From the Principal’s Desk
院长的感想

Life, Death & Resurrection
生、死与复活

On 20 February 2008 at 2.55pm, I received a call from The Rt Rev Ng Moon Hing informing us of the demise of Mr Peter Lee. The news was sudden and we were shocked by the news.

Mr Lee was one of our longest serving Council members and also our Honorary Treasurer since 1997. He has supported us in many different ways and his contributions were numerous and valuable. He spearheaded the fund raising project to build the present STM campus, which was completed in 1997. His love and concern for the well-being of the seminary was one of his priorities. He was truly a friend of STM.

In retrospective, the time spent with him had been memorable and insightful. His ideas on how to manage and learn on the job are brilliant and invaluable. The sharing from his wealth of knowledge and life experiences had been thought-provoking and challenging. His attitude and demeanor had constantly reminded me of servant-hood.

Surely his life had impacted many. His passing is certainly a great loss to us and has left a void in the lives of many who know him. Nevertheless, we are comforted to know that he is with the Lord and we will meet again one day.

Death may be a threat and cause us to live in fear. Death may consume, destroy and put all our efforts to an end. But for those of us in Christ, death is not the end. It is a passage to eternal life. Through it, God brings us to His presence. Without death, there will be no resurrection. Without death, there will be no celebration of the victory of Jesus Christ. Hence, in death there is hope and there is gain. As the Apostle Paul puts it, “For me to live is Christ & to die is gain.” (Phil 1:21). Because Christ has overcome death, celebrating Easter would be meaningful.

Wishing you a blessed and meaningful Easter.
STM Orientation (7-10 January 2008)

This year saw the arrival of thirty-three new students, thirteen of whom are international students. The orientation began with a barbecue dinner with the faculty, an informal meal to get to know one another in a relaxed atmosphere. While many things were planned to help the students know about and adjust to life in STM, there was also time for shopping, bowling and games.

STM Retreat 2008 (11-13 January 2008)

The theme for the retreat this year is "Pastoral Spirituality" and the speaker, Dr. Tan Soo Inn, certainly dealt with the issue in a very down-to-earth manner. He went back to the basics of spiritual formation and the spiritual disciplines needed for it. He also shared about the critical role of discipling or spiritual mentoring. The retreat closed with a Covenant Service where the speaker shared how failure can be the most important preparation for ministry.

Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of the late Mr Peter Lee.

Mr Lee, our Council member since 1996, passed away on 20 February 2008. He had done much for STM and always had STM in mind. In his will, he bequeathed his personal library books to us. He is truly a great and faithful friend and we will surely miss him.

Mr Lee was a very kind person and we are grateful for his contributions to STM.
New Students

International Students

Special students from Germany: Elisabeth Deutscher and Natalie Emmerich (ELCB)

From right to left: Li Xiao Mei 李小梅 (China 中国); Jaryawaty Gloria Genna 風雅瑟 (Indonesia 印度尼西亚; Gereja Methodist Indonesia 卫理公会); Mawawaty Gloria Genna 風雅瑟 (Indonesia 印度尼西亚; Gereja Methodist Indonesia 卫理公会); Chen Ai Xin 陈爱勤 (China 中国).

From right to left: Anthony 蘇恩賜 (Indonesia 印度尼西亚; Gereja Methodist Indonesia 卫理公会); Sei Hao 曾浩 (Myanmar 缅甸; Anglican 圣公会); Abun Rahim 艾祖文 (Indonesia 印度尼西亚; Gereja Methodist Indonesia 卫理公会); Hemen Halder (Bangladesh 孟加拉; TCB Anglican 圣公会); Kok Thang 郭勝 (Myanmar 缅甸; Methodist卫理公会); Lin Zun Chun 林建春 (China 中国); Haris Hanjadi 韩复元 (Indonesia 印度尼西亚; Gereja Methodist Indonesia 卫理公会).

Local Students

1st row: Tan Nam Sun 陈南珊 (Anglican, DWM圣公会); Pan Shao Teng 范晓婷 (CAC 卫理公会华人年议会); Low Soo Hon 刘素芬 (CAC 卫理公会华人年议会).

2nd row: Koh Hwee Yee 何惠仪 (Brethren 福音堂); Chok Pooi Yoke 祝佩玉 (CAC 卫理公会华人年议会); Teoh Boi Theng, Courtney 张梅婷 (Methodist, TRAC 卫理公会); Tan Liang Nak 陈良楠 (Methodist, CAC卫理公会); Tee Ka Hui 谢佳慧 (Presbyterian, GPM 长老会); Rowena Puyang Lihan (FGA, Kajang 加影全备福音教会).
From right to left: Yoshua Chua Song Leng (Presbyterian, GPM 長老會); Lee Chee Keat (Methodist, TRAC 卫理公会); Yeoh Siok Earn, Gary (Methodist, CAC 卫理公会); Paul Lau Hang Soon (Anglican, DWM 圣公会); Matthew Choong En Syhong（Methodist, CAC 卫理公会); Chia Tshun Yin, Nickson (ADS 沙巴圣公会); Loo Lik Chang（CAC卫理公会华人年议会); Richard Ong Chin Gee（Presbyterian, GPM 長老會); Koh Kai Wei（CAC卫理公会华人年议会); Gan Zi Jun, Joel 颜子钧（CAC卫理公会华人年议会); Chang Chien Sheau 楚鍵晓（CAC卫理公会华人年议会）.

2008 Student Body EXCO

From right to left: Yoshua Chua Song Leng (1st Year, Presbyterian [GPM]); Herdny (2nd Year, Indonesia, GMI); Chooi Li Hoong (2nd Year, CAC); Yep Hwee Fen, Liza (2nd Year, CAC); Aston Bobby Anak Andy Chunting (2nd Year, ADK); Sintaran s/o Gunasekaran (4th Year, ELCM) and Ting Ming Teng (4th Year, CAC).

Congratulations 祝贺

Congratulations to Rev Dr Tan Jin Huat for completing his PhD (Wales).

祝贺陈仁发牧师(博士)成功完成博士学位。

2008 English Master of Ministry (MMin) Module

英文教牧硕士课程

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have rescheduled the course, "Nature & Mission of the Church" by Mr Christopher Cheah to 8-11 October 2008 instead of 20-23 August 2008. If you are interested to enrol for the course, please take note of the change of date.
Our Appreciation and Thanks for STM Sunday

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all the churches for either observing STM Sunday on their own or inviting our faculty members for STM Sunday. Thank you very much for your support and we look forward to your continual support.

27 January 2008

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Special Lecture

Mr Yeo Yang Poh (former Bar President) spoke on the “Legal Crisis: State of the Judiciary” on 6 March (Thursday) in STM at 7:30-9:30pm.

Visitors

Drs Erwin & Gertrude Buck, both retired professors of Lutheran Theological Seminary, Canada, taught short term courses in STM from 14 January-6 April. Our thanks to Bishop Julius Paul for making the arrangements.
Faculty News

Rev Dr Ezra Kok

Rev Dr Philip Siew

Reverend Anthony Loke

Rev Tee Heng Peng
Involvement in Gereja Presbyterian Malaysia’s training centre.

Mr Allen McClymont

Dr Lim Kar Yong

Pastor Elaine Goh

From 2008 January 22nd to 30 January 2008, in the Bible teaching at STM. This includes: January 18th, 11th, 3rd Sunday in June, 17th, 31st of January, 14th of March, 1st Sunday in May, 11th, June 3rd, July 2nd, August 6th, September 3rd, October 1st, November 5th, December 3rd. For other dates, please refer to the STM Calendar.

Berita STM
Launching of New Program 推展新课程

Doctor of Ministry Program 教牧学博士课程

STM is planning to launch the Doctor of Ministry (DMin) Program this year. We are now at the stage of drawing up the details pertaining to the Program, for example, the Philosophy of Ministry, the entrance requirements, the structure and duration of studies, and fees required of the Program. Once these details are finalized, we will print and send out brochures to the churches and begin to receive applications. Please pray with and for us that we are able to launch it as soon as possible.

Mission Leadership Forum 宣教领导论坛

STM organized a Mission Leadership Forum on 18-19 February, 2008. The speaker, Rev. Dr. Jonathan Bonk, the Executive Director of the Overseas Ministries Study Center in New Haven, Connecticut, USA, gave two lectures on "Mission Trends in the 21st Century." The Forum was attended by 23 people who were specially invited. Among them were theological educators, leaders, and pastors who represented several theological colleges and seminaries, mission agencies, and churches. A discussion was also held during the Forum to determine the possibility of organizing an on-going forum in the future. The response was very positive. Besides the Forum, Dr. Bonk also gave a public lecture on the night of 19 February entitled 'Missions and Money Revisited'.

Institute of World Religions 世界宗教学研究中心

Lecture 讲座

ISLAM HADHARI by Dr Amir Farid Isahak
9th April 2008, Wednesday from 7:30-9:30pm
Venue: STM Campus

We are glad to have Dr Amir sharing with us on the topic of Islam Hadhari. Dr Amir, a medical specialist by profession, has been actively involved in Islamic and Interfaith NGOs for the last 15 years. He is also:
- Founder, Al-Ghazali SRF Centre of Islamic Spirituality
- Trustee of the Global Council, URI (United Religions Initiative, www.uri.org)
- Chairman, INSIF (Interfaith Spiritual Fellowship)
- Acting-President, MIN (Malaysian Interfaith Network)
- Committee member, RICOI (Research & Information Centre on Islam)
- Adviser, PDFM (Persatuan Darul Fitrah Malaysia, Muslim Converts Welfare & Propagation)
The 2008 Ipoh Road Show/Ipoh Theological Centre

2008 怡保巡回展/怡保神学中心

The weekend of 26-27th January saw what has become known as the Annual Ipoh STM Road Show. The group that travelled to Ipoh included the principal, eight lecturers and 33 first year students. On Saturday night, the students led two youth programs. The Chinese department students presented a drama at St Michael’s Church called, 'The seven minute life' which challenged the audience to make their life count for Christ. The English department at St John’s Church used a song by Steven Curtis Chapman called, ‘More to this life’ as the theme of their program. On Sunday morning, the lecturers preached at different churches in Ipoh and were able to share briefly about the ministry of STM and the important role the churches in Malaysia have to play in that ministry. The weekend concluded with a worship celebration and the ITC (Ipoh Theological Centre) graduation service at Wesley Methodist Church at which The Rt Rev Ng Moon Hing spoke. At the service, students who graduated from courses at the ITC were presented with their certificates. It was joyful end to a full and challenging weekend. Doxa to Theo.

At St Michael’s Church

At St John’s Church

Ipoh Theological Centre Celebration