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## A Note from the Principal

**As** the semester is finally coming to an end, you could literally hear the sigh of relief from many of the students after a period of struggle and hard work. Their labor was not in vain. They are now enjoying a time of rest and to get ready for the challenges of another semester ahead. It is now another peak time for all the lecturers to grade papers.

Just before the semester ended, we celebrated a historic moment of MTS. The Bishop Ong Hwai Teck, Bishop of the Methodist Church in Malaysia inaugurated the Religion and Culture Centre (or RCC). This new Centre was set up under the initiative of and a birthing grant gift from the Indigenous Ministry Task Force, Missions Council of the General Conference of the Methodist in Malaysia. In conjunction with this auspicious occasion, the Centre has also invited two renowned speakers

for a public lecture. We were glad to have Bishop Emeritus Rev. Dr. Hwa Yung as one of the speakers, who is also the consultant for this Centre, to grace the occasion. The Anglican Bishop of the Kuching Diocese, the Right Rev. Donald Jute, representatives from Prayer United Central Zone Sibul, District Superintendents and pastors were with us to witness this historic moment. The RCC was set up to foster interfaith relationship and dialogue. We pray that in days to come, the churches in Sarawak and beyond will be blessed through her ministry. We urge you support this ministry through your prayer and gift.

We are thankful to God for calling another 18 young and vibrant university/college students to join us in the STMS College program. We pray that they will encounter the living God and their lives will be transformed. God's willing, MTS will be graduating some 20 students in 2018. We urge

you to pray that the Lord of harvest will continue to call from among our churches people after His own heart to come to MTS.

Not long from now, we will enter the Pentecostal season of the church calendar and we will celebrate the Aldersgate Sunday. May the Spirit of revival set our hearts aflame to build our nation and to labor for the advancement of His Kingdom!



By Rev. Dr. Khoo Ho Peng  
Principal

## News from MTS

**03/02/2018**

Blood Donation Campaign organized by Student Body.



# News from MTS



**05/02/2018**

MTS community was invited to a Chinese New Year Celebration Dinner hosted by some members of Cheng Uong Methodist Church at Kingwood Hotel. Besides that, they also gave us ang paus. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to them for their loving care every year.

**14/02/2018**

MTS Community attended Ash Wednesday Service on 14/02/2018 @ 8:00am. Venue: MTS Chapel.



**17/02/2018**

MTS Night & Dedication Camp (Iban) in Sibul. Venue: Iban Methodist Church (Sibu town), Jalan Fong Ming, Sibul. Theme: "Servants After God's Own Heart: Love Truly, Serve Others." Speaker: Rev. Olyver Aldyendess



**23/03/2018**

MTS Night at Xin Fu Yuan Methodist Church (Chinese). Speaker: Rev. Tony Chieng Tai Ming.



## 2018 MTS First Semester Opening Service

Date: January 03, 2018

Venue: Wesley Methodist Church, Sibü.

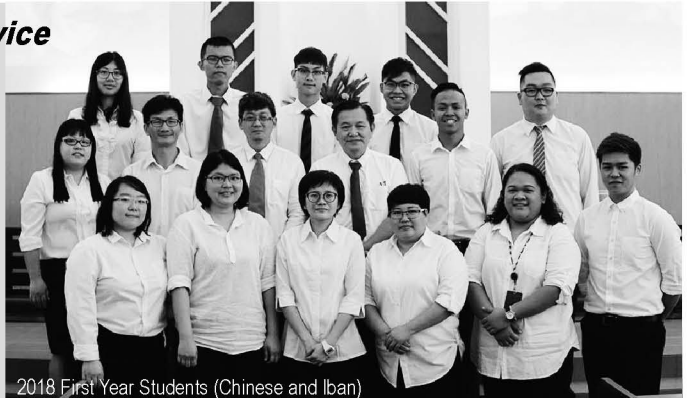
Theme for 2018: Servants After God's Own Heart:  
"Love Truly, Serve Others"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Khoo Ho Peng,

Translator: Rev. Thomas Lau Sie Ngiu.



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TRANSLATOR: Rev. Thomas Lau SPEAKER: Rev. Dr. Khoo Ho Peng



2018 First Year Students (Chinese and Iban)

1st row (from left): Su Shan Yi, Yong Leong Chai, Teo Siew Yin, Ling Kiat Tsin, Famey Nary Anak Belawan, Derek Law Ngo Yin.  
2nd row: Kiing Nga Hwong, Huong Shaw Jin, Wong Wen Siong, Ling Kwong Fuh, Donnison Raza Anak Jack, Lim Jing Kai.  
3rd row: Dorothy Yet Yung Fong, Eric Su Chii Mou, Jacky Ting, Boon Sze Kai.



## The 26<sup>th</sup> Batch of STMS Chinese, the 13<sup>th</sup> Batch of STMS English, the 9<sup>th</sup> Batch of STMS Music and 2<sup>nd</sup> Batch of STMS BM Graduation Service

Date: March 31, 2018

Time: 3:00pm

Venue: Xin Fu Yuan Methodist Church, Sibü



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- 1) The 26<sup>th</sup> Batch of STMS Chinese students – Class of Aaron (41 students)
- 2) The 26<sup>th</sup> Batch of STMS Chinese students – Class of Moses (41 students)
- 3) The 13<sup>th</sup> Batch of English STMS students (8 students)
- 4) The 9<sup>th</sup> Batch of STMS Music students (26 students)
- 5) The 2<sup>nd</sup> Batch of BM STMS students (7 students)

# News from MTS

## **3 in 1 Celebration (Birthday, Teachers' Day & Gawai Celebrations)**

Date: May 18, 2018

Venue: MTS Dining Hall



1. Gawai Celebration
2. Teachers' Day Celebration (students washed their lecturer's feet)
3. Birthday Celebration (for those whose birthday fall within first half of the year).



12-26/03/2018

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual community basketball tournament with evangelistic message was preached.

# News from MTS



**24/03/2018**

MTS Dedication Camp Sibü (Chinese)  
 Venue: Wesley Methodist Church, Sibü.  
 Sharing by (from left) Rev. Wong Ling Kwong, Rev. Ling Tuo shun and Pastor Lau Yi Chyi.

## ***A public lecture and inaugural service of the Religion and Culture Centre has been held at MTS on May 18-19, 2018.***

Bishop Rev. Dr. Ong Hwai Teck conducted the inaugural service of Religion and Culture Centre.



# Visiting Lecturers

### **TEE FAMILY AND COUNSELING MINISTRY**

1) **Dr. Lee Tai Ying:** March 12-16, 2018 taught a modular course on "Parenting and Children Counseling" for TEE Family & Counseling Ministry students.

### **MASTER OF MINISTRY PROGRAM**

2) **Dr. Ha Tung Chiew:** April 02-06, 2018 taught a modular course on "New Testament Exegesis: John".

3) **Rev. Dr. Chen Lip Sion:** April 02-06, 2018 taught a modular course on "Urban Missions".



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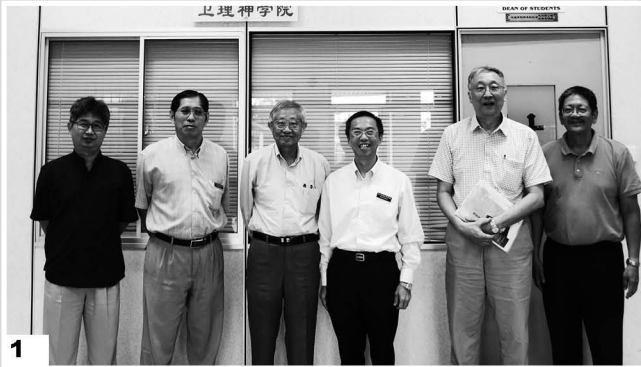


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# Visitors



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**1) 10/01/2018**

Retired Archbishop John Chew from Singapore Anglican Church visited us.

**2) 17/02/2018**

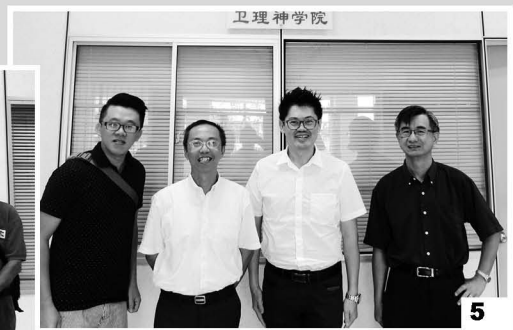
Brother Markus Zhang from Jakarta visited us.

**3) 20/02/2018**

Retired pastors Rev. Rob Jeanings-Teats & Rev. Dixie from The California Nevada Conference of the UMC visited us.



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**4) 23/02/2018**

Dean of Department of Chinese Studies (National University of Singapore): Prof. Kenneth Dean, Anthropologist: Prof. Tan Chee-Beng, lecturers from Xiamen University and Sinologist from Demmark: Christoph Harbsmeier visited us.

**5) 01/03/2018**

Priest Luke Ting from St. James' Church Chinese Congregation, Singapore visited us.

**6) 28/03/2018**

Exco members from SCAC Methodist Women visited us.



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# UPCOMING NEWS & PRAYER ITEMS

## 1. MTS 2019 Intake

Theological Program, Missiological Program, Worship & Music Program and TEE Program

<b>Theological Program (Language: Mandarin / Iban)</b>		
<b>Degree</b>	<b>Qualification</b>	<b>Duration</b>
M. Min.	Possessed a first theological degree and involved in pastoral ministry for at least 5 years	5 years
M. Div.	Attained a bachelor degree from a recognized university	3 years
B. D.	With HSC/STPM (minimum 2 Principal Passes & 2 Subsidiary Passes) or equivalent qualification	4 years
B.Th.	With MCE/SPM (minimum Grade 2: Aggregate 1-34) or equivalent qualification	4 years
Dip. Th.	With MCE/SPM (Grade 3) or equivalent qualification	3 years
L. Th.	With full certificate in JC/SRP/PMR or equivalent qualification	2 years
<b>Theological Program – Missiology major (Language: Mandarin)</b>		
M. Div.	Attained a bachelor degree from a recognized university	3 years
B. D.	With HSC/STPM (minimum 2 Principal Passes & 2 Subsidiary Passes) or equivalent qualification	4 years
B.Th.	With MCE/SPM (minimum Grade 2: Aggregate 1-34) or equivalent qualification	4 years
Dip. Th.	With MCE/SPM (Grade 3) or equivalent qualification	3 years
L. Th.	With full certificate in JC/SRP/PMR or equivalent qualification	2 years
<b>Worship &amp; Music Program (Language: Mandarin)</b>		
M.Div. in Worship & Music	Attained a bachelor degree from a recognized university; non-music degree graduate must obtain LTCL/LRSM or other equivalents	3 years
B.Th. in Worship & Music	With MCE/SPM (minimum Grade 2: Aggregate 1-34) or equivalent qualification and obtained at least Grade 5 or above in instrumental/vocal/music and theory from Royal School of Music	5 years
M.A. in Worship & Music	Attained a bachelor degree from a recognized university; non-music degree graduate must obtain LTCL/LRSM or other equivalents	2 years
B.A. in Worship & Music	With MCE/SPM (minimum Grade 2: Aggregate 1-34) or equivalent qualification and obtained at least Grade 5 or above in instrumental/vocal/music and theory from Royal School of Music	4 years
Diploma in Worship & Music	With MCE/SPM (Grade 3) or equivalent qualification and obtained at least Grade 5 or above in instrumental/vocal/music and theory from Royal School of Music	3 years
Certificate in Worship & Music	Completed SPM and obtained at least Grade 5 or above in instrumental / vocal / music and theory from Royal School of Music	2 years
Certificate	Completed SPM	3-5 years
<b>Theological Education by Extension (TEE) Program (Language: Mandarin)</b>		
M.C.S.	For university graduates (required to accumulate 60 credit hours); equivalent to two years of full time study in Theological Program	7 years
D.C.S.	For non-graduates (required to accumulate 60 credit hours) and university graduates (completed 30 credit hours)	6 years
C.C.S.	For non-graduates (required to accumulate 30 credit hours)	5 years
<b>Theological Education by Extension (TEE) in Family &amp; Counseling Ministry (Language: Mandarin)</b>		
M.A. in Family & Counseling Ministry	For theology graduates, requires 42 credit hours on Family Ministry courses and 360 hours of practicum.	5-8 years
Master in Family & Counseling Ministry	For university graduates, requires 66 credit hours on Biblical, Theological and Family Ministry courses, and 240 hours of practicum.	5-8 years
Diploma in Family & Counseling Ministry	For non-graduates, requires 66 credit hours on Biblical, Theological and Family Ministry courses, and 120 hours of practicum.	5-8 years

# UPCOMING NEWS & PRAYER ITEMS

- You may obtain the application form from the MTS office or download from our website: [www.mtssibu.edu.my](http://www.mtssibu.edu.my)
- Completed Application Form should be sent to the Principal or Academic Dean at the following address:  
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Contact No.: +6084-321409 Fax: +6084-341409  
Email: [general@mtssibu.edu.my](mailto:general@mtssibu.edu.my)
- Application closing date for Malaysian students:
  - (a) Theological Program/Theological Program major in Missiology: 15th September
  - (b) Worship & Music Program : 15th September
  - (c) TEE Program/TEE Family Ministry Program : 30th October
- \*\* Application closing date for foreign students : 30th June \*\*

## Prayer Items:

- Pray for the new intake next year. Pray that more brothers and sisters will response to God's calling
- Pray that more church members are willing to equip themselves and come to MTS for TEE program

## **2. Intensive Courses offered for Master of Ministry Program, and TEE Family & Counseling Ministry Program**

Date	Subject	Lecturer
02-06/07/2018	"Conflict Management"	Mr. John Ling
29/10-02/11/2018	"Church Development and Family Ministry"	Dr. Winnie Chan

## Prayer items:

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

## **3. Wesley Centre Upcoming Events**

3.1 One Day Theology Conference on Wesleyan Theology and the Christian Church in China

**Date & Time:** July 28, 2018 (Saturday 8:30-4:30 pm)

**Venue:** MTS Chapel

**Speaker:** Dr. Joseph Yang

3.2 Interaction Forum on Contemporary Issues

MTS Wesley Centre takes up the challenge to organize interaction forums on contemporary issues from time to time, in order for the church to play a prophetic and missional role in the society. The Centre is going to host the following interaction forum in 2018:

Date/Time/Venue	Theme	Speaker
October 11, 2018 (Thursday 8:30-9:30 pm, MTS Chapel)	<i>How orthodox is the teaching of Witness Lee?</i>	Rev. Paul Ting Huat Ung (Full-time lecturer of MTS, Chaplain)

*(All are welcome to attend the forum. Admission is free. Deadline for registering: July 07, 2018)*

## Prayer items:

- Please pray for the speaker, venue, PA system, electricity supply for the interaction forum.
- Please pray that the interaction forum will run smoothly and more people are able to attend the forum.

## **4. Theological Education Sunday**

MTS Lecturers are open to invitations to conduct Theological Education Sundays throughout the year. Please contact our lecturers for arrangements. Tel: +6084-341409