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Dear Pastors, Church Leaders, Friends and Alumni,

Appointment of New Principal at Trinity Theological College

I bring you warm greetings from Trinity Theological College and trust that this note finds you and your family well, and in the best of health and circumstances.

I write to share with you that TTC has been concerned with leadership succession for a number of years. Although begun in 2014, the search became more focussed in the last three years. In January 2018, the Board of Governors appointed a Vice-Principal to understudy the demands and expectations of leadership at TTC.

I am pleased to inform you that after a careful process of interviews and a sustained period of assessment, discernment and prayer, the Board of Governors, at a meeting held on 12 June 2020, unanimously appointed the Rev Dr Edwin Tay as the 12th Principal of TTC with effect from 1 July 2020.

Edwin is not new to TTC. He joined the College as a full-time faculty member in January 2013 and served as Warden of the Family Residence and the Dean of Students. An ordained minister of the Chinese Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in Singapore, Edwin grew up attending Telok Ayer Chinese Methodist Church.

Edwin spent his primary, secondary and junior college education at the Anglo-Chinese School. He read for the B.A. degree at the National University of Singapore, trained in theology at the Biblical Graduate School of Theology, and pursued postgraduate theological studies at the University of London. His increasing burden for theological education led to doctoral research at the University of Edinburgh where he was awarded the PhD degree for his dissertation on the priesthood of Christ in 2009.

We shall introduce him more fully in the August Trumpet but meanwhile, I would like to seek your support and prayers for Dr Edwin Tay and his wife, Angela, and their daughters, Phoebe and Chloe, as they prepare for this new season in their lives.

As I move into retirement phase after serving as principal since January 2001, I would like to thank you for your faithful support of our college with your prayers, valuable feedback, encouragement and financial gifts. Because of your love and goodwill for TTC, we were enabled to fulfil God's plans for theological education in Singapore and beyond.

I consider it a privilege to serve as principal of TTC and the journey has been fulfilling. Indeed, it has been my joy to see my alma mater enlarge its ministry and service to the church and over the years, grow into an outstanding institution that we can all be proud of.

May God bless you as you continue in partnership with Trinity Theological College under the leadership of the new principal, Dr Edwin Tay.

Yours in Christ,

Rev Dr Ngoei Foong Nghian
Principal (Jan 2001 – June 2020)