

TRAINING LEADERS

Holy Cross Theological College, Myanmar

Equipping clergy and congregations with theological education

In their own words

‘There is the call to do mission with unconditional love. The Church of Myanmar is trying to be the church for others, instead of self-seeking.’
 The Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop of Myanmar



Myanmar factfile

Capital: Rangoon (Naypyidaw since March 2006)
Languages: Burmese, indigenous
Religion: Buddhist 89%, Christian 4%, Muslim 4%, animist 1%, other 2%
Export: Natural gas, wood products, pulses, beans, fish, rice, clothing, jade and gems
Cyclone: Myanmar is still recovering from Cyclone Nargis, which devastated the country in May 2008

USPG in Myanmar

USPG has been working in partnership with the Church in Myanmar since 1853. In 2009, USPG allocated £82,000 to support of the work of the church in areas of greatest need



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In Myanmar, as with many parts of the Anglican Communion, there is an urgent need for trained clergy and lay leaders to disciple new believers and nurture the church. USPG-supported Holy Cross Theological College (HTC) is helping to address this need by training men and women to become ordained clergy and lay workers. During the academic year 2009-10, 42 students were resident at the college. Established in the Diocese of Yangon in 1929, HTC has over time increased its reach so that it is now able to offer students a wide range of courses, including Bachelor

of Theology, Licentiate of Theology and a Diploma in Ministry. During 2010, the college is planning to also offer a Master of Divinity degree. Other plans include developing the college infrastructure with improved office space, modernised lecture rooms and more student accommodation. College principal the Revd Simon Be Bin Hut said: ‘Financially, we have been trying our best and we believe that the Good Lord will provide us for his glory to be shown in Myanmar.’ Money donated through USPG goes towards supporting student fees, the library and administration.

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