

26 November 2018



Dear Alumni,

I bring you warm greetings from Trinity Theological College and trust that you are well.

As our year-long 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations and activities wind down, and our community prepare for Christmas festivities, it is an appropriate time to share some updates with you.

1. TTC was blessed by the presence of past principals, former lecturers, partners in theological education, pastors, church leaders and many alumni at the Anniversary Service and Thanksgiving Dinner on 5 October. It was altogether a joyful reunion of the TTC family from near and far. Here are some highlights of the special day:
  - Special guests from overseas came from neighbouring ASEAN countries, as well as Mainland China, Hong Kong, India, Australia and the United States of America.
  - The 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service held in the chapel, heard Methodist Bishop and alumnus, Dr Chong Chin Chung speak on the topic "Maturing as Light of the World" – our theme for this year's celebrations.
  - About 1000 guests attended the dinner banquet at Orchid Country Club, including more than 250 alumni from different cohorts and from overseas.
  - The dinner programme included
    1. a 100-page bi-lingual commemorative magazine published for the occasion
    2. a video presentation of the story of TTC ([click here](#))
    3. an appeal for "The Next Phase" – the next 10 years of our commitment to grow EQUIP: a TTC Lay Training Initiative; and the college's IT & Library resources.
    4. a speech by Guest of Honour, Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security, Mr Teo Chee Hean.

We thank God for a very meaningful and inspiring year of celebrations which has also helped our supporters and donors understand the work and progress of TTC over seven decades. Although we did not inform the media, DPM's speech was posted on the website of the Prime Minister's Office ([click here](#)) on (8 Oct) which unexpectedly raised the profile of TTC.

2. The heritage trail based on the theme "After the Darkness...Lux Mundi" was organised for alumni to visit Changi Prison Chapel and the former campus at Mt Sophia. It was also a project to raise funds for the theological education of ex-offenders. A specially designed umbrella and t-shirt were presented as gifts to donors. We thank God that we have far exceeded the target of \$70,000 and this appeal is now closed.
3. Our annual Open House will be held on Wednesday, 23 January 2019 from 8.15am to 2pm. Do help us share with prospective students that TTC is conducive for the preparation of ministry because of our wholesome community life, the diversity of our student body, its caring lecturers who are committed mentors, and the rigour of our study programme ([click here](#)).
4. Here is an early announcement of next year's biennial Trinity Lectures to be held from 29 July to 1 August 2019. The Trinity Lecturer will be Professor Markus Bockmuehl, a Biblical scholar specialising in Early Christianity, and presently Dean Ireland's Professor of the Exegesis of Holy Scripture at the University of Oxford. Please mark the dates in your calendar and we hope to see you at TTC.

Finally, we wish all alumni of TTC, wherever you are, 'A Joyful Christmas and a Blessed New Year'.

Blessings to you and yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rev Dr Ngeoi Foong Nghian'.

Rev Dr Ngeoi Foong Nghian  
Principal