



COMMUNITY formation

CHAPEL THIS WEEK: Church at its Best

Chapel will have a mission focus, led by both Chinese and English language students from Mission Track (our Carey Chinese students are surrendering their Chinese chapel on alternate weeks this semester to join in with the wider community on Tuesdays instead—thank you!). The speaker will be **Rev Steve Maina** (Director of NZCMS), who brings a special perspective as an African leading a largely Western mission organisation.



COMMUNITY LUNCHES

(12.30pm Monday | 12pm Tuesday | and 1pm this WEDNESDAY!)

Join us on Monday, Tuesday, and this Wednesday for our Community Lunches. This is a great time to get to know other students and staff while enjoying a delicious lunch together.

Thanks to NZBMS for putting on a free lunch this Wednesday during Missions Week!

WEDNESDAY PRAYERS

(Carey Chapel 12.40pm - 1pm)

Join us in Chapel where Tim will be leading prayer, with a focus on the persecuted church.

MISSION WEEK happenings

MONDAY

On Monday morning at 9.30am we'll gather the mission guests together in the whare oranga space for a short mihi whakatau to start the week. Any of you who are around are very welcome to join in with that.

TUESDAY

Two things to note about lunch time: 'ethnic/cultural dress' is encouraged; and we'll be hearing from **Dr James Hudson Taylor IV**, great-great-grandson of Hudson Taylor, founder of what is now OMF.

WEDNESDAY

At the request of the NZ mission community we have made space for those mission leaders and others who are at Carey next week to spend time in prayer together. This will be in LR3 from 9.30am - 10.30am. Any of you who feel you'd like to join us for that time would of course be very welcome.

MĀORI WORDS of the week

Kaikawe (the person to carry)

Rongopai (to hear/to listen | good news)

Kaikawe rongopai (missionary)



Dream the Impossible?

Genesis 13:14-15 New Living Translation

"... Look as far as you can see in every direction...for I am giving all this land, as far as you can see, to you and your descendants as a permanent possession..."

Dream, my fellow friends, by all means, dream! And if we are ever given a privilege to paint a future, we might as well dream the impossible, imagine that which has never been, and create a cutting-edge contribution insofar as providence permits these forward-looking explorations.

Dreaming is not an antithesis to faithfulness in the small and mundane responsibilities. Dreaming is also not antithetical to appreciating the past and the present foundations and pillars.

To dream, imagine, and create well, we must at the least begin with a good understanding of the core (the identity, the primary business, and so forth), know why things have been as they are, and evaluate all that have been subsumed under the 'business as usual' category. In charting a future, the dreamer who disregards the past and the present do so at great perils and risks, for the envisioning may create a momentum that destabilises more than is desirable or manageable.

Dreams connect the past, the present, and the open/unknown future. The challenge and/or the fun (whichever way you are wired to conceive what may be entailed in re-envisioning/dreaming a future) is to explore pathways for the future by building upon prior foundations and discerning when, where, and how any limits may be catalytic for God's proleptic vision.

We can be God's conduits for the perpetual, unfolding of divine providence! Would you join those who have entrusted themselves unto Abba's masterful weaving, to dream as the Spirit of God would enable you, to paint with big brush strokes and to learn the art painting the finer and more elegant strokes with the small and medium-size brushes as faithful vessels of Christ who would endeavour to keep in step with the movements and developments carried about by the Spirit of God?

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Director of the Centre for Chinese Research and Training



Spend the day with us as a community



OPEN DAY – TUESDAY 21st AUGUST

This day is open to anyone who feels God is leading them to mission and want to explore how and where they could serve God in the world.

Do you know of someone who might be interested? Invite them to come along.