

9 May 2018

Dear Alumni,

I bring you warm greetings from Trinity Theological College and trust that this note finds you well. The April Trumpet has been sent to you and I trust it has kept you updated about our college.

1. As we prepare for graduation on 12 May, we are also preparing for the new students joining TTC in July. It is a busy time for us as 2018 is a special year for TTC as we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of our college. A series of celebrative events are setting the tone and momentum for this auspicious year. We began in February with 'Trinity Rhapsody' and a Conference on the 'Future of the Church'. This was followed by a Preaching Symposium (March), and a Chinese Conference (April). Forthcoming events include 'Christian Spiritual Formation' (May), an Academic Theological Symposium and evening Public Lectures (July).

2. You will be interested in the 'The Heritage Trail' – planned by alumni for alumni which will include visits to Changi Prison Chapel and Mt Sophia. It will be held on 3 September for local alumni and on 4 October for overseas alumni. It plans to raise \$70,000 for the theological education of ex-offenders. Three alumni who are ex-offenders have written their testimonies for a handout. A specially designed umbrella and T-shirts will also be sold to raise funds. Other preparations for the 70th Anniversary celebrations include:

- a. A bi-lingual Commemorative Magazine being prepared for publication to be presented at the 70th Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner.
- b. A Video Clip of the re-harmonised Trinity Anthem sung by our choir as an introduction to the TTC campus for the general public. Watch for it at the TTC website from mid-May.
- c. Another Video Clip of TTC being produced in both English and Chinese to be shown at the Thanksgiving Dinner and subsequently used for TTC Sundays in our churches.

3. We will be inviting you in due course and would like to inform you early of the 70th Anniversary Service (morning in Chapel) and Thanksgiving Dinner on Friday, **5 October 2018** (at the Orchid Country Club). The Guest of Honour for the Dinner will be Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security, Mr Teo Chee Hean.

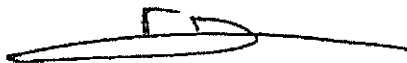
4. Faculty members continue to publish and here are some new books launched at TTC:

- a. The Chinese translation of Dr Jeffrey Truscott's book, *Worship: A Practical Guide*, 超基本崇拜通论 was launched on 22 January. The book, originally published in English in 2011, is an ecumenical resource for worship leaders that offers a biblical understanding of worship in accessible terms and draws out the implications for Sunday worship.
- b. *Visions of a Good Society in Southeast Asia; Social Imaginaries & Inter-religious Dialogue* based on three lectures originally presented in 2014 at the Annual Lectures of the Centre for the Study of Christianity in Asia was edited by Rev Dr Chiang Ming Shun and launched on 27 February.
- c. Ms Eunice Low's publication of her book entitled 神学与文化: 林前 11: 2-16 对妇女事奉的教导 was translated from her STM thesis in Yale Divinity School on *Theology and Culture: The Written and Unwritten Codes of Paul on Women and Church Ministry in 1 Corinthians 11:2-16*. The book launch was held on 16 April.
- d. Dr Jeffrey Truscott's latest book was launched on 24 April. *The Twelve Whys of Worship: How All the Actions of Our Worship Glorify God* explores the reasons behind the central actions of Christian worship. Accessible and concise this book is meant as a guide for pastors and lay worship leaders who are serious about worship.

5. Ethos Institute is a think tank formed by the National Council of Churches of Singapore, Trinity Theological College and Bible Society of Singapore. Ethos expanded under the guidance of Dr Roland Chia, its Theological and Research Advisor. With increasing workload, TTC has decided to appoint three younger lecturers: Dr Leow Theng Huat, Dr Tan Loe Joo and Dr Edmund Fong to enlarge the team of scholars.

Until my next update to Alumni, we look forward to seeing you at the 'Heritage Trail' as well as at the 5 October 70th Anniversary of TTC.

Blessings to you and yours,



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