

China Graduate School of Theology

## Hong Kong Summer School 2010

### Public Lectures

Free admission · No registration is required

**Date: June 8 (Tuesday)**

**Time: 7:30-9:00pm**

**Venue: CGST Campus (5 Devon Road, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon)**

**Speaker: Dr. Ross Hastings**

Topic: **Will the Real Missio Dei Please Stand Up?**

"Is God really missional? Will the Real Missio Dei Please Stand Up?": the notion of the missio Dei is now a treasured notion that undergirds the missional conversation. The church, because it is in union with God, in Christ, by the Spirit, is considered to be missional in its identity because God is missional. The church is a sent church in that it takes its character from the sendings (missio) of the Son and the Spirit which reveal God as the missional God. But is this a valid theological conclusion? This talk will probe various views of the missio Dei, and its putative origin in Karl Barth. A qualified defence of the notion will be offered, along with consequences for its outworking into the life of the church.

**Date: June 10 (Thursday)**

**Time: 7:30-9:00pm**

**Venue: CGST Campus (5 Devon Road, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon)**

**Speaker: Dr. Rod Wilson**

Topic: **Is Private Christian Counselling a Contradiction in Terms?**

There is a marked polarization in the Christian world when it comes to private counselling and this is exacerbated even further in the Asian context. As a result there are people who believe that having a private counsellor is absolutely necessary for the resolution of problems, while there are others who believe counselling is not needed and may even be unbiblical. At times this debate is split on whether one sees the church community as the prime resource for handling life's challenges. This lecture will call the church to take its healing responsibilities more seriously and will call the private counselling movement to think in a more communal way.