

LIF – 7th Annual Conference

The Context: 2015 to 2021

LIF 2015 began with faculty members from seven HK institutions who organized several parallel tracks for in-depth exchange among those in different disciplines. The event brought Christian colleagues from the Mainland and Taiwan to join them.

LIF 2019 celebrated the centenary of the May 4th Movement. But LIF 2020 was cancelled due to Covid-19. When we resumed in 2021, the theme was “Faith & Vocation in a Time of Transition” as HK tried to recover from social unrest and wrestled with the pandemic new normal. The conference went online for the first time, and we welcomed participants from several countries outside of HK.

2022, as the pandemic continues and Hong Kong adjusts to ongoing sociopolitical changes, the world is rocked by the Russian war on Ukraine that has created the fastest-growing refugee crisis since WWII. Grave global economic impact and escalating east-west tension can be expected in the days ahead. The poor in the world will suffer the most.

The Call in 2022

We are living through unexpected and unprecedented challenges. But despite the chaos, uncertainties, sufferings, wars and pestilences in our time, we are assured that the Lord of history is working out his redemptive purpose. With Mt 24:1-14 as the anchor of our worldview, we persevere in our calling to serve our generation.

The world will continue to change in drastic and unexpected ways. But we are committed to faith, hope and love as we serve our generation with compassion, wisdom, humility and courage with all that we have received from God in our education and professional training.