



Dear Alumni,

I bring you warm greetings from Trinity Theological College. It has been an extremely challenging time at TTC since the academic year began in August 2020. No one could have anticipated the upheavals brought about by the global pandemic. Nevertheless, we are filled with thanksgiving on the way God is guiding our college and moving us into the future. Allow me to share some updates with you as you keep the college in your thoughts and prayers.

- On 28 October 2020, TTC honored the faithful service of our eleventh principal with the launch of a Festschrift, "For Church and World: Essays in Honour of Rev. Dr. Ngoei Foong Nghian". The book opens up the world of a significant leader in theological education. It also puts on record TTC's contributions toward the equipping of church leaders and laity in the region and service to society. Some alumni have requested for copies of the book. If you would like to have a copy, please contact Ms Christine Ting (christineting@ttc.edu.sg) to make arrangements.
- Beginning with the April 2021 edition, digital versions of Trumpet will be made available in addition to hard copies. We hope to facilitate easier access to individual articles and college news along with options to share them on social media with the digital versions. While PDF versions of Trumpet will still be downloadable from our website, it is our hope that the provision of digital versions will provide more reading options for our readers and expand the reach of Trumpet.
- Our college's Open House was held virtually on Wednesday, 20 January 2021 (10am to 1230pm). This is the first virtual Open House in our College's history. It consisted of pre-recorded segments along with online engagements and a chapel service that was live-streamed. Prospective students who joined us, both overseas and local, found the whole experience informative and meaningful. We will be holding another run of the virtual Open House in the second half of 2021. Do look out for more details on our website and social media platforms.
- TTC's 71st Graduation Service will be held on 15th May 2021 at Faith Methodist Church. It will be an onsite event for 250 persons and live-streamed. Out of the more than 60 students who will be graduating, most would have experienced the disruptions brought about by the coronavirus pandemic for at least half their journey of theological education at TTC. We are grateful for how the grace of God has indeed been sufficient and look forward to celebrating this significant milestone with them at the service. We would be delighted if you are able to join us online at <https://youtu.be/EAb8QMpv95E>.
- We have received 86 applications for the new academic year. We expect to admit some 80% of these prospective students. Due to a sizeable number of international students who deferred their studies for a year in 2020 because of border restrictions, we are anticipating a large cohort this July.

Be it prayers, financial gifts, or encouragements via emails and letters, your gestures of support have been deeply appreciated in these trying times. Until my next letter, may God keep you and yours in his grace.

Together for Christ

Rev Dr Edwin Tay
Principal