

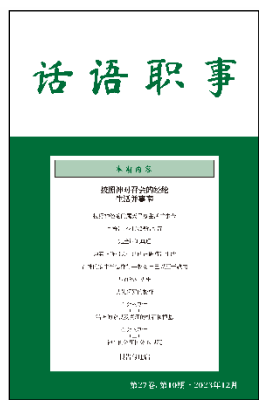
《话语职事》期刊(*The Ministry of the Word*) 介绍

注: 此期刊简体中文版即将于 2024 年正式出版, 首期为第二十八卷第一期(一月/二月), 内容为 2023 年感恩节国际相调特会的六篇信息。一年共十期。

《话语职事》期刊内容主要包括水流职事站主办的七次特会和训练中主最新的说话。李弟兄把这些年度的聚会称为“节期”, 他深切盼望我们在他离世后能继续这些节期, 并说我们该把这当作是他的遗嘱。从那时起, 我们已经举办超过 184 次这样的聚会[注: 2021 年 7 月出版的“*Having this Ministry...*”当时计算为 169 次]; 对于参加过的人来说, 这些聚会确实是节期, 我们在其中、在一里享受主, 从神圣话语的丰富得喂养。

《话语职事》的内容有四条主线, 取材自以下内容:

- 一 每年两次为期六天的半年度训练, 通常在七月和十二月举行。在大多数情况下, 这些训练是圣经一卷或多卷书的结晶读经。最近的一次是 2022 年 12 月 26 至 31 日举行的历代志、以斯拉记、尼希米记和以斯帖记结晶研读。[注: 今年七月训练以及要来的十二月训练均为主题式训练; 之后就看主如何继续带领。]
- 二 每年举办两次的国际长老及负责弟兄训练 (ITERO)。这是为地方召会的长老和正在学习成为长老的人举办的为期三天的训练。
- 三 然后有二次特会, 通常在有假期的周末举行, 以便让更多的圣徒参加。两场特会分别在国殇节和感恩节周末在美国不同地区举行。[注: 国际华语特会未包括在内。]
- 四 除了这些特会和训练之外, 有数期的《话语职事》包含每周对外开放之职事聚会的信息。安那翰全时间训练 (FTTA) 受训者也参加这些聚会。



《话语职事》中所出版的信息是倪柝声和李常受职事的**延续**。这些信息是对这两位时代执事向主的儿女所开启之丰富话语的**进一步发展和“挖掘”**。一九八四年, 李弟兄说,

我已经设法向你们解开了新约的每一卷书, 但我把进一步的挖掘留给你们。我不过是“打开矿藏”, 我并没有挖掘得很多。倪柝声弟兄在中国所立的根基非常帮助我; 然而在他的时代, 他告诉我说, 主不许可他写解经的书。借着我个人直接

从他所听到的信息，借着他所出版的刊物，并借着至少八年以上和他多次直接的谈话，我领受了非常扎实、基要的话，得以在其上建造。结果，我拿起负担来写恢复本的注解，向寻求的圣徒解开新约的每一卷书。倪弟兄和我都没有那么多时间进一步地挖掘。我想要进一步地挖掘，我也还在挖掘，但我不信我能作那么多。因此，我把进一步挖掘的事留给你们。

基本的真理已经向我们陈明，许多生命的滋养已经出版，特别是生命读经的信息。还有，障碍几乎已经全部除去。现在有一条畅通的道路给我们来研读，并且每一卷书向我们都是解开的。在采矿的事上，最难的事就是打开矿藏。一旦矿藏打开，宝贝露出来，人就很容易挖出宝贝。我把进一步挖掘的事留给你们。我相信主会借着你们或别人，继续这挖掘的工作。过一段时间，我相信你们许多人会成为“优秀的挖掘者”。我们出版生命读经信息的用意和目标，就是要打开矿藏，让你们进去挖掘。（《李常受文集一九八四年》第二册，四〇一页）

今天的职事内容就是“挖掘”神话语的宝藏，这话语永远是活的、新的、新鲜的、且满了亮光。这些最新的说话被记录、编辑并发表在《话语职事》中。

李弟兄非常重视在主的职事中出版工作的价值。他谈到了这项工作所产生的持久而广泛的果效：

文字的用处广而久；论其广泛，如水一般，不知不觉间就渗进人的里面。有时仅仅一篇文章，不知流到哪一家，也不一定落在谁手里，就发生了作用。文字所发挥的作用是永存的，不像听道那样肤浅。一个人听道，当时听了可能很受感动，但是过三天感觉就淡忘了。然而读文字，是越读懂得越多，留在记忆里越久，印象也越深。研究心理学的人已经探究出来，电视比广播高明，感力更强，因为听的永存性远不如看的。所以文字工作的价值，就在于其效能广泛而久远。譬如圣经存在人类中间几千年了，其效能不言而喻。（《李常受文集一九八四年》第五册，二七九页）

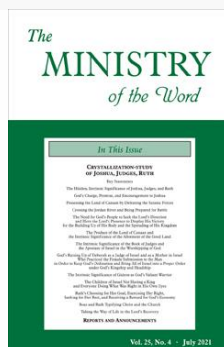
因此，仅仅享受特会和训练中启发人的信息是不够的。为了长久、有效地吸收这职事的丰富，我们应该阅读出版的职事书刊，并养成阅读的习惯。这就是我们出版《话语职事》的目的。随着我们接近这世代的终结，愿我们都能对这时代职事的价值有新鲜且拔高的看见。[翻译并整编自：刊登于水流职事站出版的英文电子版通讯“*Having this Ministry...*” 2021年七月第3期，介绍“*The Ministry of the Word*”的文章]

The Ministry of the Word

The Ministry of the Word primarily contains the Lord's up-to-date speaking in the seven annual conferences and trainings hosted by Living Stream Ministry. Brother Lee referred to these annual gatherings as feasts, and he deeply desired that we would continue to keep these feasts after his departure, saying we should consider this as his will. Since that time, we have held over one hundred sixty-nine such gatherings, and for those who have attended, they truly have been feasts in which we have enjoyed the Lord together in oneness while feasting on the riches of the divine Word.

The content of *The Ministry of the Word* follows four lines, taken from the following:

1. Two, six-day Semiannual Trainings, typically held in July and December. For the most part, these have been crystallization-studies of one or more books of the Bible. The most recent being the crystallization-study of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth, held July 5-10, 2021.
2. Twice a year we hold an International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO). These are three-day trainings for the elders of the local churches and for those who are learning to become elders.
3. Then there are two conferences, typically held over holiday weekends to allow more saints to attend. The two conferences take place in various regions of the United States over the Memorial Day and Thanksgiving weekends.
4. In addition to these conferences and trainings, some issues of *The Ministry of the Word* contain the weekly ministry meetings, which are open to the public. The FTTA trainees also attend these meetings.



The messages published in *The Ministry of the Word* are the continuation of the ministry of Watchman Nee and Witness Lee. They comprise the further development, the “digging out, of the riches of the Word as it was opened to the Lord’s children by these two ministers of the age. In 1984 Brother Lee said,

I have made an attempt to open every book of the New Testament to you, but I have left the further digging to you. I have only “opened up the mine,” but I have not dug that much. The foundation that Brother Watchman Nee laid in China helped me greatly...Through many direct talks with him for over at least eighteen years, I received a very solid foundational word to build on. As a result, I picked up the burden...to open each book of the New Testament to the seeking saints. Both Brother Nee and I did not have that much time to dig further. I want to dig

further, and I am still digging, but I do not believe that I can do that much. Therefore, I leave this further digging matter to you.

The basic truths have been presented to us, and much life nourishment has been put into print, especially with the Life-study messages. Also, the obstacles have nearly all been removed. We now have a clear way for our study, and every book is open to us. In mining, the hardest thing is to open the mine. Once the mine has been opened and the treasure is exposed, it is easy for someone to dig out the treasures. I have left only this one matter of further digging to you. I believe that the Lord will continue this digging work either through you or through some others. After a period of time I believe that many of you will be “good diggers.” The intention and the goal of our publishing the Life-study messages is to open up the mine for you to go in and dig. (*The Collected Works of Witness Lee, 1984*, vol. 2, “Elders’ Training, Book 3: The Way to Carry Out the Vision,” pp. 311-312)

The content of today’s ministry is the “digging out” of the treasures of the Word of God, and it is always living, new, fresh, and full of light. This up-to-date speaking is recorded, edited, and published in *The Ministry of the Word*.

Brother Lee had a great regard for the value of the publication work in the Lord’s ministry. He speaks of its long lasting and widespread effect:

The usefulness of the publications is long lasting and widespread. Like water, the publications can spread widely and imperceptibly “seep” into people. A published message can have a great effect simply by “flowing” into a home and reaching someone whom we do not know. The effect of the publications lasts forever and is not as shallow as the effect of only hearing a message. A person may be touched as he listens to a message, but after three days his feeling may wane, and he may forget it. However, the more a person reads the messages, the more he will understand, and the messages will stay in his memory a longer time and give him a deeper impression...Thus, the value of the publications lies in the fact that their effect is long lasting and widespread. The Bible has been among human beings for a few thousand years, and its effect is self-evident. (*The Collected Works of Witness Lee, 1984*, vol. 5, pp. 216-217)

Thus, it is not enough merely to enjoy the inspiring messages in the conferences and trainings. In order to absorb the riches of this ministry in a way that is long lasting and operative, one should read the published ministry and read it habitually. This is our purpose in publishing *The Ministry of the Word*. As we draw near to the consummation of the age, may we all receive a fresh and uplifted valuation of the ministry of the age.

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