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Dear Alumni,

I bring you warm greetings from Trinity Theological College and trust that all is well with you and your loved ones.

Our second semester is into its fourth week and students are already looking forward to the Lunar New Year break to catch up with their reading, and of course enjoy the festivities. Allow me to share with you some updates on our college.

1. The Open House 2016 was held on 20 January and we welcomed 84 prospective students. Report and photos are on our website [TTC Open House](#). We look forward to many joining us in the July academic year.
2. TTC continues to seek ways to meet the needs of the church. One such need is to provide theological education at the Diploma level. The Diploma in Theological Studies (DipTS) is designed primarily to help lay Christians, who desire foundational but also high-quality theological education for either their own development or in preparation for serving as lay leaders in the Church. It will be offered from the July 2016 academic year. Read more about it [DipTS](#).
3. While we still offer courses in the evening specially for the laity, we will soon be conducting weekend retreats on developing strong spiritual discipline. The 24-hour retreat is a good way to initiate the lay person into a pattern of personal spiritual development. We plan to hold four retreats a year, and the first for 2016 will be held on 6 – 7 May. More details will be publicized in due course. Dr Simon Chan and Dr Jimmy Tan will be the instructors.
4. If you visit our library regularly, you will notice that TTC faculty continues to publish. Two latest books are:
  - o *Dr Pan Chou Wee's "How Great is God's Love? A Reflection on Jesus Christ's Journey to Calvary"* – a devotional handbook in Chinese, based on Mark chapters 11 to 15, recalling the final week of events in the life of Christ.
  - o *Dr Jeffrey Truscott's "The Sacraments: A Practical Guide"* seeks to foster a recovery of worship in both Word and Sacrament among Protestant Christians, especially those in Asia.
5. Watch out for ETHOS Conversation 2016: "The Role of Religion in Society"! Mr Tan Chuan-Jin, Minister for Social and Family Development, and Bishop Rennis Ponniah, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Singapore, speak with Dr Roland Chia, Theological & Research Advisor of ETHOS Institute on the topic. Date: 22 March. Visit the [Ethos](#) website for more details.
6. Our college has been invited to teach two modules in the Studies in Inter-Religious Relations in Plural Societies (SRP) programme. The SRP programme is offered by the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University. We are honoured to receive this invitation and look forward to participating in 2017.

Do continue to pray for your alma mater and once again, we thank you for all your support and for speaking well of TTC.

Sincerely in Christ,

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Principal