Documentation of Chinese Christianity

The Documentation of Chinese Christianity program was established by the Yale Divinity Library in 2012 as a collaborative effort of Yale and the Hong Kong Baptist University Library to preserve and make accessible books, periodicals, reports, and archival materials that document Chinese Christianity. The program forms part of the Latourette Initiative for the Documentation of World Christianity [1], a proactive program to preserve and provide access to the documentation of world Christianity that has provided funding for the microfilming and digitization of collections throughout the world. The goals of the Documentation of Chinese Christianity program are to acquire materials for addition to the Day Missions Collection at Yale Divinity Library, to develop its collection of Chinese-language Christian resources, and to make this documentation, as far as possible, available to the public via the Internet.

China Free Methodist Church

The collection of digitized materials belonging to the China Free Methodist Church in Taiwan consists of thirty-five (35) monographic items (for a list of titles, click here [2]) and three (3) serial titles:

- Xun Li Hui Kan (????), 338 issues (vol. 308, 1979 – vol. 650, 2013)
- Xun Li Zhou Bao (????), 133 issues (vol. 1, 1963 – vol. 137, 1965)

To request digital copies of these materials, please contact the Divinity Library Special Collections [3].

Chinese Baptist Convention

The Chinese Baptist Convention ???????????? (CBC) collection consists of digital equivalents of materials documenting the history and work of the Convention and its member churches. These materials include one commemorative publication, celebrating the 150th anniversary (1839-1986) of Baptist work in China, and 252 issues of three (3) periodicals published between 1955 and 2014:

- Shouwang (??), 89 issues (1955 – 1970)
- The Baptist Voice (????), 84 issues (1987 – 2014)

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Chinese Christian Literature Council

The Chinese Christian Literature Council (CCLC) collection consists of more than 1300 Christian tracts and books
(including translations from Western languages) published by the Christian Literature Society for China (CLSC, ????) and the Council on Christian Literature for Overseas Chinese (CCLOC, ????????) between 1906 and 1993.

For a list of the 692 titles published by the Christian Literature Society for China between 1906 and 1962, click here [5].

For a list of the 616 titles published by the Council on Christian Literature for Overseas Chinese between 1947 and 1993, click here [6].

To request digital copies of books or serial issues, please contact the Divinity Library Special Collections [3].

Christian Weekly

Christian Weekly (?????) is the Chinese-language newspaper published by the Hong Kong Chinese Christian Churches Union (?????????).

Founded in 1915, the Hong Kong Chinese Christian Churches Union is a Christian organization consisting of 354 member churches belonging to different denominations. Its mission is to coordinate the Chinese Christian churches in spreading the Gospel and organizing various evangelistic works in publishing, social welfare, education, medical services, etc. The Union also manages cemeteries, clinics and hospitals, schools, and homes for the elderly.

Published since 1964, Christian Weekly It is one of the two Chinese Christian newspapers in Hong Kong. It documents the activities of the Christian churches and organizations including schools and social welfare services institutes in Hong Kong. It also contains articles on Christian life and education, theology and faith, information on Christian activities in Taiwan and China, etc. Writers include laymen, prominent evangelists and pastors.


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Denominational periodicals from Hong Kong

To request digital copies of the following titles and issues, please contact the Divinity Library Special Collections [3].

Hong Kong Christian Council

- Message (??), May 1976-Dec. 2009 (295 issues)
- News and Views, Dec. 1978-Fall 2009 (115 issues)

Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China

- Hui Xue Yue Kan (????), Jun. 1957-May 1994 (444 issues)

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong

- Xin Yi Tong Xun (????), May 1951-Mar. 1960 (82 issues)
- Good Tidings (??), Apr. 1960-Mar.1972 (144 issues)

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (Anglican Church)
Baptist Convention of Hong Kong

- Kong Yuet (???? – “Diocesan Echo”), Nov. 1946-Dec. 1948 (24 issues)
- Gang Ao Jiao Sheng (???? - Diocesan Echo), Mar. 1953-Nov. 1982 (351 issues)
- Outpost, 1920-Oct. 1975 (173 issues)
- Echo, Nov. 1998-Dec. 2009 (111 issues)

Holy Light Theological Seminary

The collection of digitized materials from the Holy Light Theological Seminary (HLTS) in Taiwan consists of forty-five monographic items (bulletins, prospectuses, pamphlets, newsletters, and other miscellaneous publications) and five serial titles:

- Sheng Guang Tong Xun (????), 30 issues (1976-1982)
- Sheng Guang Shen Xue Yuan Yuan Xun (??????), 241 issues (1982-2005)
- Sheng Guang Yuan Xun (????), 107 issues (2005-2013)
- Holy Light Newsletter (English), 56 issues (1976-1993)

For a list of monographic titles, click here [7].

To request digital copies of these materials, please contact the Divinity Library Special Collections [3].

Hong Kong Christian Council

The Hong Kong Christian Council (HKCC), ??????? [8], is the ecumenical body of Christian churches, organizations and institutions in Hong Kong. Founded in 1954, the Council promotes a united witness and outreach to the whole society. It is the visible sign of church unity in Hong Kong, promoting the spirit and work of the ecumenical movement.

The collection of digitized materials from the HKCC consists of 51 annual reports (1960/1961 – 2010/2011) documenting the work, the activities and the organizational structure of the Council over a period of four decades.

To request digital copies of these materials, please contact the Divinity Library Special Collections [3].

Reichelt Collection

The Reichelt Collection consists of 101 monographs, 31 manuscripts and 7 serial titles held at the Institute of Sino-
Christian Studies (ISCS) in Hong Kong. Formally established in 1995, the Institute builds on the foundations of Tao Fong Shan [9], the religious centre established in 1930 by the Norwegian Sinologist and missionary Karl Ludvig Reichelt [10] (1877-1952). The collection consists of books on Buddhism, Christianity and ancient Chinese and Indian philosophy in Chinese, Danish, English, French, German, Norwegian, Swedish or a combination of two or three of these languages. It also includes a number of Reichelt's own manuscripts and archival material.

For a list of the book titles in the Reichelt Collection, click here [11].

Serials titles and issues are listed below:

- **Buddhist Missionen** (No. 1, May 1926 – No. 2, February 1932)
- **Den Kristne Buddhismsmission** (No. 3, March 1932 – No. 12, December 1948)
- **Den Nordiske Kristne Buddhismisjon** (No. 1, January 1949 – No. 12, December 1963)
- **Ching Feng** (Chinese edition): No. 1 (April 1958) – No. 89 (March 1987)
- **Meddelanden Från den Nordiska Kristna Buddhismisjonen** (1943 – 1958)
- **Østen og vi** (January 1964 – 1998)
- **Tanker og Toner** (1928 – 1939)

To request digital copies of books or serial issues, please contact the Divinity Library Special Collections [3].

**Studium Biblicum OFM**

The Studium Biblicum Franciscanum Hong Kong [12] is the Hong Kong branch of the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum, founded by the Blessed Gabriele Allegra in 1945 in Beijing, to support the work of a team of Franciscan friars engaged in the first complete translation of the Catholic Bible in Chinese. Started by the Blessed Gabriele Allegra soon after his arrival in China in 1931, the Studium Biblicum version was eventually published in 1968, and is considered the prominent Chinese-language version of the Bible among Chinese Catholics.

The digitized collection consists of materials documenting the OFM translation work and its results, namely:

- Thirty-two volumes of manuscripts [13], including the Blessed Gabriele Allegra’s translation notes, and thirty-one books of the Bible in Chinese.
- Twenty-nine Chinese-language books of the Bible [14], published between 1946 and 1964.

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**Taiwan Lutheran Church**

The Taiwan Lutheran Church ????????? [17] (TLC), officially established in 1954, is one of the six Lutheran Churches in Taiwan and a member of the Lutheran World Federation.

The collection of digitized materials from the TLC consists of:
Forty-three (43) volumes of local church publications dating from 1963-2013
Five (5) volumes of TLC anniversary publication dating from 1974-1994
Twenty-seven (27) volumes of TLC annual reports covering the years 1959-2008
Sixty (60) issues of the newsletter ??????? (no. 1, 1990 - no. 60, 2010)

To download a list of titles, click here [18].

To request digital copies of these materials, please contact the Divinity Library Special Collections [3].