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# Death BE NOT ARROGANT!

*A Note from the Principal*

**I**n the month of May, after the Easter proclamation of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, many churches celebrate the love and commitment of parents. At the end of March, MTS has just graduated exactly a hundred Short-term Missions School students, the campus was silent when they left. As the end of the semester is drawing near, an untold tension filled the air as the theological students strive to complete their assignments and preparing for the exam. Amelia's death broke the silence. Her death came like a sudden drop of a stone in the calm water and the ripple effects were far more than we could imagine. We bid farewell to the eldest daughter of our third year M.Div. student Samuel Ting on May 15. Each of us has tasted again the reality of the sting of death. The whole community grieved and mourned: the pain of losing a daughter, the tearful eyes and the overwhelming of emotions, the unspeakable pain in the hearts, and unanswered theological questions occupied our mind. These were the effects of the reality of the stings of death!

In our mournful reflection and prayer, MTS community experienced God's work among us. He has allowed us to taste of His power to overcoming death. Through the departure of

Amelia, God has allowed us to experience His sustenance and perfect peace (Is.26:3), to truly love and serve each other, to willingly seeking God's will through fasting and praying, to let go of our self-will and to submit to His perfect will, to treasure our friendship and familial relationship, to deeply reflect and reaffirm the calling God has for us to serving Him full time. Amelia is just like a sweet delicate bloom experiencing a sudden attack of illness; God in His sovereign might has uprooted this little delicate "flower", planted her in His eternal care, and she is well! In our limitedness, we grieved and cried out in pain, yet we do not lose

hope. Together with Paul, the reality and hope of Jesus' resurrection have allowed us to declare our victory over death: "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? .....But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 15: 55, 57). This too is the ultimate victorious proclamation and hope of our theological education in Christ to all the people.



Rev. Dr. Khoo  
Ho Peng,  
MTS Principal

## News from MTS



**02 Jan:** MTS First Semester Opening Service, 9:00am at Wesley Methodist Church.

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**24 Jan:** Interaction Forum I: "Retain or Abolish the Death Penalty: Christian View", 7:15-9:15pm at Xin Fu Yuan Methodist Church, Sibü.



(From Right) Rev. Thomas Lau, YB Wong King Wei, Bro. Teng.

**23 Mac:** Dedication Camp (Chinese), 8:00am at Wesley Methodist Church.



(From Right) Rev. Dr. Grace Wong Poh Sing, Ms. Jane Tie, Rev. Jabez Tiong

**23 Mac:** MTS Night (Iban), 7.15pm at Methodist Iban Centre.



**28 Jan:** CNY Celebration at MTS.



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**22 Mac:** MTS Night (Chinese), 7.15pm at Xin Fu Yuan Methodist Church.



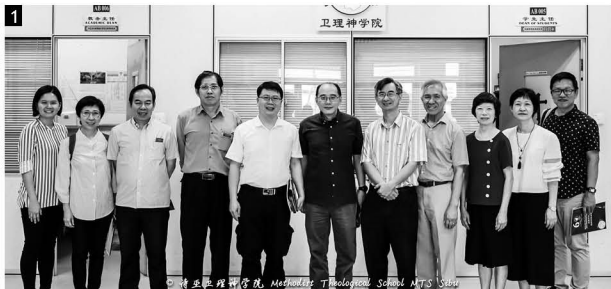
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**17 May:** MTS Family Dinner (Gawai, Teachers' Day & Birthday Celebrations)



## Visitors

- 1) **12 Mac:** (4.00pm) Methodist Church, Hong Kong, led by Rev Dr. Grace Wong Poh Sing.
- 2) **13 Mac:** (1.15pm) Methodist Development Provisional Annual Conference
- 3) **09 Apr:** (10.00am) Trinity Methodist Church Senior Citizen Fellowship, led by Pastor Belinda Lee



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# 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Intensive Course



**14-18 Jan**  
**Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)**  
 Dr. Mable Yang and Rev. Lee Peng Kwong

**05-07,12-14 Apr**  
**Family and Life Cycle/ Rev. Wong Choon Yien**



**08-12 Apr**  
**Theology of Persecution and Discipleship (TOPAD)**  
 Dr. Elanko Kannan & Rev. Hoo Sing Hang

**13-17 May**  
**Liturgical Study of the Methodist Church**  
 Rev. Dr. Lu Chen Tiong



## MTS Upcoming News & Prayer Items

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

Date	Subject	Lecturer
22-26 July	The Theology of Marriage and Family	Rev. Moses Tey
22-26 July	Advanced Preaching	Rev. Dr. Stephen Hsieh
28 Oct – 01 Nov	Equipping for Counselling	Rev. Dr. Khoo Ho Peng

- 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.

### 2. Wesley Centre Upcoming Events

Date, Time & Venue	Event	Theme	Speaker
19-21 Aug @Sibu MTSchool	10 <sup>th</sup> Wesleyan Seminar	Wesleyan View of Discipleship [Registration Form] <a href="http://www.mtssibu.edu.my/wesley">www.mtssibu.edu.my/wesley</a>	Dr. Philip R. Meadows (Professor of Evangelism Studies, Ashbury Theological Seminary, USA)
17 Oct ; 8.30pm @Wei Kuok Hall	Interaction Forum II	Artificial Intelligence: Christian responses [Free Admission]	Rev. Dr. Su Chii Ann (MTS Full Time Lecturer, Director of Field Education)

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

### 3. 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

### 4. MTS 2020 Intake

- 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

**Programs offered by MTS:** Theological Program, Missiological Program, Worship & Music Program and TEE Program

<b>Degree</b>	<b>Qualification</b>	<b>Duration</b>
<b>Theological Program (Language: Mandarin / Iban)</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 Grade 6 in music theory and Grade 8 in voice or any musical instrument from Royal School of Music or equivalents. Candidates are required to take pre-requisite courses in Music Theory (harmony and form analysis), SSET, Western Music History, and at least two semesters of choral conducting class	3 years
B.D. in Worship & Music	With HSC/STPM (minimum 2 Principal Passes & 2 Subsidiary Passes) or equivalent qualification and obtained at least Grade 5 or above in instrumental/vocal music and theory from Royal School of Music or its equivalent	5 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 or its equivalent	5 years
M.A. in Worship & Music	Attained a bachelor degree from a recognized university; non-music degree graduate must obtain Grade 6 in music theory and Grade 8 in voice or any musical instrument from Royal School of Music or equivalents. Candidates are required to take pre-requisite courses in Music Theory (harmony and form analysis), SSET, Western Music History, and at least two semesters of choral conducting class	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 or its equivalent	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 or its equivalent	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 or its equivalent	2 years
Certificate of Worship & Music by Extension	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 69 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 69 credit hours on Biblical, Theological and Family Ministry courses, and 120 hours of practicum.	5-8 years

- 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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- Application closing date for Malaysian students:
  - (a) Theological Program/Theological Program major in Missiology: **15<sup>th</sup> September**
  - (b) Worship & Music Program: **15<sup>th</sup> September**
  - (c) TEE Program/TEE Family Ministry Program : **31<sup>st</sup> October**
- \*\* Application closing date for foreign students : **30<sup>th</sup> June** \*\*