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)

17
Saturday



18
August
LORD'S DAY



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THE PRIESTHOOD

V. THE GLORY OF THE PRIESTHOOD (continued)

C. Our Greatest Honor Being to Serve God

If God in heaven has called us to be His priests, we should be on our knees before Him to receive His calling. This is our greatest honor. God has elevated us. We do not say that we can give anything to God. We say that our greatest honor lies in God's acceptance of what we offer to Him. What a tremendous honor that persons such as ourselves can serve God. This is pure grace! This surely is the gospel! It is not only a gospel about Jesus' salvation; it is a gospel that even persons such as ourselves can serve God. This is indeed the gospel, a great gospel.

VI. UPHOLDING THE PRIESTHOOD

There Being No Church without the Universal Priesthood

In the church today the priesthood is no longer restricted to only a few people; it has become a universal priesthood. The nation of Israel failed; the church cannot fail again. The nation of Israel failed in that God's people and God's priests became separated. May the Lord have mercy on us. May there be no separation between God's people and His priests in the church today. In the church God's people are His priests. All the people of God are priests of God. There must be as many priests as there are brothers and sisters. Everyone must come to God to offer up spiritual sacrifices and sacrifices of praise. Everyone should take part in spiritual service. This is not a selective ministry. Everyone should come to God to serve Him. A church that comes short of universal and direct access to God is not a church.

Please bear in mind that there is no church if the priesthood is not universal. The nation of Israel failed; the church should not fail again. During the past two thousand years, the scope of the priesthood has never been recovered to include all the people of God. The two thousand years of church history show us a frequent separation between the people and the ministry of the priests. An intermediary class has time and time again come between God and His people. This is the work and teaching of the Nicolaitans.

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.

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