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Newsletter MTS

December 2019



Reflect & Anticipate A Note from the Principal

The Lord is good to us in 2019. At the end of October, MTS celebrated the graduation of 26 students from various programmes. We were blessed by Rev. Dr. T. Jeyakumar, president of TRAC, for his encouraging words especially for the graduands. MTS is now quiet: all our students have gone for their fieldwork and the lecturers are grading papers. Many, including the staff are clearing their leave to take time off for rest.

After a year of preparation supported by Bethel Theological Seminary, Hong Kong, MTS will introduce a Clinical Pastoral Integration course to M. Min students and later to all final year students in 2020. This professional course requires the students to gather their clinical experiences in their home or hospital visitations as materials for growth. In a supervised mode of learning and constant reflection and action, the students are made more aware of themselves and be able to integrate their own lives, theology and pastoral skills and knowledge.

We at MTS are getting ready to welcome 9 new full-time students in our theological and Music and Worship programmes. More than 120 are expected to join us for various short-term missions school programmes in the coming year. In the second half of 2020, we will also be welcoming the first batch of BM Pre-Theo students getting them ready for BM theological programme beginning 2021. For all these, we are turning our eyes upon Jesus to bring them to completion. We therefore solicit your prayer and support. Not by might nor by power but by the Spirit of the Lord! (Zech. 4:6)

Advent is here and Christmas is round the corner. This season calls us not only for joyous preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth, it also alerts us to a hopeful anticipation of Christ's second coming. "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrew 10:24 – 25)

Let me take this opportunity to wish you a blessed and joyous Christmas!



By Rev. Dr. Khoo Ho Peng
Principal

You are cordially invited to attend
2020 MTS 1st Semester Opening Ceremony

Date: 6 January 2020 (Monday)

Time: 9.00am; Venue: Wesley Methodist Church, Sibul.

News from MTS



17-18 Jun: MTS Silent Retreat for lecturers & students, 2D1N at Li Hua Hotel, Unicity Sibü.



18-27 July: MTS having a booth at the Borneo Cultural Festival with theme "End Game".



19-21 Aug: Wesley Center of Research and Practical Theology organized the 10th Wesleyan Seminar with the theme 'Wesleyan View of Discipleship'. The Invited Speaker is Dr. Philip R. Meadows (Professor of Evangelism Studies, Ashbury Theological Seminary, USA).



29 Jun: MTS Night (Sarikei), 7.15pm at Methodist Town Church.



30 Jun: Dedication Camp (Sarikei), 2.00pm at Wisma Methodist Sarikei. (From Right) Rev. Ung Sing Hing, Rev. Wong Siew Ping, Ms. Betty Wong King Ngie, Rev. Samuel Law Ning Seng.



19 July: MTS Family Dinner (Parents' Day & Birthday Celebrations).



9 Sept: MTS celebrates Mid-Autumn Festival.



10 & 17 July: MTS Recreation Committee organized a table tennis game with Sibü Spinal Cord Injury Association.



9-15 Aug: Faculty Educational Tour and Retreat in Indonesia.



2 Nov: MTS community was invited by Paramount Hotel to participate in their 17th Year End Thanksgiving Service and luncheon.



11 July: MTS was invited to lead the prayer meeting at Hwai Ang Methodist Church.



26 Oct: 21st Graduation Service (since its reopening of Degree Courses), 9am at Masland Methodist Church, Sibü.

2nd Semester Intensive Course



Date: 22-26 July
Subject: The Theology of Marriage and Family
Lecturer: Rev. Moses Tey



Date: 22-26 July
Subject: Advanced Preaching
Lecturer: Rev. Dr. Hsieh

Visitors



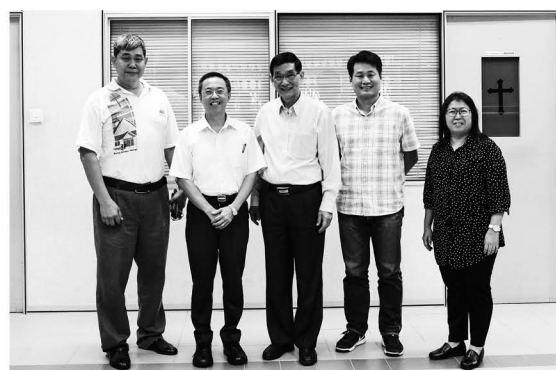
29 Aug: (2.30pm) Delegates from Ling Leung Pastor and Missionary Theological Seminary, Taiwan.



10 Oct: (4.00pm) Delegates from Ta-chih Presbyterian Church, Taiwan.



08 Oct: (10.00am) Rev. Peter Chen, Rev. Pei-wen Lo and Rev. Peter Chen from Taiwan.



17 Oct: (4.00pm) Rev. Dr. Datuk Thu En Yu, Principal of Sabah Theological Seminary.

MTS Upcoming News & Prayer Items

1. 2020 Full Time Programme New Students

- Total 9 new students (one of them is returning student): Ling Kuang Yu, Hii Ting Lee, Kee Siaw Jing, May Lau Sii Ming, Ling Hang Yew, Vincent Wong Chii Liang, Ling Hui Hua, Lanie Kok Kee Yuen, Tang Chen Chen
- Pray for the new students. Pray they are able to cope with the vigorous studies and activities in MTS.
 - Pray that more church members are willing to equip themselves and come to MTS for TEE programme

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2. 2020 Intensive Courses offered for Master of Ministry Programme, and TEE Family & Counseling Ministry Programme

Date	Subject	Lecturer
13-17 April	Chinese Culture and Pastoral Ministry	Rev. Dr. Francis Wong King Sing
20-24 April	Counselling Practicum *2	Rev. Dr. Khoo Ho Peng
20-24 July	Theological Reflection on Current Issues	Rev. Dr. Peter Au
24-28 Aug	Dynamic of Biblical Change	Dr. Lee Tai Ying
09-13 Nov	The Changing Family Structure	Dr. Rachel Ting

- 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. MTS 2020 Upcoming Events

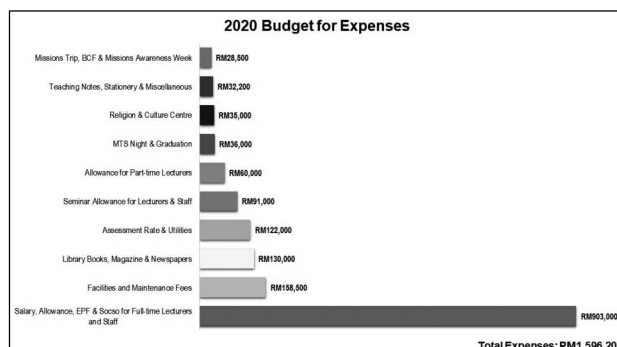
Date, Time & Venue	Event	Theme	Speaker
13 March @Pusat Gembala Baik Xin Fu Yuan	Malam MTS	Cabut Diri?	Rev. Chen Chi Fook
19 March @ Tien Tao Methodist Church	Interaction Forum 1	Christian is vulnerable too? --- Mental illness and Suicide	Rev. Dr. Khoo Ho Peng, Dr. Wong, Ms. Ling Ching Nee
20 March @Sing Ang Tong Methodist Church	MTS Night	Chicken out?	Rev. Dr. Wong Teck Suk
15 May @Hwai Ang Methodist Church	Aldergates Hymn Festival	-	-
13-14 July @Wei Kuok Hall, Sibü	RCC 3 rd Public Lecture	Love our Indigenous People [Registration Form] www.mtssibu.edu.my/rcc	-

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

4. MTS Financial Situation

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 2020, estimated to be about RM1,596,200. 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 fax or email your bank-in slip to +6084-341409 or accounts@mtssibu.edu.my. Thank you.) You may also participate in Friends of MTS, click here www.mtssibu.edu.my/friends



5. Theological Education Sunday

MTS Lecturers are open to invitations to conduct Theological Education Sundays throughout the year.

Please contact our lecturers for arrangements. Tel: +6084-321409

MTS new staff

Ms. Anita Tiong Ee Li
(Account Clerk)



/NOTICE/

MTS office & library will be closed on the following Saturdays in 2020:

8,22/2; 11/4; 23,30/5; 18/7;
8,15,29/8; 7,14,21,28/11;
5,12,19/12.