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Announcement 通告

STM is holding an **Endowment Trust Fund Raising Dinner** on **Sunday, 17 September, 2017, 7 pm**, at the **JB Grand Straits Garden Seafood Restaurant, Kawasan Danga**. The event is primarily organised to raise funds for the **new BM Full-time Department**, which will begin in **January 2018**. We value your prayers and financial support. Please pray and support us! Thank you!

马来西亚神学院将于九月十七日(周日)晚上七点正假新山新湖滨花园海鲜楼特别为明年正月开始的全日制国文部举行神学教育基金筹款晚宴。敬请代祷支持。谢谢!



Theological Education Is Costly

Rev Dr Philip T.Y. Siew

Theological education is significant and strategic because it equips God's people for ministry. It will build up the body of Christ – the Church, and who in turn will effectively reach out to the world to transform it with God's love and the good news of Christ. Nevertheless, it is costly! To be effective, it needs all kinds of power – spiritual, human, material and financial. Although we rely on God wholeheartedly to supply all these powers, God often supplies them through His people at large.

Spiritual power comes from the Holy Spirit, the gospel and the Word of God! It also comes through prayer! There is power through prayer!

We need human power – faculty and staff members who each do their own parts yet knit together, like different parts of the body, serving together for the same purpose to do God's will. We need faculty members who are not only qualified academically, but also mature spiritually. They are scholarly pastors and pastoral scholars. We need staff members who will treat their work here as a vocation and minister on it with full commitment to God!

We need material power interwoven with financial power! Though we cannot overemphasize the importance of these two powers over the others, they are really needed! Our sovereign God who is the Creator and Sustainer of the whole universe will supply all our needs! We need to trust God fully! At the same time, we need to pray that God will continue to move His people to be His instruments for making the provisions to meet the needs of the seminary.

No matter how costly theological education may be, our faithful and almighty God is able to supply! Praise Him!

God's people who know God's heart and the strategic significance of theological education will be willing to invest to support! This is investment for eternity! We give thanks to God for them!

Let's continue to trust God's provisions! Let's continue to be God's faithful instruments!



The STM Fulltime Faculty 2017



The Principal's Message 院长的信息

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神学教育是昂贵的

萧帝佑牧师[博士]

神学教育是极其重要且深具策略性的！它装备上帝的子民有效的事奉！它建立基督的身体 - 教会，能以有效的将上主的大爱和基督的好消息带到世界中，进而转化他们。然而，它是昂贵的！

为要深具果效，它需要各种的能力 - 灵力、人力、物力和财力。我们全心的仰赖上主供应这一切的能源。一般上，上主会通过他广大的子民提供这些需要。

属灵的能力来自圣灵，福音及上帝的真道！它也是通过祷告取得 - 从祈祷出来的能力！

我们需要人力。教职员各尽其职，互相配搭，正如同一个身体的各肢体互相联系，为了完成上主的旨意而有同一目标并同心合意的服侍。我们需要不只具有合格学术水准且是具有成熟灵命之讲师。他们是学有专长的牧者，也是有牧者心肠的学者。我们需要有蒙召感及全然委身事奉，看待他们的工作为一个召命的职员。

我们需要物力和财力！虽然我们不能过于高估它们的重要性过于其他的，它们的确是我们所需要的！

全能、创造及统管宇宙万有的上帝将供应我们一切所需要的。我们须要全然的信靠上主！同时，我们恳切祷告，祈求上帝感动他的子民，成为他供应神学院需要的导管。

不论神学教育是如何昂贵，我们全能且信实的上帝必能供应我们一切所需！赞美他！

洞察上帝心意和神学教育的重要和策略性的上帝子民，将愿意投掷资源予以支持！这是投资于永恒！我们为他们感谢上主！

我们要继续信靠上主的供应！我们要成为上主忠实的器皿！



STM Student EXCO 2017



STM Orientation & Annual Retreat 2017

Written by John Chew Jing En 周经恩, 2017 Student EXCO President

There was a total of 16 new full-time students for the year 2017. On the first day of registration, new students gradually trickled into the campus armed with their bags and luggage, some accompanied by their family members and friends, others came alone...all eager to start their new life at STM.

Following the registration and checking into the hostel, students were led into the Great Silent Retreat under the guidance of the Dean of Students, Rev. Dr. Wong Tik Wah. During this quiet time, all the new students were required to come before God in prayer, meditate and deal with the many emotions arising within them. They were encouraged to reflect on the reason they had been called to STM. Overall, the session proved helpful for new students to be refreshed in spirit and focused on the start of a journey they were to embark on.

During the Welcome Dinner, though it was drizzling, the new students still received a warm welcome from the faculty members and enjoyed the delicious food and BBQ prepared by the Student Body EXCO. It might be of typical Malaysian culture where the best fellowship happens during food sharing sessions at the table, and everyone had a great time getting to know one another.

Throughout the three days of orientation, new students were briefed at different sessions conducted by faculty members from morning until evening. The essence of the messages was to enable students to adapt and live in harmony within the STM community. As Rev. Dr. Philip Siew reminded during one of his speeches, "STM will be a home far away from our home, therefore we have to create harmony living in STM."

The orientation week flew by and all the new students are currently settling into life in STM. I must say, that it is inspiring to meet these energetic new students who take the initiative to bond with one another as a family, constantly helping and encouraging those in need. This is the uniqueness of the STM 2017 first year batch. I pray that this passion continues to burn within them, and also spread among the STM community that together, all of us might make STM our beautiful home to grow together.

It was a privilege for STM to have the honor of inviting Dato Dr. Daniel Ho, retired senior pastor of DUMC, as our annual retreat theme speaker. He spoke according to this year theme which is "One Love, One Spirit, and One Purpose", taken from Philippians 2:2. Throughout the retreat, he emphasized that a person that loves God, he/she must walk in the fear of God, and having the same Holy Spirit to engage in God's mission.

Finally, he advised and encouraged all STM leaders, educators, and students to steadfast in God's kingdom, be effective servants of God, and grow to be increasingly effective in ministry.



News 新闻

Weddings 婚庆



Li Can En 李灿恩
& Michelle Sum 沈雁婷
January 1st, 2017



Raymond Choy
& Mary Ann Tan
February 18th, 2017



Ruel Abbarow
& Meng Leng
February 18th, 2017



4th Biblical Studies Seminar "Bible & Gender" February 27th 2017, STM



Table Talk with Rev Si Khaw on "Christian Hope and Witness in Myanmar" January 11th, 2017
- organized by Centre for Religion and Society(CRS)



Meeting God Each Day

Article and Photos by SK Yeong

People see God every day, but they just do not recognise Him – Pearl Bailey

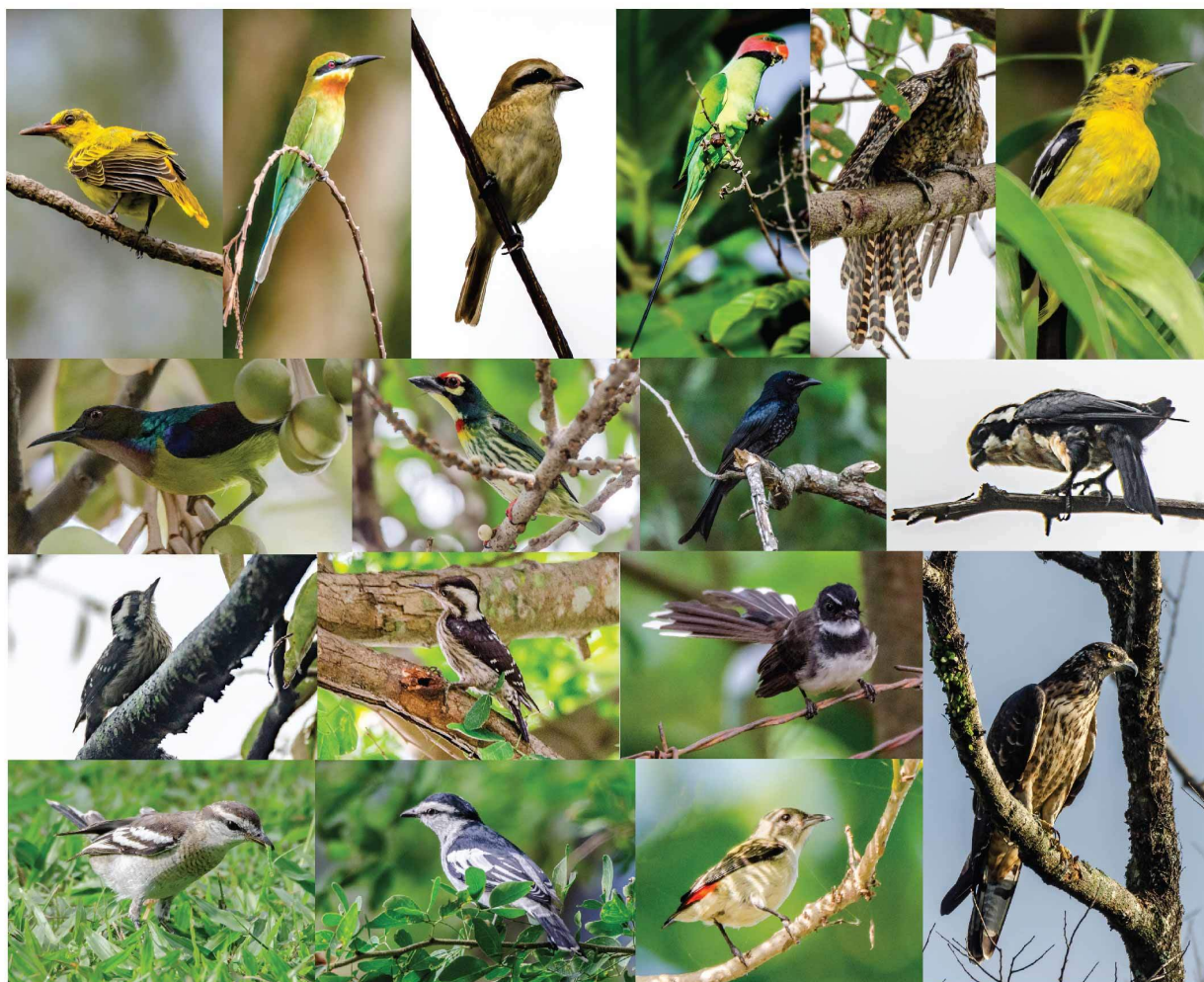
For months now, I have made frequent trips to Seminari Theoloji Malaysia (STM), Seremban, accompanying my wife, Shirley Tan, who is a TEE student. The trips to STM began as a way to spend time together, indulging in the delicious (and inexpensive) Seremban food. However, one other thing brings me back - the fact that the campus ground is a haven for numerous species of beautiful birds.

These birds are not just the subject of my photography. They serve as a reminder that God is ever present out there, His traces found in all His handiwork. Seeing each ruffled wing and coloured feather reminds me that someone takes care of them, has a plan for them. It reminds me that if even the birds have His grace, what more of us, His children? For almost 60 years, God has provided for me and my family. He continues to provide for us. He has never, and will never fail me.

This Bible verse sums it up:-

"Ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds of the air, and they will tell you, or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish of the sea inform you. Which of these do not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In His hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind."

(Job 12:7-10)



Freshies' Night 2017 新生之夜

23 February 2017

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The Emcees



The Worship Leaders in Action



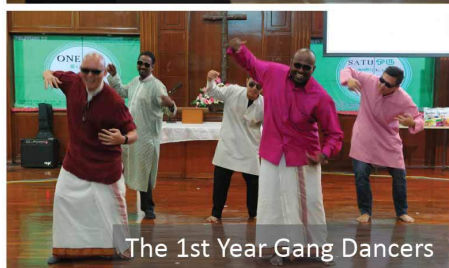
The Musicians



The 2nd Year Fan Dancers



The 3rd Year "Ola Bola" Team



The 1st Year Gang Dancers



The Isaiah School Performance



The "Pastor"



The "Bae"



The "Bear"



The "Lion"



The 2nd Year Students in Cultural Clothing



Rev Dr Philip Siew Tye Yau 萧帝佑牧师 (博士)

- 15/1 Preached at St Mark's Church, Seremban.
- 22/1 Preached for STM Sunday at Kajang CMC(加影卫理公会).
- 28/1 Preached at Penang Cantonese Methodist Church(檳城卫理公会粤语救恩堂).
- 29/1 Preached at Bukit Mertajam CMC(大山脚卫理公会).
- 5/2 Preached at Sepang CMC(雪邦卫理公会).
- 9/2 - 12/2 Conducted an Intensive Preaching Seminar for the churches in Seberang Perai in Bukit Mertajam 讲道研习班.
- 12/2 Preached at Hwa Seng CMC(大山脚华盛堂) in Bukit Mertajam.
- 26/2 Preached at Mambau CMC(万茂卫理公会).
- 4/3 - 5/3 Conducted a Evangelism Training Seminar at Kota Tinggi Presbyterian Church (哥打丁宜长老会真道堂).
- 10/3 - 13/3 Preaching at the CAC MYF My Team Camp(献身者团契营会) in Cameron Highlands.
- 17/3 - 19/3 Preaching at Herald Presbyterian Church(居鑾长老会佳音堂) in Kluang.
- 20/3 - 23/3 Attending the ATESEA General Assembly at the Central Philippines University.
- 26/3 Preaching for STM Sunday at Rasah Jaya Baptist Church.

Rev Canon Dr Steven Abbarow

- 15/1 FE Exposure for 1st year students at St. Mark's Church, Seremban (DWM).
- 22/1 FE Exposure for 1st year students at Malacca Tamil Methodist Church.
- 5/2 FE Exposure for 1st year students at Klang Mar Thoma Church.
- 12/2 FE Exposure for 1st year students at Church of Redeemer, ELCM, Brickfields.
- 21/2 - 23/2 Attending the DWM Southern Regional Clergy & Deaconess Retreat in PD.
- 9/3 - 13/3 Provincial Missions Conference in Nepal.

Dr Elaine Goh Wei Fun 吴慧芬博士

- 25/2 - 26/2 Teaching a Bible seminar on Ezra-Nehemiah in Sitiawan (venue in Changkat Keruing CMC).
- 27/2 Moderating a session of paper presentation for the 4th Biblical Studies Seminar in STM.

Rev Dr Wong Tik Wah 黄迪华牧师 (博士)

- 15/1 - 17/1 Conducted a worship at Prayer United's Annual Retreat at Sibui.
- 21/2 - 23/2 DWM's Southern Regional Clergy & Deaconess Retreat at Port Dickson.
- 17/3 & 24/3 Seminar on Christian Faith at Tampin CMC.

Rev Dr Ong Meng Chai 王敏才牧师 (博士)

- 3/3 - 5/3 Conducting a seminar on Epistle to the Hebrews and Preaching in Wesley Methodist Church, Alor Setar.
- 31/3 - 2/4 Conducting a seminar on the Book of Leviticus and Preaching in SIB KEC Kuching, Sarawak.

Faculty Movement 讲师行踪

Pastor Jimmy Chong Chuin Min 张俊明讲师

- 6/2, 13/2 Teaching "Calvin's Theology" at Presbyterian Training Institute(长老大会门训).
 11/3 - 12/3 STM Sunday and conducted seminar at Bentong Chinese Methodist Church(文冬卫理公会).
 18/3 STM Sunday at Gereja Joy Soga Batu Pahat (苏雅喜乐长老会).
 19/3 STM Sunday at Gereja Erntian Batu Pahat (恩典长老会).
 27/3 - 29/3 Attended GPM General Assembly meeting.

Dr Law Choon Sii 刘聪赐博士

- 17/2 - 19/2, 24/2 - 26/2 Teaching TEE in Ipoh.
 4/3 - 5/3, 11/3 - 12/3, 18/3 - 19/3 Teaching TEE in PJ.

Announcements 通告

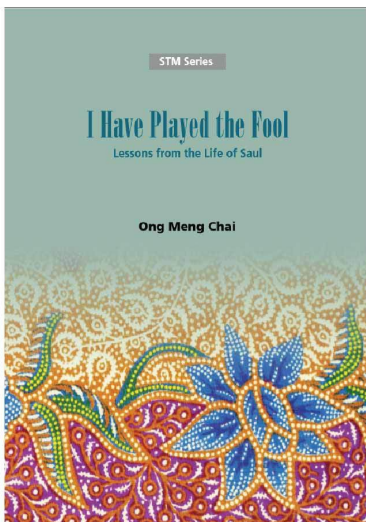
STM wishes to welcome Ms Christina Ong who is joining the STM English Department as a full-time faculty in the area of Music, Worship and Liturgy.



Congratulations 恭贺

STM would like to congratulate the Rev David Wong Wai Wah (graduate of 1983) who has been collated as Canon of St John's Cathedral Paramatta, Diocese of Sydney.

New STM Book Publication / STM 新书出版



I Have Played the Fool: Lessons from the Life of Saul

by Rev Dr Ong Meng Chai

(Seminari Theoloji Malaysia & Genesis Books, 2017)

Synopsis: The story of Saul depicts for us what constitutes sin and disobedience to the Lord. But it is also a tale of a loving and gracious God who actively pursues sinful human beings in the hope that they might turn and benefit from His gracious love. This book seeks to capture those themes in the conviction that, as Christians, we can still learn some important lessons from such a tragic life.

If you are interested in procuring a copy of the book, you may email Rev Dr Ong Meng Chai at mengchaiong@googlemail.com.



Full-time BM Department will begin in January 2018!
 Register now!



“You are still here?”, “I thought you would have quit by now”. It has been 8 long years since I started English TEE to the day I graduated with my [Master of Christian Studies](#) in 2016. I enrolled for the program under the influence of my pastor and also because I wanted to grow in my understanding of the Word. Initially, I was lost with all the “big” words and terms that was used. Eschatology? Hermeneutics? Ontology? Google was my friend.

Each course that I have taken has not only opened up the scriptures to me but it has also caused me to know God in a deeper way. It has deepened my faith. I feel as though the “roots of my tree” has grown bigger and has caused me to be more grounded in my faith. TEE has given me tools so that I can search out scriptures for myself.

I really appreciate the lecturers in STM. Especially those who have devoted their time in teaching us TEE students. They have no airs about them. They are friendly and approachable. I appreciate the diversity of lecturers that we have. Coming from an AOG background, the diversity has made me to appreciate the different Christian traditions.

Though it has been 8 long years, I have really enjoyed my journey with STM. It was tough to balance between work and studies but it has been fun and fulfilling. The lecturers will always ask us how we will apply what we have learnt to the people. They have made scriptures to be relevant to our society today. This has helped me to better live out the purposes of God in our lives. TEE has deepened my understanding of the word, of God and of application of scriptures. It has made me a better teacher in my own church and has given me a better understanding of who I am and my role in the Kingdom of God.

BM TEE

[Introduction to New Testament](#) module taught by Miss Melissa Chan, was held in STM Seremban campus on 21st to 24th February 2017. The course was attended by 21 credit students. The student learned and was asked to do assignments and a presentation in the class. Meanwhile on 17th to 19th and on 24th to 26th February 2017, [Cult and New Religious Movements](#) module, was taught by Dr Anthony Loke at CTEE Petaling Jaya, and was attended by 18 credit students and 3 audit students. During the class, students learned to know some major Cults and New Religious Movements in the world. Students also learn how to understand the category of religion and how to differentiate the Cult. In the class, students had shown to a few videos of Cult and how the government is trying to stop the growth of the cults.



“Introduction to New Testament” Module



“Cult and New Religious Movements” Module

தமிழ் தியியி செய்திகள்

கடந்த 2017 ஜனவரி மாதம் 19-21 ஆகிய தேதிகளில் புதிய ஆண்டுப் பாடத்திட்டங்கள் தொடங்கப்பட்டன. டிப்ளோமா மாணவர்களுக்கு பிஷப் சாலமோன் ராஜா அவர்கள் “கிறிஸ்துவமும் இந்திய கலாச்சாரமும்” என்ற தலைப்பில் பாடத்தை வழிநடத்தினார். கிறிஸ்துவர்களாகிய நாம் கலாச்சாரம் என்று வரும்போது எவையெல்லாம் நமக்கு உகந்தவை, எவையெல்லாம் நமக்கு ஏற்படையதாக இல்லாமல் இருக்கிறது என்று மிகத் தெளிவான விளக்கத்தை மாணவர்கள் புரிந்துகொள்ளும் வகையில் வழிநடத்தினார்.

அதே நாட்களில் பட்டப்படிப்பு மாணவர்கள் “திருவழிபாடு மற்றும் ஆராதனை முறைமைகளைப் “பற்றி தெரிந்து கொண்டனர். இந்த பாடத்தை செமினரி தியோலஜியின் துணை முதல்வர் கேனன் ஸ்டீவன் அப்பாராவ் வழிநடத்தினார்.

இந்த இரண்டு பாடங்களிலும் கலந்துகொண்ட மாணவர்கள் பெரிதும் பயனடைந்தனர். வகுப்பில் அவர்கள் மேற்கொண்ட பயிற்சிகள் மற்றும் கலந்துரையாடல்கள் அவர்களுக்குப் பயனாக அமைந்ததாக அவர்கள் கூறினர்.

வரும் காலங்களிலும் நடைபெற இருக்கும் பாடங்களில் கலந்துகொள்ள மிகவும் ஆர்வமாக இருப்பதாக அவர்கள் தெரிவித்தனர். செமினரி தியோலஜி மலேசியா தமிழ் தியியி தமிழ் மாணவர்களுக்குப் தொடர்ந்து தியியி மாணவர்களுக்கு உறுதுணையாக விளங்கும் என்பதில் ஐயமில்லை.



Immediate Vacancies

STM is inviting diligent and hardworking personnel to fill the following vacancies :

1. **General Worker (Cleaning)** : Capable in doing cleaning and housekeeping work.
2. **General Worker (Maintenance) cum Caretaker** : Capable in doing general maintenance and repair works as well as taking care of the campus after office hours and during weekends.
3. **Communications & Development Officer (English – 4 hours a day)** : Ability to communicate fluently and effectively in English (both verbal and written).
4. **Communications & Development Officer (Chinese)** : Ability to communicate fluently and effectively in Chinese (both verbal and written).

Notes :

- For all positions: Must be fit. Good interpersonal relationships and skills.
- For positions (2), (3) and (4), vacancies must be filled by Christians of good character.
- For positions (3) and (4), minimum qualification is Diploma. Knowledgeable in Microsoft Office. Capable in coordinating and planning events, etc.

For applications :

- Position (1) and (2) : Call our office at **06-6322815** and request to speak to **Ms Leong Tzu Hsing**.
- Position (3) and (4) : Send your resume and photo image to **vernier@stm2.edu.my** (Vernie Woo, Admin & Finance Manager).

How to Support STM 如何支持STM எவ்வாறு உங்களின் ஆதரவைத் தரலாம்

STM wishes to express our deepest appreciation and most sincere thanks for your support. 本院愿向您的支持表达最深切和最诚挚的感谢。 உங்களின் மேலான ஆதரவுக்காக எஸ்.டி.எம் தங்களின் ஆழ்ந்த நன்றிகளைத் தெரிவித்துக்கொள்கிறது.



STM Total Budget Expenditure For 2016 二零一六年度STM 预算总开支表

General 经常费	: RM 2,720,000.00
Asset 资产	: RM 50,000.00
Library 图书馆	: RM 143,000.00
Total.总计	: RM 2,913,000.00



To date, we still need a total of **RM766,501.00**. 至今, 我们仍然需要**RM766,501.00**. இன்றைய தேதியில் இன்னும் நமக்குத் தேவையான நிதி ரிம்: **RM766,501.00**.

Reply Slip 回应表

PERSONAL/ CHURCH/ ORGANIZATION PARTICULARS 个人/教会/机构资料

Name : _____ 姓名: _____

Church教会/ Organization机构/ Tan Sri丹斯里/ Datuk拿督/ Datin拿汀/ Bishop会督/ Rev牧师/ Dr博士/ Mr先生/ Mrs夫人/ Madam女士/ Ms小姐/ Others其他: _____

Address地址: _____

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Preferred language首选语言: ☐ ENGLISH ☐ 中文

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1. Be a Friend/ Partner of STM 成为STM挚友/伙伴 நண்பர்களாக/ பங்காளர்களாக திகழுங்கள்

- ☐ Friends of STM 学院挚友
Individual/ family pledging RM300 minimum or more annually.
个人/ 家庭每年奉献RM300或以上。
- ☐ Partners of STM 学院伙伴
Churches/ organizations pledging RM1000 minimum or more annually. 教会/ 机构每年奉献RM1000或以上。
- ☐ STM Endowment-Trust Fund 神学教育信托基金
Endowing minimum RM 50K or more. 奉献马币五万元或以上。

2. Offering for the following items 为以下事项奉献 கீழ்க்கண்டவற்றிற்கு உங்களுடைய காணிக்கை:

* Consolidated Education Fund 综合教育金

- ☐ Library 图书馆 ☐ Faculty 讲师
☐ BM Program 国文课程 ☐ Students 学生
☐ Institute of World Religions 世界宗教研究部

☐ General Fund 经常费

☐ Building Fund 建筑基金

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