



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings in the blessed name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

After a busy and fruitful year, MTS is now quiet as the all students returned home and some begin their year-end field work in different local churches. The lecturers are working hard to complete the grading of term papers.

We give thanks for God's providence and guidance in 2017. In our recent 19th graduation service, we have graduated 34 graduates in total (25 from various programs and 9 from the TEE program). God willing, we will be welcoming 17 new students and 2 returnees in 2018. More than 120 STMS students will pack the small community. Do remember these students who are going to journey with us to be Christ's faithful disciple and to proclaim Him (Col. 1: 28).

We thank many of you for generously supporting the theological students through your theological education contributions and Friends of MTS (supporting Iban students and foreign students).

With much joy and excitement, we solicit your prayer and support for a newly established Religion and Culture Centre (RCC). The RCC aims to promote dialogues and understandings between major faith groups in this land. The inauguration service will be held on May 18-19, 2018. Relevant talks have been planned in conjunction with this occasion and you are most welcome in this event. In the next three years, we will be launching a foundation of RM2 million for RCC. We urge you to generously contribute towards this ministry.

In my recent visit to many churches, I am aware that many of you have not had the opportunity to visit MTS. Let me take this opportunity to sincerely welcome you to our campus. Many have yet to utilize the MTS library and to participate in the many TEE programs we offer for you. Welcome and be part of MTS!



By Rev. Dr. Khoo Ho Peng
Principal

Merry Christmas and a blessed new year!

News from MTS

21/07/2017: 2 in 1 Celebration: Parents' Day and Birthday Celebrations. MTS community and their parents were invited to join these celebrations.



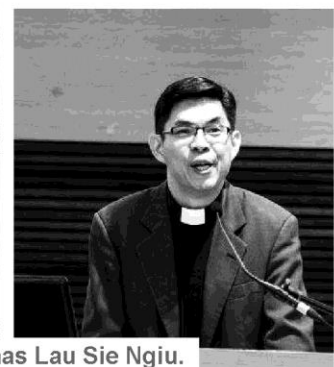
13/08/2017, Shern En Methodist Church: Dedication Camp: Rev. Ling Heu Uh, Rev. Chin En Ping and Rev. Esther Lu, shared their experiences being a pastor.



20-29/07/2017: MTS participated in the Borneo Cultural Festival. We set up a booth with the theme "Stations in Life".



14-15/08/2017: Faculty members had a fruitful visit to Maktab Teologi Sabah and Sabah Theological Seminary.



11/08/2017: MTS Night, Shern En Methodist Church, Sabah. Speaker: Rev. Thomas Lau Sie Ngiu.

15/09/2017: MTS held a national flag raising ceremony at 7.45am.



05/10/2017: The student from Worship & Music Program, Ms. Cornie Ho (middle front row) held her Graduation Recital at Wesley Methodist Church.

12/10/2017: Interactive Forum: "Can I attend my LG-BTQ friend's wedding? - a response to LGBTQ". The speaker was Rev. Dr. Khoo Ho Peng.



Year-end Foreign Missions Trip, Thailand
06-15/11/ 2017: Led by Rev. Dr. Lu Chen Tiong



19/10/2017: 3rd year students from Worship & Music Program, Ms. Jane Tie Sing Yu and Mr. Robert Tiong Ho Loong held their Junior Recital at MTS Chapel.



News from MTS

Year-end Foreign Missions Trip, Pontianak

07-16/11/2017: Led by Rev. Dr. Khoo Ho Peng



The 12th Batch STMS College Graduation Service

Date: 25th August 2017

Venue: Wesley Methodist Church, Sibü



Speaker: Rev. Kong Kim Soor

27/10/2017:

Annual Dialogue between Board members and Student Body



The MTS Board of Management 2017-2020

Chairman: Rev. Dr. Tie King Tai (SCAC President)

Vice Chairman: Rev. Dr. Hii Kong Hock (SPAC President)

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Assistant Secretary: Mr. Ingai Achot

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From SCAC: Rev. Kong Chong Ling, Rev. Dr. Grace Wong Poh Sing, Rev. Dr. Wong Kah Nguon, Rev. Diong Pick Chiong, Mr. Hii Chang Kee.

From SIAC: Rev. Steward Damat Mambang (SIAC President), Rev. James Puang, Rev. Juyah Mabut, Rev. Lawi Kulih, Mr. Ali Sebau, Mr. Richmond Nyaring, Mr. Jefri Ngalambai.

From SPAC: Rev. Ling Heu Uh, Mr. Yong Siong Mew, Mr. Lau Kiing Ho.

Ex-officio: Rev. Dr. Ong Hwai Teik (Bishop), Rev. Dr. Khoo Ho Peng (MTS Principal).

Honorary: Mr. Hii Ching Giu



Graduation Thanksgiving Lunch

Date: 28th October 2017

Venue: Paramount Hotel, Sibü



Dance presented by students.



Graduation Thanksgiving Lunch

19th MTS Graduation Service (since the reopening of Degree Courses)

Date: 28th October 2017

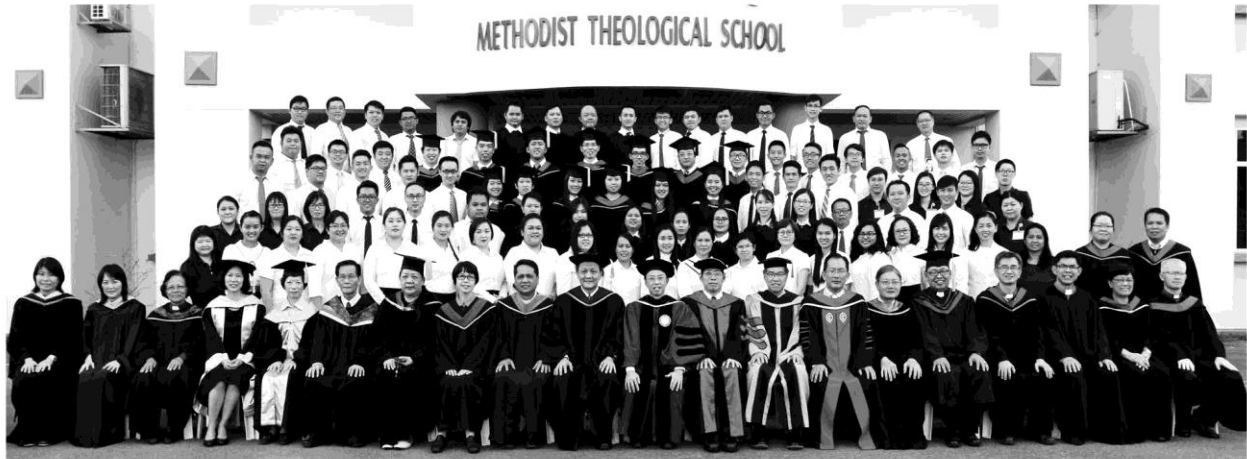
Venue: Masland Methodist Church, Sibü

Total number of graduates for 2017: 34

(5 M. Min.; 4 M. Div.; 2 M. Div. major in Missiology; 3 B.D.; 2 B. Th.; 1 B.Th. major in Missiology; 1 B.A., 5 Dip. Th., 1 L. Th. & 1 L. Th. major in Missiology; 1 CWME; 3 CCS; 5 DCS)



Speaker: Rev. Dr. Tie King Tai,
translated by Rev. Thomas Lau Sie Ngiu



Intensive Course/Visiting Lecturers

03-07/07/2017

Rev. Dr. Khoo Ho Peng:
taught M. Min. Modular course on "Pastoral Counselling".

10-14/7/2017

Dr. Frank Schattner:
taught an Intensive course for Missiology students on "Missionary Message of Acts".



Intensive Courses for TEE Family & Counseling Ministry Program

10-12/03/2017

Rev. Paul Ting Huat Ung and Mr. Jason Wong taught "Family Ethics & Laws".



Intensive Courses for TEE Family & Counseling Ministry Program

17-21/7/2017

Dr. Lee Tai Ying, taught
"Adolescence Counseling".



09-13/10/2017

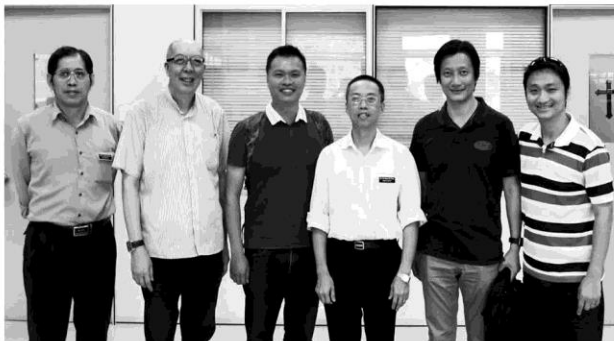
Rev. Dr. Lee Chong Kau: taught
"Elderly Care Ministry".



Visitors

26/07/2017

Pastors and church leaders from Bread of Life Christian
Church in Taipei, Taiwan.



27/07/2017

Missionary from Korea, Dr. Kim Dongjo and his wife



13/10/2017

Brothers and sisters from Taiwan.



13/09/2017

Former President of SCAC, Rev. Ting Daik Choung,
visited us and presented his book to MTS lecturers.



UPCOMING NEWS & PRAYER ITEMS

1. Intensive Courses offered for Master of Ministry Program, Missiology Program and TEE Family & Counseling Ministry Program

Date	Subject	Lecturer
12-16/03/2018	"Parenting and Children Counseling"	Dr. Lee Tai Ying
02-06/04/2018	"New Testament Exegesis: John"	Dr. Ha Tung Chiew
02-06/04/2018	"Anthropology and Missions"	Rev. Dr. Chen Lip Sion
02-06/07/2018	"Conflict Management"	Mr. John Ling
25-27/05/2018 & 08-10/06/2018	"Seminar on Special Counselling for Family Crises"	Rev. Dr. Khoo Ho Peng Rev. Tiong Huong Ong
29/10-02/11/2018	"Church Development and Family Ministry"	Dr. Winnie Chan

Prayer items:

- Pray for the good health for the lecturers. Pray that God will also grant them wisdom in their teaching.
- Pray for the students to have good health to study during the intensive course.

2. 2018 New Students

Total 17 new students: Donnison Raza Anak Jack, Famey Nary Anak Belawan, Boon Sze Kai, Ling Kwong Fuh/Ling Kwong Foo, Jacky Ting, Wong Wen Siong, Agustina, Huong Shaw Jin, Kiing Nga Hwong, Derek Law Ngo Yin, Lim Jing Kai, Ling Kiat Tsin, Teo Siew Yin, Eric Su Chii Mou, Yong Leong Chai, Dorothy Yet Yung Fong, Su Shan Yi.

- Pray that God will help the new students to adapt to the community life in MTS as soon as possible.
- Pray that God will grant new students good health and strong spiritual life.

3. MTS Upcoming Events

Date & Venue	Event	Speaker
18-19/05/2018 Friday 7:15 - 9:15pm Saturday 8:30am - 4:15pm Venue: MTS	Inauguration Service of the RCC and Public Lectures	Bishop Emeritus Rev. Dr. Hwa Yung Bishop Rev. Dr. Ong Hwai Teck Rev. Dr. Patrick Sookhdeo
28/07/2018 Saturday 8:30 - 5:00pm Venue: MTS	One Day Theology Conference on Wesleyan Theology and the Christian Church in China	Dr. Joseph Yang

Prayer items:

- Please pray for the speaker, venue, PA system, electricity supply for all the events.
- Please pray that all the events will run smoothly and many people are able to attend the events.

4. 2018 1st Semester Opening Ceremony



**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO ATTEND**

2018 1st Semester Opening Ceremony

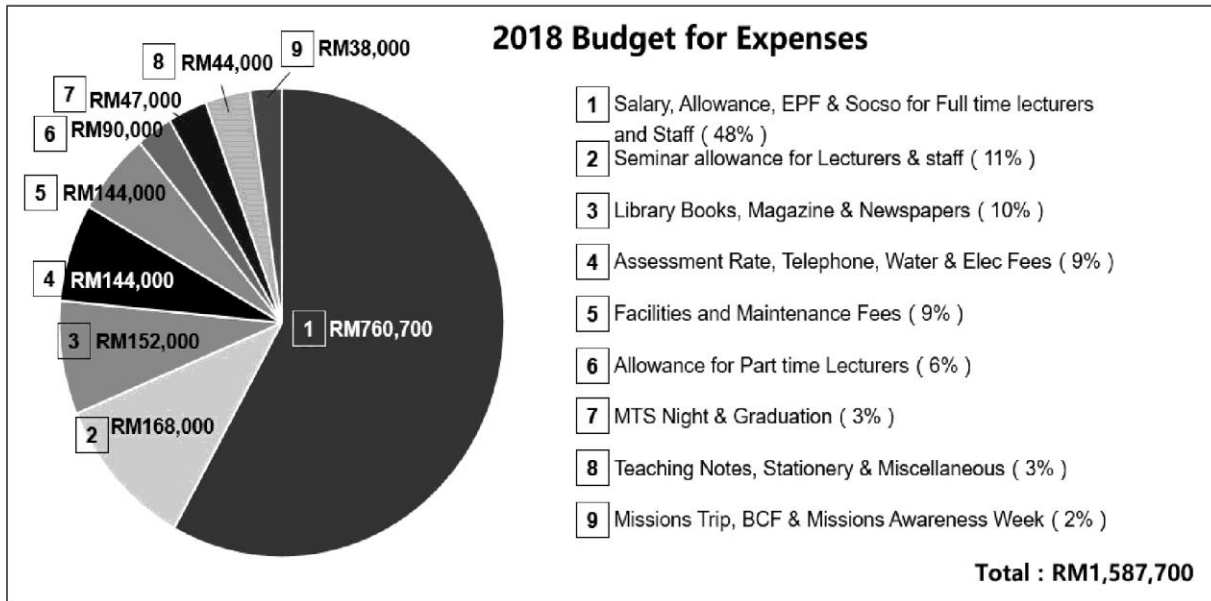
Date: January 3, 2018 (Wednesday)

Time: 9:00am

Venue: Wesley Methodist

UPCOMING NEWS & PRAYER ITEMS

5. MTS Financial Situation



TO PRAY AND SUPPORT FOR OUR NEEDS (2018 1ST SEMESTER)

In 2018 first semester, MTS is having 9 Iban students and 5 China students. Among the 9 Iban students, 6 of them need committed churches and members to support them. The total amount of the study cost is RM27,400 per year, whereas living cost is RM33,360 per year. The total amount until graduation for Iban needy students is RM110,560.00.

Apart from Iban students, 2 of the 5 China students need committed churches and members to support them. The total amount of the study cost is RM14,000 per year, whereas living cost is RM13,180 per year. The total amount until graduation for China needy students is RM53,960.

	Iban Students (supported: 3 students)	China students (supported: 3 students)
Needy Students	6 students	2 students
Study Cost	RM27,400	RM14,000
Living Cost	RM33,360	RM13,180
Balance for 2018	RM60,760	RM27,180
Total Amount until graduation	RM110,560	RM53,960

If the Lord leads you to support our needy students and lecturers, we will acknowledge you as "Friends of MTS". Please fill up a "Friends of MTS" Sponsorship form and submit to MTS. You may pledge to sponsor one or more students until graduation. You may also choose to donate a sum of money on a regular or irregular basis. Please refer to our website (www.mtssibu.edu.my) or come to MTS for details. May the Lord bless you as you give.

Total income for January till October 2017:
about **RM 2,019,040.49**

Total expenses for January till October 2017:
about **RM 1,617,118.91**

Currently we don't have many regular donors for MTS General Fund. That is why sometimes we are facing deficits. The total expenditure of MTS for year 2018, estimated to be about **RM1,587,700**.

- Please pray for God's providence towards "MTS General Fund".

- Pray that more brothers and sisters are willing to give and support MTS ministry financially. We welcome brothers and sisters to participate in the work of God. Please specify your offering as "MTS General Fund".