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Dear Alumni,

I bring you warm greetings from Trinity Theological College and trust that this note finds you well. Once again it is my privilege to update you on what is taking place in your alma mater.

1. The Academic Year ended on a high note with 65 graduates receiving their scrolls on 14 May at Wesley Methodist Church. Among them were two DTh students who return to faculty positions in Indonesia and Nagaland. Most of our graduates will take up pastoral and chaplaincy work, and some will be missionaries. We are also encouraged that many lay people are now convinced that theological education will help them become more effective servants of the Lord in their places of work. Hence the growing number of lay people enrolling in degree programmes at our college.
2. When classes resume in July, we are expecting some 85 new students in all degree programmes. While students from our governing churches will make up 64%, those coming from other denominations, including independent churches will be represented by 36% of the new cohort. We look forward to welcoming our new students.
3. We thank three faculty members for long years of service. Rev Dr Yu Chin Cheak, a missionary of the United Methodist Church left for the US after serving 14 and half years at TTC. She returns to parish ministry in California. At the same time we honoured Rev Dr Pan Chou Wee (25 years), and Rev Dr Simon Chan (27 years) who retired from TTC. However, we expect to see them even after their retirement.
4. In the next few months, we are anticipating some new faculty members to join us, once they complete their PhD studies. They will be introduced at the appropriate time.
5. On 6 July, Trinity Theological College, in collaboration with 6 seminaries in Singapore and the Ethos Institute for Public Christianity, will hold a conference on "Human Sexuality, Marriage and the Church". It will be held at St Andrew's Cathedral from 9.30am to 4.30pm. This is the first time that our local seminaries are jointly organising a conference and we thank God for the spirit of unity at work. For more information about the conference you may visit either our website www.ttc.edu.sg or the Ethos website www.ethosinstitute.sg. We request your prayers that those who attend the conference will be blessed.
6. The CSCA 2016 Lectures this year is titled "Subversive Liturgy: Christian Worship and Its Implications for Social Ethics and Ecology". The speaker will be Rev Dr Simon Chan, Earnest Lau Professor of Systematic Theology. Date: 19 – 21 July, nightly at 7:45pm at the Multi-purpose Hall. These lectures will show how the church's engagement with societal issues develops out of the liturgy, and why the modern church needs to practice a theologically sound liturgy. We welcome you to join us.
7. Our faculty members have begun thinking about TTC's 70th Anniversary on 5 October 2018. We plan to hold monthly events in 2018 leading up to the day itself. This is a special invitation to all Alumni to consider ways in which you can contribute to the celebration. Your ideas on advancing TTC as a leading theological institution will be welcomed. Do contact any member of the faculty and share your thoughts with us.

Finally, our grateful thanks for all your prayers and support, and for speaking well of TTC.

Sincerely in Christ,



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