

2 December 2016

Dear Alumni,

I bring you warm greetings from TTC and trust that this note finds you well.

As 2016 draws to a close, we have much to be grateful for, especially for the hand of God enlarging our ministry of theological education. I would like to share some of these with you for your information and continued prayers.

1. We congratulate three alumni on their election to Methodist leadership in Singapore:
  - a. Bishop Dr Chong Chin Chung (*MDiv 1981; DTh 2008*) as Episcopal head
  - b. Rev James Poona Sami Nagulan (*BTh 1997*) as President of the Emmanuel Tamil Annual Conference
  - c. Rev Dr Gregory Goh Nai Lat (*MDiv 1992*) as President of the Chinese Annual Conference.Congratulations also to retiring Bishop Dr Wee Boon Hup (*MDiv 1984*) on being conferred the title of Bishop Emeritus.
2. Community life at TTC is blessed in many ways by students who contribute to a 'buzz' on campus. Singapore students go out of the way to care for overseas students and plan special programmes so that there is a more holistic experience in theological education.
3. Churches continue to invite our lecturers to preach at TTC Sundays and other occasions including addressing special topics for parishioners. Several churches have been in partnership with our college for faculty support and we thank God for their generosity.
4. Our lecturers are now participating regularly as members of [ATESEA](#) Accreditation Teams visiting seminaries in the region as accreditors. Faculty members also contribute articles to the widely circulated Asia Journal of Theology whose editor is Dr Simon Chan. The principal and dean also serve in the Board and Senate of ATESEA respectively as part of TTC's contribution to leadership among regional seminaries.
5. The December Trumpet will reach you in either print or digital form. The English and Chinese versions are not similar, so visit the website to read both editions. Catch up on news about your alma mater and read about our new lecturers: Rev James Lim, Rev Samuel Wang and Rev Edmund Fong. They have all completed their PhD studies and await oral exams.
6. Our annual [Open House](#) will be held on Wednesday, 18 January (8.15am – 2.00pm) and we request your assistance to advertise to friends and church members. Over the years, many have decided to study at TTC after learning about theological education and its importance for every Christian.
7. Looking forward, TTC will be celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2018. Plans are being drawn up to hold events throughout the year, culminating on 5 October. We shall share these events with you as they firm up, especially a project which will involve alumni participation and contribution.
8. [Ethos Institute for Public Christianity](#) continues to be a great resource for the church with its articles, publications, public lectures and events. A think-tank of the National Council of Churches in partnership with TTC and the Bible Society of Singapore, our faculty members count it a privilege to be of service to Ethos.

As you and your family take time to rest and holiday together, we wish you a joyful Christmas and a God-blessed New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,



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Principal