



Friends of the Church in China Prayer Diary Supplement August 2021.

Theme: Graduations at China's seminaries!

In FCC, we rejoice with those who graduated in July 2021. Pray for these young leaders who will now be serving the Lord back in the churches from where they came. Here is a group from Yanjing Seminary in Beijing.

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The images in this supplement refer to seven provinces:

In the North-East, in northern Beijing, the Yanjing Theological Seminary.

Down the east coast, between Shandong and Zhejiang Provinces, there are the following four seminaries: Shandong Provincial Theological Seminary in Jinan; The national level 'Jinling' Nanjing Union Theological Seminary (NJUTS) in Jiangsu Province; the regional Hua Dong ('East China') Theological Seminary in Shanghai; and in Hangzhou, the Zhejiang Provincial Theological Seminary.

Then inland, there is the Zhongnan (Centre-South) Theological Seminary in Wuhan, Hubei Province. In the southwest of China, there is 'Sichuan' Regional Theological Seminary in Chengdu. FCC's current links do not include Xi'an (Shaanxi), Zhengzhou (Henan) or Guizhou Bible Schools.



Here the student body at Hua Dong East China Theological Seminary stands outside their chapel at the end of another academic year.

One key aim for the Chinese church is that seminary staff gain additional educational qualifications to equip them for their task as teachers of future pastors. Let us thank God for three friends who gained doctoral degrees in the past academic year: Wang Jiawei & Luo Chengzan (who spent three months in the UK in 2019) and 'Jenny' Zhao Qiufen (who spent time in the UK in 2013-2014).



The five doctoral students at NJUTS

- Three Doctors of Ministry (DMin)
- The Revd Professor Dr Chen Yilu
- Two Theological Doctorates (ThD):
Dr Wang Jiawei,
and Dr Luo Chengzan



Here (above) is Revd Dr Gao Ming, President of the Shandong Christian Council, who also obtained his doctorate recently. On the right is the Revd Dr Jenny Zhao. She is now Dean of Zhongnan Seminary, Wuhan (Hubei Province), and obtained her doctorate from Taiwan Baptist College.



At the Zhejiang seminary in Hangzhou, sitting with this section of the graduation class, is Lou Shibo, whom some FCC members will remember (when he started his doctoral research at Birmingham University).



Let us pray for all seminary staff and students. Here, at the Sichuan seminary in Chengdu, this photo (below) reminds FCC members of the ethnic variety of students who come from the rural parts of this region. FCC has received warm greetings from (robed) 'Peter' Yuan Shiguo.

