Dear Friends and Partners of STM!

With a thankful heart and a joyous spirit, we send you our warmest greetings and thanks for your commitment to support us annually. We also want to wish you and your loved ones a blessed New Year.

All these past years, the ministry of STM has been dependent on the goodwill and generous donations from individual Christians and churches and our Friends and Partners. Over the past months, the STM Council conducted an in-depth review of our ministry and finances. Since we are a Christian ministry, a non-profit organization, and our focus and emphasis is to train students for God’s ministry, the Council has decided that we will not collect any fees from the year 2015 onwards. As such, we pray for your increased support, so that our ministry can continue to reach out to more students (full-time or part-time) in different languages (English, Chinese, Tamil and Bahasa Malaysia) and at different locations (Seremban, KL/PJ, Ipoh, Kuching). Our vision, as always, will be: “God’s people equipped for ministry and mission”.

We are very happy to announce that 29 new students joined us for full-time studies this academic year—a record high. Our total number of full-time students in 2015 is 69. There are another 390 part-time students in the various programmes: TEE, Advanced Ministerial Studies and Post-graduate Studies, bringing the current total to 459, as compared to 408 in 2014. You can see that our ministry is growing year by year. Do pray that God will continue to send us more students in the coming years.

We are also very thankful to God for another new lecturer, Rev Dr Sivin Kit, a graduate of Agder University, Norway. He has been seconded by the Lutheran Church in Malaysia. We now have 15 full-time lecturers; a very strong and dedicated team for our Malaysian seminary. In response to the challenges in Malaysia, STM will organize more public seminars dealing with religious and pastoral issues confronting our churches.
Our total budget expenditure for 2015 is close to RM3.1 Million.

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On behalf of our seminary, we would like to appeal to you, all our Friends and Partners, to support us generously, as you have done all these years and, if possible, to increase your support to us. You can either:

1. Send us your **cheque**, payable to “Seminari Theoloji Malaysia” or
2. **Bank in directly** to our Public Bank account (3064 7599 00).  
   *(Please fax/send or email to denise@stm.edu.my the bank-in slip.)*
3. **Overseas donors**: our banking swift code: PBBEMYKL

As you may know, I will be stepping down from my current position as Principal by end of March. At their meeting on 11 February, the STM Council officially appointed Rev Dr Philip Siew as the new Principal for a term of four years, effective from 1 April 2015. Please continue to lend your support to him.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and we appreciate your partnership. Your commitment, prayers, words of encouragement and generosity towards STM help us to faithfully carry on the task throughout the years. Let us continue to commit STM into God’s mighty hands. May the Lord continue to shower His blessings on STM!

In Christ,

Rev Dr Ezra Kok
Principal

Ms Denise Tan
Coordinator of Friends & Partners of STM

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      Rev Dr Philip Siew, Principal Designate