

7. CO-CURRICULAR STUDIES

The components of a training programme are usually spelt out in terms of the curriculum. BGST endeavours to enrich the learning experience of students through both formal and non-formal learning. In our Co-Curricular Studies programme we incorporate the following:

7.1 SPECIAL LECTURES

Our resident lecturers will periodically give public lectures to introduce the general Christian public to issues facing the Church and the individuals within society. These lectures also open up the theological disciplines to laity, enabling them to understand better their need for training.

We also invite distinguished Guest Lecturers to deliver Public Lectures and these often attract a large, appreciative audience.

Coordinator: Dr Philip Satterthwaite

7.2 THE DIPLOMA IN SPOKEN ENGLISH IN RELIGION

Our speech communication courses can be aggregated, with some extra components, into a programme enabling our students to earn the Diploma in Spoken English in Religion offered by the London College of Music. This is separate from the programmes we offer. External Examiners are sent from the United Kingdom to examine the candidates.

Coordinator: Rev Ng Seng Chuan

7.3 BIBLE LANDS STUDY TOURS

We conduct pilgrimage tours to Israel, Turkey, Greece, Cyprus, and Egypt as an important part of our distinctive as a School promoting the study of the Scriptures. The tours are combined with special lectures but during the tour as well as before and after the tours.

Coordinator: Ms Serene Woon

7.4 CHURCH-BASED COURSES

We bring our courses to churches to teach them as non-credit courses. These are often a distillation of a few of our more popular courses. That way we are able to introduce BGST meaningfully to the leadership as well as membership of the churches which host our courses. Students sometimes decide to come and take our courses for credit after they have attended these church-based courses.

Coordinator: Dr Ng Peh Cheng

7.5 EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

Our Co-Curricular programme enables us to seize opportunities to work with other organizations to sponsor jointly special speakers. We are constantly looking for new ways to bring our training to the churches and to laity in general.

Coordinator: Dr Quek Swee Hwa