LUTHERAN CHURCH HONG KONG SYNOD (LCHKS)

Ministry Highlights 2020



Brief History of the LCHKS

Recalled from the Mainland in November 1949, four American missionaries (originally from the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod [LCMS]) stopped in Hong Kong on their way to the US and were touched by the challenges faced by the Chinese people who moved to Hong Kong at that time. To serve them, those missionaries decided to stay and to launch Gospel ministries which later solidified into the Lutheran Church Hong Kong Synod (LCHKS).

Since 1950, theological education has been provided.

 In 1963, theological education took institutional shape as Concordia Theological Seminary (CTS).

1950

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1963

- Since 1950, kindergartens, nurseries, primary and secondary schools have been established and developed.
- In 1950, social service ministry was started and educational institutions for the deaf and the blind were established

In 1955, radio ministry and Bible correspondence courses (in both Chinese and English) were launched.

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Objectives and Values of the LCHKS

To carry out
Gospel work and
to live out the core values
which describe a sense
of Lutheran identity, that is,
Commitment,
Compassion and
Community.

To unite
and
to connect
LCHKS
congregations.

To provide a platform for sharing common interests and services among LCHKS congregations.

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To operate local and international primary and secondary schools as well as kindergartens, nurseries and special

To offer comprehensive social services to the community.

To provide
theological education
grounded in
the Lutheran tradition to
train future church workers
and to equip
lay leaders.

LCHKS Leadership

LCHKS leadership serves as a model of servant leadership, namely, Synodical leaders serve the saints in congregations and institutions of the Synod by nurturing them with the Gospel and by giving them encouragement and guidance to carry out our joint mission and to live out the core values.

The Executive Council, which is chaired by the LCHKS President, and the Standing Committees, all elected by the triennial Synodical Convention, lead and shape the building up and expanding of the Body of Christ for God's glory and for the benefit of the neighbour.



The Executive Council Members as of 2020

President: 1st Vice President: Rev. Daniel Y. S. LI Chinese Secretary: Mr. Kai Hing LAM

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1 LCHKS Churches

"LCHKS churches" means 36 vibrant congregations and 7 expanding mission stations located in Hong Kong and Macau with more than 13,000 active members. This number is growing every year as the Gospel is preached and put into practice in the service of the neighbour. Since November 2012, our Synod along with its local (Church of All Nations in Repulse Bay) and overseas (Mission of Christ Network) partners, has been assisting an officially recognised Protestant Church in Shenzhen by offering regular worship services in English at two locations. Thus, more than 500 saints can worship publicly every Sunday in the Mainland and can be served by our Team.





Christian (Protestant) Church in Shenzhei

2 LCHKS Schools

the Concordia International Schools

Educators from

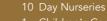
2019 VBS Graduation in One of Our Schools

As far as local schools are concerned, the LCHKS operates 6 primary schools, 6 secondary schools and 2 special schools (one for the deaf, the other for students with special needs) which are aided by the Hong Kong government. All these schools along with 22 kindergartens and nurseries are endorsed by the Hong Kong Education Bureau. Besides, our Synod runs 6 evening secondary schools and 6 other educational centres. More than 18,000 students are served by more than 1,000 teachers and staff members in our educational system. There are also two international schools with American curriculum, Concordia International School in Hong Kong (since

Concordia International School in Hong Kong (since 1990) and Buena Vista Concordia International School in Shenzhen (since 2011). Moreover, the LCHKS and its schools, both local and international, welcome Lutheran volunteers from the US who come on a continuing basis as short-term mission teams, who serve as long-term missionaries and who help every year to launch Vacation Bible Schools (VBS). Indeed, all the time, there are plenty of mission opportunities to serve with the LCHKS in Greater China.



The LCHKS practises the Lord's command to "love your neighbour as yourself" by catering for the needs of the community, particularly by caring for the disadvantaged members thereof. Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service (HKLSS) is one of the non-governmental charitable organisations in Hong Kong. At the present moment, HKLSS has a team of over 1,000 professional and quality staff members and supervises over 50 service units and is providing different kinds of services such as caring for children, youth, the elderly, families and rehabilitation and community development services. These services are provided all over Hong Kong and Macau.



- 1 Children's Centre
- 1 Family Life Education Services
- 1 Foster Care Services
- 1 Pilot Scheme on Social Work Service for Pre-primary Institutions
- 1 Whole Person Development Centre
- 2 Hotline Services
- 3 Substance Abuse Counselling
- 1 Counselling Centre for Problem Gamblers
- 4 Integrated Youth Service Centres
- 2 Social Work Services for Schools

- 3 On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services
- 1 Community Centre
- 8 Community Development Programmes
- 2 Social and Recreational Centres for the Disabled
- 3 Day Activity Centres
- 2 Hostels for the Mentally Handicapped
- 1 District Support Centre for the Mentally Handicapped
- 1 Job Enhancement Centre for the Mentally Handicapped
- 7 Neighbourhood Elderly Centres
- 4 Day Care Centres for the Elderly
- 5 Homes for the Elderly

In 1986, the Martha Boss Community Centre was completed. The centre, which is the HKLSS headquarters, serves more than 100,000 residents of the Kowloon City District, including 25,000 students and over 38,000 elderly, blind, deaf and other disabled people. With God's provision and blessing, new projects are constantly emerging so that people from all walks of life can be served.

Cordially in Christ,



Rev. Dr. Allan YUNG President of the Lutheran Church Hong Kong Synod



