



SCRIPTURE | SCHOLARSHIP | SERVICE

A proposed scholarly and ministry-oriented fellowship for advancing biblical scholarship with Chin voices worldwide.

Identity

The Chin Society for Biblical Literature (CSBL) is a proposed scholarly and ministry-oriented fellowship committed to the study, interpretation, teaching, translation, and publication of biblical and theological literature for the service of the church and society.

Guiding Scripture

The guiding principle of CSBL is Nehemiah 8:8:

"They read out of the book of the law of God, translating and giving the meaning so that the people could understand what was read"

- Nehemiah 8:8, Christian Standard Bible

This verse shapes the society's public calling: reading Scripture faithfully, translating responsibly, giving the meaning carefully, and helping people understand what was read.

Mission

To promote biblical study, theological reflection, academic fellowship, publication, and service among Chin Christians and friends of Chin biblical scholarship.

Vision

To cultivate a mature Chin scholarly community that faithfully studies Scripture, thoughtfully engages theology and culture, encourages publication, and serves the church and wider society.

Motto

Scripture - the foundation of faith, teaching, preaching, theology, and mission.

Scholarship - careful study, responsible interpretation, research, writing, and publication.

Service - biblical learning offered for the strengthening of the church and the witness of God's people.

Main Purposes

1. Encourage serious study of the Bible and biblical literature.
2. Promote Chin Christian scholarship, writing, and publication.
3. Provide fellowship among scholars, pastors, teachers, and students.
4. Support theological reflection on Chin culture, history, language, diaspora, and mission.
5. Encourage emerging writers, researchers, translators, and students.
6. Organize lectures, consultations, conferences, reading groups, and publication projects.
7. Serve churches by strengthening biblical teaching, preaching, and theological understanding.

Proposed Activities

Annual or occasional lectures; online seminars; scholarly conversations; research and writing groups; publication of articles, papers, books, and edited volumes; student encouragement and mentoring; biblical and theological resource development.

Proposed Membership Categories

Founding Members - those who participate in the formation and early development of CSBL.

Regular Members - scholars, pastors, teachers, writers, and Christian leaders who support the mission.

Student Members - students of Bible, theology, ministry, mission, culture, language, literature, or related fields.

Associate Members / Friends - individuals who support the mission, including non-Chin friends and scholars.

Current Stage and Invitation

CSBL is currently in the founding consultation stage. The founding document has not yet been finalized. Feedback, correction, and suggestions are welcome. You are warmly invited to join the founding conversation.

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