

GBW named ABGTS President

After 3 years of search for ABGTS President, on June 16, 2012, the board of trustees elected Dr. Graham B. Walker, Jr. as president. Dr. Walker will be functioning in the capacity of interim president for a period of two years. Currently, Dr. Walker is the Theology and Philosophy professor of McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, Atlanta, GA. Prior to joining the McAfee School of Theology in 1999, Dr. Walker had served as Academic Dean for the Asia Baptist Graduate Theological Seminary with administrative headquarters in Baguio City, Philippines (1993-1999). He also serves as the Mercer University Liaison for the Asia Baptist Graduate Theological Seminary. (Mercer University and ABGTS formed a partnership for Theological Education in August 1999.)

One of the goals of Dr. Walker while serving as ABGTS president is to help find an Asian president for ABGTS. Records show that Dr. Chow Lien Hwa (Taiwan) was president in 1993-2004 and then served for another term as Acting President in years 2009-2012. Dr. Lilian Lim (Singapore) was president for four years from 2005-2009.

New Dean Elected

Dr. Honorina Lacquian, Associate Dean for ABGTS-Philippines, was elected Dean during the June 2012 Trustees' meeting. Dr. Lacquian follows after Dr. Lizette Knight who is also a professor of the Philippine BTS. Dr. Lacquian's bachelor's degree is in Accountancy. She earned her M.Div. degree at Philippine BTS in 1999 and her Doctor of Theology degree at Asia Baptist Graduate Theological Seminary in 2006. She is coming in with various administrative and ministry experience in different areas.

Dr. Lacquian will attend the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) Eighth Baptist International Conference on Theological Education (BICTE VIII) in Ocho Rios, Jamaica on June 28-30, 2013. She will respond to the major presentation of Dr. Burchell Taylor on "*The Holy Spirit and Social Justice.*"

More Welcoming

ABGTS warmly welcome the following institutional leaders into the family and ABGTS trusteeship.

Dr. Kuk Wun Bae, 13th President of the Korea Baptist Theological Seminary/University, Taejeon Korea. (October 2012)

Dr. Armando Canoy, 9th President of the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary, Baguio City Philippines. (September 2012)

Mr. Shigemi Ono, new principal of Japan Baptist Theological Seminary, Yokohama, Japan. (April 2012)

2012-2015 ABGTS Executive Committee Officers

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Year 2012 Overview

We praise and thank God for the following graduates:

ABGTS-Thailand

February 2012	Narong Tongsuk	Th.D.	Thailand
	Viyada Thunhikorn	Th.D.	Thailand

ABGTS-Philippines

January 2012	Robert H. Munson	Th.D.	USA
March 2012	Joseph Oh	Th.D.	Kyrgyztan
December 2012	Jaw Seng Raw	Th.M.	Myanmar

Singapore-Philippines

May 2012	Irene Chiou	Th.D.	Singapore
	Ayanthung Murry	Th.D.	India
	Anthony Yeoh On Tat	Th.D.	Singapore

Overall the year 2012 was a blessed year for ABGTS. We are grateful to God for the following gifts and donors:

- Mountain Brook Baptist Church, USA \$14,000.00
- Mercer-McAfee School of Theology, USA \$16,000.00
- Dr. Chow Lien-Hwa, Taiwan \$ 3,000.00
- Dr. Rachael Tan, USA \$ 100.00
- Dr. Joseph Tan, Taiwan \$ 100.00
- Dr. Kwon Soon Tae, Germany \$ 500.00
- ROCK Fellowship, Korea \$ 3,220.62
- Thailand BTS \$ 1,000.00
- ABGTS-Philippines \$ 500.00
- ABGTS-Taiwan \$ 500.00



A team of students from Singapore BTS, led by Dr. Choon Sam Fong (Dean, Singapore BTS) visited the PBTS-ABGTS campus (Philippines) on December 8, 2012. President Canoy, some faculty, and students welcomed them at the beautifully landscaped ground of PBTS.

ABGTS-Philippines

The ABGTS-Philippines will start its Fourth Term and the last term for the academic year 2012-13 on January 15, 2013. There are nine (9) students who have registered representing the countries of China = 2, Ethiopia = 1, India = 1, Myanmar = 4, and the U.S.A. = 1. Currently enrolled students in the following degrees:

- Doctor of Religious Education 1
- Master of Theology 8
- ❖ Students on proposal/Thesis/Dissertation Writing: 35++

Dr. Gilbert Montecastro is the new Associate Dean for Philippine ALC. He was elected by the faculty of ABGTS-Philippines to take over the Associate Deanship because Dr. Lacquian has been moved to the Dean's position.

On November 29-Dec 1, 2012, six (6) of the faculty members of Philippine BTS attended the "Training Course for Supervisors/Mentors on Doctoral Programmes" in Manila, Philippines. The training was sponsored by the Asia Theological Association. Dr. Ian Shaw, Director of Langham Scholarship, was the facilitator.

ABGTS-Thailand

Dr. Stephen Tam, Associate Dean for Thailand ALC, is working with their four ABGTS students on their proposals (this is the second group of students). Three (3) are their own faculty members and another one is Wado from Maela camp. Thailand BTS is in the process of designing and planning to launch a Th. M. program under ABGTS. Presently they have about ten (10) faculty who have doctorates and during these few months they will have several workshops on how to handle seminars and supervising theses--a lot of work to do.

Dr. Chaiwat Chawmuangman, Thailand BTS president is suffering from illness. It's an ear related problem which requires him to completely lie down for half a day or so. He has this ailment for more than 10 years which normally triggers two or three times a year. Please remember Dr. Chaiwat in your prayers.

ABGTS-Taiwan

Taiwan ALC, headed by Dr. Tan, Joseph Kuo-Tsai, continues to offer seminars for their D.Min students. There are four (4) students currently enrolled in the center.



Taiwan ALC students with Dr. Knight, Dr. R. Tan, and LCD



ABGTS Triennial Board of Trustees Meeting June 13-15, 2012, Taiwan BTS, Taipei, Taiwan with MBBC pastor, Dr. Dortch and the William Allens of CBF



ABGTS Theological Symposium with representatives from Samford University, Alabama, U.S.A. June 16, 2012, TBTS, Taipei, Taiwan

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Fund Raising Movement

ABGTS continues to raise fund and encourage organizations and individuals to participate in advancing His Kingdom through theological education in the training of God-called men and women in Asia and beyond. The following needs are being raised:

- ABGTS administrative Operation
 - ❖ Books and other library resources
 - ❖ Facilities development projects
 - ❖ Faculty enhancement and upgrading
 - ❖ Area Learning Center administrative assistance
- Chow-Lien Hwa Writer's Foundation
- ABGTS Lilian Lim Scholarship
- Dozier Scholarship

You may send gifts and contributions to: Dr. Tsai Rei Yi, Taiwan Baptist Theological Seminary, No. 1, Lane 394 Wuxing St., 11045 Taipei, Taiwan.

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"Because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer. If you point these things out to the brothers and sisters, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed." Timothy 4:5-6