



“Hark, the herald angels sing ...” Christmas hymns, carols and songs will soon fill our ears in shopping malls, churches and throughout Singapore. These songs are not a recent phenomenon but find their roots in the infancy stories of Jesus. They include the *Magnificat* (Lk 1:46-55), the *Benedictus* (Lk 1:68-79), the *Gloria in Excelsis* (Lk 2:14) and the *Nunc Dimittis* (Lk 2:29-32), which are the songs of Mary, Zechariah, the angels and Simeon in the gospel of Luke. What is the function of these ancient songs and what is their relevance for us in our world today?

Like an operatic aria, the biblical scholar Richard J. Dillon observed that these songs allow the composer, in this case Luke,

“... to stop the action at any point so that, through a poetic and musical development exceeding the possibilities of ordinary life, a deeper awareness of what is happening may be achieved. A similar deep participation in the meaning of an event is made possible by the placement of this poem [the Magnificat] in Luke’s narrative.”

Hence, through these songs, Luke pauses the action as Mary, Zechariah, and Simeon interpret and respond in faith to God’s actions. The subject also changes from the third person (he, she) in the narrative to the first person (I) in these songs. Thus, as we read these songs using the first person pronoun, we are immersed

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Maturing as 'Light of the World (*Lux Mundi*)'

Trinity Theological College has the distinction of being the first seminary in Singapore to celebrate 70 years of theological education. The biblical number of '70' speaks of completion or fullness and indeed, we have come of age in many aspects of seminary life and service, hence the theme: "Maturing as 'Light of the World'". Perhaps, the uniqueness of being a theological school envisioned by missionaries who were interned in Changi prison during the Second World War, is a constant reminder of our bounden duty to God's calling.

It is fitting, therefore, that our college celebrates this grand occasion with special events throughout the year, which address the variety of ministries identified with TTC's significant contributions to theological education. As 2018 unfolds, you will hear the harmonious voices of the TTC choir in concert, be refreshed and renewed at a preaching symposium, and understand more about "Chinese Churches and Chinese Worldwide" in a seminar.

We hope you will join us for a conference on Christian spiritual formation, and benefit from theological presentations at a symposium on theology. Plans are underway for a heritage trail-cum-alumni project specially for TTC alumni to participate and contribute to the welfare of prisoners. A souvenir magazine will also be published to trace the growth and development of our college and it will be released on 5 October 2018 to coincide with the 70th Anniversary Service and Thanksgiving Dinner.

In the centre pages of *Trumpet*, you will see our celebrative events 'At-a-Glance'. More details are available on the website which will continually be updated. We encourage you to mark your diary and join us in our celebrations.

As we look forward to 2018, we are grateful to God for the trust and unity among our lecturers which translates into better working relationships among colleagues. It reflects the level of spiritual maturity evidenced by Christian love among faculty members. This ethos at TTC has enabled positive synergies towards growth to benefit the church and its ministry. We thank God for this 'shalom' in TTC, for this creates a nurturing environment for our community that consequently blesses our students' spiritual life and vocational formation. Immersed in this ethos, our graduates will carry it into church life by building trust and unity in the congregations where they serve.

The 70th Anniversary is also a time to plan for the future. In particular, we need to prepare for the renewal of leadership and to carry out the transition in a seamless way. The continuing mission of TTC is foremost in the minds of the Board of Governors as it determines policies and leadership at the helm. I am therefore pleased to inform you that the Board has appointed Rev Dr Edwin Tay to the position of Vice Principal. Dr Tay will assume duties as Vice Principal from January 2018. Let us pray for him and his family in this new season of their lives.

While "Maturing as 'Light of the World'", Trinity Theological College remains a servant of the Lord. Therefore, our humble prayer simply echoes that of the psalmist: "May the favour of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands" (Ps 90: 17). ❖

TTC wishes you a
Joyful Christmas
and a God Blessed New Year



into the songs, identifying with Mary, Zechariah, Simeon and joining them in a similar response. What are some themes in these songs that characterise their and our responses to God?

Mary's *Magnificat* highlights a consistent theme in Scripture that characterises Jesus' ministry: the Great Reversal. God opposes the oppressors—scattering the proud, bringing down rulers, sending the rich away empty—but aids the marginalised and oppressed, lifting up the humble and filling the hungry with good things (Lk 1:51-53). However, in the divine opposition to these oppressors, it is important to note that God's purpose is not simply to replace one regime with another, as if to replace one set of rogues with another, but to save these rogues and transform them into people who love their neighbours. This is shown in the Old Testament where after liberating Israel from slavery in Egypt, God commands them to eradicate injustice from within.

Furthermore, what characterises the proud, mighty and rich is their self-sufficiency, failure to look up to God, preoccupation with self-interests, violence and ignorance of the needs of others. In contrast, the humble, poor and hungry fear God and are fully dependent on God to meet their needs. Which of these two attitudes best represent us? As we commemorate and celebrate Christ's birth, as we read and listen to these ancient songs, are we sensitive to the needs of the poor and marginalised of society. Can we do anything for them this Christmas?

It is striking and perhaps incongruous that the angels come praising God and announcing peace as a heavenly army ("*stratias ouranion*" in Greek, Lk 2:13-14), as compared to earthly armies that only bring terror and destruction to their enemies. Indeed, the heavenly announcement of divine peace must be heard in light of the "gospel of *Pax Romana*" in Jesus' time. The uneasy peace of Roman rule was achieved on the battlefield through much bloodshed and maintained through the threat of violence, producing widespread suffering: slavery, taxation and terror. In contrast, God's peace is won through the suffering and death of his Son, achieving the reconciliation of God's enemies. In Jewish culture, peace basically meant wholeness and well-being, with God as its source. In terms of the basic relations in life, the multi-faceted nature of peace is characterised by "(a) the relation of persons and God, (b) the relation of persons with one another, (c) the relation of persons with the natural world, and (d) one's relation with oneself" (Charles H. Talbert).

This announcement of peace is very pertinent in a world marked by broken relationships in various ways: anxiety and fear within individuals; a world suffering from and threatened by environmental disasters; distrust and conflicts between peoples and nations; and a broken human-divine relationship. As people of God's favour and agents of divine peace, may the angels' song not only remind us of God as the source of our peace but also spur us to be peacemakers in various ways, calling others to peace with God this Christmas.

A common thread running through all four songs is the sense of joy and hope. It is a joy based on the fulfilment of God's ancient promise of salvation and deliverance in the birth of John and Jesus. But what can two babies do against the might of the Roman Empire? What can they do against the all-consuming power of sin and death?

In these songs, we find Mary, Zechariah and Simeon remembering the mighty acts of God in the past, his salvific and redemptive acts on behalf of Israel in the Exodus, in the conquest of the Promised Land and against their enemies. We find them rejoicing in God's present act of fulfilling his promises through the birth of John and Jesus. God has acted in the past. He is acting today. Mary, Zechariah and Simeon are filled with hope that God will act in the future. He will surely save through his Son Jesus.

During these troubled times where we are continually bombarded with bad news and prophecies of doom—acts of terrorism, threats of nuclear war and environmental catastrophes—it is perhaps all too easy to lapse into gloom and despair. The good news of these songs is that God has acted, is acting and will act. May these songs of faith, love and hope fill us with peace and a confident hope for the future this Christmas season, as we remember and experience the words of Jesus, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (Jn 14:27). ❖



Rev Dr James Lim
Lecturer in New Testament

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The Future of History

By Rev Dr Chiang Ming Shun

This short article shares the same title as a 2011 book by prolific historian John Lukacs. But where Lukacs was focused on the profession of historians and the writing and teaching of history, I am more interested in how Christians should view church history and how church records are preserved. In my opinion, a knowledge and appreciation of the past enables us to understand our current situation and direction, but unless we zealously preserve, conserve and protect our knowledge of the past, the future of church history in Singapore is bleak.

Recently, I casually observed to several people that 2019 would be a significant year and asked them if they knew why. Not a single person I spoke to realised that 2019 will be the bicentenary of the founding of modern Singapore by Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles – it will have been 200 years since Raffles came to Singapore in 1819. The history of Singapore did not begin on 9 August 1965; so easily do we forget our past.

This year, the Russian-American journalist Masha Gessen published a fascinating book, *The Future is History; How Totalitarianism Reclaimed Russia*. Gessen followed the lives of four “regular” Russians born in the 1980s just before the collapse of the Soviet Union – Zhanna, Masha, Seryozha

and Lyosha – to tell “the story of freedom that was not embraced and democracy that was not desired”. Gessen argues that the Russia of today has reverted to its previous totalitarian form. The future of Russia is found in its past.

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We Christians like to think that our future comes from the past, too. The 2007 Wheaton Theology Conference had as its theme, “The Ancient Faith for the Church’s Future”. Its Call for Papers stated that evangelicals are reaching “back behind the European Enlightenment for patterns and models of how to faithfully read Scripture, worship and engage a religiously diverse culture.” But this was nothing new. In the 1980s and 1990s, United Methodist Thomas Oden (who passed away only one year ago) drew examples and commentary almost exclusively from patristic sources for his three-volume work on systematic theology. There are deep seams of knowledge and wisdom in ancient sources to be mined. Chris Armstrong, the former Managing Editor of *Christian History and Biography* and associate professor of history at Bethel Seminary, called Christians who drew on the past “ancient-future” Christians.

Has there been no progress in history? Of course there has. One need only look at the benefits

of modernisation to chart stellar progress: the development of technology indispensable today, the meteoric rise in medical science, the growth of knowledge in all fields. Christians would also agree that history is moving us inexorably towards the return of Jesus.

But if there has been progress, why are there still wars and disease and famine? From August to October 2017, the plague (i.e. the Black Death of the 14th century) broke out in Madagascar. In 2016, more than 200,000 people in the world suffered from leprosy. These may not be public today, but why have these ancient diseases not been eradicated? Today, 70% of the population of Yemen, or 17 million people need food aid. Most of them do not have access to safe and clean drinking water. The World Food Programme says that 20 million people around the world are on the brink of starvation. In this age of plenty, why do people still face starvation? And it seems that the world has been in a constant state of war since 9/11.

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Sir Michael Howard, the former Regius Professor of Modern History at Oxford University, laid the blame on the reifying and deifying of ‘Reason’ and History: “If a personal God was no longer recognised as the prime mover and demiurge of the Universe, if events have instead to be explained or justified in terms of the unfolding of reason...then these abstractions took the place vacated by God and inherited the reverence and obligations previously due to him.”

Sir Michael argued that Reason is not a Thing or a god, but an activity of thinking and judging. And people can make “wrong, foolish and even wicked decisions”.

This is why we must know our history to see how Christians have thought, judged and decided in the past. We have to ask if they in their varied situations and contexts have always acted in the most noble, gracious and loving ways. We will find they have not. Maybe we will learn how we can do better. It is not just the historians, theologians or pastors who need to know their church history, but lay people in churches must have some sense of where we came from and how the Church arrived at what it is today.

To study the past we must preserve its traces – church records and documents, oral history, artifacts. Churches must be more scrupulous in keeping archives or at least hold on to documents. The National Archives can be approached for advice on what to keep. In fact, the Archives can even help churches digitise and store relevant material. There will come a time when we will need to look back at where we came from, and we will find nothing if we have lost or thrown away our church records.

In 1989, Francis Fukuyama, then a political theorist at the RAND Corporation, published an article entitled, “*The End of History*”. This landmark essay was later expanded into a book in 1992, *The End of History and the Last Man*. Fukuyama basically announced we had reached “the end point of mankind’s ideological evolution and the universalization of Western liberal democracy as the final form of human government.” Democracy would eventually triumph over all, including communism. At that time, with the Berlin Wall falling and the Soviet Union crumbling, Fukuyama appeared to be a modern-day prophet. With hindsight, of course, we know Fukuyama’s announcement was at best premature. There are still communist regimes in the world. Western liberal democracy is not the form of government everywhere. History has not ended. It moves on.

Will history end with the coming of Jesus? I think Christians will find then that (in the words of C.S. Lewis) “for them it was only the beginning of the real story. All their life in this world and all their adventures... had only been the cover and the title page: now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on earth has read; which goes on forever; in which every chapter is better than the one before.” ❖



Rev Dr Chiang Ming Shun
Dean of Students (from 2018)
Lecturer in Church History



ANNIVERSARY EVENTS AT-A-GLANCE

Trinity Theological College celebrates her 70th Anniversary in 2018. It is our joy to share with you the events we have planned to commemorate this milestone in our history. Our celebrations culminate with the Anniversary Service and Thanksgiving Dinner on 5 October.

FEB 2 7.30 PM - 9.30 PM
Bukit Panjang Methodist Church Sanctuary

Trinity Rhapsody

The College choir in Concert

FEB 27 2.30 PM - 4.30 PM
TTC

The Future of the Church in Singapore

A closed-door conversation with a panel of Christian leaders from different traditions, organised by the Ethos Institute

MAR 8 - 9 9 AM - 5.30 PM
TTC

Light of the Word: A Preaching Symposium

Plenaries and workshops by faculty, pastors, and international speakers
A parallel symposium will be held in Chinese

APR 18 - 19 9 AM - 5.30 PM
TTC

Chinese Churches and Chinese Worldwide

The conference will be conducted in Chinese

MAY 15 9 AM - 1 PM
TTC

Christian Spiritual Formation:

Its Nature, Potential and Pitfalls

A seminar designed for persons involved in the ministry of spiritual formation

JUL 23 - 27 9 AM - 4.30 PM
TTC

Salvation and Eschatology

A Theological Symposium

An academic theological symposium involving local and regional theologians

JUL 24 - 26 8 PM - 9.30 PM
TTC

The Breadth of Salvation:

Broadening our Theological Horizons of the Cross, Church and World

Three public lectures presented by Prof Tom Greggs from the University of Aberdeen

SEP 10 Changi Prison and Other Venues

After the darkness... *Lux Mundi*

Alumni Heritage Trail

A heritage trail for TTC alumni involving visits to Changi Prison Chapel and other key sites in the history of the college. It also seeks to raise funds for former offenders who enrol in theological education

OCT 4 Changi Prison and Other Venues

After the darkness... *Lux Mundi* (for Overseas Alumni)

The heritage trail for overseas alumni returning for the 70th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service and Dinner

OCT 5 11 AM
TTC

70th Anniversary Service

Guest Preacher :
Bishop Dr Chong Chin Chung

OCT 5 7.30 PM
Orchid Country Club

70th Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner

A special commemorative magazine will be distributed and a new video on TTC will be presented

For further details and updates, please visit TTC website :

www.ttc.edu.sg

Our 69th Milestone

By Gilbert Lok, a 2nd year MDiv student

In the morning of 6 October 2017, the TTC community took a break from regular classes to gather in thanksgiving for the College's 69th anniversary. Our speaker, Rev Dr Goh Nai Lat (President, Chinese Annual Conference, Methodist Church in Singapore), recalled affectionately his days of formation at TTC's Mt Sophia campus. Preaching from John 12:24-25 and drawing from the story of the missionary Samuel Pollard, his sermon reminded us that surrender and sacrifice are prerequisites for fruitfulness in God's Kingdom.

As a TTC community, we were reminded of the many ways our alumni serve fruitfully in different settings in Singapore and abroad, and together recognised the faithful service of staff and faculty through the presentation of Long Service Awards. The TTC Choir gave voice to our shared gratitude through their rendition of "Sing the Lord, Ye Voices All" (from Haydn's "The Creation") and "Great is Our God".

The celebrations continued in the evening with a Thanksgiving Dinner held at Orchid Country Club. In his Principal's Address, Rev Dr Ngoei emphasised TTC's resolute pursuit of its core priority, that is, to serve as a College for the Church. TTC's robust relationship with different churches and para-church bodies was evidenced by the four dozen organisations represented at the dinner. In addition to equipping full-time workers, TTC also serves the needs of lay leaders through its Certificates and Licentiates in Christian Ministry programmes, including the Certificate in Mission Practice jointly offered with the Anglican Church and the Singapore Centre for Global Missions. We celebrated with several graduates who were awarded their certificates during the Thanksgiving Dinner.

As we gave thanks for past blessings, we also looked ahead to greater fruitfulness. Our Chaplains prayed for upcoming graduands who will soon be departing TTC to serve God's Church. Several major events were announced for 2018, when TTC will celebrate its 70th anniversary (details are available in pages 8 & 9).

The TTC Male Choir's rendition of "Alpha and Omega" reminded us that God is the Beginning and the End, the Lord of everything. We are thankful that He who seeded the idea for this College in a prison amidst a world war has caused TTC to bear fruit, and we look to Him for continued fruitfulness in the years to come.

Here's looking ahead to 70 years of being Lux Mundi: light of the world. ❖



Rev Dr Goh Nai Lat (right), guest preacher



Honoured Guests at TTC's Thanksgiving Dinner

Christian Mediation: A Distinctive Approach to Peace-Making

By Angela Tay, a participant and member of Telok Ayer Chinese Methodist Church

Organised by the Centre for the Study of Christianity in Asia, the Christian Mediation Workshop 2017 held from 11-13 October brought together 21 participants from different walks of life and church affiliations. Although conflict resolution is often gritty and challenging, it was heartening to interact with persons willing to explore how they could play a role in bringing Christ's shalom into troubled situations.



Over three days from 9am to 5pm, we learnt techniques for managing conflicts within a Christian context. A team of highly qualified trainers, consisting of legally trained professionals as well as locally and internationally certified mediators, introduced mediation as a godly alternative to litigation.

Targeted at church leaders, the programme offered a distinctively Christian emphasis, which included examining the theological foundations and general principles of Christian peace-making. Using realistic scenarios, participants were led through the stages of a mediation process. General skills like active listening, positive question-framing and managing emotions were also taught in an interactive workshop-style.

Mr Seng Kong Looi, a cell group leader from Ang Mo Kio Presbyterian Church appreciated the intensive training where "experienced coaches gave their best to empower us to go and stand in the gap as peacemakers." Rev Poh Heow Lee, the Senior Pastor of Foochow Methodist Church, found the course "well-designed, with role-plays through progressively more difficult case studies that 'flesh out' our learning."

The clincher for me was the teaching segment on Day three on Forgiveness. This is the powerful distinction between Christian and secular mediation. Within the former context, the example of our Lord Jesus as the Mediator between God and sinful humanity can be held up as the chief motivating drive for parties to work towards forgiveness and reconciliation. Besides just moving the parties towards solutioning and closing the dispute they are involved in, the Christian mediator can also lead them through the process of forgiveness, which is what really gives a person the peace of mind to move on.

Miss Christine Ho, who works in the Human Resource sector, speaks on behalf of many participants when she says, "I have benefitted from the course and would highly recommend a more regular run." ❖

To Tend To Our Spiritual Garden Regularly ~ Spiritual Direction in Chinese ~

By Joann Chen, a 3rd year MDiv student



This inaugural silent retreat for the Chinese Department graduating cohort was very precious and fruitful. It was a time when our closely-knitted class could put everything aside, and with a foundation of mutual trust, understanding, and appreciation built up from the past two years, enter into communal silence, to hear God speak. We were committed to almost 19 hours of silence, except for the 30 mins of one-to-one session with the spiritual directors.

Through the exhortation of the Word, I was personally reminded of the need to tend our spiritual garden regularly (Mark 8:4-8) – to deal with wild animals (wild thoughts that surface) as we attempt to enter into silence (Mark 1:13), to accept the gift of the present (the present is a 'present'), and to commit to the moulding of the potter, "in His Hand", "in His time" even when we seem to be failing (Jeremiah 18:1-11). As we approach graduation in 2018, I pray for my beloved classmates and the rest of the graduating cohort, that we will always remain 'faithful gardeners', good listeners, thankful recipients, and 'willing clay'. ❖

Dr Mark Chan Inducted as Earnest Lau Professor of Systematic Theology

Rev Dr Mark Chan was inducted as the Earnest Lau Professor of Systematic Theology at a special service held on the evening of 28 August 2017 in an excitedly packed TTC Chapel. The Chair was established in 2002 by former students of Mr Earnest Lau (1929-2011) who had been a teacher and principal of Anglo-Chinese School from 1955-1983. Mr Lau also served actively in Kampong Kapur Methodist Church and as the Archivist of the Methodist Church in Singapore.

Dr Chan has been teaching in TTC since 2006. TTC students value his courses on hermeneutics and homiletics, not only for his scholarly insights but also for his practical guidance and personal warmth. Apart from his teaching responsibilities, he serves also as the Director of the College's Centre for the Study of Christianity in Asia.

To the gathering of colleagues, friends and family members, Dr Chan expressed that he was both humbled and honoured by the appointment. Professor Anthony Thiselton, Dr Chan's doctoral supervisor, sent a warm congratulatory greeting via video at the service. This was followed by a word of exhortation from Rev Dr Simon Chan, the previous occupant of the Earnest Lau Chair.

Dr Chan delivered a stimulating inaugural lecture, "God's Word as God's Work," which reflected his academic and pastoral concerns. Drawing insights from Speech Act Theory to articulate a theology of Scripture as God's communicative act, the lecture explored the multi-faceted implications of this theological understanding of the Word for biblical hermeneutics, the preaching ministry, as well as the missional engagement of the church in society. The lecture sought to bring about an integration of biblical studies, theological reflection, homiletics, and missions.

We eagerly anticipate Prof Chan's contributions to the church and public spheres in the years to come. ❖



The Fellowship of the Principals

There are eight degree granting seminaries in Singapore, namely ACTS College (ACTS), Biblical Graduate School of Theology (BGST), Baptist Theological Seminary (BTS), Discipleship Training Centre (DTC), East Asia School of Theology (EAST), Singapore Bible College (SBC), TCA College (TCA) and Trinity Theological College (TTC).

Seven principals (referred to as 'president' in some schools) met on 11 August at the Discipleship Training Centre for fellowship and discussion. While the Inter-College Games brought together theological students from the different schools for the annual sporting event, the principals' fellowship has been a more recent gathering. Since the first meeting of heads of seminaries at TTC in 2012, they have been meeting regularly, taking turns to host. Principals share about the work of their schools and the challenges they face and spend time in prayer for each other.



(L-R) Dr Philip Satterthwaite (BGST), Dr Wilson Teo (TCA), Dr Ngoei Foong Nghian (TTC), Dr Chan Chong Hiok (EAST), Dr Daniel Wu (BTS), Dr Clement Chia (SBC) and Dr George Capaque (DTC)

The fellowship of the leaders of our theological schools over the years resulted in a jointly-organised conference with Ethos on 'Human Sexuality, Marriage and the Church' last July. The second such conference held on 30 September this year was titled: "Justice and the Common Good". We look forward to the next principal's fellowship to be hosted by Dr Casey Ng of ACTS College in 2018. ❖

TTC to have a Vice-Principal

As Trinity Theological College prepares to celebrate its 70th Anniversary in 2018, it is also planning for the future. With the continuing mission of TTC as its priority, the Board of Governors has appointed the Rev Dr Edwin Tay as Vice-Principal. The following is an introduction to Dr Tay, who will assume duties on 1 January 2018.



Rev Dr Edwin Tay is an ordained minister of the Chinese Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in Singapore. He grew up attending Telok Ayer Chinese Methodist Church. Since joining the faculty of TTC in January 2013, he has served as Warden of the Family Residence and the Dean of Students. Prior to joining TTC, he served as Lecturer in Systematic and Historical Theology at the Biblical Graduate School of Theology (BGST). He is also a former staff-worker with the Fellowship of Evangelical Students.

Edwin spent the first twelve years of his formal education at the Anglo-Chinese School. He read for the B.A. degree at the National University of Singapore, majoring in Psychology and Social Work. He first trained in theology at the BGST and subsequently pursued postgraduate studies at King's College, University of London where he obtained the M.A. degree in Systematic Theology. His increasing burden for theological education led to doctoral research at New College, University of Edinburgh where he was awarded the PhD degree for his dissertation on the priesthood of Christ. Edwin is married to Angela. They have two daughters, Phoebe and Chloe. ❖

Christian Scholars Meet for Fellowship and Prayer

On Friday, 13 October scholars from different tertiary institutions in Singapore met at the Alumni Centre at TTC for fellowship and prayer.

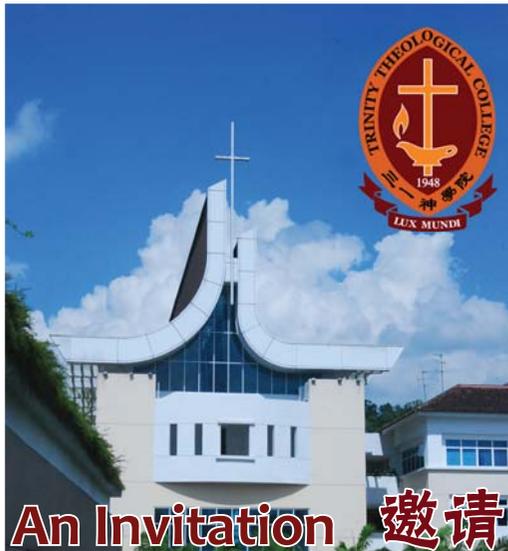
Rev Dr Simon Chan gave a short talk on the nature of the Church. This was followed by an energetic and interesting discussion during which many shared their views on different aspects of the ministry and mission of the Church.

The participants then gathered in smaller groups for prayer. Many remained behind after the meeting had concluded for fellowship and light refreshments.

This is the second Christian Scholars Fellowship meeting organised by the Ethos Institute for Public Christianity.

The purpose of this initiative is to bring Christian scholars from different academic disciplines and institutions together for mutual encouragement, fellowship and prayer. ❖





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2018年1月24日, 星期三, 早上8点15分至下午2点
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24 Jan 2018, Wed, 8.15am - 2.00pm
TTC Campus @ 490 Upper Bukit Timah Road

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- Rev Chua Siang Guan (MDiv 2008)
is Vicar of St James Church

"The course has ignited the journey of my spiritual awakening. I strongly recommend the MTS for those who teach and share Bible knowledge in church"

- Sherrin Chua (MTS Year 2)
is a civil servant

"It has been a wholesome experience... studying at TTC you get to interact with colleagues from different denominations and churches, which allows you to develop a broader perspective of the Christian faith and practices."

- Bobby Chaw (MDiv 2011)
is a pastor of City Harvest Church

"MTS is a wonderful programme that has helped me develop a holistic vision of reality, grounded in the Word of God. My medical practice has been challenged and reinvigorated by the theological perspectives and reflections."

- Kelvin Li Kaiwen (MTS Year 2)
is a medical doctor

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		Application deadlines
DIPLOMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diploma in Theological Studies Joint Programme with Biblical Graduate School of Theology (BGST) 	Only available to applicants residing in Singapore 15 Mar 2018
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ADVANCED DEGREE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master of Ministry Master of Theology Master of Letters Doctor of Theology 	All applicants : 31 Jan 2018

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TRINITY News

Congratulations to...

Zhang Yudong (MDiv 1) and Li Ya Ping on their marriage on 23 August.

Condolences to...

Mrs Marian Glen on the passing away of Rev Dr Robert Glen, a former lecturer of TTC on 19 August. Dr Glen was a retired CMS missionary, and taught church history at TTC in the 1990s.

Rev Dr Edwin Tay, TTC lecturer, and his wife Angela on the demise of his maternal grandfather, Mr Ng Thiam Hock on 20 August.

Zhang Xia (MMin 1) on the passing of her beloved mother-in-law on 21 August in China.

Rev Ling Kin Yew (MDiv 2013), and his wife Pamela on the demise of his mother-in-law, the late Mdm Ng Mui Chong on 28 August.

Lim Khay Tham (BD 1987) and his wife Jenise (former TTC staff) on the passing of his mother-in-law, the late Mrs Bebe Lee aged 79, on 4 September.

Rev Dr Jonathan Seet (BD 1991) and his wife Joyce on the demise of his mother, the late Mrs Jeannie Seet aged 81, on 13 September.

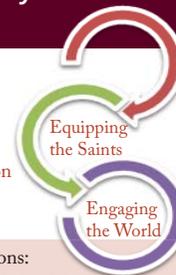
The bereaved family of the late Rev Dr Richard Liew, (BTh 1964), aged 77 who passed away on 21 September, in New York.

Mrs Yap Hee Choo and family on the passing away of Rev Dr Yap Kim Hao on 16 November. Dr Yap was Chairman of the TTC Board of Governors in 1973 when he was Bishop of the Methodist Church in Malaysia and Singapore.

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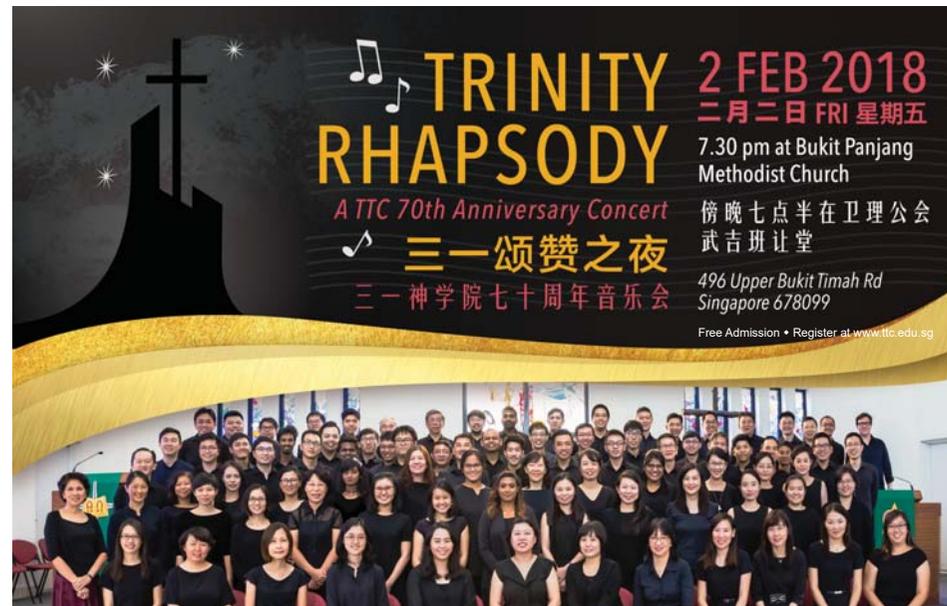
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