

PEARL FELLOWSHIP

*Discovering the meaningful integration
of faith and work*



Faith and Work
Community Church Hong Kong

**Benefits
Of Being
A Pearl
Fellow**

Establish solid theological foundations from teachings, readings and group discussions

Cultivate spiritual disciplines and Biblical reflection through guided daily devotions

Reflect and converse about real-life experiences of living and working in Hong Kong

Build strong relationships within the Fellowship and the greater Christian community

Grow your network of like-minded Christians who strive to live out their faith in their workplace

Engage the art and culture of Hong Kong

OVERVIEW OF THE PEARL FELLOWSHIP

"Pearl Fellowship reminds me that God deeply cares about our work, and wants us to serve and worship Him in our workplace. Enjoyed the fellowship even though we are so different in our backgrounds and experience in our walk with Him."

-2014/15 cohort member

In September 2008, Redeemer Church, New York City, committed to equip young adults for gospel leadership in the world. They initiated an intensive, top-tier training program that engenders commitment from its participants and congregation, named the Gotham Fellowship.

In 2014, Faith and Work, Community Church, adapted the Gotham Fellowship for the Hong Kong context, renaming it the Pearl Fellowship. The pilot cohort experienced the program 2014-2015, and further contextualization occurred 2015-2016. The second cohort will begin September 2016.

Through the Pearl Fellowship we provide the theological, spiritual, and relational foundations required for meaningful and sustainable integration of faith and work.

The Fellowship integrates three primary elements to further the social, cultural, and spiritual renewal of Hong Kong.

Gospel-centered Theological Training

At the core of our program is the commitment to consider how the gospel impacts every area of life. We develop a worldview that draws from the deep resources of Christian traditions and is sufficiently robust to engage the diverse and complex culture of Hong Kong.

Spiritual and Personal Development

Pearl fosters personal, spiritual and professional development through daily devotions and relationships with pastors and other church leaders.

Community Formation

Pearl provides a community of peers, from diverse backgrounds and vocations, who are committed to each others' spiritual growth and calling to serve the common good of the city.

Program Details and Commitment

The Fellowship extends from late August/early September 2016 to May 2017, and includes:

- **Daily devotions** unite the group through guided scriptural and devotional readings
- **Weekly two-hour meetings** allow discussions of the extensive reading of major texts from various eras of church history
- **Saturday gatherings** provide in-depth training and city excursions (three to four)

"The program has enabled me to develop a few basic theological tools on how to integrate my faith with my work place. It is just the beginning of a journey and conversation with God. Wonderful to have a bunch of friends on this journey!"

-2014/15 cohort member

- **Three retreats** – late August/early September, early January and late May weekends – focus on personal reflection and spiritual formation (Saturday to Sunday)
- **Three projects** translate theology into real-life practice

- "At times, it felt like drinking from a fire hose but it has been a great journey in learning many things I didn't know, and discovering things I didn't know I didn't know (my blind spots) whilst being loved, supported and edified by wonderful friends."

-2014/15 cohort member

Tuition (\$7,000HK): This fee helps offset program expenses (licensing, retreats, etc.) and includes Pearl reading materials.

Additional reading sources are at your own expense. We are seeking donors who can enable us to provide financial aid, and scholarships may be available.

Application Process: Applications open on February 14th, and the deadline for submission is April 30th. An admissions committee selects Fellows from applicants who are working and best demonstrate:

- 1) commitment to Hong Kong
- 2) spiritual maturity
- 3) ability to fulfill the responsibilities of the Program

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it – Matthew 13:45-46

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