



7 April 2017

Dear Alumni,

I bring you warm greetings from your alma mater and trust that all is well with you and your loved ones.

1. So quickly we are into the second quarter of 2017, and soon another cohort will be graduating and moving on to the next phase of their life and ministry. The 67th Graduation Service of TTC will be held on Saturday, 13 May at Paya Lebar Methodist Church. Alumnus, Bishop Low Jee King (BTh 1987) of the Diocese of Singapore will be the speaker. For the first time, we will confer the Master of Ministry degree upon 29 Vietnamese pastors who participated in a special MMin programme in collaboration with the Institute of Bible and Theology (IBT) and the Evangelical Church in Vietnam (ECVN). A fuller report will appear in the April Trumpet which should reach you in due course.
2. This is usually a busy time for the Registrar's Office as it processes new applications. So far 78 persons have applied to study at TTC commencing July 2017. We always welcome overseas students, although obtaining their first theological degree at home should be the first option in order to reduce cost and to study with one's peers who will be co-workers in the future. Nevertheless, TTC is committed to equip every student with a sound and solid theological education.
3. Chapel services continue to be an integral part of spiritual formation. They are held three times a week – on Mondays (separately in Chinese and English); on Wednesdays (a longer service); and on Fridays (led by Family Groups). We have observed the improving preaching skills of our students at Monday chapel. On Friday, the personal testimonies of our students have been inspiring. Recently, a senior church leader who preached at Wednesday chapel was pleased to note that it is so well attended as compared to his time as a student.
4. Our Chinese department has been steadily growing over the years. In fact we have noticed that there are now young Singaporean students, who are educated in English but choose to study in the Chinese department! We are also pleased that there is much interest in the Chinese MMin programme for pastors. The programme can be completed in one to two years. The requirement is two courses and one project per semester over 2 semesters.
5. The biennial Trinity Lectures will be held on 24 – 27 July, nightly from 8.00pm – 9.30pm at the TTC chapel. The overall theme for the lectures is "Job and the Question of Unjust Suffering". We have invited one of Singapore's own sons, Professor Seow Choon Leong, who occupies the Vanderbilt, Buffington, Cupples Chair in Divinity, and is a Distinguished Professor of Hebrew Bible at Vanderbilt Divinity School. If overseas alumni wish to attend, complimentary accommodation for a single person will be provided on a first come first served basis. Please email facilities@ttc.edu.sg by 30 April 2017.
6. Dr Tan Kim Huat, Chen Su Lan Professor of New Testament at TTC is the new Chairman of the Board of Trustees of ATESEA. He was elected at its General Assembly, held at Central Philippine University, Iloilo from 20 – 22 March 2017. Dr Tan who is also Academic Dean of TTC, will serve a four-year term from 2017 – 2021. He takes over from principal, Dr Ngoei Foong Nghian who served as Chairman from 2013 – 2017, and previously as Vice-Chairman (2009 – 2013). For more information on the work of ATESEA, do visit its website at atesea.net

Meanwhile, thank you for your prayers and financial support over the years, and may God bless and keep you in the best of health and circumstances.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev Dr Ngoei Foong Nghian
Principal