

In today's world most people are in fairly continuous vocational transition. Vocational decision-making is then not a once-for-all event but a lifetime process. In such a mobile society we must grasp the heart of vocational living as a continuous process of discerning God's will and purpose.

But for some Christians, concern "to be in the center of God's will" leads to guidance anxiety. A plan, like a blueprint, is something that we must follow in slavish detail. But God does not have a wonderful plan for our lives. He has something far better – a wonderful purpose! A purpose is like a fast-flowing stream that carries a boat along, within which life is full of decisions, adjustments, redirections, mistakes and even second chances. God's primary concern is not that we fit like pegs in their proper slots but that we become people who love God, neighbors and God's creation.

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And God's will is not hard to find. Guidance is essentially a pagan concept. What Scripture offers is better than guidance; it offers the Guide. The Bible is more concerned with our relationship to the Guide than our being in "the center of his will," a concept not actually found in the Bible but promoted by popular Christianity. Lacking signs and supernatural direction, Christians can still confidently move forward in their lives for good reason – if they are prepared to engage in a lifetime journey of discerning their own personal calling.

REGISTRATION

Please use a separate form for each applicant

Name: (Mr./Ms./Miss) _____
(Chinese) _____

Address: _____

Phone: (Work) _____ (Mobile) _____

Email: _____

Occupation/Profession: _____

Organization: _____

Position: _____

Church: _____

Please list previous degrees, qualifications or highest level of education attained:

| | Practitioners | Pastors, Christian workers, or seminarians | CGST alumni |
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| On/before Nov 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,200 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,800 |
| After Nov 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,400 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,200 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000 |

Payment Method: Cheque (No.: _____/Bank: _____)
 Direct bank deposit

I have read and accepted the General Terms and Conditions as advertised in your website.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form with your cheque made payable to "Vocatio Creation Limited" to Suite A, 12/F, Empire Land Commercial Centre, 81-85 Lockhart Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong. Alternatively you may deposit the fees into our Hang Seng Bank account 768-121790-883 and fax us the payment slip together with the form. An email confirmation will be sent to you upon successful registration. No refund will be considered after registration but transfer is permitted upon our prior approval.

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R. Paul Stevens
Vocational Discernment Retreat

Vocation, Work and Ministry:
Finding Your Personal Calling

21-23 November 2008



Offered by Vocatio Creation & HKPES

When

21-23 November 2008, Fri. 9.00am – Sun. 12.00noon

Where

Breakthrough Youth Village (突破青年村), 33, A Kung Kok Shan Road, Shatin, N.T.

Description

This weekend is a reflective experience in discernment of the way you have been made and the path to which the Creator and Shepherd of your life is leading. While some of the application will concern finding or remaining in suitable work/ministry, the emphasis will be larger and deeper than finding the right job. We will approach the weekend with the largest understanding of calling: to participate in God's grand purpose and to live and work wholeheartedly and fruitfully for Him. There will be a balance of teaching, workshop exercise, small group interaction and guided personal solitude.

Facilitators

R. Paul Stevens, Professor Emeritus of Marketplace Theology, Regent College, Vancouver, BC
Philip Wu, Career consultant and coach



R. Paul Stevens has been a pastor, a student counselor and a businessman. From 1999 until 2005 he was professor of marketplace theology and leadership at Regent College in Vancouver. His mission is to empower ordinary people to integrate their faith and life from Monday to Sunday. He does this through teaching, coaching, advocating and writing.

Cost

Practitioners: \$2,200
Pastors, Christian workers, or seminarians: \$2,000
CGST alumni: \$1,800

Cost includes all materials and 4 meals. \$200 will be added for registrations received after November 11. There is limited accommodation (quad room) for resident participants. Please enquire us for the rate.

Tentative Schedule *(Note: Stevens' sessions will be conducted in English only whereas Wu's are in Cantonese)*

| | Nov 21 (Fri) | Nov 22 (Sat) | Nov 23 (Sun) |
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| 8.45am | Arrival and Registration | 8.00am Breakfast | |
| 9.00am | Welcome and Introduction | | |
| 9.15am | So What Am I Going to Do When I Grow Up? (Stevens) | Learning to See Myself: Discovering Your Personal Passion (Stevens) | The Spirituality of Vocational Living (Stevens) |
| 9.45am | Small Group Introduction | Small Group | Group Sharing |
| 10.45am | Coffee Break | | |
| 11.15am | Learning to See God: Does God Really Have a Wonderful Plan for My Life? (Stevens) | Crafting a Career/Ministry Worthy of God's Calling: Workshop II (Wu) | Communion and Commissioning |
| 11.45am | Floor Interaction | | |
| 1.00pm | Lunch | | |
| 1.45pm | Guided Personal Solitude Individual Consultation with Stevens or Wu (Optional) | Guided Personal Solitude Individual Consultation with Stevens or Wu (Optional) | 12.00nn Departure |
| 4.30pm | Crafting a Career/Ministry Worthy of God's Calling: Introduction (Wu) | Crafting a Career/Ministry Worthy of God's Calling: Workshop III (Wu) | |
| 5.15pm | Crafting a Career/Ministry Worthy of God's Calling: Workshop I (Wu) | | |
| 7.00pm | Dinner | | |
| 8.00pm | Movie Discussion – Finding Your Personal Calling | Spirit Gifts and Graces: The Ultimate Motivation (Stevens) | |
| | | Guided Personal Reflection – Integration | |
| 10.00pm | Departure or Rest | | |