THE SEARCH IS OVER

新院长遴选已完成

4th Principal of STM
Rev Dr Philip Siew Tye Yau
a term of four years,
effective from
1 April 2015.

The Installation Service
6 May 2015 (Wednesday)
at 12:00 noon
at the STM Campus.
Please come and celebrate
the occasion with us.

In the December 2014 issue, I reported that “The Search is On” for the new principal. Praise the Lord that the Council, at their meeting on 11 February 2015, confirmed the appointment of Rev Dr Philip Siew Tye Yau as the 4th Principal of STM for a term of four years, effective from 1 April 2015.

Rev Dr Philip Siew’s early theological education was in Singapore at Trinity Theological College, followed by postgraduate studies (Old Testament) under the South East Asia Graduate School of Theology. Subsequently, he went on to Fuller Theological Seminary in USA and graduated with a PhD in Missions and Inter-cultural Studies.

Rev Dr Philip Siew has faithfully served in STM as a full-time faculty member since July 1999. Prior to teaching full-time in STM, he also taught part-time in 1988, 1991 and 1992. He has held the position of Director of Post-Graduate Studies from 2002 to 2010 and Director of Advanced Ministerial Studies from 2011 to the present. In 2004, he was also the Acting Dean of Studies.

Besides his great interest in theological education and ministerial formation, Rev Dr Philip Siew has vast ministerial, ecclesiastical and missional experiences from his 32 years of ministry in the Chinese Annual Conference of The Methodist Church in Malaysia.

Please support and pray wholeheartedly for Rev Dr Philip Siew as he takes on the new responsibilities to lead STM forward in these exciting and challenging times.

In 2014年12月份的通讯，我报告有关“新院长遴选已启动”。感谢上帝，董事部在2015年2月11日的会议正式委任萧帝佑牧师（博士）为第四任校长，任期四年，从4月1日开始。萧牧师早年毕业于新加坡三一神学院，接着毕业于东南亚神学研究院，以及美国富乐神学院，并获取宣教学博士学衔。萧牧师在1999年7月开始在STM担任全职讲师。他有丰富的教学和行政经验；三十二年的牧养、教会行政和宣教经验。萧牧师为马来西亚卫理公会华人年议会的牧长。就职典礼订于5月6日（星期三）中午在STM举行，欢迎出席。谨请大家继续给予萧牧师大力支持，好让STM的事工更向前迈进，荣耀主名。

CONGRATULATIONS 祝贺

Heartiest Congratulations to Datuk Ng Wee Yiew, a member of STM Endowment-Trust Committee, on being awarded the Darjah Indera Mahkota Pahang (DIMP) by the Sultan of Pahang Sultan Ahmad Shah and the Kesatria Mangku Negara (KMN) by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu’adzam Shah in 2014.

恭喜黄位寅先生于2014年获国家元首封赐KMN有功勋衔，彭亨州苏丹殿下封赐DIMP拿督勋衔。拿督黄位寅是本院神学教育基金委员会成员。
“Congratulations to our New Students of 2015! Welcome to an adventurous journey of discovery, learning, and transformation.”

Rev Dr Ezra Kok
Principal

Master of Divinity
1. James Ong Joo Ern
2. Koo Chia En
3. Low Jia Shen 刘家盛
4. Ng Wei Loon 伍伟伦
5. Peh Kai Suan
6. Ser Zee Chun 徐智淳
7. Yap Huey Sim 叶慧欣

Bachelor of Theology
1. Benammie anak John
2. Chew Foo Sing 周富生
3. Ding Sing Hui

Bachelor of Theology
1. Kong Teck Soon 江得顺
2. Leslie anak Keyu
3. Yang Wan Shin 杨旺勋
4. Yap Zhen Ern 叶谦恩

Master of Christian Studies
1. Lee Wee Wah

Bachelor of Divinity
1. Allecia Ho Moon Yi
2. Avean Elvin
3. David Teh Thian Oon 郑天恩
4. Jackeline a/p James David
5. Ralpheal Reuben anak Bonnie
6. Roland Noel Brooke anak Noel
7. Stanley Kiew
8. Tan Yan Ru
9. Timothy Raj a/l Victor Davaraj

Diploma of Christian Ministry/Bachelor of Theology
1. Billy Quick
2. Low Chee Kwang 罗志光
3. Thum Kim Kiang 谭锦祥
4. Ting Ming Wen 陈明文
5. Yip Kwai Ping 叶桂萍

Diploma of Christian Ministry/Diploma of Theology
1. Tay Lee Lee
**2015 STM EXCO**

*Front Row (from left to right):*
- Mohan Raj (Food committee chairperson)
- Terry Lau Shue Chien (Secretary)
- Joel Zechariah (Sports committee chairperson)
- Ser Zee Chun (1st year representative)
- Peter Ling Chee Keong (President)

*Standing Row (From left to right):*
- Dorothy Ng Hee Wen (2nd year representative)
- Dorcas Yeat Ling Kiang (Treasurer)
- Chia Li Foon (Worship committee chairperson)
- Joshua Liew Shoon Fong (3rd year representative)
- Jeremy Lim Wei Huan (Social committee chairperson)
- Rohendra Rao (4th year representative)
- Kebin Suur (Graduation Dinner committee chairperson)
- Tan Yu Yong (Maintenance committee chairperson)

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**CONDOLOENCES**

We are sorry for your loss!

**We would like to convey our condolences to our alumni, Archdeacon Edward John (BTh, 1984) and family for the passing of his daughter on 1 October 2014.**

**Our condolences to our 4th year student, Alec Ling Sow Wan and family on the passing of his mother-in-law on the 19 January 2015.**

**We would like to convey our condolences to our Faculty, Dr Elaine Goh (DTheol, 2013) and family for the passing of her mother on 15 February 2015.**

**We would like to convey our condolences to our alumni, May Ong Bee Teng (MDiv, 2011) and family for the passing of her father on 9 March 2015.**

**We would like to convey our condolences to the family of the late Rev. Canon Emeritus Luke Ooi on his passing on 18 October 2014.**
Hosted by emcees Raymond and Chea Jing, the night began with the first-year students and guest lecturer, Dr Rosanne Swanson introducing themselves.

Amongst the attendees were the group from Isaiah school and families of lecturers and students. After a session of ice breaking; as the newest member of the faculty, Rev Dr Sivin Kit, accompanied by his daughter, performed a rendition of 'Beautiful, Jesus is Beautiful' in Norwegian.

Following that, the fourth years acted out life as per norm in STM; of teh tarik fellowship and FOOTBALLLLL!! - the fun of communal living. The third years presented a skit on the importance of answering God's call and that leaving the things of the world behind is not easy.

President of student body, Peter Ling then demonstrated his skills in 'prediction magic' with a few volunteers from the crowd. Continuing in the spirit of laughter and good cheer, the second years did a 'wayang kulit' style presentation impersonating 2014 happenings; ending it with praise dance.

The ball was then passed back to the first years, performing a dance and acting out a short Calvary scene to the song, 'How Great is Our God'. Following the tradition of STM, senior students gave gifts to welcome the first years. Isaiah school students participated in the festivities by presenting 2 songs which won them Best Performance, ending the night on a high note. Canon Steven Abbarow closed in prayer.
Rev Dr Ezra Kok

27-30 March: ATESEA Board of Governors meeting in Manila.
1 April onwards serving half-time as the Associate Dean of ATU (formerly SEAGS)兼任东南亚神学研究院协理教务主任.

Rev Dr Wong Tik Wah

3 January: Seminar on "Methodist Discipline and Serving in Local Church" at KL Cantonese Methodist Church.
19-21 January: Prayer United Annual Retreat at Port Dickson Methodist Centre.
21-22 January: Methodist General Conference Prayer Ministry Team Meeting.

Pastor Jimmy Chong

26 January: Seminar on "Calvin's Theology" at Presbyterian Training Institute.
15 February: 主讲青年主日讲题: “旧约家谱与我何干？”地点: 生命展翅资源中心

Rev Dr Anthony Loke

31 January: Talked on 'Violence and Holy War in the Old Testament (OT)and New Testament' at Institute of World Religions (IWR) Seminar at CCM PJ.
28 February: Conducted Seminar on 'OT Survey' at Ignite Community Centre, Serdang.
9 March: Coordinated the Second Biblical Studies Seminar in STM.
14 March: Conducted Seminar on 'Book of Haggai' at FGA KL.

Rev Dr Philip Siew

24 January: Conducted Evangelism Training Seminar at Ulu Tiram CMC.
25-27 March: Preached at the Prayer Conference of Sarawak Iban Annual Conference held in Kuching.
28-31 March: Preached and led seminars at the MY Team Camp for people called into ministry organized by CAC Youth Board held at STM campus.

Rev Dr Ong Meng Chai

13-16 March: Preached at Camp of SIB Kuching Evangelical Church.

Rev Dr Sivin Kit

4 January: Moderator for IWR/STM-LCM public lecture on "Prophetic Witness and Public Discourse in Contemporary Societies" at Luther Centre, PI.
24 January: Speaker and Moderator for University of Agder's "Religions in Asia" Malaysian Course at Menara Wesley, KL.
31 January: Moderator for IWR-CCM Seminar on "Violence in the Abrahamic Religions" at CCM Ecumenical Centre, PI.
9 March: Respondent for STM 2nd Biblical Seminar on "the Bible and Aliens and Sojourners" at STM, Seremban.
23 March: Moderator for IWR-CCM Seminar on "Keeping the Faith: The Christians of the Middle East" at Luther Centre, PI.

Dr Elaine Goh

4 February: Taught on Wisdom Literature for MTh Modular.
9 March: Responded to a paper on STM's 2nd Biblical Studies Seminar.

CONGRATULATIONS

Rev Dr & Mrs Ezra Kok for becoming grandparents for the first time. Their grandson Joathan Hoo许智但 was born on the 22 December 2014.

STM Sunday:
Thank you for having us!

21 January:
Sunway Damansara Anglican Church
English and Chinese services
- Rev Dr Ezra Kok

21 January:
Bayu Perdana Chinese Methodist Church, Klang
- Rev Dr Wong Tik Wah

23 January:
Malacca Presbyterian Church
- Rev Tee Heng Peng

8 February:
Kajang Chinese Methodist Church
- Dr Elaine Goh

1 March:
St. Paul's Anglican Church, PJ
- Rev Canon Steven Abbarow

8 March:
Subang Jaya Chinese Methodist Church
- Rev Dr Ezra Kok

8 March:
Sungai Rambai Chinese Methodist Church
- Rev Dr Wong Tik Wah

15 March:
Varsity Gospel Centre, PJ
- Rev Tee Heng Peng

22 March:
Bukit Mertajam Chinese Methodist Church
- Rev Dr Wong Tik Wah

22 March:
Kajang LCM Church
- Rev Canon Steven Abbarow
On 4 January 2015, Bishop Prof. Bedford-Strohm, a German public theologian spoke on “Prophetic Witness and Public Discourse in contemporary societies” at Luther Centre, PJ. CCM General Secretary Rev Dr Hermen Shastri then responded with reflections how Malaysians struggle to make their voice heard in recent years. The event was well attended with more than 80 participants. In response to questions from the audience, the speakers further highlighted the challenge of balancing speaking truth to power with engaging in dialogue with those who pursue the common good.

A workshop on “Violence in Abrahamic Religions” was held at the CCM Ecumenical Centre on 31 January 2015. Both Rev Dr Anthony Loke and Dr Patricia Martinez showed how religious resources may be used or abused in specific socio-historical circumstances. Dr Loke walked the 70 plus participants through difficult themes of violence and war in the Book of Judges and key Old Testament narratives such as Abraham’s Sacrifice of Isaac; for her session, Dr Martinez raised a key question, “Whose Jihad?” Both ably approached their respective topics based on solid scholarship with rigour, respect, and a close contextual sensitivity to the Malaysian scenario.

A sample of the talks from both events have been uploaded up on the internet accessible through the following links:

https://soundcloud.com/stm1979/150104-001a

On 14 March 2015, IWR supported an initiative organised by Citizens’ Network for a Better Malaysia (CNBM) where Rev Dr Joseph Komar (STM) discussed “the Divine Order for Ethnic Diversity”. Other resource persons for the event were Dr Denison Jayasooria and Dr Helen Ting, both from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM).

In the wake of current concerns over the plight of Christians in the Middle East, the IWR also organised a special public lecture “Keeping the Faith” on 23 March 2015 with Prof. Mark Swan son from the Centre for Christian-Muslim Engagement for Peace and Justice, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Former Secretary General Eugene Yapp drew inspiration from the lecture to reflect on what “keeping the faith” means in Malaysia and financial support from churches such as Mega Methodist Church.

We recognise there is still more research that is needed to understand the complexities of race and religion in our contemporary society. We are also committed to support greater public awareness on shared concerns affecting religious minorities.

Above all, we aim to encourage all Malaysians from different religions (and those who are non-religious) to reflect on the role of religions for the common good.

Reported by: Rev Dr Sivin Kit
Director of IWR
sivinkit@stm2.edu.my
This year on 12 February 2015, we commemorated the 100th anniversary of the passing of Fanny Crosby (1820-1915) – a prolific Christian hymn writer. She wrote more than 800 hymns in her lifetime, they include Blessed Assurance, To God be the Glory, Praise Him, Praise Him, Thou My Everlasting Portion, Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross, I Am Thine, O Lord. Furthermore, on 26 February we celebrated a thanksgiving service. We took the opportunity of the Chinese New Year season to remember and appreciate God’s gracious work in our community. On that day, we collected a special thanksgiving offering to support some ministries of churches and Christian organizations. The first semester prayer and fasting day was held on 12 March. On that day, all the faculty members and students were united before God interceding on behalf of our beloved nation. May God’s righteousness and love be manifested in our country.

For every Friday service this year, we have arranged for new students to share about their calling to ministry. On one hand, the wider STM community can know the new students better and support them in prayer and in practical ways; on the other hand, new students can be affirmed in their calling as they share about their motivations for ministry. We hope that during these times of corporate worship in STM, despite our the demands of our studies and busy schedules, we can be reminded to fix our gaze on God, trust in him and serve him.

Report by: Pastor Law Choon Sii Chapel Warden
It was announced on STM website well ahead of the closing date, that "the class is full and enrolment is now closed!" The module Interpreting New Testament (Mark) was held over two weekends in Jan 2015 and it was packed with 42 enthusiastic students, led by the spirited lecturer Rev Dr Lim Kar Yong. During the first weekend, Rev Dr Lim repeatedly urged the students to read the entire Gospel of Mark in one sitting, rather than a chapter per day. By doing so, we had a good grasp of the message and life of Jesus as written in the Gospel of Mark. This gospel may be the shortest of the four gospels, however it is an action-packed gospel displaying the powerful ministry of Jesus. Throughout the two weekends, Rev Dr Lim traveled with us (with two large maps) the journey that Jesus walked through as depicted in the Gospel of Mark. The lecturer challenged us to imagine ourselves there with Jesus, and asked us how would we respond to each troublesome event. He also explained to us Biblical themes and historical meanings of each text. Now we have a better grasp of the land that Jesus hadwalked and His-story has come alive.

We were also taught to appreciate the distinctiveness of the Gospel of Mark in comparison with the other Gospels. In particular, he highlighted that we should not attempt to harmonize the four gospels. The two weekends were indeed enlightening, educative as well as entertaining!

Reported by: Yvonne Foo
(MCS program: English TEE student)

神学院退修会 STM Retreat

2015年1月9-10日


最后，退修会以立约暨圣餐崇拜结束，全体师生一同在上帝面前重新立约，在新的一年里，继续依靠上帝的大能，活出上帝恩约子民的身份和责任。

Similar to previous years, we began our new academic year with a two day retreat. This year the retreat theme was "Preparing for Ministry in a Turbulent World." We were honored that the recently retired principal of the Divinity School of Chung Chi College, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Professor Rev Dr Lo Lung-Kwong served as our keynote speaker. Through four messages, Rev Dr Lo reminded and inspired us to consider these themes: No matter in which phase
A course on “Inductive Bible Study” was held at PJ CTEE (6-8 and 13-15 February) and in Kampar (27 Feb - 1 March and 6-8 March) this year. Dr. Loh Kim Cheng helped the students who attended to delve more deeply into Scripture and to learn some helpful skills in Bible interpretation. There were a number of new students at both centres and we hope that many more will take the opportunity to be equipped. The following courses will be conducted in the next few months:

**Seremban** (14-17 April)
“Kajian Kitab Perjanjian Baru: Markus”
by Rev. Kelvin Jawa

**PJ CTEE** (5-7 and 12-14 June 2015)
“Asas Pendidikan Kristian”
by Ms. Patricia Galidau.

**Kampar** (3-5 and 10-12 July)
“Doktrin Kristian Asas”
by Ms. Ho Gaik Kim

The Second Biblical Studies Seminar (BSS) was held on the 9th March 2015 in STM. This year’s theme was on ‘The Bible and Aliens and Sojourners.’ Three papers were presented by Dr Christopher Chong (from the sociological perspective); Dr Ezra Kok (from the biblical perspective); and Mr Eugene Yapp (from the human rights perspective). The three respondents were respectively Dr Sivin Kit; Pastor Victor Lee; and Dr Elaine Goh. A total of 42 persons came for the seminar. Those who attended found the topic relevant and audience participation was lively and extemporaneous.

Report By: Rev Dr Anthony Loke
STM Budget 2015

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