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Dear Alumni,

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

1. Our new academic year commenced with Orientation on 3 July followed by College Retreat. The community enjoyed the focus on spiritual direction and reflection before the rigour of theological studies set in. This year, we received 80 applications to study at TTC but eventually we expect to have less than 60 new students. Of course there will still be many occasional students attending our classes.
2. The [Trinity Lectures](#) 2017 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 look forward to Professor Seow Choon Leong addressing the topic and we welcome you to join us for the biennial lectures.
3. The first Earnest Lau Professor of Systematic Theology, Rev Dr Simon Chan has relinquished the position upon his retirement as a full time lecturer. Early this year, the Board of Governors decided to appoint the Rev Dr Mark Chan to be the next Earnest Lau Professor of Systematic Theology. We shall be holding the Inaugural Lecture and Induction Service on 28 August 2017 in the Chapel. We welcome you to the service and seek your prayers for Mark Chan (BD 1981) in his new responsibilities.
4. Rev Dr Maggie Low and Rev Dr Wilfred Ho are authors of new books in English and Chinese, respectively. You will learn more about them in the August Trumpet. TTC encourages our lecturers to do research and writing as our commitment to Christian scholarship, continuing a long tradition begun since our founding in 1948.
5. TTC will celebrate its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 5 October 2018. The college will have a year-long celebration with monthly events beginning January 2018. The events include preaching symposium, conference on theology, Ethos programmes, souvenir magazine, launch of a new corporate video, and an anniversary dinner. The TTC anthem will also be re-arranged.

An event organised by alumni for the alumni is being planned. It will be a journey back in time to visit Changi Prison where our founding missionaries were interned as prisoners of war by the Japanese during the Second World War. We are looking to involve as many of our alumni as possible.

We shall share more details about the 2018 Anniversary events with you in due course. 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