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Dear Alumni,

I bring you Christmas and New Year greetings from all of us at Trinity Theological College. We trust that it has been a fulfilling year for you and we join you in looking forward to a new year filled with more opportunities for ministry as we continue serving our Lord.

You would have received the December Trumpet by now keeping you updated of TTC news and development. Allow me now to share some additional information about our college.

1 The Asia-Pacific Early Christian Studies Society (APECSS) conference will be held for the first time in Singapore in 2020, with the theme “Early Christianity in Christian Contexts”. Some 70 scholars are expected to come to Singapore to present papers and participate in the conference hosted by TTC from 10 to 12 September 2020. Chen Su Lan Professor of New Testament, Dr Tan Kim Huat will be one of the keynote speakers. The next issue of Trumpet will carry more information.

2 We have created a new position of Assistant Registrar to strengthen the Office of the Registrar. The new Assistant Registrar, Ms Lydia Wee Shwen, who has an MDiv and MTh from TTC, will provide professional support to the Registrar, who continues to be a faculty member. In doing so, we hope to better serve our students and churches.

3 Over the years, we have been inspired by our students’ testimonies shared during Friday chapel services. The college has decided that through the chaplain’s office, we will be collecting all student testimonies as a repository for potential publication. These testimonies will be handled with utmost care and will be subjected to the relevant edits, copyrights and privacy when they are published. Indeed, God has brought so many people with unique experiences and backgrounds to join our TTC community, and thus, we are blessed.

4 Senior faculty members were invited to [visit](#) the St Francis Xavier Major Seminary (SFXMS) recently. SFXMS is the Catholic Church’s seminary preparing men for the priesthood. It has moved to the complex of St Joseph’s Church, a stone’s throw from TTC. The seminary also houses the Catholic Theological Institute of Singapore (CTIS) which equips lay Catholics for ministry. We look forward to more fellowship between our two seminaries, in the same way that TTC has been instrumental in the sustained fellowship among our eight Protestant seminaries in Singapore.

5 Our annual Open House will be held on 22 January 2020 (8.15am – 2.00pm) Do help us publicise the information to your church friends who are considering theological studies. More information is available at [Open House](#).

6 Finally, I would like to thank the TTC Board of Governors for granting me a first sabbatical leave from January to March 2020, even though the principal’s terms do not provide for a sabbatical. During my leave of absence, our Vice-Principal, Rev Dr Edwin Tay will be Acting Principal of the college. Dr Tay has been Vice-Principal since January 2018, and may I request for your support for him as he provides leadership to our community.

Until my next alumni letter, may God continue to bless you and yours.



Sincerely in Christ,

Rev Dr Ngoei Foong Nghian
Principal