

Praying ^{the}for Seminary

If you are going to pray for the seminary, what would be your focus? Are you thinking about facilities? Funding? The library? The theological position? The lecturers? The students? The staff? The courses? Undeniably, these are all important. As you and I think more deeply about how to pray for the seminary, we will surely consider the present and future of the church. Inevitably, we will think about two extremely important aspects: the current lecturers at the seminary and the future pastors.

FACULTY: Here, I am not just focusing on the qualifications and education of the lecturers, nor are we praying that all lecturers have attractive personalities. Praying for the seminary's lecturers should focus more on their passion for God, people, truth, the church, society, and mission and evangelism. Building a seminary and theological education according to God's own heart and relevant to our present era depend on the faculty and the board sharing a common vision and mission. The lecturers' life examples and their teachings directly influence seminarians and impact the church. Thus, nurturing the faculty is a challenging task. As a denominational seminary, Methodist Theological School is grateful for the support of the three annual conferences. MTS collaborates with the annual conferences to encourage and select pastors who are faithful to their calling and willing to shoulder this significant responsibility together: to commit to nurturing holistic, full-time dedicated individuals and building a holistic theological education. The development of the faculty team cannot stop, just as the church needs to

continually call on God to raise full-time dedicated individuals. Please join us in praying for the faculty team currently being trained: Ambrose Wong (preparing to enter the M.Th. program), Cecilia Ting and Li Xu Yii (writing their doctoral dissertations), Irene Lai (going to the U.S. for doctoral studies in mid-August), and Lau Ong Heng and Chee Ling Na (applying for the M.Th. program).

STUDENTS: The seminary's purpose is to train students to serve the church and the world, and the church is to nurture and send them to the seminary for training. In nurturing future pastors, missionaries, and music directors, the seminary and the church are closely linked. Although God can choose and use anyone, however those who are called by God cannot respond to God's calling in a "vacuum". The church must listen to and affirm God's calling together with them, while also helping them to grow in their love for God and people: building mature spirituality, holy character, diligent learning, and interpersonal skills. The church must continue to pray for God to call people to the harvest field (see Matthew 9:38). In recent years, the number of dedicated individuals from the Chinese and Iban churches has decreased (although the number of dedicated individuals from the Bahasa Malaysia-speaking community has remained stable), and the same phenomenon is seen in those coming to MTS for training. If each congregation under the annual conferences could earnestly look to God and pray to God to raise up full-time dedicated



servants of His, God will accomplish this beautiful work according to His will, just as the church in Antioch did (see Acts 13:1-3). When all church districts and congregations pay attention to this matter together, actively nurturing full-time dedicated individuals in prayer and action, this is the most important prayer-action for the future of the church!

MTS is currently awaiting approval for its expansion plans from the authority concerned and has launched a fundraising campaign for the 15 million ringgits needed for the construction cost. Please pray for this project and participate in giving according to God's prompting. Do encourage every fellowship group or cell group to contribute to the needs of this project in their respective budgets over the next two years, so that this construction project can be completed without any shortcomings. Let us work together to accomplish the Lord's work!



Message From the Principal
Rev. Dr. Khoo Ho Peng



03RD JAN 2024

In the new academic year of 2024, MTS welcomed 7 new students from the Chinese Theology Program and 5 first-year students from the BM Theology Program.

New students in Chinese Theology Program: Liaw Jian Ming, Wong Ek Leong, Jonathan Bong Cheng En, Lee Tze Young, Tang Kwong Yong, Yvonne Law Peng Yuh (Missiology), and Lee Xiang Ling (Worship & Music).

New students for BM Theology Program: Chendan Ak Uju, Ben Aflick Francis, Christina Nawi Anak Kantan, Valentine Numang Lyne Nonie Anak Iba, and Airrene Wilson.

Additionally, there is one returning student in Iban Theology Program by the name Malaya Anak Lidan.



In 2024, MTS welcomed 3 students who enrolled in TEE Program Master of Christian Studies: Chieng Ching Chai, Chin Tze Kwan, and Lee Too Kian, as well as one student enrolled in Worship and Music by Extension Program, named Siew Teck Chui.

8TH JAN 2024

Launch of Bible Atlas by Bishop Ng Moon Hing.



31ST JAN - 2ND FEB 2024: ATESEA ACCREDITATION

Accreditation Team: Dr. Eleazar Fernandez (From Philippines), Dr. Ester Widiasih (From Indonesia), Dr. Wiriya Tipvarakankoon (From Thailand) and Ms. Christabel Wong (From Malaysia).

5TH FEB 2024

A group of brothers and sisters from Cheng Uong Methodist Church treated MTS Community to have dinner to celebrate Chinese New Year together.



17TH FEB 2024

MTS community is having an outing to Jubilee Park to build mutual relationships and promote physical and mental health.



2024 第五届线上卫斯理神学论坛



11TH MARCH 2024

The 5th Wesleyan Online Theological Forum: "John Wesley's Hermeneutics"; Speaker: Rev. Ling Tiong Cheng; in Chinese.

25TH MARCH 2024

Methodist Short-term Mission School (MSTMS) and MTS Short-term Mission School (STMS) officially started a three-month study. There are 96 students, including 51 MSTMS, 22 STMS Music, 15 STMS BM, 6 STMS English and 2 STMS Iban.



8TH APRIL 2024

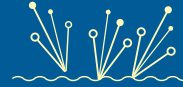
Seminar on Asian Theology by Bishop Emeritus Dr. Hwa Yung.



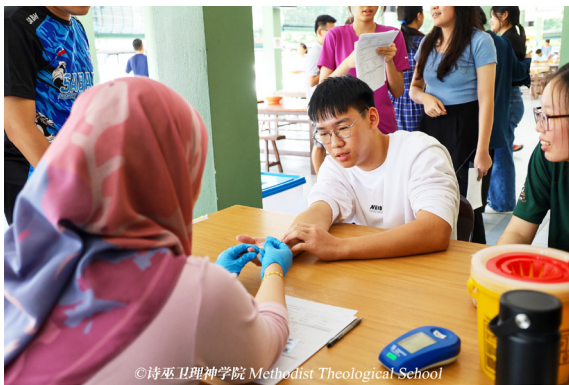


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4TH MAY 2024
Methodist Book Room Book Fair.



18TH MAY 2024
Blood Donation



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17TH MAY 2024
MTS Community celebrating Gawai Festival, Teacher's Day, and Birthday Celebration together with a STM lecturer and some students.

18TH MAY 2024
The 2nd Wesleyan Online Theological Forum: "Ajaran John Wesley Tentang Roh Kudus" by Rev. Dr. Thomas Lau Sie Ngiu; in Bahasa Malaysia.



Forum Teologi Atas Talian Wesleyan Ke-2



Rev. Thomas Lau



Rev. Nicholas Tan



"Ajaran John Wesley Tentang Roh Kudus"

MTS Visitors



26th Jan 2024:
**Rev. Joshua Ting,
Interim President of
GETS Theological
Seminary**

6th March 2024:
**A group of BM
Ministry youth
from the
Tudan Method-
ist Church, led
by Rev. Nicholas
Tan**



17th May 2024:
**Fellowship with STM
lecturer and students**



28th May
2024:
**Chinese
youth from
BEM Bintulu
Evangelical
Church**



29th May 2024:
**President of the
Methodist Church
in Hong Kong, Rev.
Tim Lam and some
pastors visiting
MTS.**



MTS New Building Extension Project

MTS Administrative Building, completed in 1998, has now been in use for over 20 years, gradually space has become a limitation. The growth of the library collection, and the facilities needed for our future development of using Bahasa Malaysia as a medium of instruction, more space is required. Despite the plan to extend the Administrative Building has been conceived well before the pandemic, MTS has delayed this extension project, partly due to the many partner Annual Conferences major projects which were going on in the last few years, and the challenges of the pandemic and financial constraints. In view of the needs and rising building cost, after much prayerful meetings and planning, the Board of Management has decided to embark by faith this project with no further delay.

The extension building project is estimated to cost 15 million Ringgit Malaysia (site plan attached). The plan involves demolishing old structures and constructing a new building adjacent to the existing MTS Administrative Building. This extension block will facilitate the expansion of the library and provides additional facilities such as conference rooms, a multipurpose hall, counselling and

spiritual direction rooms, while allowing the old library to make way for more classrooms. The construction will also include a sports hall with a ground-floor parking area, workers' quarters, a storeroom, and a recycling space. MTS also plan to create specific areas for prayer and leisure. This project is estimated to cover a period of 4 years (2024 - 2027). By God's grace, we hope to raise the fund needed within a 2-year period.

You can download the pledge form through the following link or by scanning the QR code: <https://en.mtssibu.edu.my/newextension>



In the pledge form, you can choose to (A) Pledging Specific Spaces or (B) Pledge Amount.

Your cheerful participation in this project is vital – every brick, every Sen and Ringgit counts! Let us build together with one heart and purpose for the now and future development of MTS to train ministers, missionaries, music directors and leaders in the Borneo Island and beyond.



MTS Financial Situation

The total expenditure of MTS for year 2024 is estimated to be about RM 2,105,700.00.

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".

Our Public Bank Account is 3-1422081-12. Please email your bank-in slip to accountclerk@mtssibu.edu.my. Thank you.

You may also participate in Friends of MTS (<https://en.mtssibu.edu.my/support-MTS>).

MTS 2025 NEW INTAKE

Degree	Qualification	Duration
<i>Theological Program [Mandarin/BM/Iban]</i>		
M. Ministry	Possessed a first theological degree and involved in pastoral ministry for at least 5 years.	7 years
M. Divinity	Attained a bachelor degree from a recognized university.	4 years
B. Divinity	With HSC/STPM (minimum 2 Principal Passes & 2 Subsidiary Passes) or equivalent qualification.	4 years
B. Theology	With MCE/SPM (minimum Grade 2: Aggregate 1-34) or equivalent qualification.	4 years
Dip. Theology	With MCE/SPM (Grade 3) or equivalent qualification.	3 years
L. Theology	With full certificate in JC/SRP/PMR or equivalent qualification.	2 years
<i>Theological Program – Missiology major [Mandarin]</i>		
M. Divinity	Attained a bachelor degree from a recognized university.	4 years
B. Divinity	With HSC/STPM (minimum 2 Principal Passes & 2 Subsidiary Passes) or equivalent qualification.	4 years
B. Theology	With MCE/SPM (minimum Grade 2: Aggregate 1-34) or equivalent qualification.	4 years
Dip. Theology	With MCE/SPM (Grade 3) or equivalent qualification.	3 years
L. Theology	With full certificate in JC/SRP/PMR or equivalent qualification.	2 years
<i>Worship & Music Program [Mandarin]</i>		
M. Art	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. Art	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	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	Completed SPM and obtained at least Grade 5 or above in instrumental / vocal / music and theory from Royal School of Music	2 years
<i>Theological Program – Worship & Music major [Mandarin]</i>		
M. Divinity	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.	4 years
B. Divinity	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
B. Theology	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

Degree	Qualification	Duration
<i>Worship & Music by Extension (WME) Program [Mandarin]</i>		
Certificate	Attain Form 5 or its equivalent in formal education	3-5 years
<i>Theological Education by Extension (TEE) Program [Mandarin]</i>		
M. Christian Studies	For university graduates (required to accumulate 60 credit hours); equivalent to two years of full-time study in Theological Program	7 years
B. Christian Studies	For non-graduates (required to accumulate 90 credit hours)	7.5-10 years
D. Christian Studies	For non-graduates (required to accumulate 60 credit hours) and university graduates (completed 30 credit hours)	6 years
C. Christian Studies	For non-graduates (required to accumulate 30 credit hours)	5 years
<i>Theological Education by Extension (TEE) in Family & Counseling Ministry [Mandarin]</i>		
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: <https://en.mtssibu.edu.my/application-form>
- Completed Application Form should be sent to the Principal or Academic Dean at the following address:
51, Jalan Tun Abang Haji Openg,
P.O.Box 78, 96007 Sibü, Sarawak, Malaysia.
Contact No.: +6084-321409
Email: general@mtssibu.edu.my
- Application closing date for Malaysian students:
 - Theological Program/Theological Program major in Missiology: **15th September**
 - Worship & Music Program: **15th September**
 - TEE Program/TEE Family Ministry Program: **31st October**

**** Application closing date for foreign students: 30th June ****



MTS 70th Anniversary Event **Hymn Festival**

Date: 15 July 2024, Monday

Time: 7.15 PM - 9.00 PM

Venue: Wei Kuok Hall, Sibü

- ** Tuba solo, soprano solo, choir, and congregational hymn singing.
- ** Classical and contemporary, indigenous hymns

Presented by: MTS Choir, SCAC Choir & Special Guests

FREE ADMISSION!!

