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Dear alumni,

I bring you warmest greetings from Trinity Theological College! Our August-November 2024 Trumpet will be out before the end of the month. It contains our latest articles for your reading pleasure and updated news of our college. In addition to what you will read in the upcoming Trumpet, I would like to highlight the following items for your information and prayers.

- The TTC Board of Governors kindly granted me three months of professional development leave from January to March 2024. I am deeply grateful for the time to rest and initiate research for a long-term book project on Christian spirituality. The leave was especially timely in the light of my father's critical illness. I was able to spend sustained and meaningful time with my father who went home to the Lord on 19 May 2024.
- We bid farewell to two long-serving staff: sisters Esther Lee and Leong Ian Ming. Esther served the college for 16 years and retired in 2017, while Ian Ming served for 22 years and retired in 2020. Both were re-engaged until August and October 2023 respectively. We have been richly blessed by their faithful service.
- The Ethos Institute for Public Christianity commemorated its ten-year anniversary on 3 April 2024 during the Ethos Seminar, "Church and Society in a Post-Truth Era." Mr Edwin Tong, Singapore's Minister for Culture Community and Youth and Second Minister for Law was present to witness the occasion. You may be pleased to know that Ethos articles in Chinese are now available at <https://ethosinstitute.sg/category/translated-articles/>.
- Praise be to God for the seventy students who graduated at our 74th Graduation Service held on 11 May 2024. We wish them God's richest blessings as they serve in various vocations in God's harvest field. We also welcomed a new batch of students who joined our community in July 2024. Out of 78 applicants for Academic Year 2024-2025, 45 have matriculated.
- Our annual TTC Open House will be held on 21 August 2024, 830am to 2pm. Do help us publicize the event. Details of the Open House may be found on our website, Facebook page and Instagram.
- We look forward to celebrating TTC's 76th Anniversary on 4 October 2024 with a thanksgiving service in the morning at the TTC Chapel and an evening banquet at the Orchid Country Club. Our anniversary theme is "Together for God's Glory". This theme captures the unity and focus of our Governing Churches who will be renewing their commitment to the future of our college. Invitation to our anniversary celebration will be sent out by the end of this month.

I would like to especially extend an invitation to overseas alumni to join us for our anniversary celebration on 4 October 2024. Subject to the availability of our hostel accommodation, a complimentary stay of two nights will be offered to alumni from overseas who join our anniversary celebration in person.

I have been especially encouraged by alumni who have reached out personally, shared about memorable moments while studying at TTC, and offered words of encouragement. Do continue to keep in touch. TTC has been richly blessed by your continued prayers and support. We appreciate it very much.

Wishing you and yours the love and peace of our gracious God who makes all things new (Rev 21:5).

Together in Christ
Rev Dr Edwin Tay
Principal