

## Please pray:

- ✳ Canadian Federal Election 2019 (Oct 21): 1Ti 2:1-4 says "I exhort therefore, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings be made on behalf of all men; on behalf of kings and all who are in high position, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all godliness and gravity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of our Saviour God, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth." Please pray for the Lord's will to be done for this election.
- ✳ District meeting for the church in Montreal (Oct 20, 2019): As we meet in our districts, may our Lord continually give us the burden to function according to the measure in the practical services and in prophesying so that the church could be built up through the operation of each one part; that the Lord may bless each district with increase in life, in growth, and in numbers through our districting.
- ✳ Antigua conference (Oct 25 - 27): We pray that many will be able to join this conference; pray that the Lord's purpose for this conference will be accomplished.
- ✳ First video training in Egypt: 19 saints registered full-time and we had 5 guests come during the course of the training. The local saints were very impressed with the weight of the speaking and the overall atmosphere of the training. Please pray that participating in the video trainings will become a part of our culture here and that the Lord would release all the necessary provisions for the next semi-annual training to be translated.
- ✳ 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: Rev 21:1 - 27
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Numbers (1), week 5

## Announcements

- ✳ The monthly Ministry digest is now available for order and subscription. It is available in English, Chinese and Spanish and Korean. The purpose of this monthly digest is to help the saints get into the riches contained in the Collected Works of Witness Lee topic by topic. For more information go to [lsm.org](http://lsm.org). Please stop by the bookroom if you have questions or to place your standing order.
- ✳ The 2020 Chinese gospel calendar sign up is now open. Please sign up in the bookroom. Deadline is Oct 27, 2019.
- ✳ The December 2019 Semiannual Training will be held in Anaheim, California, from December 23 to 28. register and the registration deadline is November 1, 2019. Please note that there will be no late registration for the December 2019

Semiannual Training. Please register with sister Monica by October 27th.

- ✳ Church in Antigua: The church in Antigua has been building on their own meeting hall for 10 years now. They would like the meeting hall to be finished soon because they have a lot of children and the section that needs to be finished is the children's room. They still need an amount of \$50,000 UDS to complete the work. Please pray for this burden in the body and give according to the Lord's leading. If you would like to give for this need, please contact brother Martin P. The Antigua conference is Oct 25-27, and there will be translation into French.
- ✳ Library serving ones are needed to help with new library. Talk to Monica or Phaik Keen if you are interested in serving.
- ✳ 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

<b>13 Oct</b>	Serving: Chinese East (陳劉淑真...) Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible)
<b>20*</b>	*District Meeting Serving: French (Julie...) Cleaning: Chinese East 1 and 2 (Xie and John responsible)
<b>27</b>	Serving: English (Rose...) Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
<b>3 Nov</b>	Serving: Chinese Central (賈筱榮...) Cleaning: English Central, Chinese Central 3 and College (Dennis, Qiang, Jonathan responsible)

## Upcoming Events

- ✳ Oct 25 - 27, Antigua: **Conference in Antigua**
  - ✳ Nov 8 - 10, Toronto, ON: **The Canada Brothers Conference**
  - ✳ Nov 22-24 Toronto, ON: **Eastern Canada Young People Conference**
  - ✳ Nov. 28 - Dec 1, Houston, TX: **Thanksgiving Conference**
  - ✳ Dec 23 - 28, Anaheim, CA: **Winter Training**
- The church website lists more events*

## This Week's Activities

<b>13 October</b>	✳ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✳ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
<b>14 Monday</b>	✳
<b>15 Tuesday</b>	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts

16		
Wednesday	✳	
17	✳	
Thursday		
18	✳	6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings
Friday		(English/French/Chinese)
19	✳	
Saturday		
20	✳	10am- 12pm Lord's Table &
October		Prophesying meetings
LORD'S DAY	✳	12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast

## THE BODY OF CHRIST

Scripture Reading: Eph. 1:23; 4:11-13; 5:29-30; Gen. 2:21-24; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; 12:12-30; Rom. 12:4-8

### III. SERVICE IN THE BODY (continued)

Romans 12:4-8 says, "For just as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we who are many are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. And having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or service, let us be faithful in that service; or he who teaches, in that teaching; or he who exhorts, in that exhortation; he who gives, in simplicity; he who leads, in diligence; he who shows mercy, in cheerfulness."

Another matter which requires special attention in the Body is that both the grace and the gift that everyone receives are different. The passage in 1 Corinthians 12 emphasizes the ministry of the word and the miraculous gifts. The passage in Romans 12, in addition to speaking of the ministry of the word, includes ministries of other services in the church as well. Some give, some lead, and some show mercy. All these can be considered works of the Levites. They are services that pertain to practical affairs.

Romans 12 shows us that everyone who is gifted must function according to the gift which God has given him, whether it is in the ministry of the word or in the ministry of service. He who prophesies, let him prophesy. He who serves, let him serve. He who teaches, let him teach. He who exhorts, let him exhort. He who leads, let him lead diligently in the church. In other words, everyone should serve. Everyone should have his or her specific service and should be faithful to this function. Everyone should know what he can do before God and what gift he has received from the Lord. This knowledge should direct him to function in a specific way. No one should go beyond his own function to take over the service of others. No member should take the place of another member, and no member should relinquish his own

function. All should serve together, and everyone should fully apply himself to his own work. In this way the Body of Christ will be expressed.

The Body cannot allow one member to neglect his duty. The whole Body is in darkness if the eyes do not see. The whole Body cannot walk if the feet refuse to walk. The eyes should see and the feet should walk. Even though the gift that you have received from God may be small, you should not hide your gift. Even if the gift you have received from God is just one talent (Matt. 25:14-30), you should not keep it or neglect it. Whether one's gift is big or small, whether it is "five talents," "two talents," or "one talent," he should exercise what he has and serve accordingly. If he refuses to give himself to his service and instead buries his "one talent," the church will suffer. If a few members in the Body refuse to function, the Body will suffer great loss.

It is not easy to find five-talented ones in the church. Yet every child of God, no matter how small his gift may be, has at least one talent. If all the one-talented ones will rise up to serve, they will be more effective than the few who have five talents. If all the one-talented ones will rise up to serve, the church will surely flourish. All those with one talent should rise up to serve. Whether or not the church will prosper depends on whether the one-talented ones will rise up to serve. If only a few people are laboring and working, we do not have the church. If all the brothers and sisters are working and laboring, it will be the church serving and the Body functioning. A few members no longer will take over the function of the whole Body. We hope everyone who has "one talent" will dig out his talent from the earth. Everyone who has the "mina" should realize that the handkerchief is for wiping sweat, not for wrapping up his mina (Luke 19:20). We must learn to serve according to our ability. When everyone rises up to serve and no one passes his responsibility to someone else, we have the church.

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