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Past, Present and Future

Rev. Dr. Philip T.Y. Siew

Seminari Theoloji Malaysia celebrated its fortieth anniversary on Sunday, the 6th January, 2019. Throughout these forty years, STM has expanded her ministry in various ways. We are what we are today due to two major factors: (1) God's amazing grace, first in birthing the vision in our "forefathers," then in guiding, protecting and providing for us in every way throughout; (2) God's people who were and are willing to commit themselves at God's disposal to work out His will amidst all challenges.

In retrospect, we give thanks to God for His empowering and protecting grace. We praise Him for raising up and preserving His people who have served and are serving Him with commitment. We also thank all those who have faithfully supported the strategic training ministry at STM.

At present, we at STM must be determined to continue to become what God means us to be and accomplish that which He has entrusted us in unity. We have to endeavor to encourage and provide a holistic training which integrates academic excellence, character formation and fruitful ministry implementation.

As we look forward to the future, especially with the new building extension project in progress before us, we must continue to trust in, be committed and obedient to God for His provisions, guidance and commands.

过去、现在与未来

萧帝佑牧师(博士)

马来西亚神学院于2019年1月6日(主日)举行成立四十周年庆典。在过去的四十年中,马来西亚神学院在各方面不断的成长和发展。马来西亚神学院能成为今日的状况,主要由于两个关键因素: (1)上帝奇妙的恩典,将"异象"放置在"古圣先贤"的心中,并与日俱来在各方面的引导、保守与供应; (2)上帝的子民们在过去及目前乐意的委身于上帝的呼召,在各种艰难和挑战中奋勇跟随祂向前,完成祂的旨意。

缅怀过去,我们感谢上帝赋能与保守的恩典。我们赞美衪兴起并保守衪的子民,忠心委身侍奉衪。我们也感谢所有在各方面支持神学院具策略性培训事工的支持者。

正视目前,我们必须定志于致力继续成为上帝要我们成为的群体,同心完成祂的托付。我们必须尽所能的提供整全的培训,以结合卓越的学术钻研、品格的塑造和落实具有果效的事工。

展望未来,特别是院舍扩建之际,我们得继续信靠祂的供应,委身于且顺服祂的带领及吩咐。



2019 Student EXCO

The New Faces of 2019



2019 New Full Time BM Dept. Students

STM 40th Anniversary Holyland Study Tour 四十周年纪念圣地之旅 25 Oct - 3 Nov 2018

It is not just a memorable trip. It is theologically stimulating, historically rich, geographically breath-taking, biblically in awe and the spiritual connectedness together with the wonderful fellowship of brothers and sisters has made this an amazing experiential study tour. The opportunity of being able to visit the Holyland was a miracle for me. One of the first sights which mesmerised me was the landscape, of desert, hills and valleys. Seeing Jerusalem in its magnificent and grandiose was a breath-taking experience. I have read the text, heard of the stories and the findings in the Holy Land. Nevertheless, it was not always easy to understand the cultural perspective, geographical and historical dimension by just reading the text.

Wong Lee Sin, MCS (Eng TEE)

As we crossed into Nazareth, I began to have a great feeling as it was a dream coming true! Nazareth was the place where Jesus grew up. The visits to many other biblically related sites were further encouraging.

David Leong Peng Kwan, DipCM graduate 2018

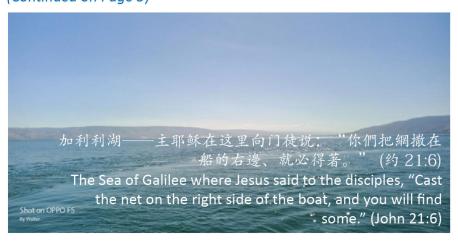
The journey on those days have a very significance narrative to me as a Christian. Not only the sites we visited have scriptural value but also geographical value. They enlightened my understanding of the gospel narratives. Thank God for the amazing grace and blessing that had enabled me to go and visit the land of His dwelling and Epiphany thousands years ago.

Walter McDaniel, BD 4th Year





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当我坐在船上,看着那片被众山所围绕的湖,闪过我脑海的是这湖与主耶稣有关的经文——耶稣在这湖边呼召门徒(马太4:18),耶稣平静风浪(马太福音8:23-26、马可福音4:35-39 & 路加福音8:22-24),耶稣在水面上行走(马太福音14:24-32、马可福音6:47-51&约翰福音6:16-21)。我心里认真的想,若我当时也在门徒当中,我是否也会胆怯?人生有幸,让我有机会踏在耶稣曾经逗留的地方、走在耶稣曾走过的路,那种感觉很奇妙,好像回到家一样。我从此读圣经的体验不再一样,因为我不只是在圣经上读到这些地方,而是真实的走过这些地方。

蔡慧敏 BTh 第三年

就像很多基督徒,我也希望自己有一天可以进入以色列这一片土地以及耶路撒冷这一座圣城。这次的圣地之旅,笔者最大的感悟是——不管是在那一座城,只要那一座城里有你爱的神及你爱的人与你同在,那一座城就是你生命中真正的"圣城"。

黄聿光MCS (Chinese TEE)

没有想到走进以色列,我心灵上的冲击是那么的大。每每经过一处耶稣所遗留下的足迹的地方,心里总是有百般无奈的伤感。心想为什么一个神会"沦落"到这般地步,来到人间受苦?神不是应该高高在上、戴着荣耀的冠冕坐在宝座上俯瞰众生的吗?尤其是在建于当年该亚法大祭司宫殿之上的鸡鸣堂,我所感触的不是彼得的三次不认主,而是堂内最底层的牢房。这应该就是当年耶稣遭该亚法大祭司审问时,被关入的牢房。这牢房其实也没什么出奇,只是一个只供一个人身形直下的窟洞。虽然如今经过整理加宽并且有梯级上下,牢房当年却是污水甚至粪便污物的囤积处。与其称为牢房,不如说它是粪池!当年耶稣——一个神的独生儿子,就是被浸泡在污水至颈的"粪池"里独孤的度过了漫长的夜晚、等候受审。这种滋味谁能了解?

潘华, BD (p/t)

当我初踏以色列这片土地,就被耶斯列谷一片的绿油油植物所吸引。相比之下,一河之隔的约旦(圣经的外约旦)景色却让人感觉土地的贫瘠。我开始明白何以它被称为一片流奶与蜜之地,同时也更加感受上主爱他子民的心意。此外,但的古城丘,尼波山和昆兰山洞都是触动我内心的景点,因为这些地方使我更深层理解圣经的记载。这次的考察之旅不只是丰富了我对以色列的认识,并且在心灵的层面上有进一步的升华——更加赞叹上主在人类历史上的作为。旅程所见,引致我在研读圣经时仿佛一幕幕立体且生动的画面就呈现在眼前,这感觉是非笔墨所能言喻的。

周家进, BD第三年

完成神学四年的旅程,在毕业终点与牧养起点之间,圣地之旅是我特别经历的恩典——得以踏上圣经的应许之地,留下几步脚踪。虽然我因早前膝盖受伤,旅程之中有诸多不便,却更真实地体验门徒们跟随耶稣时的软弱。特别是十架苦路的一步一步,深感两千多年前主的大爱。眼见这片土地的山河、湖海、城乡和百姓,一幕幕地联想到上帝的爱。从阅读经文到体验现实,我感觉走入了圣经的世界,也激发我活出信仰的真义。主耶稣就在这片土地上完成使命,我的事奉也盼以主耶稣为中心!

杨旺勋 BD毕业于2018.







Public Lecture by Rev Dr Lim Kar Yong at St Thomas' Cathedral, Kuching

Rev. Dr. Lim Kar Yong 林家扬牧师(博士)

More than 150 people filled the Parish Hall of St Thomas' Cathedral, Kuching, on 22 February to listen to the public lecture delivered by our New Testament Lecturer, Rev Dr Lim Kar Yong. Entitled "The Corinth that Paul Saw", Kar Yong took the audience on a virtual tour to the ancient city of Corinth and unpacked the connection between archaeology and Paul's letters to the Corinthians. He also explored how we could read these two fascinating letters in light of the situation in Corinth and how we could apply the teachings of Paul in our daily life today.

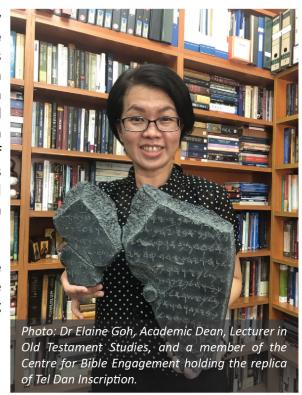


CBE Report for Berita

Rev. Dr. Lim Kar Yong 林家扬牧师(博士) Director of CBE

The Centre for Bible Engagement has recently acquired a few more archaeological replicas for teaching aids. Among one of the most significant acquisitions is the Tel Dan Inscription. This inscription is dated to the 9th century BCE. It was discovered in 1993 at Tel Dan Reserve in northern Israel during an archaeological excavation, hence its name. The broken and fragmentary inscription commemorates the victory of an Aramean king over his two southern neighbours: the "king of Israel" and the "king of the House of David." This discovery is significant because it is the only archaeological and historical evidence we have that makes explicit reference to King David in the Bible.

Public is welcome to view this replica. The Centre for Bible Engagement also organises tour of the replicas available. Please contact the Director of the Centre, Rev Dr Lim Kar Yong (karyong@stm2.edu.my) for further information.





The Process of Giving away the Blessings by Rev Dr Philip Siew

Dr. Wong Moi Lee

This is our second public lecture at TMC Kuching and we are encouraged by the warm response of the Kuching folks. Rev Dr Lau Hui Ming (Pastor of TMC and District Superintendent of Kuching West District of SCAC.) was among the crowd gathered for the night meeting, and the process of sharing the gospel was well received by an attentive audience.

The acronym of PROCESS: Passion; Reach Out; Object setting; Compassion; Edify; Supplication & Share and lastly Save was appreciated by the crowd. Dr. Philip Siew also demonstrated on how to approach pre-believers by asking the question, "Have you heard of the story of numbers 1-4?" In one minute he was able share the gospel on one true God. Two, describes the hopeless situation of humankind (bondage of sin and threat of death). Three is the three things that Christ did to save us. Namely, Christ, the Son of God was born, He died for our sins and He rose from the dead. Four is leading the person to confess, repent, believe and follow Jesus and he/she will be saved. It was neatly wrapped up and we should be confident to give away the blessings.











Journeying With God (Part 1)

Text: Joshua 5:13-15
Bishop Emeritus Dr. Hwa Yung

1. Preamble & Introduction

Preamble: Bishops and Presidents, Honoured guests, STM Council, faculty members and students, Brothers and Sisters in Christ, HAPPY 40TH ANNIVERSARY!

I am deeply honoured to be invited to speak on this very special occasion. Thank you for this kind invitation.

STM was founded 40 years ago. We are deeply grateful to the leaders of the church then who had the vision to start STM at a time when the conditions were not too favourable. It is only proper that we record our heartfelt appreciation on such an occasion to those who laid the foundations for our seminary. These include Bishop C N Fang, Bishop J G Savarimuthu and Bishop E B Muthusami, who are all no longer with us. Bishop Denis Dutton, our first Principal, regrettably is not here. But we warmly welcome Canon Richard Kirton, our first Academic Dean, and his wife, Barbara, who are present today!

i. The world since 1979

• Since STM's founding in 1979, the church and the world have changed much! In 1979, the Cold War was still very hot, with the Western powers and the Soviet bloc in open confrontation. The threat of Communism overrunning Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore was also very real then! The western church appeared strong and influential.

The 1960s and 70s were the heydays of the World Council of Churches and the ecumenical movement which exercised much influence worldwide.

Western evangelicalism was experiencing a new birth of life after the Lausanne Conference of 1974, under the leadership of Billy Graham and also John Stott.

In terms of relative numbers, the western missionary movement was at its peak.

- But today, 40 years later, the picture has changed radically.
 - The Soviet bloc has disintegrated and Communism as a political ideology discredited.

Furthermore, the political dominance of the Western powers is increasingly being challenged by others, especially Russia, China, and the Islamic bloc.

The churches in the west which seem so strong 40 years ago have drastically declined.

ii. The decline of Western Christianity

What are the indications of the decline of western Christianity?

• First, at the beginning of the 20th century, more than 83% of all Christians lived in the western world, i.e. Europe, North America and Australia/NZ. Less than 17% lived in the non-western world of Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Today, the figures have been completely reversed with two-thirds of all Christians living in the non-western world. (Atlas of Global Christianity, 2009:352)

Around 1980, the centre of gravity of the church has moved out of the western into the non-western world.

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• Second, the churches in the west has long been under attack by secularism and modernity which severely undermined the Christian faith.

The result is that in Europe church attendance has long been in serious decline.

America on the other hand is supposedly a much more religious society. However, Christianity there has similarly been undermined by secularism and modernity, though in a different way. Ross Douthat, a New York Times columnist, describes the problem of American Christianity in his book as "Bad Religion." This is rooted in the "collapse of traditional Christianity and the rise of a variety of destructive pseudo-Christianities" (Douthat 2012:3).

His conclusion? America is "not a Christian country, but a nation of heretics!" (:6)

- Most of us are aware that liberal Christianity in the west has been gradually dying!
 But we would be deeply mistaken if we think that only the liberals that are in trouble!
 It is a crisis facing much of western Christianity.
- Take evangelicalism for example. In April last year, a private conference for some key American evangelical leaders was held at Wheaton College on the future of American evangelicalism. The problem was Donald Trump. Evangelicals like Billy Graham have always stood for not just right doctrine, but also holy living, integrity in public life, proper behaviour in sexual matters, etc. Sure, at the last election, evangelicals largely rejected Hilary Clinton because of her extreme liberal values. But having voted for Trump, evangelicals continue to support him uncritically even when it is known that he is twice divorced, sleeps around with a porn actress and others, gloats about groping women, openly supports white racism, and speaks truths and fake news at the same time without knowing the difference!

Fuller Seminary President, Mark Labberton, summed up the crisis of American evangelicalism as follows: "The central crisis facing us is that the gospel of Jesus Christ has been betrayed and shamed by an evangelicalism that has violated its own moral and spiritual integrity ... [T]he crisis is caused by the way a toxic evangelicalism has 2 turned the gospel into Good News that is fake"!

• Similarly, the Pentecostal and charismatic churches in America are in serious trouble. By and large they have sold out to the Gospel of Prosperity and the idolatry of worldly success.

iii. Yet old paradigms persist

Yes, all the facts point to a western Christianity in crisis.

But here is our problem.

By and large we still do things the way that we have learnt from the western church--- even though the churches there are in deep trouble and running out of answers! I do not mean by this that they did not teach us good things! Far from it. Indeed the western missionaries of the past taught us many things that are good and sound.

But much have changed in the last 100 years. The western church then and the church today are very different animals! Some things have gone very wrong over the years. But in many areas we are still aping today? s western church uncritically.

For example, if you ask many pastors in Asia what is their ideal model of the church, they will tell you that it is the American megachurch. Yet, they don It seem to have any idea of the problems faced by megachurches. In America, Korea, Indonesia or even Singapore, megachurches are now often seen as symbols of moral corruption and failing discipleship!

^{**} Part 2 of "Journeying with God" will be published in the next issue of Berita STM.



Module 3: Hymnology

Stephen Ng Eng Joo, MCM Student (TEE)

Worship is an essential part of the believer's life and response to God. No one would dispute this, but to think of worship as life and work as worship, it stretches our minds to understand what worship is to God and to us.

This was shared by two Singapore Bible College lecturers, Dr Myrleene Grace Yap Dr Myrleene Grace Yap and Pastor Joseph Lee Soon Guan, who conducted a module at STM Campus in Seremban on "Worship as Life Pattern."

Delving into the accounts of creation, Dr Yap explained that work only became a curse when work is not viewed as worship. "The word 'worship' is translated from the Hebrew words 'Avodah' or 'Abad' which means work," she explained. "Work is therefore worship when our work glorifies God and honours His name."

Evangelicals will find it hard to swallow John Piper's statement: "Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is." But, arguably, Piper is right because ultimately, when we are past this age, missions will be over, but what remains will be worship as God will still be there.

The worship leader's role, Dr Yap said, is to really help to the worshipper look beyond their circumstances in life and find God. "When this happens, singing is then a beautiful and natural response flowing upwards to God. Worship is a response to God."

After elaborating on the roles of the music ministry, Dr. Yap superimposed the five E's of the music with the Great Commission: Go (Evangelise); Baptise (Edify); Teaching Them (Educate); To Obey Everything (Exalt); Make Disciples (Equip). Quoting the example from Nehemiah 8, Pastor Lee drew out lessons for both leaders and the people on how a good worship service is conducted. Liturgy, unless the people understand the reasons behind each element, will be meaningless.

An important key lesson of worship that it must come from the right heart and attitude. As Gregory the Great put it, "It is obvious that it was not the offerer who received approval because of the offerings, but the offerings because of the offerer."



Scholars on the Road 讲师与您同思同行

The Scholars on the Road programme is a STM initiative to make available lecturers to the churches and wider Christian public in order to provide good theological teaching and training. In every issue of Berita STM, we will be highlighting some of the programmes and talks our lecturers have conducted at the local church level. If you are interested to utilize the Scholars on the Road programme for your church's teaching and ministry, kindly contact Rev Canon Dr Steven Abbarow at canonsteven@stm2.edu.my or call the STM office at 06-6322815.

为了提供更好的神学教育与训练给众教会和基督徒社群,马来西亚神学院再次开启"讲师与您同思同行"的计划。每一期的院讯,我们将着重于报导一些讲师们曾在教会开办过的课程和讲座。若您想善用"讲师与您同思同行"的计划作为贵教会的教育事工,请联系Rev Canon Dr Steven Abbarow:canonsteven@stm2.edu.my或拨电到神学院06-6322815。



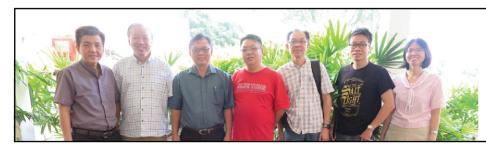
This year, we are pleased to welcome Rev. Daniel Ng Wee Jin into our Fulltime Faculty. Rev. Daniel Ng is conversant in English, Chinese and Bahasa Malaysia. For the Scholars of the Road programme, he can conduct talks and programmes in the following areas:

- 1. Youth Ministry: Leadership Training
- 2. Small Groups: Leadership Training
- 3. Conversational Evangelism
- 4. The Building Blocks of Preaching
- 5. Effective Teaching in a Local Church



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40th Anniversary Celebration 四十周年庆典

Rev. Dr. Philip T.Y. Siew 萧帝佑牧师(博士)

Seminari Theoloji Malaysia (STM) celebrated its fortieth anniversary on Sunday, the 6th January, 2019. The theme was "Journeying with God, Faithful to the End". The Thanksgiving Service was held at 4 pm at the Multi-Purpose Hall of STM. The praises were accompanied by PJ Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Mr Lam Siu Chong and Ms Lily Woo. STM Choir, conducted by Dr Yap Teck Chong with the pianist Ms Christina Ong, presented two items entitled "Praise Be to God" and "Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow". The Principal, Rev Dr Philip Siew also sang a solo entitled "A Song of Thanksgiving" which the lyrics were based on Psalm 30:1-5. The speaker was Bishop Emeritus Dr Hwa Yung, the second Principal of STM. His sermon entitled "Journeying with God" was based on Joshua 5:13-15 and interpreted by Rev Dr Wong Tik Wah. All the heads of churches were involved in the Service. The Service was attended by more than 400 people.

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After the Thanksgiving Service, a simple yet meaningful Groundbreaking Ceremony for the New Building Extension at the site which is behind the MPH was held at about 5.30 pm. The heads of churches, the chairman of the Building Committee and Principal participated in the ceremony.

感恩崇拜之后,一个简单却深具意义、为院舍扩建而举行的动土礼,假位于礼堂后边的扩建地点,由各教会的会督会正、建筑委员会主席和院长参与。



The Thanksgiving cum Fundraising Dinner was held at 7 pm at the Seremban Regent Hall. It was a joyful, celebrative and fruitful dinner with guests filled 88 tables. A famous Malaysian artist, Ms Tang Foong Yen, donated 12 paintings for the occasion. She was also there to give her testimony for her involvement in the fundraising endeavor. We managed to raise about RM25,000 through her paintings.

感恩暨筹款晚宴于七点正假芙蓉的统一大酒家礼堂举行,席开88桌。这的确是个欢乐且具成果的庆典晚宴。马来西亚的一位名画家,邓凤燕女士,为此亦奉献12幅彩画,充作筹款的盛举,筹得马币约两万五千零吉。她本人亦到场,为参与筹款分享见证。



Faculty Movement 讲师行踪



Rev. Dr. Philip Siew Tye Yau 萧帝佑牧师(博士)

12/1	Conducting a Cross-cultural Mission Seminar in the morning in Ampang.
12/1	Conducting a Healthy Church Growth Seminar at Rawang Country-homes CMC.

13/1 Preaching for STM Sunday at Mambau CMC.

19/1 Conducting a seminar on Spiritual Warfare at the first Baptist Church in KL.

20/1 Preaching for two services at the first Baptist Church in KL.

26/1 - 27/1 Preaching at Tanjung Balai CMC, Sumatera Utara.
 10/2 Preaching at Seremban Christian Revival Centre.

17/2 Preaching for STM Sunday for two services at Seremban Rasah Jaya Baptist Church.

23/2 Speaking at the Public Lecture organized by STM Kuching TEE at Kuching Trinity Methodist Church.

24/2 Preaching for two services at Kuching Trinity Methodist Church.

3/3 Preaching at Kuching BEM Bright Star Church.

4/3 - 6/3 Attending the SIM West Malaysia Council Retreat at Refreshing Springs in Tanjung Malim.

16/3 - 17/3 Preaching for three services for STM Sunday at Pandamaran CMC.
 24/3 Preaching at Bukit Tinggi CMC and Sentosa CMC in Klang region.

29/3 - 1/4 Teaching an intensive course on Cultural Anthropology at Malaysia Baptist Theological Seminary.

31/3 Preaching at Penang Ayer Itam CMC.

Rev. Canon Dr. Steven Abbarow

13/1 FE Orientation at St Mark's Seremban. 10/2 STM Sunday at St. James Church, KL.

10/2 Seminar on "Challenges in the 21st Century for Families" at St. James Church, KL.

23/2 - 24/2 Kuching STM Roadshow.

24/2 STM Sunday at Tabuan Jaya Anglican Church, Kuching.

25/2 Small Group Discussions with Year-end STM FE Supervisors in Kuching.

25/3 - 27/3 2019 Clergy, Deaconesses and Family Retreat, Bukit Gambang Resort, Kuantan.

30/3 - 31/3 Lecturing at Anglican Institute of Ministry, "Spiritual Formation," Ipoh.

31/3 STM Sunday, Cornerstone Church, Bercham, Ipoh.

Dr. Elaine Goh Wei Fun吴慧芬博士

9/3 - 10/3 Conducting Bible Seminar on the book of Daniel and preaching in Banting Chinese Methodist Church.

Conducting Bible Seminar on the book of Exodus and preaching in Ekklesia Methodist USJ.
Conducting Bible Seminar on the book of Ecclesiastes in Gereja Methodist Subang Jaya.

Miss Ho Gaik Kim 何月心讲师

22/2 - 24/2 STM Roadshow to Kuching.

24/2 Sunday Worship at Living Hope Methodist Preaching Centre (8:30am, English).

Sunday Worship at Samarindah Methodist Preaching Point (11am, BM).

24/3 STM Sunday at Melawati Chinese Methodist Church, Kuala Lumpur.

Rev. Dr. Wong Tik Wah 黄迪华牧师 (博士)

17/3 STM Sunday at KL Hokkien Methodist Church.

24/3 Bountiful Grace Methodist Church, Seremban (Afternoon Tea Corner on Methodism 1).

30/3 Seminar on Methodism: "Our Heritage, Our Distinctiveness" (Raub-Bentong-Karak-Mentakab region, Pahang).

31/3 STM Sunday at Karak CMC & Bentong CMC.

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Dr. Law Choon Sii 刘聪赐博士

20/1 STM Sunday, Rawang Country Homes CMC.

Rev Dr Lim Kar Yong 林家扬牧师(博士)

13/1 Preaching at Crossway Lutheran Church, Mt Kiara, Kuala Lumpur.

10/2 Preaching at Christian Life Gospel Centre, Petaling Jaya.

22/2 STM Kuching Roadshow: Public lecture at St Thomas' Cathedral.

24/2 Sunday Preaching at Faith Methodist Church.

8/3 Seminar on "How We Get Our Bible" at Klang Chinese Methodist Church.

10/3 Preaching at Sungai Buloh Methodist Church.17/3 Preaching at Sungai Way Christian Church.

24/3 Preaching at Good Shepherd Anglican Church, Subang Jaya.

25/3 - 27/3 2019 Clergy, Deaconesses and Family Retreat, Bukit Gambang Resort, Kuantan.

Dss Dr Tan Swee Bee 陈瑞美博士

13/1 FE Orientation at St Mark's Seremban.

20/1 FE Orientation at Wesley Methodist Seremban.

26/1 Attended meeting on BM theological training with Sidang Injil Orang Asli (SIOA) in PJ Life Chapel.

27/1 FE Orientation at Gereja Presbyterian Port Dickson.

17/2 FE Orientation at 9th Mile Lutheran Church.

22/2 - 24/2, Teaching (BM TEE) in Kampar.

1/3 - 3/3

4/3 - 6/3 Teaching (SAM) in Tapah. 8/3 LCA meeting in St Paul's PJ.

25/3 - 27/3 2019 Clergy, Deaconesses and Family Retreat, Bukit Gambang Resort, Kuantan.







Sharings on STM Annual Retreat 7/1/19-9/1/19



Sharing by Terence Anthony Raj A/L Thomas (BTh 1st Year)

Greetings in the name of the Lord! I am thankful to be given the opportunity to write a short reflection on our recently concluded retreat. I am grateful for the privilege to be part of the STM community. STM has just celebrated her 40th Anniversary and this retreat was set up to enable the students and the Faculty to reflect and ponder, as they enter the new year. I am one of the new students who enrolled for the year 2019 intake. It has taken me many years to arrive at this decision. Unfortunately, after my enrollment, my dad suddenly passed away. I had to make the

difficult choice whether to join STM now or to postpone my enrollment to another year. Finally, I decided to thank God for his grace and proceeded to start my formal theological education in STM.

It was tougher than I thought to come to STM on the new year, and adapting to a new environment. I thank God for this retreat that STM has prepared for us. Our speaker, Dr Sam was a wonderful and down to earth man of God, who spoke on the book of Jude verse 11. I have learned much from this short verse. These are some of the points in my reflection on what the speaker shared:

- Being authentic and honest with oneself
- Living a life that is true and far from sin
- Choosing who I follow

The speaker spoke about how we, as future pastors and church leaders, should lead a life that others can imitate and follow; and move away from paths that can lead to destruction, breakup and disunity in the church. It made me realize that I am called to the ministry for His name's sake, not mine. I should no longer follow the 'I' way. Dr. Sam spoke on practical things with great wisdom that we should ponder and reflect upon. I also had the privilege to speak to him personally. His advice and encouragement has been of great help to me.

We also had sessions with our pastoral groups. I am amazed when I hear about my fellow students on their struggles and fears, which made me conscious that I was not alone. We are all in the same boat and we can encourage one another. What a powerful way we can live in a community! Through the games, worship, preaching sessions and pastoral group fellowship, I have been strengthened in my resolve to continue my studies and press forward in my life. Thank you and God bless!

Sharing by Oon Pek Kim 温碧琴 (MDiv, 3rd Year)

2019年是特别的一年;是欢庆和见证上帝眷顾马来西亚神学院40周年的一年。配合这特别的日子,院方特意为全体师生安排了与往年不一样的退修会,即在7-9/1/2019于波德申卫理中心进行了3天2夜的退修会。

今年的退修会,院方邀请黄月英牧师博士(中文组讲员)以及Rev. Sam Dharam(英文组讲员)分享信息。因此,我藉此平台与大家分享在信息上的得着和领受。黄月英牧师带领的三堂信息分别为: (1) 尊贵的的事奉; (2) 作个仆人样式的属灵领袖; 以及(3) 生命的重塑与生命的同行。三堂中,令我留下深刻印象的是我们各自为自己洗脚以及与身体对话的环节。黄牧师透过此活动带出对身体关爱的重要性。她指出,现今全职服事者经常处于忙碌紧绷的精神状态,导致忽略身体亮红灯的警告。她坚定地说: "一个服事上帝的人若无法爱惜自己的身体,他/她是不可能有好的状态去服事上帝的"。她提醒我们,身体是上帝给人同工的器皿,我们是有责任爱惜它,并且良好的饮食作息习惯是必须刻意培养出来的。此外,黄牧师也分享了不少过去的牧养经历,强调团队事奉的重要性。她指出教会是一个群体,因此牧者不该孤身作战,陷入"一脚踢"的状况。她建议牧者或教会领袖在设计事奉岗位的时候,发掘与发挥信徒的长处,使更多人可以参与事奉。举例来说,若一个人能做到的服事,该设法安排一百个人去做。简言之,在事奉中营造更多机会使信徒能够各尽其职地参与,让信徒能藉着事奉恢复生命的价值以及活出生命的尊贵,一同建立教会。

总结来说,上帝藉着这次的退修会带领我们一同以感恩、省察、认罪和立志来开始新的学年,让我们渡过了欢乐难忘的时光。愿颂赞荣耀都归给祂!

Sharings on STM Annual Retreat 7/1/19-9/1/19



Report on the STM Annual Retreat 2019 by Rev. Canon Richard Kirton & Mrs Barbara Kirton

It was really good of Dr Philip Siew to allow us to join in the Retreat which followed on as a part of the 40th anniversary celebrations as well as being something of an induction for new students. I was really looking forward to seeing the ways in which the seminary has developed over the past forty years. I was not disappointed. It was a

really good experience. There were advances from the Seminary that we knew some forty years ago. It was good to see an overwhelming preponderance of Malaysian lecturers. There were more students from East Malaysia. The seminary is developing its Bahasa stream, and I wish it well for the building of a new block to allow this stream to really blossom and develop. There was less paper because students now communicate by cell-phones. Righty rightly there will be yet more changes and advances. Yet there is continuity and it is recognizably the STM which I loved and valued. As then the students were welcoming and friendly. STM has retained its sense of fun and its hope for the future. There is a zest for life in all its fulness which will be of benefit to those who will receive the ministry of students as they serve in the Malaysian and other churches.

There was evidence of all this in the retreat programme. I thoroughly enjoyed participating in the games and in the conversations at makan times. Yet the conversations also revealed a quest for excellence. The talks by Rev Sam Dharams based on the implications of Jude 11 and its reflection on the shortcomings of Cain, Balaam and Korah, were a timely reminder that we are on a spiritual journey and are participants in the journey of the people of God. Whether young or older we were warned of the temptations of worldliness and also of the seriousness of our calling as ministers of the Gospel. Seriousness is not to be confused with solemnity and Sam gave us much to laugh with him about. I had a brief conversation with Dr Joanne Ng who led the Chinese language sessions and it is clear that they had as good a time. The praise and worship sessions lifted our spirits before one another and before the Lord. For the new students it also served as a time to be initiated into their pastoral groups. One sensed that around us bonding was happening afresh. We feel that however tangentially and though separated by forty or so years and coming from a different continent that we are still a part of the STM community, and that it is in good hands, human yes and also perhaps divine.



STM is inviting suitable candidates for the following positions:

- PJCTEE/English TEE Director English language
- 2. Academic Assistant/Academic Officer (BM TEE Program + Seminars) BM and English languages

If you view this as an opportunity to serve the Lord and His people, we invite you to email your application and resume accompanied by a photograph image to vernie@stm2.edu.my (Vernie Woo, Administration & Finance Manager).

Salary will commensurate with qualifications and experience. STM continues to accept applications until the vacancy is filled.

Requirements:

- ✓ Mature Christian who has the desire to serve God.
- ✓ Pro-active, hardworking, well-organised, self-motivated and with good interpersonal skills.
- ✓ Ability to communicate fluently and effectively in the required language (both verbal and written).
- ✓ Must be skilful in administration and organisation.
- ✓ Must be computer savvy and competent in social media networking.
- ✓ For the position of PJCTEE/English TEE Director, the candidate must possess a theological degree preferably a Master degree.
- ✓ For the positions of Academic Assistant and Academic Officer, the candidate must possess a minimum qualification of an A-Level or STPM or its equivalent.

Congratulations 恭贺





Condolences 慰唁

- To Terence Anthony Raj (BTh) and family, whose father went home to be with the Lord on December 12, 2018.
- To Smatik Anak Brun (BD) and family, whose father went home to be with the Lord on January 4, 2019.
- To Lim Yuan Loong (Rosen Roy) (BTh) and family, whose father went home to be with the Lord on January 16, 2019.



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另外, 一篇好的专文需要有 其明确的范围及架构。透过 这个课程, 我也学习到如何 去设定专文所要讨论的范围



并设计其架构。这大大地帮助我如何去筛选所有搜集的资料,以致于我的专文所要表达的内容不会因为庞大的资料而失去焦点,并无法明确地传递所要传递信息。

批判性的思维帮助我们不会成为一个只是资讯饱满,却失去判断能力,并自己的立场及想法的人。在这个资讯泛滥的世代,我们能轻易地从互联网上获取不同的资讯。因此,批判性的思维就能帮助我们辨别资讯的真伪,以致于我们不容易被其牵着鼻子走。我们在阅读时,应当学习理解及分析作者所要表达的内容。这样,我们才能采纳正确及需要的资讯,而非照单全收。

张俊明老师在课堂上让学生们参与讨论及小组呈现,实际运用所学习的知识。他也透过小组讨论,让学生与老师之间有了更多的互动。感谢老师无私的分享,让我获益匪浅。



The BM TEE class on "Doktrin Kristian Asas 2" was conducted in Kampar from February 22nd to 24th, and March 1st to 3rd. The lecturer is Dss. Dr. Tan Swee Bee.



புதிய ஆண்டில் புதிய பாடங்கள் Ms. Mahimai Doss Josephine Academic Officer (Tamil TEE)

எஸ்.டி. எம் இறையியல் கல்லூரியில் சென்ற ஜனவரி மாதம் இறைவாக்கினர்களின் புத்தகங்கள் என்ற தலைப்பில் பாடம் நடைபெற்றது . இதில் ஏறக்குறைய 42 மாணவர்கள் பங்கு பெற்றுப் பெரிதும் பயனடைந்தனர். பாடத்தை வழி நடத்த விரிவுரையாளர் அருட்பணி சார்ல்ஸ் ஜோன் அவர்கள் இந்தியாவிலிருந்து வந்திருந்தார். ஒவ்வொரு இறைவாக்கினர்களைப் பற்றியும் அவர்களுடைய அழைத்தல், நோக்கம், பணிவாழ்வு என்று மிகவும் விரிவாக மாணவர்களுக்கு விளக்கம் அளித்தார்.

பாடத்தோடு விரிவுரையாளர் வழங்கிய கையேடுகள் மாணவர்களுக்கு முக்கிய பயனுள்ள வழிகாட்டியாக அமைந்தது. பெரும்பாலும் தமிழில் கையேடுகளை எதிர் நோக்கி மாணவர்கள் காத்திருப்பர். அவர்களுக்கு இது ஒரு மிகப்பெரிய பொக்கிஷமாக அமைந்தது. ஒவ்வொரு வகுப்புகளிலும் மாணவர்கள் ஆர்வத்தோடு பங்கெடுத்தனர்.

குழுவாகப் பிரித்து வினா விடை என்று வகுப்பை மிகவும் ஆர்வத்தோடு நடத்திச் சென்றார். ஒவ்வொரு குழுவினரும் தாங்களே வெற்றி பெற வேண்டும் என்று மிகவும் உற்சாகமாக கலந்துகொண்டு மதிப்பெண்கள் பெற்றனர். இதற்கெல்லாம் சிகரம் வைத்தாற்போன்று மாணவர்கள், தங்களைத் தாங்களே உணர்ந்து இறைவனின் இரக்கத்தை அனுபவிக்கும் வகையில் அவர் வைத்த செயல் நடவடிக்கை மாணவர்கள் அனைவருக்கும் மறக்க முடியாத அனுபவமாக இருந்தது. - உடைந்த பானை, பழங்கள்,மணல், கல், உலக உருண்டை என்று பல்வேறு பொருட்களைக் கொண்டு அவர் செய்த செயல் நடவடிக்கை, பாடத்தை மாணவர்கள் புரிந்துகொண்டது மட்டுமல்ல; பாடத் தலைப்பான இறைவாக்கினர்களைப் பற்றி ஆழமாகப் புரிந்துகொள்ளவும். அனைத்திற்கும் மேலாக, அவ்விதப் பொருட்களைக் கொண்டு, தனிப்பட்ட தியானமாக அதை மாற்றி, மாணவர்கள் அனைவருக்கும் பயனுள்ள வகையில் அதை மாற்றினார்.

பங்கெடுத்த மாணவர்கள் அனைவரும் மிகவும் பயனுள்ள வகுப்பு என்ற ஒரே மனதாகப் பாராட்டினர். இனி வரும் காலங்களிலும் மாணவர்கள் ஆர்வத்தோடு வகுப்புகளில் கலந்துகொள்ளவும், இதன்பயனாக , தாங்கள் பெற்றுக்கொண்ட இறை அனுபவத்தை, தாங்கள் பணி செய்யும் ஒவ்வொரு தலத்திருச்சபையிலும் இறைவனின் மக்களுக்கு பணி செய்திட போதகர்கள் முன்வருவார்கள் என்று முழுமையாக நம்பலாம். மேலும் பல மாணவர்கள் இங்கு வந்து பயின்று, பல நல்ல அனுபவங்களைப் பெற்றுக்கொள்ளவும் இதனால், கடவுளின் மக்கள் முழுமையாகப் பயனடையவும், இறைவனின் ஆசீரை மன்றாடிப் பிரார்த்திப்போம்.



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Our 2019 expenditure is in the region of approximately RM3.7 million. This sum includes repairs to MPH roof trusses and hostel washrooms which we were unable to undertake in 2018 due to shortfall in funding. Your generous support is invaluable for the furtherance of theological education at STM. We look forward to your contribution. 我们2019年的总开支约需370万令吉。这个数额包括2018年由 于资金短缺而无法进行的多元礼堂屋顶桁架和宿舍洗手间的维修。您的慷慨支持对促进马来西亚神学院的神学教育非常宝贵。 我们期待您的贡献。2019 ஆம் ஆண்டில் செலவுத்தொகை ஏறக்குறைய ரிம:3.7 மில்லியன் ஆகும். இந்தத் தொகை, பல நோக்கு மண்டப மேற்கூரை பழுதுபார்த்தல், 2018 ஆம் ஆண்டில் நிதிபற்றாக்குறை காரணமாக விடுபட்ட தங்கும் விடுதியின் கழிவறைகள் சீர்படுத்துதல் ஆகியவை உள்ளடக்கியது. உங்களுடைய தாராளமான நிதியுதவி எஸ்.டி.எம் இறையியல் கல்லூரியின் மேம்பாட்டிற்கு மிகவும் பயனுள்ளதாக இருக்கும். உங்களுடைய மேலான ஆதரவை எதிர்பார்க்கிறோம்.

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Our Target: RM6,000,000 Already Raised: RM3,160,020 Need to Raise: RM2,839,980 Rooms Available for Donations:

Music Workshop RM400,000 1. Conference/Meeting Room 2. RM400,000 Lecturer's Office 4 RM80,000 3. Lecturer's Office 5 RM80,000 4. Lecturer's Office 6 RM80,000 **5.** Lecturer's Office 7 RM80,000 6.

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