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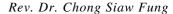
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O WHAT GREAT LOVE!

"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." (John 1:12)

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" (1 John 3:1)

Referring to himself as "the disciple whom Jesus loved" in his gospel, John must have had the most intimate and heart-moving experience of the love of Christ. He made it clear that our experience of God's love can be likened to children experiencing the love of their father—free, gracious, and unconditional. Jesus brought that love to us. We became the children of God through faith in Jesus Christ, as John stated (John 1:12).

Paul described this in Ephesians 1:5 as "adoption to sonship"—a reference to the process in which a male slave is legally received by his master with full right as a son and heir. This is how God accepted us—who were slaves to sin, unworthy of His favour—as children and heirs. It is a demonstration of divine, gracious, and unconditional love. John could not find words to describe this manner of love. He could only exclaim: "See what great love" (1 John 3:1)!

How would you articulate God's love this Christmas? How would you appreciate the fact that God loved and accepted you freely, graciously, and unconditionally as His child because of the advent and sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ?







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何等大慈爱!

凡接待他的, 就是信他名的人,他就赐 他们权柄,作神的儿女。(约 1: 12)

你看父赐给我们是何等的慈爱,使我们 得称为神的儿女!(约壹 3: 1)

约翰在他的福音书中自称为"耶稣所爱的门徒"。他一定对基督的爱有着最亲密、最感人的经历。对他而言,经历上主的爱像是儿女们享受父亲的爱一样。这种爱是白白付出、充满恩典、豪无条件。耶稣把这种爱带给我们。约翰说:我们因信耶稣基督而成为神的儿女(约翰福音 1:12)。

保罗在以弗所书1:5中将其描述为"得到儿子的名分"——指的是男奴隶被其主人接纳为儿子和合法继承人的过程。这就是上主如何接纳我们为儿女。我们本是罪的奴隶,不配得到他的恩惠。上主向我们表达了神圣、仁慈和无条件的爱。约翰找不到言语来形容这种爱。他只能感叹:"你看,何等的慈爱"(约翰一书3:1)!

今年的圣诞节, 你会如何阐述上主的爱? 因着他儿子耶稣基督的降临和牺牲, 神已经白白地、充满恩典、无条件地爱你, 并接受你作为他的孩子, 你会如何为着这事实而表达感激呢?





Namun demikian, Dia memberikan hak menjadi anak Allah kepada mereka yang menerima-Nya dan percaya dalam nama-Nya. (Yoh 1: 12)

Ketahuilah betapa kasihnya Bapa kepada kita sehingga kita disebut anak-anak Allah! (1 Yoh 3:1)

Menyebut dirinya sebagai "murid yang dikasihi Yesus" dalam Injilnya, Yohanes pasti telah mengalami kasih Kristus yang intim dan mendalam sekali. Dia telah menjelaskan bahawa pengalaman kita tentang kasih Tuhan adalah seperti anak-anak yang mengalami kasih bapa yang diberikan dengan percuma, murah hati, dan tanpa syarat. Yesus telah membawa kasih itu kepada kita. Kita menjadi anak-anak Tuhan melalui iman terhadap Yesus Kristus, kata Yohanes (Yoh 1:12).

Paulus menyifatkan ini dalam Efesus 1:5 sebagai "diangkat menjadi anak"—merujuk kepada proses di mana seorang hamba lelaki diterima secara sah oleh tuannya dengan sepenuh hak sebagai anak dan pewaris. Demikianlah cara bagaimana Tuhan telah menerima kita sebagai anak dan pewaris-Nya, walaupun kita adalah hamba kepada dosa dan tidak layak menerima kemurahan-Nya. Inilah demonstrasi cinta ilahi yang pemurah dan tidak bersyarat. Yohanes tidak dapat mencari kata-kata untuk memerihalkan kasih ini. Dia hanya dapat berseru: "lihatlah betapa besar kasih itu" (1 Yohanes 3:1)!

Pada musim Krismas ini, bagaimanakah anda akan menyatakan kasih Tuhan? Bagaimanakah anda akan menghargai hakikat bahawa Tuhan telah mengasihi dan menerima anda sebagai anak-Nya dengan percuma, murah hati, dan tanpa syarat, semuanya disebabkan oleh kedatangan dan pengorbanan Anak-Nya Yesus Kristus?



It's the time of the year...again, to commemorate the birth of hope for all generations! Christmas is just around the corner. As the church enters into the season of Advent, the world outside begins its festivity of gift exchange and celebration. Most are oblivious to the actual reason for the season. Two thousand years ago, God came as a helpless babe but carried the answer to the salvation of the world. People then—many were not aware of that one humble yet most significant divine "trespass" into our world. Similarly today, many people in the world are oblivious to that significant incident the church commemorates each year.

The story of the father's sacrifice – some call it the "Bridge of Life" which is believed to be a true story of John Griffeth who lived in the western part of the United States during the Depression years, gives us a challenge. The crust of the story was how this man who was manning the railroad had to pull the gears that crushed his son who accidentally fell into them. Passengers in the train were not aware of the fatal accident that was prevented. They were not aware of the sacrifice that saved their lives. A father grieving over his son; that instant decision to save a train-load of passengers; the emotional turmoil of having to sacrifice a loved one for a greater good...no one noticed, no one cared because no one knew, no one bothered.

[1] For full story, browse "A Father's Sacrifice" here http://www.allaboutgod.net/forum/topics/1383940:Topic:153826

Today, it is easy to get distracted. Regardless of whatever capacity of work we are in, whether churchbased or not, it is easy to get diverted from our main focus. In the seminary, lecturers get distracted by administrative paperwork, paper chase, publications, etc. Students get distracted by the need to get a passing grade, a good academic report, assignment deadlines, etc. The pastor in a church can get distracted by the need to show good statistics for his/her annual report, sufficient financial means, growth in membership, etc. The office staff are often burdened to complete the tasks assigned to them. In the midst of "busyness," we become occupied to satisfy the outward need while the inward need gets ignored. In the midst of all "busyness," we are often distracted from the focus, the purpose, and the reason. In the midst of "busyness," we forget about God; we forget the reason for doing what we do each day.

This Christmas let us pause...let us be reminded again of the reason for the season. The world out there may be busy with many things. The church may also be busy with many "Christmasy" preparations. We may be occupied and worried about this and that. But only one thing is needed. Only one thing to do and to be.... Pause. Stop. Be still. Sit at the feet of the Master and allow Him to minister to us (Luke 10:38-42), to empower us, and to enable us to be worthy and effective witnesses for His glory.



Crowing as Christ's Servant

Elder Lim Kar Hor | STM Council Member

I grew up in a Christian family, being the fourth generation. During my childhood in Kota Bharu, I was trained in the Boys' Brigade with the object being "The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys, and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-respect, and all that tends towards a true Christian Manliness".

Personally, I appreciate the emphasis on the promotion of habits, where I have restructured it as RODS (reverence, obedience, discipline, self-respect).

These RODS have led, guided, and moulded me to be what I am today through the years of growing and learning. I can summarise this journey using Philippians Chapter 2, emphasising the concept of imitating Christ's humility to grow as Chris's servant.

Philippians 2: 1 - 4

We should regularly examine our lives so that we are to walk in truth and love. Let love be a part of our life's attributes or characteristics. Let every act of life be dictated by love to God and man.



Philippians 2: 5 - 11

In our relationships with one another, we are to have the same mindset as Christ Jesus. Consistently identifying the right example to follow. In other words, we are to walk or live in obedience to His commandments. Then, our love is shown and proved by our adherence to the commandments of God; as love is the principle of obedience.



Philippians 2: 12 - 15

We are to continually be encouraged to persevere. When we walk by faith, we take one step at a time, knowing that God will provide, protect, deliver, guide, and direct until we safely reach the other side.

If you walk by sight, you might see difficulties ahead and decide not to go on. If you walk by sight, you may see your own weaknesses and inabilities. However, when you walk by faith, you put your dependence upon God.

When we examine ourselves, are we living a life in obedience and reverence to God's commandments? Is our lifestyle in discipline consistent with the commandments of God?



同工分享——专访邱君尔传道(马来西亚神学院储备讲师)

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请邱传道谈谈您和马来西亚神学院的关系?

我在2005年入学,成为马来西亚神学院(STM) 道学学士(BD)的学生,从此与STM结缘。2020年承蒙院方邀请加入储备师资,进修神学硕士同时在神学院工作,开始了我在STM的服侍生涯。

邱传道目前在马来西亚神学院(STM)的服侍范围有哪些?

目前担任马来西亚神学院中文神学教育延伸课程 主任,主要负责推动院外信徒神学课程,包括夜 校和密集课程。延伸课程的宗旨是帮助及鼓励更 多教会领袖与弟兄姐妹接受装备,让神学教育普 及化,提升教会信徒信仰水平。我会跑动全马, 联系教会,推广神学教育延伸课程。由于我还是 储备师资,要熟悉正式讲师的工作职责,因此也 参与部分神学院的科目助教及带领教牧小组。我 也到不同教会进行神学主日,分享STM的事工, 并且与教会合作开办各种神学讲座、工作坊及研 讨会,帮助教会发展信徒的神学装备。



我知道邱传道目前正在修读神学硕士学位,可以谈谈您的论文主要是探讨什么课题?为什么会选择研究这个课题呢?

我主要的研究学科是公共神学。公共神学属于实践神学的范畴,探讨基督信仰与公共社会的关系,涉及国家、政治、经济、教育、环保、种族、伦理等课题。我本科是新闻系出身,也曾经参与社会运动,因此对基督信仰如何回应处境挑战有所关注。我过往的经验是宣教士及事工培训,因此也会针对公共神学与宣教神学、职场神学的关系同步探索。

在马来西亚神学院教学和工作之外,您在其他领域还有哪一些的服侍?

我本身是双溪毛糯福音堂的负责人,需要牧养教会。我代表马来西亚神学院参与马来西亚联合差传促进会(MUMM)委员会,同时也以个人身份在西马华福会、大马福音联谊会(NECF)以及亚洲影响力联盟(IAA MALAYSIA)等基督教组织担任理事。根据世界华福中心总干事董家骅牧下所言,实践神学有四个重要的步骤:描述当下骤索处境 > 神学反思 > 更新实践。这四重步骤不仅思考了上帝的本质,更思考祂的行动。神学反思不能直接牙塔中抽空离地,必须扣紧处境,有能真实回应需要。参与在各个不同的教会组织机构,让我有机会看见上帝的工作在马来西亚各层面开展,这也有助于把马来西亚神学院与各方接连,为马来西亚教会做神学,提供属灵资源。



过去在马来西亚神学院接受神学教育的装备,如何影响您在之后的服侍方向?

马来西亚神学院非常强调HEAD、HEART与HAND的全人装备,师长的严格训练,让我们对神学反思能力打下基础。往后服侍生涯,从灵性的反省以及事工瓶颈的反思,都对我有很大帮助。

您面对最大的挑战有哪一些?

我的关注是要帮助教会在各领域的建构,让教会成为健康、又有影响力的教会。然而在这过程中,我们需要跨越的挑战很多。马来西亚教会需要突破传统包袱,达到合一更新,找到回应国家处境的实践行动。这些都是不容易的过程。



在忙碌的学习、教学和服侍中, 您是如何 取得平衡?

平衡是个很相对的概念,基本上我的生活"不大平衡"。在进修道学学士撰写毕业论文时,有机会研究灵修神学,主要探讨卢云神父的解放神学属灵观。从卢云的生命中,学习成为一个负伤的治疗者,在纷乱的世界中操练安息日。在现代碎片化的功能主义社会中,尝试带着各种的压力和重担到上帝面前,接受上帝的治疗,然后继续向前行。

您有过在国外服侍的经验,又常常积极参加国际性的宣教和神学相关的研讨会,从 这些经验中,您如何归纳今日华人教会所 面对的问题和其发展,以及您个人的看 法?

大马中文教会仍抱有较陈旧的神学思想以及事工模式,要追上国际水平,需要加紧步伐。若教会思维与实践无法回应当下时代的挑战,则会与社会渐行渐远。神学院在这方面扮演重要角色,要培育出能够反思以及掌握时代脉搏的牧者。我们还需要对许多处境议题进行深度探讨,并找出回应策略。要做到这点,绝非单一教会、机构或宗派能够独自完成。马来西亚教会的合一、同工与彼此配搭,将是其中关键的因素。



邱传道常常游走于马来西亚各大小不同宗派的教会,您对当代马来西亚教会有怎样的理解和提醒?

马来西亚教会拥有不少得天独厚的资源,例如丰富的多元社会经验。但要凝聚各源流教会一起兴旺福音,推动关怀本土事工,依然非常不易。合一是马来西亚教会当前巨大的挑战,唯有保持开放、对话、共融、接纳的态度,才能携手扶持,共同完成上帝托付我们在这片土地上的使命。



Highlights from STM's 41st Graduation Service

Dss Dr. Tan Swee Bee | STM Faculty



The climax of each academic year is the graduation. The STM 41st Graduation Service 2023 was held on 21st Oct 2023. This year, 68 students graduated with various degrees. Some have endured 2, 3, or even 4 years of vigorous seminary training on a full-time basis. Others took longer as they studied part-time. One part-time student commented that it took her 17 years from certificate to diploma to her undergraduate degree. Thus, it was a day of joy, celebration, and thanksgiving.



Eager students and families began arriving on campus in the late morning. Our very own DJ and song request booth was already playing songs and joyful music. The brief heavy downpour at noon did not dampen the anticipation of the day. Although the graduation service was scheduled to begin at 3pm, the crowd grew with eagerness and anticipation all around the MPH. Some were browsing the stalls at the student lounge beside MPH. There were stalls selling flowers and souvenirs. Chocolates and balloons were beautifully wrapped, and ready to be sold. Friends and family eagerly explored options that best expressed their excitement for a loved one who would receive their hard-earned certificates.



At 3pm, the ceremony began. Graduating students marched into the hall, followed by the team of faculty members and church leaders. Some brief formalities were presented by STM Principal, Rev. Dr. Chong Siaw Fung. This was followed by the graduation address, "Known and Called by God," delivered by The Rt. Rev. Thomas Low, Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Malaysia. It was a timely message that the experienced bishop and pastor reminded the graduates to trust in their identity in Christ to execute the divine task entrusted to them. Soon, it was time to confer the degrees. The Rt. Rev. Steven Lawrence presented the degrees, assisted by STM Principal. Following the conferring of degrees and certificates, the newly graduated students delivered their messages of dedication. Three students representing the graduated students delivered their statements of dedication -Emmanuel Nickson A/L George in English, Hue Nyok Ju in Mandarin, and Davina A/P David in BM. After that, Darry Lucas prayed a prayer of dedication on behalf of the graduates in BM. Ps. Terence Anthony Raj A/L Thomas presented an address on behalf of the STM Alumni Association. After a prayer for STM by Bishop Dr. T. Jeyakumar, the Bishop of the Methodist Church, The Rt. Rev. Steven Lawrence gave the Benediction. This concluded the graduation service as participants recessed to the basketball court for photo-taking sessions.



The graduation service officially concluded the academic year. Students geared up to journey in the local church – either as students serving their year-end field education or as a full-time minister preparing to be ordained or confirmed as a pastor.

The Student Awards



Marcus Phang Jin Xiang-The Academic Excellence Award recipient (Full-time Category)

Lee Wai FunThe Academic Excellence Award recipient
(Part-time Category)

Paul Ling Yik Liang-The All-Rounder Award recipient

Wilson Prakasam A/L William James | MDiv Second Year Student



The journey of organizing the STM Graduation Dinner 2023, themed "The Blessings of Restoration" (Colossians 1:19-20), was truly remarkable, as it marked my first foray into the role of Student Body Exco for such a spectacular and grand event. While it certainly had its fair share of challenges, with the grace of God, my team and I managed to navigate every hurdle successfully. The venue, One Destiny in Seremban 2, set the stage for our celebration, adding to the overall atmosphere and making the evening unique. What made it even more memorable was the presence of numerous VIPs, lecturers, and families who attended the event to express their appreciation and support for the graduating students. Their presence added to the occasion's significance, creating an atmosphere of gratitude and celebration.







The event began with an opening prayer and an inspiring speech by STM Principal Rev. Dr. Chong Siaw Fung. This was followed by a heartwarming praise and worship session by our graduating students. But the excitement did not stop there; students from the year batch played a vital role in making this event memorable. Firstly, the year 1 batch presented a heartwarming song, followed by year 2, which shared a fantastic video that evoked laughter and tears. Years 3 and 4 gave a particular piece showcasing their talents and dedication. The highlight of the evening was an original, soul-stirring song by Bro. Nickson, a graduating student, and his band. Their performance resonated with the audience and added a unique touch to the event. As everyone enjoyed their sumptuous meal, they were captivated by the presentations, which created a strong sense of unity and goodwill. The fellowship among the graduating students, their families, and all attendees filled the room with warmth and togetherness, leaving an indelible mark on that unforgettable and wonderful evening.



The STM Graduation Dinner 2023 was an unforgettable journey, and I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to all who made it possible. First and foremost, I thank God for His guidance and blessings. My advisors, Deaconess Dr. Tan Swee Bee and Bro. Jason Teong, the Student Body President, provided invaluable support and wisdom during the preparation and numerous meetings. My dedicated committee members executed their roles with unwavering commitment, ensuring the event's success. I also want to thank the faculty and staff whose contributions were integral to various event arrangements. This memorable evening was a testament to what can be achieved through teamwork, faith, and dedication, and I am immensely grateful to all who played a part in its success.

STM Faculty and Staff Retreat: Cameron Highlands

Shireen Juanita David | Accounts Officer

Cameron Highlands in Pahang stands out as Malaysia's largest and arguably the finest highland resort. It's cool air and stunning scenery provided the perfect venue for the faculty consultation that kicked off on October 23rd.



Some members left a day earlier, while the rest of us departed the next morning. En route to the highlands, we made a pit stop at the Tanah Rata waterfalls, the gateway to the region. There after we visited the breathtaking Bharat Tea Plantation. Later, we checked into Rosa Pasadena Hotel, located in the heart of Brinchang town.

That evening, the hotel had prepared for us a steamboat dinner. The steaming pot of delicious broth and spread were exactly what we needed after a long day. After dinner, we gathered in our assigned discussion room for an ice-breaking session led by Ms. Monica. Two thought-provoking team-building games were conducted. The first positive focused on communication, where we wrote encouraging notes for each other. The second involved communicating a vision through multiple channels, emphasizing the importance of shared goals within a team. It was a night of fun and camaraderie.





The next day (October 25th), our tour guide had several destinations planned. Our first stop was Kea Farm, a farmers' market where we indulged in purchasing fresh local produce. Next on the agenda was the European-inspired Lavender Garden. We then visited the famous BOH Plantation in Sungai Palas, perched on a hill, offering a panoramic view of lush greenery. After enjoying home-grown tea and pastries at the cafe, we explored the Bee Farm, sampled different kinds of honey, and had lunch at a nearby shopping complex.

Raaju's Hill Strawberry Farm, was our next destination. Here, we picked our own strawberries and enjoyed strawberry-themed treats. The last stop was Cactus Point, a retail nursery with various plants, cactuses, and succulents.

During dinner that night, we bid farewell to Rev. Dr. Joseph Komar who is retiring end of the year. Our Principal, Rev. Dr. Chong Siaw Fung presented him with a gift.

On the final day, after breakfast, some ventured to the Mossy Forest on a 4WD, a cloud forest filled with moss-covered trees. Others explored the local produce market for last-minute purchases.



After lunch at the hotel, we headed home, concluding our three-day trip. Despite its brevity, the trip allowed us to bond as a family, learn new things, and discover hidden talents among us.

A Farewell Lunch for Rev. Dr. Lim Kar Yong and Mr. Ram Buraat

Chan Hon Yee | IT Officer



STM organized a farewell lunch for Rev. Dr. Lim Kar Yong and Mr. Ram Buraat in STM's Fellowship Room on the 6th of November 2023 (Monday). The sumptuous Western themed lunch was prepared by our colleague, Mr. Sakthivel. We had grilled chicken thighs, salad, mushroom soup, scones, brownies and red bean soup. Our principal Rev. Dr. Chong gave a short speech and presented angpows (red packets) to both Rev. Dr. Lim Kar Yong and Mr. Ram Buraat as farewell gifts. Afterwards, both of them were invited to give a short sharing.



Rev. Dr. Lim Kar Yong reminisced about how he started serving in STM as an adjunct lecturer and eventually became a full-time member of the Faculty. After leaving STM, he will serve as the Director of the newly established Diocesan Theological Education Department of the Anglican Diocese of West Malaysia. He will still help out in STM as a Research Fellow.



Mr. Ram Buraat began his journey with STM as an MDiv student and continued to serve by joining the faculty, eventualy becoming the BM TEE Assistant Director. His future plans are to return to Sabah, serve in the Sabah Theological Seminary (STS) and pursue his Doctorate studies.



Berjalan Bersama Tuhan

Encik Ram bin Buraat | Fakulti STM Jabatan BM (2020-2023)



Merenungi hidup berjalan bersama Tuhan; Liku di tempuhi, lekuk di sanggupi. Merenungi hidup berjalan bersama Tuhan; Tawa di tangisi, tangis di cermati.

Masih jauhkah perjalanan ini? Ku bertanya kepada Tuhan. Jawapan sepi tanpa sepatah kata. Namun ada yang pasti; tetap aku berjalan bersama Tuhan. (Nukilan asal Ram B)

Haleluyah! Damai sejahtera yang Tuhan Yesus berikan sentiasa menyertai perjalanan kita semua. Berjalan bersama Tuhan adalah sebuah perjalanan indah, walaupun banyak pengalaman dilalui sepanjang lebih 12 tahun saya mengambil keputusan untuk menjawab panggilan-Nya. Kehilangan kedua ibubapa dan kakak sedang menuntut di seminari. penghiburan yang pasti adalah apabila mereka semua telah menyelesaikan perjalanan bersama Tuhan di bumi sementara dan telah kembali bersama-Nya di rumah kekal. Memiliki keluarga kecil bersama isteri Brenda Mitchelle dengan bayi comel kami, Jonathan Nafesy El (Jonel) menjadi pembakar semangat untuk tetap melayani Tuhan meski jalan terkadang banyak cabaran tersendiri.

Penghargaan tidak terhingga kepada keluarga besar STM kerana sepanjang berada di sini, saya telah ditemukan dengan insan-insan hebat. Saya mulai mengenali STM ketika masih menuntut di Maktab Teologi Sabah (sekarang Borneo Theological Seminary) hasil lawatan Pengetua STM pada masa itu, Rev. Dr. Ezra Kok bersama Cik Ho Gaik Kim. Pertemuan pertama di Maktab ini adalah pada tahun 2013. Sebelum saya menamatkan pengajian BTh di Maktab, saya ditawarkan biasiswa pembangunan fakulti STM dan 2016 menjadi permulaan untuk saya menjadi mahasiswa STM. Dipendekkan cerita, saya berjaya menamatkan pengajian dengan Sarjana Ketuhanan kemudian meneruskan pengajian di Sabah Theological Seminary (STS) dalam Sarjana Teologi.

Tahun 2020 adalah tahun pertama saya melayani sebagai kakitangan STM dan memulai tanggungjawab mendidik mahasiswa/i di jabatan Bahasa Malaysia. Meskipun Covid-19 melanda selama beberapa tahun, tetapi STM tidak berputus-asa memberikan yang terbaik untuk mendidik para mahasiswa/i. Demikian juga kami para pensyarah, meneroka kaedah mengajar dan berkorban banyak perkara sepanjang tempoh mencabar itu. Perjalanan mendidik anak bangsa dari pelbagai denominasi gereja dengan latarbelakang berbeza memberikan keindahan disepanjang jalan di STM. Saya sangat diberkati dengan keindahan ini. Terima kasih STM kerana memberikan pengalaman indah kepada saya dan keluarga.

Jika refleksi dan penghargaan boleh dibentangkan atas kertas putih, terlalu ramai peribadi yang hendak disebut. Namun, biar refleksi dan penghargaan ringkas ini mewakili lubuk hati saya untuk semua ahli keluarga STM. Tanpa Tuhan, perjalanan ini adalah sia-sia; oleh kerana kerana Tuhan maka perjalanan ini penuh makna. Seperti lirik lagu kegemaran saya "Goodness of God" berkata: 'All my life You have been faithful, all my life You have been so good', demikianlah refleksi perjalanan saya bersama Tuhan di STM. Tuhan setia dan sangat baik. Insan kerdil dipanggil berbakti di seminari gah. Ini adalah kesempatan yang akan saya hargai sepanjang masa.

Terima kasih kepada semua kakitangan STM; para pensyarah, kakitangan dan keluarga mereka. Terima kasih kepada semua pelajar dan bekas pelajar yang sudi menimba ilmu bersama insan kerdil ini.

Saya dan keluarga kecil saya; isteri Brenda Mitchelle dan bayi Jonel ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada seluruh keluarga STM untuk persahabatan selama ini. Dalam kelemahan dan kekurangan, dalam kekuatan dan kesungguhan; hanya nama Tuhan kita, Yesus Kristus yang dimuliakan.

*Encik Ram bin Buraat akan berpindah ke Sabah dan akan menyertai Sabah Theological Seminary pada Januari 2024.



Festive Unity- 2023 Faculty and Staff Christmas Lunch

Mr. P. Sakthivel | Coordinator of Research Resources



As we approach the end of 2023, our Faculty and Staff Christmas lunch, an annual year-end event, was held this year at the student lounge on 15th December 2023. It is a time for coming together and sharing a meal as a community. Food serves as a universal element that unites us, fostering a sense of fellowship and connection. This year, we were delighted to have 47 attendees, including faculty, staff, and family and friends of STM.

We are honoured to extend our warm welcome to the family and friends of STM who joined us for this festive occasion. It was a time of meaningful fellowship and shared joy. This year, I had the privilege of taking on the role of the chef for the event. Cooking for a larger crowd was a new experience for me, and despite my initial reservations, I took on the challenge. To my surprise, the dishes received many positive comments.

I am grateful to God and to those who entrusted me with the responsibility of preparing the food for this event. It was a rewarding experience, and I appreciate the support and encouragement from everyone who attended.





October to December – Our Guests



27 October 2023 – Pastors from the Southern Gereja Presbyterian Churches visited STM.

L-R: Eld. Yuen Meng Hian, Rev. Hon Hean, Rev. Low Chiew Bang, Pastor Lim Ah Tee, Ms. Annie Yee (STM Senior Communications Officer), and Ms. Vernie Woo (STM Admin & Finance Manage).



14 November 2023 - CNKI (China National Knowledge Infrastructure (中国知网) representatives made a client visit to STM to discuss STM Library's ongoing access to their online databases for STM faculty members and students.

R-L: Ms. Karly Hai (CNKI Sales Manager), Ms. Veronika Hu (CNKI Senior Manager), Ms. Christabel Wong (STM Librarian), Dr. Law Choon Sii (STM Director of Postgraduate Studies - Chinese), Mr. P. Sakthivel (STM Coordinator of Research Resources).



23 November 2023 – Visitors from the Cambodian Methodist Bible School aim to establish connections and expose their students during this visit.

L-R: Sok luka (Cambodian student), Ms. Annie Yee (STM Senior Communications Officer), Dr. Law Choon Sii (STM Director of Postgraduate Studies (Chinese), Khoun Sreysin (Cambodian student), Yu Chen Chen (Cambodian Methodist Bible School staff), Prak Vuthy (Principal of Cambodian Methodist Bible School), Rev. Dr. Chong Siaw Fung (STM Principal), Yon thearin (Cambodian student), Rev. Daniel Ng (STM Associate Dean of Studies).



24 November 2023 – Visitors from the Lutheran organisations visited STM. The purpose of their visit is to discuss potential collaboration with STM on developing their published resources for local churches and seminary students.

L-R: Rev. Ted Nathalang (Southeast Asia Project Coordinator of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation), Rev. Dr. Chong Siaw Fung (STM Principal), Mr. Erik Lai (National Director of Lutheran Hour Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.), Rev. Dr. Jimmy Chong (STM Dean of Students), and Rev. Daniel Ng (STM Associate Dean of Studies)



15 December 2023 - Dictionary of Christian Biography in Asia (DCBA) research team visited STM.

L-R: Dr. Florence Kuek Chee Wee (Senior Lecturer, Department of Chinese Studies, UM), Dr. Tan Miau Ing (Senior Lecturer, Department of History, UM), Dr. Tai Kim Teng (DCBA founder), Rev. Dr. Chong Siaw Fung (STM Principal), Prof. Dr. Lee Kam Hing (Council Chairman of DCBA), Mr. Brendan Yeo (UM post-graduate researcher), Ms. Vernie Woo (STM Admin and Finance Manager).

October to December - Visits and Collaborations



15 October 2023 - STM Sunday at Malacca Chinese Methodist Church by Rev. Dr. Chong Siaw Fung.

16-17 October 2023 - ATESEA Accreditation Team visit to Divinity School of Chung Chi College (DSCCC), Chinese University of Hong Kong.

ATESEA Accreditation Team

L-R: Dr. Cynthia Chau (Assistant Professor, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Hong Kong), Ms. Christabel Wong (Librarian, Seminari Theoloji Malaysia), Dr. Limuel Equina (ATESEA Executive Director), Prof. Yusak B. Setyawan (Former Academic Dean, Faculty of Theology, Satya Wacana Christian University, Salatiga, Indonesia),

DSCCC Team

R-L:

Ms. Vicky SHIU (Associate Chaplain), Prof. Christina WONG, Prof. Sonia WONG, Prof. Francis YIP (DSCCC Director).



28 October 2023 - STM Principal, Faculty and Staff promoting STM at "Love Seremban Carnival" at Agape Community Church.

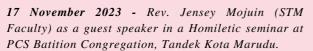
L-R: Delaila Singa (Communication Assistant), Shireen Juanita David (Accounts Officer), Mrs. Chong, Rev. Dr. Chong Siaw Fung (STM Principal), Louis Tiong (Academic Officer), Ps. Kelly Oon (Faculty-in-Development).



18-20 October 2023 - ATESEA Accreditation Team visit to Bethel Bible Seminary (BBS), Hong Kong.

Accreditation team at BBS with (L-R) Dr. Kenny Wan (Registrar), Prof. Ella Chan (Vice President), Rev. Dr. Benjamin Wat (President), Prof. Aylwin Leung (Academic Dean).

ATESEA Accreditation Team members to BBS with Ms. Christabel Wong (Librarian, Seminari Theoloji Malaysia) at the front, (R-L) Dr. Colten Yam (Assistant Professor, Divinity School of Chung Chi College, Chinese University of Hong Kong), Dr. Limuel Equina (ATESEA Executive Director), Prof. Yusak B Setyawan, Team Leader (Former Academic Dean, Faculty of Theology, Satya Wacana Christian University, Salatiga, Indonesia).



L-R: Ev. Wallnius Majudin (Church leader of the PCS Batition Church), Rev. Jensey Mojuin.



October to December - Visits and Collaborations



18 November 2023 - Rev. Dr. Chong Siaw Fung presenting STM Annual Report during the 48th Trinity Annual Conference (TRAC) on 18 November 2023 at Methodist Centre Port Dickson.



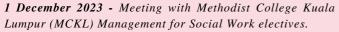
26 November 2023 - STM staff at Trinity Methodist Church, Petaling Jaya promoting STM courses.

L-R: Mr. Louis Tiong (Academic Officer), Mrs. Timothy Yee, Mr. Timothy Yee (Faculty-in-Development), Ms. Yap Hai Yen (English TEE Director), Rev. Paul Santosh Christie (Pastor of TMC, PJ).



1 December 2023 - STM staff set up a booth at Tamil Annual Conference (TAC) held at Port Dickson Methodist Center to connect with TAC pastors and leaders and to promote STM Tamil TEE course.

L-R: Ms. Shireen Juanita (Accounts Officer), Mr. Prakash Rao (Assistant Warden), Mr. Adam Sathiya Jeevan (Asst. Manager, Property & Maintenance).



L-R: Dr. Grace Chua, Ms. Rajani, Ms. Khor Kheng Leik, Bishop Steven Lawrence, Dr. Chua Ping Yong (CEO of MCKL), Rev. Dr. Chong Siaw Fung (STM Principal), Rev. Daniel Ng Wei Jin (STM Associate Dean of Studies).





3 December 2023 - STM Sunday at PCS Bandaraya Kota Kinabalu, Sabah by Rev. Jensey Mojuin (STM Faculty).

L-R: Rev. Jensey Mojuin, Ev. Dr. Jodin Makinda (Church Leader of PCS Bandaraya, Kota Kinabalu) The STM-KL Centre was established at the end of 2019 to oversee the CTEE, encompassing both English and Chinese, as well as Postgraduate Studies. Situated in the heart of KL, the Centre aims to promote STM by organizing events and seminars that are biblically rooted, theologically engaging and contextually relevant.



INTRODUCING THE NEW INITIATIVES OF STM-KL CENTRE

biblically rooted • theologically engaged • formation focused biblia • theologia • formatio

Our first "Biblical Greek" class held at STM-KL Centre commenced in January 2020, and we were scheduled to host the Biennial Meeting, Society of Asian Biblical Studies (SABS) in June 2020.

However, with the dawn of the pandemic, circumstances changed drastically. Currently, all classes for CTEE and Postgraduate Studies are either fully online or in hybrid mode. In the few hybrid classes we have conducted, only a handful of students opted for the physical attendance. Whereas students once eagerly anticipated in-person classes and fellowship, now very few choose physical attendance. Seminars, once warmly received, are now overshadowed by the preference for webinars. All these changes have significantly underutilized the KL Centre office.



In addition to online and hybrid classes, we will also adopt a blended approach that combines virtual and physical classes, offering the benefits of both modalities. Any hybrid classes, if conducted, will either take place in Seremban campus or in a space provided by our supporting churches.

After much deliberation, the STM Council has decided that the STM-KL Centre will transition from being a fixed geographical centre to a virtual centre for the CTEE, covering both English and Chinese, along with Postgraduate Studies. Without geographical constraints, we can now expand our training and equipping globally and cater to the needs of students with other commitments such as work or family responsibilities.

For the year 2024, kindly refer to the enclosed schedules in this issue for details on the English TEE courses and Postgraduate Studies courses.



2024 POSTGRADUATE STUDIES MODULES 研究院课程



MMin

教牧 神学 PASTORAL THEOLOGY

(CORE)必修科

日期 Date: 4月30日 5月2-3日 5月7-9日

时间 Time: (9.30am-12.30pm)

> 讲师 Lecturer: 黄伟仁牧师 Rev Daniel Ng Wee Jin

MMin / DMin

教会的宣教 使命与落实 THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION

(CORE)必修科

日期 Date: 8月5-9日

时间 Time: (9.00am-12.00pm) (1.30pm- 4.30pm)

> 讲师 Lecturer: 蔡家存博士 Dr Chuah Chia Choon

MMin / DMin

后现代神学对教牧 学的影响与启迪 THE IMPACT & INSPIRATION OF POSTMODERN THEOLOGY ON PASTORAL STUDIES

(ELECTIVE) 选修科

日期 Date: 10月28-31日 11月1日

时间 Time: (9.30am-12.30pm)

讲师 Lecturer: 张俊明牧师博士 Rev Dr Jimmy Chong

[注册] To register: Scan the QR code or go to https://bit.ly/stmklc-reg24. 【询问】For enquiries, please email to postgrade@stm2.edu.my

SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP

THEOLOGY OF MARRIAGE, SINGLENESS, OFFSPRING AND FAMILY

HEALING & DELIVERANCE

PARABLES

GOD'S MISSION IN OLD TESTAMENT

(ELECTIVE)

Date: Mar 14-16, 19-20 (Online)

<Time> Thu - Sat 9.30am - 5.00pm

Tue - Wed 7.30pm - 10:30pm

> Lecturer: Rev Dr Tan Soo Inn

(ELECTIVE)

Date: Jun 14-15, 17-18 (Online)

<Time>
Fri - Sat
9.00am - 5.00pm

Mon - Tue 9.00am - 5.00pm

> Lecturer: Dr Barry Danylak

(ELECTIVE)

Date: July 4-6, 11-12, 18-20 (Online)

<Time>
Thu - Fri
7.30pm - 10.30pm

Sat 9.00am - 12.00pm

Lecturer: Rt Rev Dr Steven Abbarow (ELECTIVE)

Date: Aug 22-25; Sep 5-8 (Online)

<Time> Thu - Fri 7.30pm - 10:30pm

Sat - Sun 7.30pm - 10:30pm

> Lecturer: Rev Dr Lim Kar Yong

(ELECTIVE)

Date: Oct 12-13, 19-20, 26-27

(Online)

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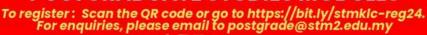
Sun 2.00pm - 5.00pm

> Lecturer: Dr Peter Lau



2024

POSTGRADUATE STUDIES MODULES





ENGLISH TEE COURSES (JAN - MAY 2024)

Combine with Serem Weekly Classes - Assignment D	ban Campus – I * Semester Due Date: End of Course i.e.	
Christian Theo 3 – Pneumatology & Anthropology (Core) (Online Class: Zoom Platform – combine with Seremban campus)	Jan 9 – May 7 (TBA) Every Tue 7.30-10.30pm	Rev. Dr. Chong Siaw Fung
NT Exegesis: Book of Romans (Core) (Hybrid @ Seremban campus)	March 4-8 Mon – Fri 8.00am – 5.00pm DAY CLASS	Dr. Sam Tsang
Christianity, Culture, and Society (Elective) (Prerequisite: Exegetical Method or Biblical Interpretation) (Online Class: Zoom Platform) *Collaboration with BGST	Jan 11, 25, Feb 8, 22; Mar 7, 21 & Apr 4, 18 Thu 7:15pm – 10:00pm	Dr. Quek Tze-Ming
EcoTheology (Elective) (Online Class: Zoom Platform) *Collaboration with AsiaGateway	Jan 15 – May 6 (TBA) Every Mon 7.30-10.30pm	Revd. Dr. Dave Bookless & Datin Dr. Vijayalakshmi Samuel

TEE Modular Classes Assignment Due Date, unless otherwise stated, 5 months after the last day of class		
Mar 7-9, 21-23 & 28-30 Thu & Fri 7.30-10.30pm Sat 9.00am-1.00pm	Dr. Wong Moi Lee	
Mar 14-16 (Hybrid) Thu – Sat 9.30am – 5pm Mar 19-20 (Online)	Rev. Dr. Tan Soo Inn	
Tue-Wed 7.30-10:30pm Apr 4-6, 11-13 & 18-20 Thu & Fri 7.30-10.30pm Sat 10.00am - 1.00pm	Dr. Siew Woh	
Apr 25-27; May 2-4 & 9-11 Thu & Fri 7.30-10.30pm Sat 9.00am – 1.00pm	Rev. Dr. Tan Jin Huat	
	Jan 11-13, 18-20 & 25-27 Thu & Fri 7.30-10.30pm Sat 9.00am — 1.00pm Mar 7-9, 21-23 & 28-30 Thu & Fri 7.30-10.30pm Sat 9.00am-1.00pm Mar 14-16 (Hybrid) Thu — Sat 9.30am — 5pm Mar 19-20 (Online) Tue-Wed 7.30-10:30pm Apr 4-6, 11-13 & 18-20 Thu & Fri 7.30-10.30pm Sat 10.00am — 1.00pm Apr 25-27; May 2-4 & 9-11 Thu & Fri 7.30-10.30pm	

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Combine with Serer Weekly Classes - Assignment	nban Campus – 2 nd Semest Due Date: End of Course i.	
Old Testament Theology (Elective) (Hybrid Class: Zoom Platform, STM Seremban)	Jun 17-21 Mon 7.00pm-10.00pm Tue – Thu 9.00am-5.00pm Fri 9.00am – 12.00pm (TBA)	Rt. Rev. Dr. Paul Barker
Denominational Studies : Methodism (Elective) (Online Class: Zoom Platform – combine with Seremban campus)	Jun 17 – Sept (TBC)	TBC
OT Exegesis: Poetic Books (Core) (Online Class: Zoom Platform – combine with Seremban campus)	Jun 17 – Sept 7.30-10.30pm	Dr. Tan Ee Yan
Exegetical Methods (Core) (Online Class: Zoom Platform – combine with Seremban campus)	Jun 17 – Sept 7.30-10.30pm	Dr. Tan Ee Yan & Rev. Dr. Tan Jin Huat

TEE Modular Classes - Assignment Due Da	ay of class	.,
Theology of Marriage, Singleness, Offspring and Family (Elective) (Hybrid Class: Zoom Platform, STM KL Centre) 3 / 4 cr hours	Jun 14-15 & 17-18 Fri & Sat; Mon & Tue 9.00am – 5.00pm	Dr. Barry Danylak
Healing & Deliverance (Elective) (Online Class: Zoom Platform) 3 / 4 cr hours	July 4-6, 11-12 & 18-20 Thu & Fri 7.30-10.30pm Sat 9.00 0am-12.00pm	Rt. Rev. Dr. Steven Abbarow
Parables (Elective) (Online Class: Zoom Platform) 3 / 4 cr hours	Aug 22-25 & Sep 5-8 Time : TBA	Rev. Dr. Lim Kar Yong
God's Mission in Old Testament (Elective) (Online Class: Zoom Platform) 3 / 4 cr hours	Oct 12-13, 19-20 & 26-27 Sat 9.00am – 12.00pm Sun 2.00 – 5.00pm Asynchronous classes 2 weeks prior to start of class	Dr. Peter Lau

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Theological Education by Extension (TEE) 神学教育延伸课程







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黄月英牧师/博士 18/3-22/3

旧约导论

温碧琴传道 3-5/5 10-12/5





基督论 与救赎论

张俊明牧师/博士 21-23/6 28-30/6

基督教伦理 学与课题

黄正雄传道 12-14/7 19-21/7



世界宗教

邱君尔传道 6-8/9 20-22/9

辅导学 李慧仪传道

初级

10-11/8 17-18/8



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圣经诠释~ 罗马书

刘聪赐博士 4-6/10 11-13/10 圣经之旅 土耳其 张俊明牧师/博士 3/11-15/11 Seminari Theoloji Malaysia, Seremban, N.S.

STM - Tamil TEE - Schedule for the year 2024

Classes at STM Campus

Bachelor in Christian Ministry

Date	Program	Course	Lecturer
Jan 18–20 March 8–13 March 21–23 May 11–16 July 4–6 Sep 5–7 Sep 12–14	Elective Elective Core Elective Elective Core	Study on the Gospel of John Mission Trip- India Christian Social Ministries Short-term Mission Trip Gospel in the Pluralistic Society Sexuality & Marriage Family, Children & Youth	Rev. Dr. Johnson Ashok Kumar Rev. Dr. Joseph Komar Rev. Dr. Joseph Komar Rev. Joseph Yesupatham Rev. Dr. Muthukumar Rev. Peter & Sally Rev. Peter & Sally

Diploma in Christian Ministry

Date	Program	Course	Lecturer
Jan 18-20 March 8-13 March 21-23	Elective Priority for BCM Elective	Study on the Gospel of John Mission Trip- India Christian Social Ministries	Rev. Dr. Johnson Ashok Kumar Rev. Dr. Joseph Komar Rev. Dr. Joseph Komar
May 11-16	Priority for BCM	Short-term Mission Trip	Rev. Joseph Yesupatham
July 4-6	Elective	Gospel in the Pluralistic Society	Rev. Dr. Muthukumar
Sep 5-7	Elective	Sexuality & Marriage	Rev. Peter & Sally
Sep 12-14	Elective	Family, Children & Youth	Rev. Peter & Sally

The closing date to register for each module is 2 weeks before the module starts.

Email: tamilteeestm2.edu.my

Tamil TEE Contact No: 012-677 9587

Office Hours: 8.00 am - 12.00 pm

Details of our Bank accounts:

a) For Contribution toward Tuition (Module) RM350/-

Name: Pemegang Amanah Seminari Theoloji Malaysia Berdaftar Bank Name: RHB Bank Berhad Bank Account No.: 2-14389-0007093-1

b) For Accommodation, bank into the following:

Name: Seminari Theoloji Malaysia Bank Name: RHB Bank Berhad Bank Account No.: 2-14389-0006441-9

To learn about Tamil TEE programme, click the link below: https://stm.edu.my/en/academic/tee-programmes-tamil/

> You can download the application forms here: https://stm.edu.my/en/admission/forms/

BM TEE Report 2023

Dss. Dr. Tan Swee Bee | STM Faculty

BM TEE planned several classes in 2023 but had to cancel a few due to insufficient student registration.

Course	Lecturer	Semester
> Kaedah Eksegesis	Rev. Khor Kheng Hoon	1.2023
> Pembacaan dan Penulisan Kritis	Encik Ram bin Buraat	1.2023
> Asas Kaunseling	Rev. Chew Kean Kee	1.2023
> Kehidupan dan Ajaran Yesus	Encik Ram bin Buraat	1.2023
> Teologi Kristian 1	Encik Ram bin Buraat	2.2023
⊳ Homiletik 2	Rev. Daniel Ng	2.2023
> Kepimpinan Pastoral & Pengurusan Gereja	Bishop Ng Moon Hing	2.2023
> Pengantar Perjanjian Baru	Dss. Dr. Tan Swee Bee	2.2023
> Pengantar Kepada Perjanjian Lama	Rev. Jensey Mojuin	2.2023

Several publicity activities were conducted, including the Bengkel OA in Cameron Highlands on 8 August at Highland Christian Centre. This workshop was jointly conducted by STM BM team, together with Wycliffe and Faith Comes by Hearing. A total of 119 participants from various denominations came. Besides the OA and leaders, it was also participated by non-OA church leaders. Currently, we are looking at the possibility of new partnerships and forming a Tapah center to cater to the OA church in that region.

Besides this workshop, there were visits (STM Sunday) to local churches by Pastoral Groups to promote the BM programmes.

For 2024, we are planning the following:

Course	Lecturer	Date	Venue
 ➤ Tinjauan Perjanjian Lama * ➤ Pendidikan Kristian ➤ Tinjauan Perjanjian Baru * ➤ Kajian Alkitab secara Induktif ➤ Pelayanan, Pengjangkauan dan Pemuridan Melalui Sukan ➤ Teologi Penganiayaan dan Pemuridan 	Rev. Jensey Mojuin Rev. Reekha Dss. Dr. Tan Swee Bee Rev. Lim Jung Hung Rev. Philip Devadas Rev. Dr. Elanko	1-3 & 8-10 Mac 14-16 & 21-23 Jun 12-14 & 19-21 Julai 9-11 & 16-18 Ogos 29 Jan – 2 Feb 26 Feb – 1 Mac	Kampar, Perak Kampar, Perak Kampar, Perak Kampar, Perak STM, Seremban
Kerohanian KristianInjil Yohanes	Ps. May Ong Dr. Henry Padin	12-16 Ogos 2-6 Sept	STM, Seremban STM, Seremban

^{*} Will possibly change

For the new academic year of 2024, we are launching a new programme, the Certificate/Diploma in Intercultural Studies with a more "OA-friendly" curriculum. Details are being prepared to send to existing students to determine the possibility of switching to this programme. In the meantime, we are also planning several activities in 2024 to further create awareness and solicit partnerships with local churches in this ministry. Our plans next year include:

- Compilation of essays on Christian doctrines from the perspective of indigenous people groups. This project involves the participation of STM indigenous students, both current and alumni.
- Roadshows/STM Sundays are planned during Reading Week in both semesters to promote the BM programme.
- Indigenous Exhibition and Workshops to create awareness of the indigenous culture, solicit partnerships, and opportunities of involvement. Based on Luke 10: 29b "...who is my neighbour?" this project is planned in conjunction with Merdeka Day and hopes to reach and serve churches in the Klang Valley and beyond.

We thank you for your partnership in ministry and look forward to a stronger partnership next year and beyond as we journey together in this exciting ministry with our indigenous family.

Urgent Recruitment

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.

Admin & Finance Manager

Requirements:

- Mature Christian who is a Servant Leader.
- Proactive, hardworking, flexible, adaptable, team player with good interpersonal skills.
- Minimum Qualification: Degree in Accounting.
- Minimum Experience: At least 5 years in the same capacity or at least 5 years as a Finance Manager.

Job Description:

- Oversee end-to-end and ensure smooth operations together with the Assistant Managers: Finance, HR, Admin, Communications, Maintenance & Development, IT and Media, etc.
- Handle financial planning and analysis, budget, reports to the Board and Committees.
- Work closely with other departments especially head of departments.
- Liaise with auditors, government bodies, etc.

Staff Movement

Heartfelt Appreciation to Departing Full-time Faculty Members

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the following faculty members for their unwavering dedication and invaluable contributions during their tenures as full-time faculty members in STM. As they embark on their next chapter of life, serving in their new roles, we wish them well and may their future endeavors be rewarding and enriching.



Rev. Dr. Joseph Komar (1 January 2006 to 31 December 2023): His secondment by Tamil Annual Conference of The Methodist Church in Malaysia ends on 31 December 2023. He will continue his service in STM as a part-time Tamil TEE Director until the end of 2024.

Rev. Dr. Lim Kar Yong (1 January 2007 to 31 December 2023): He resigned as a faculty member. From 2024, he will continue his service in STM as a Research Fellow, which was approved by the Exco on 13 December 2023.



Mr. Ram bin Buraat (13 January 2020 to 31 December 2023): He is returning to Sabah where he will continue his teaching ministry.



2023 Graduating Students List

Full-Time Students

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1. Adrian Lopez a/l Antony Lo	pez
2. Angel a/p Allakhappayee	
3. Darry Lucas	
4. Ho Yuan Lin	
5. Ling Ming Eii	
6. Ling Yi Yang	

7. Lum Lock Same 8. Paul Ling Yik Liang 9. Phang Jin Xiang

10. Raymond Law Jia Wei 11. Tai Kuan Soon

12. Tan Shi Xian 13. Kelvin Cheah Wei Jian 14. Davina a/p David

15. Emmanuel Nickson a/l George

16. Hue Nyok Ju 17. Muthukrishnan a/l Samuel

18. Wan Lai Choo

19. Yap Siew Hone

Part-Time Students

Name

1. Lim Tek Heng 2. Tee Kwok Chiang

3. Lee Wai Fun

4. Peter Raj a/l Adaikalam

5. Frederick David 6. Issac a/l Pandianadan 7. Chai Wooi Siong

8. Ann Selvaranee Balasingam

9. Chua Eng Keong 10. Jeong Sang In 11. John Ho Chung Eng

12. Lau Yvonne 13. Lee SS

14. Lim Lay Hwa 15. Ting Kiew Sia 16. Lee Chee Nean

17. Manogaran a/l Muniandy, Joshua

18. Bah Pani a/l Bah Harun

19. Chu Lai Ming 20. Ronley Ansoi

21. Darryl Lim Wei Ren

22. Mah Ai Ching 23. Teo Ai Wei 24. Chan Kok Meng

25. Chew Lean Hwa

26. Devan a/l Muniandy 27. Dimin Bansai

28. Diong Woon

29. Helen Margaret Paramaraj 30. John Jayaselan a/l Selvandran

31. Koh Mun Chin

32. Kokilavani a/p Amirthakumar

33. Lee Chee Ming 34. Ling Pik Ing

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37. Pung Chong Hiong

38. Rajadurai Abraham a/l Daniel Solomon

39. Selvam a/p S. Arokiasamy

40. Tan Nyong Moon

41. Thavakumari a/p Samuel

42. Vani a/p S. Krishnan 43. Wong Sie Ching

44. Wong Chun Kiau 45. Gikal bin Samud

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2024 New Intake

Full-Time Students



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Andy Bong Chung Tze 黄俊仕 Anglican (DK) MDiv (Chinese)



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Lim Yi Le 林以勒 Lutheran (LCM) BD (Chinese)



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Yap Voon May 叶文薇 Methodist (CAC) MDiv (Chinese)



收割有时

吴慧芬博士 | 教务主任 (2016 - 2023)

我于 2023 年 11 月 20 日在美国德克萨斯州圣安东尼奥获得圣经文学协会 (SBL) 颁发杰出导师奖。 这实在是一件出乎意料、又令人振奋的事,我有必要将这件事记录下来,让神学院能够见证上主在那些殷勤服侍的人身上彰显祂的信实和丰盛的恩典。



多年来,SBL的女性专业地位委员会(CSWP) 认可圣经学者通过指导致力促进圣经学术所付出 的努力。通过颁发杰出导师奖,CSWP每年表彰 女性学者在圣经研究中提高后辈的地位和潜能。 而今年,其中一项奖项首次延伸至亚洲大陆,并 登陆于马来西亚神学院(STM)。

我既惊讶又欣喜。亚洲和马来西亚有许多更有资格和经验的圣经学者,我不确定是否配得这个奖项。 我唯有向神致以最崇高的赞美和感激。 只有上帝知道一个脆弱的人需要及时的肯定和推动! 教学工作对我来说总是很有趣,然而有时可能需要精力、努力和时间。 我们不确定所付出的努力是否会产生理想的结果。 学生们有从我们身上学到东西吗? 他们会感激我们的付出和时间吗? 这值得我们继续努力和摆上吗?

不过,总有收获的时候。也许对于我来说,经过多年的教学、指导和研究,现在似乎是一个小小收获的时候。这个奖项提醒了我,同工们的支持有多重要。 我很感谢马来西亚神学院的院长、讲师们和同工们,他们既耐心又友善地与我一起配搭。我也感谢卫理公会华人年议会委派我在神学院事奉,对年议会会长、牧职部和教牧同工们的理解与支持,我心中感激。 我得到动力要继续在圣经学术上追求卓越,并继续发掘神学生的潜能,希望他们能做出更大的事情。

A Time for Reaping

Dr. Elaine Goh | Dean of Studies (2016-2023)

I received the Outstanding Mentor Award from the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) on 20th November 2023 in San Antonio, Texas, United States of America. This is truly unexpected and a joyful event that I believe needs to be recorded here, a testimony through which STM can attest God's unfailing faithfulness and His abundant grace to those who serve diligently in the seminary.

Over many years, the Committee of the Status of Women in the Profession (CSWP) of SBL has recognised the time and energy dedicated to fostering biblical scholarship by mentoring. By giving the Outstanding Mentor Award, CSWP honours female faculty for advancing the status and role of women in biblical studies. And this year, one of the awards is extended to the continent of Asia for the first time landing in STM.

I am both astounded and overjoyed. While there are many more qualified and experienced biblical scholars in Asia and in Malaysia, why is this award offered to me? I cannot help but give God the ultimate praise and gratitude. Only God knows that a frail human being needs timely affirmation and a push! Teaching has always been fun for me, but sometimes it could be demanding of energy, effort and time. We are not sure if the effort we put in will generate desirable outcomes. Have the students learned enough from us? Will they appreciate our time and effort? Is it worth our commitment and dedication?

There is a time for reaping nevertheless, and this appears to be the time for me after considerable years of teaching, supervising and writing. This award has just reminded me of the importance of collegial support. I am very grateful to my colleagues, especially the Principal in STM, they are both patient and kind in working alongside me. Also, I am grateful to be seconded by CAC Methodist Church in Malaysia to serve full time in STM. Owing to the President, the Board of Ministry and fellow pastors of CAC Methodist Church are my heartfelt gratitude, as their understanding and support are overwhelmingly felt. I am motivated to continue pursuing excellence in biblical scholarship, and never stop discovering the potentials among our students in STM, in hope that they can do greater things.



Heartiest Congratulations

Our heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Elaine Goh (left) for receiving the Outstanding Mentor Award 2023 from the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) on November 20, 2023. This recognition is well-deserved, and we are truly proud to have her as STM's Dean of Studies. Her commitment to academic excellence and mentorship is an inspiration to us all.

With Dr. Sonia Wong from Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) who presented the award on behalf of CSWP of SBL.



Compliments to the following STM alumni from the Methodist Church in Malaysia who were ordained as:

Elders at the Chinese Annual Conference on 16 November 2023

First row from the left to right:

Rev. John Kok Jia En, Rev. Wesley Wong Hiong Kwan (2011 STM alumnus), Rev. Ng Wei Loon (2017 STM alumnus), Rev. Ho Chea Jing (2016 STM alumnus), Rev. Low Jia Shen (2017 STM alumnus), Rev. Ser Zee Chun (2017 STM alumnus), Rev. Lee Tan Peng (STM adjunct lecturer and 2019 STM alumnus) and Rev. Matthew Samuel Cho Qwang Ming (2015 STM alumnus).



Deacons:

Front row, fourth from the left:

Rev. Yap Zhen Ern (2020 STM alumnus), Rev. Kok Jai Fatt (2020 STM alumnus), and Rev. Chieng Jack Soon (2019 STM alumnus).



Heartiest Congratulations

Compliments to the following STM alumni who were ordained at the Trinity Annual Conference on 19 November 2023

From left to right:

Ms. Christabel Wong (STM Librarian), Pastor Edward Lee (2022 STM alumnus) ordained as Deacon, Rev. Chang Choy Quin (2013 STM alumna) ordained as Elder, Ms. Vernie Woo (STM Admin & Finance Manager) and Mr. Christopher Wong.



Ordination at Tamil Annual Conference on 1 December 2023



Elder:

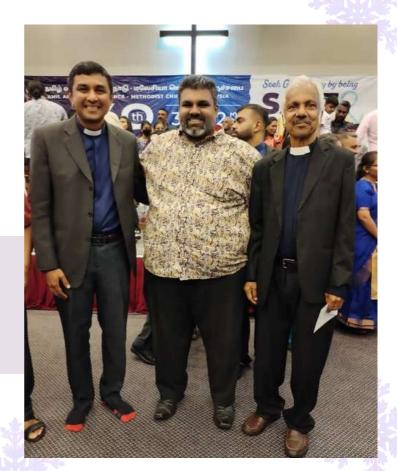
From right to left:

Rev. Joel Zechariah (2019 STM alumnus) ordained as Elder, Mr. Adam Sathiya Jeevan (STM Assistant Manager, Property & Maintenance) and wife.



From left to right:

Rev. Jayaprakash A/L Jayasellan (2022 STM alumnus) ordained as Deacon, Mr. Adam Sathiya Jeevan (STM Assistant Manager, Property & Maintenance) and Rev. Dr. Joseph Komar (STM Faculty).





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2023 is coming to an end. We hereby would like to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to you, STM Friends and Partners, and Donors, for your invaluable support and generous contributions. Your unwavering financial support, along with your prayers, plays a pivotal role in the equipping and empowering God's people for ministries.

As at 15 December 2023, we noted that the contributions from our Friends & Partners, and Donors fell short of the budgeted amounts:

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Partners	RM 733,000	RM 958,300	RM225,300
Friends	RM 722,400	RM 766,700	RM 44,300
Donors	RM 209,000	RM 479,200	RM270,200
Total	RM1,664,400	RM2,204,200	RM539,800

For the shortfall, we pray that the Lord, who supplies all our needs, will impress the hearts of His people to support us financially so that STM is able to receive the budgeted amounts.

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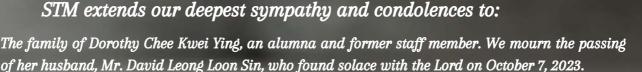


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- Satu pengalaman istimewa sempena Hari Merdeka (Lukas 10: 29b).
- Kenali jiran anda.

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The family of STM alumnus Rev. Anthony Jude, whose wife, Keren Mary Anthony, passed away on November 9, 2023.

The family of STM alumna Rowena Puyang Lihan, whose husband, Mr. Untung Matasak, passed away on November 20, 2023.

The family of Dss. Canon Margaret Chen, an STM alumna as well as former faculty member, who went home to be with the Lord on December 8, 2023.

The family of June Wong Chun Kiau, the 2023 STM alumna, who went home to be with the Lord on December 10, 2023.

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