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COMMUNITY IN LEARNING

But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city. (Heb. 11:16)

... since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (Heb. 12:1-2)

What is seminary? A place where people come to fill their heads with knowledge about the Bible and Christian doctrine? A vocational training centre for pastors? Inevitably, opinions vary depending on the perspectives and aspects of consideration.

Hebrews 11:16 concluded that the journey of those who put their faith in God is one that moves towards a heavenly destination. It is, in fact, a progress of learning and realization of a pilgrim in life towards ultimate spiritual actualization. This community of learning began its journey starting from the yesteryears when the heroes and heroin of faith—"cloud of witnesses" (Heb. 12:1)—learned valuable lessons about God and disseminated the acquired truth down to generations of God's people after them. Learning and growth characterize that journey, a journey that we, who call ourselves followers of Christ should take together with people of God-past, present, and future-to, henceforth, bring our generation generations after us on a continuous quest to perfect our faith in Jesus Christ-as individuals and as a corporate community of faith.

Christian growth is that journey undertaken by the believers of God as a community over ages. What is seminary? It is definitely more than just an institution to impart knowledge or a centre of vocational training for pastors. It is a parcel of growth for the people of God as a body of believers in Christ that transcends time, perpetually running towards the eternal home that is far more desirable than the temporal earthly shelters that we now have.





其实他们所羡慕的是一个更美的,就是在天上的家乡。所以,神并不因他们称他为神而觉得羞耻,因为他已经为他们预备了一座城。(來 11:16)(和合本修订版经文)

…既然我们有这许多见证人如同云彩围绕着我们,就该卸下各样重担和紧紧缠累的罪,以坚忍的心奔那摆在我们前头的路程,仰望我们信心的创始成终者耶稣,他因那摆在前面的喜乐,轻看羞辱,忍受了十字架的苦难,如今已坐在神宝座的右边。(來 12:1-20)(和合本修订版经文)

什么是神学院?一个让人的头脑填满圣经知识和基督教教义的地方?一个牧师的职业训练中心?无可避免,观点会根据考虑的角度和方向而有所不同。

希伯来书 11:16总结道: 那些信靠神的人,他们的旅程是走向天国目的地的旅程。事实上,这是一个学习和领悟的过程,是人生中的朝圣之旅,朝向最终的精神实现。这个学习的群体从远古的岁月开始,当时的信仰英雄和英雌们(来12:1 "见证人如同云彩围绕")学习关于上主的宝贵教训,并将所获得的真理传播给后世上主的子民。 学习和成长是这段旅程的特征,我们自称为基督追随者的人应该与过去、现在和未来上主的子民们一起踏上这段旅程。从今往后—作为个人或是一个完整的信仰群体—带领我们这一代和后世的圣徒不断追求在耶稣基督里全备的信仰。

基督徒的成长是上主的信徒们作为一个群体历代所经历的旅程。什么是神学院?它绝对不仅仅是一个传授知识的机构或是牧师的职业培训中心。对上主的子民来说,作为基督信徒的群体,这是一个超越时间、持续奔向永恒家园的成长过程,而这个家园比我们现在短暂的世俗庇护所更令人向往。



... kita juga, yang dikelilingi dengan sebegitu ramainya saksi, hendaklah menjauhi beban dan dosa yang amat mudah menjerat kita, dan berlari dengan gigih dalam perlumbaan yang ditentukan bagi kita. Marilah kita mengarahkan mata kita kepada Yesus, Pelopor dan Penyempurna iman kita. Untuk kebahagiaan yang ditentukan bagi-Nya, Dia telah menanggung seksa salib, tanpa menghiraukan pengaiban itu, dan sekarang Dia duduk di sebelah kanan takhta Allah. (Ibr. 12:1-2)

Apa itu seminari? Tempat untuk menimba ilmu pengetahuan tentang Alkitab dan doktrin Kristian? Pusat latihan vokasional untuk para pastor? Tentu sekali terdapat berbagai pendapat yang berbezabeza bergantung kepada perspektif dan aspek pertimbangan.

Ibrani 11:16 menyimpulkan bahawa perjalanan orang-orang yang menaruh iman mereka kepada Tuhan adalah perjalanan yang menuju ke destinasi syurgawi. Perjalanan ini ialah usaha pembelajaran dan kesedaran secara progresif seseorang yang percaya ke arah aktualisasi rohani yang muktamad. Komuniti dalam pembelajaran ini telah memulakan perjalanan sejak masa lampau apabila wira dan wirawati iman—"sebegitu ramainya saksi" (Ibr. 12:1)—mempelajari banyak perkara yang bernilai tentang Tuhan dan menyebarkan kebenaran yang dipelajari itu kepada generasi umat Tuhan selepas mereka. Pembelajaran dan pertumbuhan adalah ciriciri perjalanan ini.

Kita yang menyebut diri kita pengikut Kristus harus melalui perjalanan ini bersama-sama dengan umat Tuhan pada masa lalu, sekarang, dan masa depan—sebagai individu atau sebagai komuniti iman yang bersatu—untuk mendorong generasi kita dan generasi selepas kita untuk terus berusaha menyempurnakan iman kita dalam Yesus Kristus.

Pertumbuhan Kristian adalah perjalanan yang dilakukan oleh orang-orang yang percaya kepada sebagai sebuah komuniti dalam pembelajaran sepanjang zaman. Apakah seminari? Ia sememangnya lebih daripada sekadar institusi untuk menyampaikan ilmu atau pusat latihan vokasional untuk para pastor. Seminari adalah lapangan pertumbuhan bagi umat Tuhan sebagai satu badan orang percaya dalam Kristus yang melangkaui masa, yang terus berlari menuju ke kediaman yang kekal, yakni kediaman yang jauh diinginkan berbanding dengan tempat perlindungan duniawi yang kita miliki pada masa kini untuk sementara waktu sahaja.

Pastoral Group Experience

Dr. Tan Ee Yan's Pastoral Group

At STM, every residential student belongs to a pastoral group led by a faculty member. At present, we have a total of thirteen groups. STM's pastoral groups are not unlike cell groups in churches. Our pastoral groups meet weekly and are aimed at providing pastoral care for students in the hopes that we can nurture growth and care for everyone's well-being while at seminary. They are safe spaces created for students to bond among ourselves, support one another, and also to relax.

Student life at STM can be very intense. Meeting academic requirements alone is a full-time venture. Further to that, students have field education commitments and other on-campus responsibilities. Moreover, all students live away from home. We need the support of friends while we are away from family.

Through pastoral groups, we have been able to form deeper friendships outside the classroom. Our groups have become a place for us to de-stress and forget about our studies for a moment. They have also become our support group where we can share our struggles. We talk through issues, or share our feelings. At times we vent our frustrations and receive words encouragement. At other times, we might confess our embarrassing moments and laugh about it. Burdens are lighter when shared with friends. We pray for one another through it all. As it is often said, a church who prays together stays together.

At STM, we also say, friends who eat together stay together. Our pastoral groups bond through food, sports and other leisurely activities. Some of us have gathered to play board games, some have gone hiking, some have gone on trips together, and all have eaten together! These moments of food and fun sustain us during the grueling hours of churning out pages and pages of writing for our assignments.

We hope that no students feel alone at seminary. We would want to journey through our degree together whilst making life-long friends who can support one another now and in the future, when we move on into ministry after our time at seminary.

As Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do much."







教牧小组学习体验

陈汉铭 | 第一年生-BTh

教牧小组给了我这20年前所未有的经历。原本我性格孤僻,生活里除了工作就是家庭,很少与其他人交流。去到教会,也只是"坐礼拜"而已,崇拜之后便回家,没和教友交流问候。然而,进入神学院之后,我必须要加入教牧小组,这对我是个很大的心理挑战。不过我还是尝试放下心理障碍,学习和不同的人交流。感谢神,让我有了信徒之间的团契经验,也因着小组里每个成员的真诚与关怀,让我感受到"圣徒相通"的教义,同时也学习了神要每个信徒在祂的爱里团契和过群体敬拜的生活。感恩神赐我们美好的团契与关爱,使我们的生活充满基督完全的爱。

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一切荣耀归主!有机会和不同教会的老师和同学们在同一个小组一起共同分享、团聚与敬拜,真是一件主所喜悦的事。当我们放下彼此身份地位、宗派差异、年龄性别,一起经历、一起服侍、一起分享,一起喜怒哀乐,同心合一的团聚,不论得时或不得时,我们都互相代祷代求。愿主祝福老师与同学们都能做好身心灵的准备,透过灵修、祷告,经历神丰盛的恩典,继续努力面前,真诚分享、学习反思、舍己爱人,以便在未来的日子更好地荣神益人!







PG kami merupakan PG yang unik dan istimewa kerana kami terdiri daripada gabungan para lelaki sahaja. Sebagai Tutor PG, antara cabaran yang dihadapi ialah menjadi Tutor yang memahami para pelajar yang terdiri daripada tahun pengajian yang berbeza, karakter para pelajar yang berbeza serta mengendalikan PG secara santai tetapi juga tetap berdisiplin yang dapat memenuhi tujuan, fungsi serta sasaran PG.

Secara peribadi saya melihat bahawa kombinasi suku bangsa, bahasa dan denominasi serta tempat asal berbeza ada dalam PG kami menjadi salah satu tempat dan peluang bagi para ahli PG untuk saling mendoakan, membina hubungan persahabatan, memperbaiki kemahiran berkomunikasi, belajar rendah hati, dan menerima serta menghormati kepelbagaian karekter dan latarbelakang masing-masing.

Semoga kami semua akan terus mengingat berkat Tuhan dan menghargai kebersamaan dalam kasih yang dialami bersama dalam PG.

Aidih Jamil:

Matlamat Refleksi Pengalaman Pastoral adalah untuk meningkatkan kualiti pelayanan, pertumbuhan peribadi dan rohani, dan pembangunan kemahiran yang berkaitan. Pengalaman yang paling berharga bagi saya adalah, saya dapat membina hubungan dan boleh mengenali rakan-rakan dari berbagai denominasi, budaya dan bahasa.

Refleksi saya mengenai Pengalaman Kumpulan Pastoral, saya melalui proses dimana saya dibentuk dan belajar bagaimana menjadi seorang pemimpin pastoral yang baik, meningkatkan keberkesanan pelayanan saya, serta memperdalamkan lagi hubungan saya dengan Tuhan dan Jemaah di gereja yang saya layani. Selain itu aktiviti yang dijalankan juga memberikan saya peluang untuk berinteraksi, membina hubungan dengan pensyarah dan kawan-kawan. Kumpulan Pastoral ini menjadikan saya lebih menghargai nilai persahabatan yang terjalin diantara semua ahli Kumpulan Pastoral kami. Amin.

Puji Tuhan. Saya sangat bersyukur dan menikmati hubungan persaudaraan yang terjalin selama 1 semester berada dalam Pastoral Group Rev Jensey. Ahli kumpulan pastoral yang datang dari pelbagai latar belakang, bangsa serta denominasi mewujudkan satu keharmonian serta peluang antara semua ahli kumpulan pastoral untuk lebih mengenali budaya dan kebiasaan ahli masing-masing.

Kumpulan pastoral ini memang menitikberatkan pembentukan hubungan persaudaraan diantara semua ahli kumpulan. Ketika kita berjauhan dari keluarga dan sanak saudara, persaudaraan yang terjalin melalui kumpulan ini sedikit sebanyak mengubati kerinduan kepada keluarga yang jauh kerana kita tahu bahawa ada orang lain yang peduli kepada kita dan selalu ada ketika kita memerlukan sokongan serta bantuan.

Syukur, puji Tuhan, kerana cikgu Jensey, pensyarah yang mengetuai kumpulan pastoral ini juga sangat memperdulikan kami semua dan beliau mudah untuk didekati. Harapan saya agar saya dapat dikekalkan bersama ahli kumpulan serta pensyarah kumpulan pastoral yang sekarang ini.

Malcom Bonnyface Anak David Henggi:

Bersama dengan Rev. Jensey dan rakan-rakan di dalam Pastoral Group adalah merupakan satu pengalaman yang terbaik bagi saya. Kami bukan sahaja daripada jabatan Bahasa Malaysia sahaja, tetapi ada rakan yang daripada jabatan Bahasa Inggeris. Oleh itu kadang-kadang kami perlu bertutur di dalam Bahasa Inggeris supaya mesej yang ingin disampaikan itu jelas. Satu keistimewaan daripada Pastoral Group kami adalah kebersamaan dan kesatuan. Elemen ini dapat dilihat apabila kami selalu melakukan aktiviti bersama setiap minggu terutamanya Makan! Aktiviti seperti inilah yang membuatkan setiap daripada ahli Pastoral Group sangat rapat selain bertukar cerita dan pengalaman antara satu sama yang lain. Saya merasa dihormati oleh ahli yang lain apabila diberikan peluang untuk memimpin Pastoral Group. Saya berharap hubungan kami ini akan terus kekal walaupun sesi tahun ini berakhir.

Fadan Faerncis Koh Bin Yahya @ Donny:

Saya bersyukur kepada Tuhan atas penyertaan-Nya kepada saya sepanjang semester satu ini. Selain itu, saya juga ingin meluahkan rasa syukur kerana selama semester satu ini saya berpeluang untuk menyertai kumpulan Pastoral yang di ketuai Rev. Jensey dan beberapa ahli yang terdiri daripada pelajar jabatan Bahasa English dan jabatan Bahasa Malaysia iaitu Malcom, Ps. Thanka, Charles, Ps. Aidih dan Vincent yang mana setiap pelajar dan pensyarah Seminari Theoloji Malaysia wajib untuk melibatkan diri dalam Kumpulan Pastoral. Secara peribadi Kumpulan Pastoral ini sangat membantu saya mempelajari bagaimana untuk membangun bersama di dalam iman dan saling melengkapi serta berbagi pendapat antara satu dengan yang lain. Di samping itu juga, saya dapat mempelajari beberapa perkara penting iaitu berpeluang mengenali budaya dan bangsa yang pelbagai membuat saya lebih teruja dan bersemangat.

Charles Anderson:

Whenever I attend the pastoral group, I feel strongly that we can share whatever we want in the group, and everyone is very good at keeping things confidential. It is a very safe place for us. Sharing my problems and discussing my studies with Rev. Jensey makes me feel very comfortable. It is easy to open up to him, as he is very friendly and trustworthy. This pastoral group helps me feel relaxed, especially when I am stressed with classes and assignments. Attending the pastoral group always puts me at ease. Sometimes, students need a space where they can relax and not get stressed out, where they can come together, share what they are going through, and pray for each other. This is why I really like my pastoral group.

Thanka Pragasam A/L Mariadas:

Praise to the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you Rev. Jensey for your guidance. Here are some of the things I have learned from our pastoral group:

- 1. Friendly Zone: Feel free to express your emotions.
- 2. Rev. Jensey's mature approach, as seen in the pastoral meeting.
- 3. The pastoral staff are all friendly.

We work together as a family to fulfill STM's goals for pastoral leadership. The team will continue directing the people in our local congregation as we stay united and grow together.



My Weekend Journey Sharvin Stephen A/L Michel | Year 4 - BD

Holistic learning encompasses both theoretical and practical aspects, and this is equally true for theological education. At Seminari Theoloji Malaysia (STM), the syllabus is designed to give equal importance to the theories taught in the classroom and the practical experiences gained in the field. As a fourth-year student, I have engaged in weekend Field Education (FE) at three churches: Tamil Methodist Church Seremban, Tamil Methodist Church Serdang, and currently, Tamil Methodist Church Klang. In this article, I will share my opportunities, challenges, and aspirations during my weekend FE.

Weekend FE provides seminarians with a platform to apply what we learn in the classroom. At STM, we are taught sermon preparation and delivery, children's and youth ministry, counselling, and church management. Over these four years, FE has allowed me to practice and refine my sermon-giving skills, build genuine relationships between pastors and congregations, engage in ministry, and gain insight into church management. Additionally, weekend FE has deepened my trust and reliance on God. Financial struggles are common for seminarians, and there were times when I faced difficulties in affording travel for weekend practicals. However, God always provided at the crucial moments. These experiences have taught me to trust in God's provision and care.







One significant challenge I faced during my weekend practicals was accepting the different seasons of life. I am confident in my calling to be a missionary to God's chosen people, but serving as a student pastor in churches often made me question my calling. I struggled to see the purpose of my pastoral practicals and felt emotionally drained at times. After discussing my concerns with Rev. Daniel Ng, my pastoral group tutor, I realised that God has a reason for this journey. Each season is a time for God to mould and prepare me for my future mission. Although I still have questions and struggles, I trust in God's plan and allow His will to guide me.

My aspiration through weekend FE is to empower the younger generation to become active laity and engage in missions. Weekend FE has given me a powerful platform, which is the lectern to encourage them through Scriptures. Working in youth ministries has allowed me to inspire young people and instil a passion for missions in their hearts.

In conclusion, weekend FE has been a crucial part of my theological education, providing a valuable learning and moulding experience. I want to express my gratitude to STM, TMC Seremban, TMC Serdang, and TMC Klang, as well as my supervisors, Rev. Vincen Dass, Rev. Roland Benjamin, and Rev. Vinsent Rayar, for allowing me to undertake weekend FE under their guidance.



Sharvin Stephen A/L Michel Year 4 - BD

实习教育体验

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感谢上帝,从神学院实习的第一年起,我就开始在母堂——居銮长老会佳音堂实习。虽然神学科、圣经科、伦理科等对于神学生而言是重要的基础,但若没有实际的实践,学习也会有所不足。因此,马来西亚神学院不仅重视理论课程,也看重神学生每一个周末和年终的实习。

在实习的过程中,难免会遇到一些挑战,可能是讲道的压力、教导的挑战、陪伴会友的投入,这些都是牧者服侍需面对的挑战。实习教育是神学生学习的一个重要途径。老师曾说:"不需要太担心实习教育,因为这是你们学习的一个机会,不必害怕做错,只要在错误中反省,并做出纠正和改变。"这句话提醒每一位神学生,也勉励神学生重视实习。

我在佳音堂主要负责的事工是青少年事工(学生团契)。服侍这时代的学生是有挑战性的,过程也并不简单。但我看见这时代青少年的需要,他们需要认识主,要在中学时期就经历到上帝,使信仰能在他们年轻的生命中扎根。当他们从中学毕业,去大学读书时,依然会到教会聚会。然而,遗憾的是,许多大学生去到大学后就离开了教会。这是我们需要反思的一个现象。



青少年事工是我的负担,除此之外,在崇拜中我也担任讲员、敬拜团乐手、领唱、参与洗礼班的教导以及充当福音车司机。每当我有机会服事时,心里都充满着喜乐和感恩,因为服事是美好的,也是上帝给予的福分。牧者的服侍多数时候在台前,但有时也需谦卑地退到幕后,或是参与那些看似不起眼的服侍。我通过实习教育不断挑战自我,探索牧养的技巧,以更好地通过服侍来成就上帝的工作。

所以,我亲爱的弟兄们,你们务要坚固,不可动摇,常常竭力多做主工,因为你们知道,你们在主里的劳苦不是徒然的。(歌林多前书15:58)



林建成 第三年生-BTh



Pengalaman dalam Pelayanan Pendidikan Lapangan

Annam Kapi | Tahun 3 - BTh

Pertama sekali, saya bersyukur kepada Tuhan kerana Dia telah mengajar saya banyak perkara selama lima bulan menjalani praktikal (Pendidikan Lapangan) di gereja Bahasa Malaysia Lutheran Sunway. Sepanjang tahun 2024, kepimpinan pusat LCM mempercayakan saya untuk memimpin gereja ini kerana belum ada pastor sepenuh masa yang melayani di gereja ini. Antara pelayanan yang saya sempat lakukan adalah mengajar jemaah bagaimana melakukan penginjilan, saya juga yang berkhutbah tiga hingga empat kali sebulan, mengatur jadual pelayanan mingguan, menjadi pemandu, melawat jemaah yang sakit dan juga kaunseling memberikan kepada jemaah yang menghadapi masalah keluarga.





Oleh kerana saya harus memberikan komitmen menjaga keluarga, pelayanan gereja dan juga pelajaran, ada kalanya saya merasa kekurangan masa untuk diri sendiri terutamanya masa rehat yang berkualiti dan masa untuk melakukan hobi terutamanya bersenam. Pada hari tertentu, jika saya terlalu penat, keadaan kesihatan saya akan merosot dimana bahagian belakang leher saya akan mulai sakit sehingga rasa sakit merebak ke bahagian bahu dan tangan kanan. Ini disebabkan oleh saraf yang tersepit di bahagian tulang leher kanan sejak tahun 2018. Dari sudut positif, saya bersyukur kerana disebalik cabaran membahagikan masa, Tuhan telah memberikan saya kesempatan untuk belajar tentang apa itu panjang sabar, harus berkorban, harus mengeluarkan sumber yang terhad untuk melayani domba Allah dan juga belajar bagaimana untuk menjadi flexible apabila menghadapi semua perkara.



Saya juga melihat Tuhan bekerja dengan cara-Nya sendiri dalam hal menambahkan bilangan jemaah yang datang ke gereja. Sebagai contoh, pada bulan Januari lalu beberapa ahli gereja melakukan usaha untuk membawa jiwa-jiwa baharu ke gereja, namun sehingga kini nampaknya usaha secara manusia ini tidak membuahkan hasil. Dalam masa yang sama, kami bertekun dalam doa mingguan secara online. Hasilnya kami menyedari bahawa Tuhan sendiri yang menghantar jiwa-jiwa baharu yang kami tidak kenali. Kami tidak mencari mereka tetapi mereka yang mencari gereja ini sendiri. Kami yakin ini adalah jawapan Tuhan terhadap doa-doa kami selama ini.



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At the beginning of this semester, when first-year students were asked whether they would like to participate in Spiritual Direction program, I volunteered since I have not been exposed to such a program before.

So, the once-a-month session program lasting for one hour each session took off with Pastor Wai Yin as the Spiritual Director. Little did I know where the journey would take me. On hindsight, after one semester of monthly sessions, it proved to be spiritually edifying.

The sessions focused on growing spiritually closer to God by listening to His voice and the promptings of the Holy Spirit in my life. I was directed to reflect on the happenings in my life to seek God's will and do His bidding. The idea is to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We also discussed the works on spiritual formation by Richard Foster and Brother Lawrence. That led me to read up on Richard Foster's book on Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth, which is an excellent book for those who would like to grow spiritually. I was first attracted to Richard Foster's book when a preacher during Chapel Service quoted him as saying there is no dearth of talents in the church, but what is lacking are Christians who need more depth. In addition, Brother Lawrence's book on The Practice of the Presence of God is also an eye opener. Besides, I also subscribe to the weekly newsletter Renovare which provides me with more spiritual food. This newsletter provides links to various articles by renowned authors such as Dallas Willard, a contemporary of Richard Foster. This opens up even more avenues to access materials on spiritual formation. When I first subscribed to the newsletter, the publisher also sent me an e-book titled A Spiritual Formation Primer by Richella Parham, which is a simple-to-read book for beginners. This book discusses the disciplines of solitude, silence, meditation, prayer, study, service, fasting, rest, disciplines, the communion of saints and fellowship with other believers, among others.

The spiritual direction sessions were experiential in nature. I was asked to recount my encounter with God for the previous month and based on the response, I was directed to reflect more deeply on my encounter with God by focusing on these experiences and the feelings involved. In the hustle and bustle of life, we sometimes hardly spend meaningful time with God to assess our relationship with Him. When reflecting or meditating on our encounters with God, it helps us to see ourselves as God sees us. If we go astray, God will reveal to us our mistakes so that we can walk on the right path with Him again.

There is also a spill-over effect from such spiritual direction sessions. When I accidentally came across the article titled Spiritual Formation is Becoming Like Jesus by John Mark Comer in Christianity Today in the March 2024 issue, I decided to make use of the contents mentioned in the article for my Pastoral Group meeting discussion. We had a fruitful discussion and I sent the ebook on A Spiritual Formation Primer mentioned above to the PG WhatsApp Group after the meeting for those who are interested to read more about it.

All in all, the spiritual direction sessions for this semester were profitable and enlightening. So far, this is only the beginning. The depths of the riches, wisdom and knowledge of God know no bounds, waiting to be explored and experienced in the coming semesters.

"Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!" Psalm 34:8 ESV



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Spiritual Formation in STM

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Spiritual formation or discipline are terms that we hear quite often as believers, but the procedure may not be as it would seem. Spiritual formation for me revolved around worship and meditation prior to my enrolment at STM but the process took a different turn from the point of commencement of the educational journey here in STM.

The first-year students are encouraged and instructed to partake in silent meditation during the initial hours of the orientation period. Students are directed to refrain from using their mobile devices to ensure the limitation of distractions and are asked to remain in a prayerful attitude. The aim of this exercise as instructed to us was to understand our purpose for our studies here at STM. It is apparent that any student would be dubious of the choice that they have made which will not dictate the coming 3-4 years of their lives, thus clarity of mind and content of heart is imperative in this matter. The silent meditation is not the students ruminating in isolation, but it is praying and asking God for His guidance and the silence helps to focus and concentrate. With clarity and assurance of the calling and ministry, the students are prepared to face all the challenges that they might come across in the course of their studies. Being in the ministry it is inevitable for doubts to seep in, concerning our calling and readiness to serve. Being unappreciated or being in conflict may even discourage us enough to abandon our calling, which places a great amount of emphasis on the need for clarity in terms of our calling, thus silent meditation and prayer play a vital role in our ministry. Our spiritual growth is strengthened through spending time with God away from distractions and influences from the elements around us.

The chapel services throughout the week also play an integral part in the spiritual formation of the students. The week starts with a Tuesday chapel service, where students spiritually prepare themselves for the week ahead. On Wednesday students gather in their respective pastoral groups and participate in different activities such as devotion, worship, praying for one another, etcetera. On Thursdays, the students gather for worship service at the chapel and are encouraged to participate in intercession prayer. The week ends with Friday chapel service in Bahasa Malaysia and the students prepare themselves for their field education duties. The frequency of these chapel services throughout the week is of utmost importance as it ensures that as we prepare and equip ourselves academically for ministry we are also paying importance to our spiritual growth. These services are also led by pastoral groups which provides the students with an opportunity to service their fellow learners and also to equip and familiarize themselves with the different factors that they will come across while serving their respective congregations. There are also dedicated days to helping the students to focus on their spiritualities like the Quiet Day and the Day of Fasting and Prayer every semester. The students hear from special speakers on methods to enhance their spiritualities and are instructed to spend time in prayer and worship.

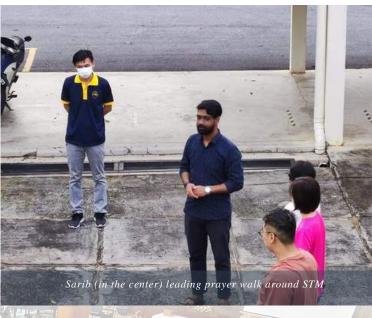


Another aspect that contributes to spiritual formation is the myriad approaches that we are introduced to in Spirituality class. As we learn about different ways through which we can effectively connect with God broadens our horizons and awareness of the essential topic of spirituality in our lives. In the Christian Spirituality course, we are also introduced to Spiritual pathways that are diverse enough to cater distinctively to us but are also rooted in scripture as they cohesively lead to the same objective which is enhancing our relationship with God. This goes beyond the approach of head-knowledge as we are able to not only learn about different spiritual pathways but are also able to apply and practice them in our creative worship chapel services. On the last Tuesdays of every month, students partake in the special services which are prayerfully prepared and planned to enhance the worship experience and awareness of the students through myriad spiritual pathways.

These special services are the responsibilities of the pastoral groups, the students of a particular pastoral group are instructed to pray and craft the service order, and the process is also closely monitored by the chapel warden to ensure that the groups are moving in the right direction with the planning. This activity puts our learning of spiritual formation into action because by partaking in it we learn the practicalities and insights of the spiritual pathways and also they might aid us in our spiritual growth. The students are encouraged to continue practicing the spiritual pathways that they participate in during the special services.

Spiritual formation is an important part of the learning process of the students in STM. Often, we may not associate theological academic learning with spirituality, but the integral truth is that they go hand in hand. Our spiritual growth and formation ensure that we are able to focus and not derail from the purpose of our learning. It also helps to motivate the students to stay true to their calling in the ministry, for which all the activities and aspects catering to the spiritual needs of the students come into play.









禁食祷告日

黄俊仕 | 第一年生-MDiv

我相信每个基督徒一生都有禁食祷告的体验。禁食并非是以形式和时间长短作为衡量, 更重要是禁食的目的。我有幸参与神学院全体人员一同禁食祷告的操练,这种体验烙印在我的内心,促使我反思禁食的意义。

禁食祷告日当天,超乎我预期的是,当全体人员透过平静自己的内心和专注呼吸的节奏,这方法让我感到无比放松自在。在黄月英牧师的指导下,我们渐入状态,甚至没有察觉时间流逝。我清楚记得在课堂上,我们先凝视一张图,在闭上眼睛后调整自己的呼吸。我感受这张图的意境,在感官上慢慢地好像可以感受到海上吹起微风,绝美的夕阳,在船上门徒都各自忙碌,我和他们有眼神交流。从第三人称的广泛视角看大环境,转移到第一人称视角,我仿佛成了他们的其中一员。这种体验真实无比,至今我还能清楚感受。

接下来就是全体师生列队索取几滴精油,我不晓得这精油是否是哪哒香膏的气味。但是,这拿着让我马上联想到福音书所记载:"有一个女人拿着一玉瓶极贵的纯哪哒香膏来,打破玉瓶,把膏浇在耶稣的头上。"我们的崇拜场所里也人员并没有气,淡淡好闻的香气沁人心脾。全体人员并别方香气,淡淡好闻的香气沁人心脾。全体人员并动方式,帮助人们透过感官去体会当时圣经所发生的事件,强化参加者的记忆和留下深刻的画面感。我反思"耶稣说:由她吧!为什么难为她呢?她在我身上做的是一件美事。"因为,在场的门明自这女人的用意。"我们很多时候对周遭所发生的事情也很迟钝,并不知道圣灵在运行,提醒我们。

我还记得在活动结束前,各小组派出成员代表分享心得。众多分享都提及对灵修学习,获益良多,即帮助自己在宁静之处寻求与神相交,也能够在全体属灵生命有实际的操练。群体禁食祷告帮助我不轻易放弃,再次验证禁食祷告的意义非凡,开阔我对神有着不一样的认知。我坚信此次的灵修学体验,必定能提升各人的属灵操练技巧,和协助众人在繁忙之中与神相会。



不断执整与更新的生命

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在2022年,重新返回校园生活,与之前不同之处,在于踏上的这旅程,是神学装备,迎来的亦是生命的执整。 属灵操练乃是一生之久,而所学习的灵性培育,透过神 学院的教导,对我而言,更像是一份生命的礼物,在前 行中不断改变了我。

打从我工作后,每年都会安排亲近大自然的旅行。无论 是高原山区,或岛屿海边,走入大自然的时刻总是格外 轻松自在。

这一趟旅程,我和另一位姐妹在山脚——昆达山(Kundasang)留宿两晚,同时等待旅伴们顺利回归。

在气温约20摄氏度,四周群山环绕,连绵不断,层峦迭嶂,外出就能看见宏伟壮观的神山,不得不赞叹上主手作何等奇妙;再看看自己何等渺小,人算什么,上主却蒙爱我。

我最享受的是与大自然独处的时刻,安静聆听大自然的 对话,也安静聆听上主与我的对话。你知道吗?在喧哗 的环境里,我们常听不见自然界的声音,但这里却能。

风,是如此温柔划过云朵,亦是如此轻拍人儿的脸蛋; 有时,又是如此"刷存在感",要人儿别遗忘她。

云朵,是如此轻盈,即使一层层重叠,都能轻易散开, 又能轻松凝聚。

飞鸟、虫鸣更是忙碌,原来白天的它们比夜晚更忙碌, 仿佛有说不完的话。

水声呢,脚步有时轻巧,有时急促,充满活力又不怠慢。

不过,世上一切大自然的受造物再怎么强大,始终都是由上主手造,我的上主啊,祢真伟大!

我拿张椅子,面向山景坐下。双手放入外套的两个小口袋,想起灵程学老师教导的方式:闭上眼睛,大口吸气,然后慢慢吐气……重复数回。

聆听着自然界最优美的交响乐,"感谢主,我爱祢……感谢主,祢真伟大……"脑海除了感谢,还是感谢。

那个时段,上主并没有对我说什么,但是我脑袋就在不断感谢。从感谢上主创造大自然,到上主创造我、呼召我、试炼我、管教我……至我生命中遇到的每一件事情,不管好事或坏事,都在感谢主!





还记得另一个生命更新,发生在灵程学静默营的最后一天,我们有了外出的机会。大伙们用餐完毕,我们前往墓园体验。虽然这是我第二次来到墓园体验类似的活动,但这回的经验与感受大有不同。雨后的墓园有些湿踏踏,在圣灵感动下,首先我来到一个刻有很多受封勋衔的墓碑,看着墓碑刻字"拿督"XXX,这还是头一次在墓碑上看见有受封勋衔。

脑袋浮现一个观念:在世上的人儿,怎么总是追逐名利、身份和地位呢?就算是社会上有名望的人,死后所需要的"墓地空间"其实也和一般人没太大差别,仅是以墓碑的华丽来区别世上的富贵与贫穷。最终,人会往什么地方去?于世上所作的一切,岂不是得向上帝交账吗?那么,在世上要努力追求的,是什么呢?

较后我也来到一个仅有小十字架的墓碑。墓碑上虽然没刻上任何字,但是相信土下有骨骸。人,真是世上的过客,每个人都是空空来,空空走,真需要立碑留念吗? 这想法我还在思考中。

还有一个则是围上篱笆的墓碑。在好奇心驱使之下深入 观察后发现,这是父母为爱子设立的墓碑。这也能理解 为何墓碑上会围上篱笆,因为在世的父母体现了爱之深 切、保护孩子的心态,即便孩子已经往生,父母还是积 极保护孩子。

至于自己呢,则一直都做好随时回天家的准备。至于墓碑上要留刻什么字并不重要,或许就写下自己的名字及喜爱的经文。不过,当前最重要的是:生时尽力去为神与人奉献,死后则以方便家人的情况下去处理后事,因为最终还是要跟上帝交账而已。

墓园的体验再次让我反思生命的真谛, 生命本来就不是掌握在自己手中, 但生活方式和态度则能掌握。或许如今我生命中最重要的东西, 来到见主面的那一天却不值一提; 相反地, 爱人、爱神的态度, 才是追逐永恒的生命, 也能让生命活得更有意义。

Komuniti dalam Pembelajaran

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Saya tidak pernah terfikir akan menyambung pengajian ke Seminari Theoloji Malaysia (STM). Saya percaya bahawa segala yang berlaku dalam hidup saya sepanjang tahun 2023 dan 2024 adalah kerana campur tangan Tuhan. Benar, menyambung pengajian di STM tidak pernah terlintas dalam fikiran saya. Saya sangat bersyukur kepada Tuhan atas kasih dan berkat yang dilimpahkan kepada saya selama berada di STM.

Banyak perkara yang dapat saya pelajari dan amati selama saya belajar di STM. STM juga menjadi tempat untuk saya merenung kembali kehidupan saya di hadapan Tuhan. Tuhan tahu siapa saya dan keadaan kerohanian saya. Saya yakin tidak ada satu saat pun Dia tidak memperhatikan saya. Saya juga yakin bahawa STM adalah salah satu "mata" Tuhan untuk membimbing hamba-Nya.

STM bukan sahaja memperkaya saya dengan ilmu pengetahuan tentang Allah, gereja, dan jemaat, tetapi juga telah membentuk kerohanian saya melalui "learning and spiritual formation" seperti hari doa dan puasa, hari senyap, kebaktian bersama, persekutuan doa, pendidikan lapangan (praktikal di gereja), kumpulan pastoral, pembersihan kampus (Campus Care) di STM, dan banyak lagi.





Dalam kumpulan pastoral, satu pertanyaan yang menarik serta menegur saya secara peribadi adalah "apakah kelebihan kita (para pastor) berbanding dengan jemaat kita?". Pertanyaan ini telah memberikan satu dorongan kepada saya untuk mahu dibentuk Tuhan melalui disiplin rohani saya secara peribadi. Rev. Joseph Komar sering mendorong kami untuk disiplin dalam saat teduh (personal devotion), kerana hanya melalui hubungan peribadi dengan Tuhan, hidup kita dapat diubah dan membezakan kita (para pastor) dengan orang lain.

Saya yakin setiap program atau aktiviti yang STM laksanakan adalah untuk membentuk karakter saya secara peribadi sebelum saya melangkah masuk dalam pelayanan sebenar. Pengalaman lalu saya sebagai pastor tidak akan berkembang jika saya menolak untuk mempelajari hal baru dalam pelayanan. Pengalaman saya sebagai pelajar di STM banyak membantu saya untuk sentiasa memiliki hati yang selalu bersedia untuk belajar dan dibentuk. Seperti pepatah, "Ikutlah resmi padi, makin berisi makin tunduk", yang bermaksud makin banyak ilmu dan makin tinggi pangkat, makin rendah hati.

Semasa retret pada 5-7 Januari 2024, saya mendapat penghiburan dari perkongsian salah seorang penceramah, di mana beliau berkata bahawa, "kita perlu sedar bahawa kita bukan Tuhan atau Superman. Kita lakukan bahagian kita (perkara yang dalam kawalan kita), dan serahkan kepada Tuhan bahagian Tuhan (perkara yang di luar kawalan kita)". Selain itu, sebagai seorang hamba Tuhan, kita juga perlu menjaga kesihatan mental dan fizikal kita jika ingin melayani Tuhan dengan lancar.

Sebagai kesimpulan, sebagai seorang pelajar yang akan melayani Tuhan di gereja ataupun di komuniti, kita perlu belajar dan akur mengikuti program dan aktiviti yang STM sediakan untuk kita kerana pengalaman ini sangat membantu dalam pelayanan di masa akan datang. Sebagai peringatan, "Kebiasaan kita hari ini akan menentukan kebiasaan kita di masa hadapan. Pembentukan karakter kita hari ini menentukan karakter kita di masa hadapan".

Terima kasih STM untuk pengalaman berharga yang saya dapat selama dua tahun pengajian di sini. Tuhan Yesus memberkati. Amen.

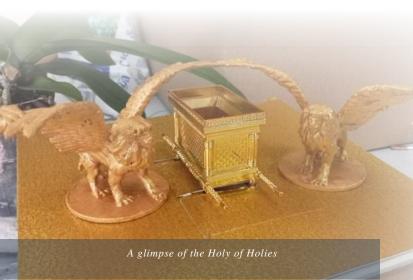


Reconstructing History: Building a Replica of Solomon's Temple

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When our lecturer Dr Elaine Goh mooted the idea of constructing a replica of Solomon's Temple for our Archaeology project, the students had their misgivings initially. Two students were apparently in favor of it right away, two were unsure of their hands-on ability, while one was sitting on the fence. Eventually, as time passed, three students agreed to work on the project, the remaining two students decided to follow the majority. The group members consist of Deborah Chow, Jon Wee, John Raj, Wendy Liang and Stanley Tan.

It was not an easy task to build a replica of Solomon's Temple in all its splendor. In his time, Solomon gathered the best resources, laborers and craftsmen available to help him build the temple and it took him seven years to complete it. In our time, we face limitations such as time and budget constraints. Nonetheless, we went ahead anyway, trusting God to lead and guide us in every step along the way. We started each practical session by praying to God first, asking for His assistance, wisdom and empowerment. We knew that we needed to depend on God, not on ourselves, and we believed that God would give us different gifts in carrying out the various tasks in building the replica.



As our first step, we searched high and low on the internet and books for a model of the replica of Solomon's Temple. The model we looked for should reflect as much as possible the criteria listed in the Bible. We looked at several models and finally decided on a simple but clear depiction of the temple. Next, we listed out the specific measurements for the temple building, Holy of Holies, the Cherubim, the Bronze Pillars, the Carts and Lavers, the Sea other appropriate measurements. The measurements were based basically on 1 Kings 7 and 2 Chronicles 3 and 4. Then each member of the group was given the task of purchasing the various items needed either from online or physical stores. Some of the members bought the items from Shopee, while others made their purchase from DIY, Chinese religious shops, bookshops, RM 2 shops, and hardware shops bearing in mind we must not exceed the budget given. Once we have bought the various items, we started to construct the replica.

We used 1 cm to represent 1 cubit (Old Testament measurement) and the scale is 1:45. A couple of the group members have the gifts of architectural traits in them and they did the bulk of the job in building the replica while others helped out in the less menial tasks and chipped in to help in various ways possible. We worked in unison and there was a spirit of cooperation and esprit de corps among us. Those who worked more by virtue of their talents did not complain. In the end we managed to complete the replica on time, with contributions from every member of the group.

We have learned that the experiential learning acquired through the project work of making a replica of the Solomon's Temple is invaluable. This is different from writing a paper which involves much book learning and accessing the internet where there is little interaction with other human beings. Writing a paper is more of an academic mode of learning while completing a hands-on project require dexterity and interpersonal skills. A few of the group members have seldom experienced project work of this nature in their previous learning in colleges and universities, and this project provides them with a rare opportunity to do something hands-on. This is an experience they would treasure and cherish when they look back at their academic life in STM in future.

Though the finished product is not the best that we would like it to be especially when one bears in mind the grandeur of the original Solomon's Temple, we were satisfied with our work knowing that we have done the best we could within the time and budget constraints that we faced. Despite some shortcomings, we hope that God is pleased with our little effort in showcasing to the public a miniature replica of Solomon's Temple, adding a little knowledge to the public's conception of how Solomon's Temple looks like.

2024 年德国学习之旅

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2024年6月3日至14日,神学院的讲师、同工和董事们受邀参加由Mission One World所组织的德国两周学习团。本次行程分为两个阶段:第一阶段在纽恩德特尔绍(Neuendettelsau)小乡村进行观摩和专题讲座;第二阶段走访与马丁·路德相关的历史景点。

第一阶段:认识Wilhelm Löhe和各专题讲座

在第一阶段,我们深入地了解威廉·勒(Wilhelm Löhe, 1808-1872)对该乡村发展和宣教事业的贡献。特别引人入胜的是Prof. Christian Strecker关于"初期基督教运动中的策略与战术"(Strategies and Tactics in the Early Christian Movement)的专题讲座。他借用法国思想家米歇尔·德塞都(Michel de Certeau, 1925-1986)在《日常生活实践》中的"策略"和"战术"两个概念,并从新约研究的角度梳理初期教会的基督徒运动,带给我们极大的启发。

我对德塞都的"策略"和"战术"理论并不陌生,因为在我的博士论文中,我也曾基于这一理论提出"日常公共神学",作为弱势群体对抗马来精英阶层霸权的行动。德塞都将"策略"定义为机构和权力生产者,通过占据权力和空间优势,与个体(或"消费者")建立的关系,通常为宰制关系;而"战术"则是个体用来扰乱或偏离这些空间规范的手段,作为对宰制势力的反抗。"战术"具有随机性和日常性的特点,正如俗语所说,"上有政策,下有对策"。德塞都举例指出,"城市"是由政府的"策略"生成的,其制作的地图和规划被描绘为统一的整体,而街道上的行人则以"战术"的方式移动,通过个人日常生活在他人的领地上"偷猎",这是一种具有艺术性的抗争行动。

第二阶段: 马丁·路德之旅

第二阶段的马丁·路德之旅让我们对宗教改革的历史有更 具体的理解。

• 艾森纳赫 (Eisenach):

我们参观了马丁·路德度过少年时期的地方。附近的瓦尔特堡城堡(Wartburg Castle)是路德因宗教改革而在此避难的地方。在这期间,他仅在12周的时间里,完成了新约圣经的德语翻译,使更多普通民众能够直接阅读圣经。



• 爱尔福特 (Erfurt):

这是马丁·路德接受高等教育的地方。他在这里的爱尔福特大学(University of Erfurt)学习法律,最终获得学士和硕士学位。后来,他在此地的奥古斯丁修道院(Augustinian Monastery)成为一名修士,这一经历对他的宗教信仰和神学思想产生深远影响。

• 维滕贝格 (Wittenberg):

这是马丁·路德最重要的工作地点,也是宗教改革的发源地。1517年,他在维滕贝格城堡教堂(All Saints' Church)的门上张贴了《九十五条论纲》,对教会的赎罪券制度提出质疑,从而引发了宗教改革运动。维滕贝格广场上分别树立了路德和菲利普·墨兰顿(Philipp Melanchthon)的铜像,后者是路德的亲密同事,与他共同推动宗教改革的进程,在宗教改革历史中占据重要地位。

最后,我们抵达了大都会莱比锡 (Leipzig)。莱比锡有着悠久的历史,是德国乃至欧洲的重要文化中心。它以音 乐 和 文 学 著 称 , 莱 比 锡 圣 托 马 斯 教 堂 (Thomaskirche) 就是音乐家巴赫(Bach)工作的地方,也是他的安息之地。

莱比锡也曾是东德的一部分, 1989年和平革命中的重要事件就发生在这里。尤其是尼古拉教堂(Nikolaikirche)在这场革命中发挥了关键作用。教堂成为每周一祈祷会的集会场所, 这些祈祷会逐渐演变为大规模的和平示威活动, 最终推动了东德政权的倒台和德国的重新统一。

在每个历史景点,我们都有当地导游从政治和社会的视角梳理历史事件,这使我们对路德和宗教改革有了更具体的认识和体会。这趟旅程不仅是一趟休闲之旅,更是一趟充满知识和洞见的学术之旅。我们衷心感谢Mission One World的精心安排与款待。



Celebrating God's Greatness

Rev. Balan Moses | STM Exco Member

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable".

Psalms 145:3

Our hearts are filled with untold joy as we thank God for 45 years of faithfulness to Seminari Theoloji Malaysia (STM) and the scores of men and women who have left its halls to share the gospel nationwide.

The Psalmist goes on to talk of one generation praising the Lord's works to another, something seen over the years in graduates impressing the church at large with their faith and commitment to lead others to STM's doors. The Holy Spirit has helped mould STM graduates into worthy 'labourers' in a land where the harvest is truly plentiful.

Jeremiah 3:15 talks of God's faithfulness to His people in 'I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.'

Who is a pastor but one has wholly committed His life to the Lord's service, trusting that the Holy Spirit will guard, guide and lead him into everything he sets his heart and mind to. This has indeed been the case with STM, which is committed to timely review of curriculum to meet the needs of the times, particularly the changing requirements of multi-religious and multicultural Malaysia.

The Lord's hand has truly been upon STM since its inception in humble circumstances in 1979 to today as it continues to be blessed by God to win local and international acclaim in preparing candidates to serve in His vineyard.

God has made available His love to STM all these years through the provision of faculty and staff who have unstintingly provided wisdom, knowledge, understanding, and compassion to those under their charge.

At this juncture, I must pay tribute to STM principals: Rev. Datuk Dr. Denis C. Dutton (1979–1986), Rev. Dr. Hwa Yung(1986 - 2001), Rev. Dr. Ezra Kok (2001 - March 2015), Rev. Dr. Philip Siew (April 2015 - March 2021), and current head Rev. Dr. Chong Siaw Fung (April 2021 to date). They have provided sterling service by way of their leadership, commitment, acumen and faith in taking this seminary forward.

I will be remiss if I did not commend the founding churches of STM, who have never lacked in their dedication to keep the flag flying, come what may. STM came into existence through the joint efforts of the Anglican, Evangelical Lutheran, and Methodist churches, who have also endeavoured to provide lecturers to join the faculty. They have untiringly encouraged the young and those older to commit their lives to serving the Lord fulltime or otherwise.

I am confident that the steadfast love of the Lord for STM will never cease as scripture promises:



"His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23).

Amen.

Celebrating God's Greatness An Interview with Ms. Ho Gaik Kim ——Former STM Faculty

As we celebrate STM's 45th Anniversary this year, we want to praise God for His greatness and faithfulness throughout the remarkable 45-year journey of STM. Over these 45 years, Ms. Ho Gaik Kim, one of the pioneer faculty members, has witnessed the growth and development of STM.

1) Please describe your connection to STM.

I was a full-time faculty member from January 1990 to December 2021.



2) From your perspective as an early batch lecturer in STM, could you highlight specific changes in STM over the years that you find particularly noteworthy?

- i. Having a permanent campus means we can better develop our worship, community and academic life, and also our library.
- ii. After Rev. Dr. Robert Hunt left in the early 1990s, we had a fully local faculty. Because the situation required it, we had to develop our own people to meet our needs. We are thankful for the legacy left by many of the international faculty members who served earlier. Because of them we did not have to start from scratch as we transitioned. Something noteworthy is developing faculty members from among our alumni. The openness to accept visiting scholars from overseas is to be lauded. We greatly benefitted from their expertise in different fields and also their partnership in God's service. To Mr. Allen McClymont, Dr. Paul Barker and Dr. Peter Lau, we owe a debt of gratitude.







iii. Having TEE centres in different parts of the country that offered courses in different languages enabled us to provide theological training to a wider segment of the Christian population.

iv. Being able to build a much closer relationship with other theological schools and share resources is a beautiful reflection of our oneness in Christ. In the earlier years, there was perhaps suspicion of each other and concern to protect our little "kingdoms".



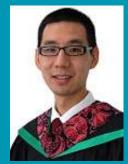
Rev. Dr. Robert Hunt



Dr. Paul Barker



Mr. Allen McClymont



Dr. Peter Lau

3) In what ways has the transformation of STM impacted its students and the community it serves? Could you please share some examples that come to mind?

i. Gotong royong

We bless the community around us when we go out to clean the drains, sweep and clear rubbish, and help to make the playground more attractive. I recall a lady who told me how thankful she was for what we do.

ii. We have also gone out of STM during our Day of Prayer and Fasting in service to others, such as going to an orphanage to help with painting, doing some clearing work at the home of the Infant Jesus Sisters who provide tuition to children from poor families, or going to the old folks home to help. We strive not to divorce learning from service or make learning inward looking.



iii. Our Thanksgiving Day offering is always given to groups involved in community work, like the Infant Jesus Sisters and True House of Victory. This shows our support and appreciation for their invaluable service to society. Even though we are a small community at STM, seeing how many gave generously is such an encouragement.

iv. We impact the church community through our alumni. Many times, members of different churches have told me how thankful they are for the pastors and others who have received training at STM.

4) How has STM evolved in terms of facilities, infrastructure, and academic offering?

STM has come a long way from the days of cyclostyled lecture notes, writing with chalk on blackboards and handwritten assignments. The onset of the computer and the internet has revolutionized the way learning and impartation of knowledge are done. We have very good facilities today for in-person, online as well as hybrid classes. Students now enjoy better lodging facilities, internet access as well as access to online resources. We also have a beautiful library that is conducive for reading and research. Our offices, including faculty offices, are way more spacious and better equipped providing a more favourable environment that should encourage more efficiency. More classrooms, a big multi-purpose hall, a prayer room, guest rooms, a block of apartment for faculty and staff, and ample rooms in our student dormitories are things that were beyond our imagination in the early days. Curriculum reviews are held from time to time to see if our course offerings need tweaking, changing, or if new courses need to be added to meet the demands of the church in a changing society. We had to discern what areas needed more emphasis at different times. For example, Church History used to be a 6 hour course. Subsequently, it was increased to 8 hours. After that, it reverted to 6 hours as it was felt other areas needed to be given extra hours. This flexibility is important, but the core areas of study and training remain.





5) In your opinion, how has STM contributed to the training of local leaders for Malaysian and overseas churches?

Most of our students serve locally in different capacities but we have a few who serve overseas as missionaries. Many of our heads of churches today were trained in STM. We can be thankful for all these and we pray they will be good and faithful servants, impacting lives and society in a positive way. We have also served many who are now making an impact in the marketplace in their various professions. Through our TEE programmes and the Alumni Association, we continue to provide ongoing learning and also some pastoral care. We also had the honour of training students from other countries when STM had permission to accept international students. There were many churches who were willing to invest in sponsoring these students in their studies. Through this, we contribute in a small way to help build churches in other countries too.

6) What specific qualities do you hope STM maintains or improves upon in the coming years?

- i. Holistic training of students;
- ii. Inculcating more intentionally the joy of learning, and the need for hard work and discipline;
- iii. Working together with other theological institutions in a greater measure;
- iv. Deepening worship and community life.

7) What qualities or characteristics do you think are essential for STM to continue being a strong, bible-based, mission-oriented seminary?

- i. Faithfulness and obedience to God and His word, and not sacrificing this at the altar of relevance;
- ii. Clarity on God's vision for STM and passion in fulfilling it;
- iii. Striving not only for academic excellence but also nurturing the heart of students to trust and obey God in daily life, to work hard, to be disciplined and to serve with humility;
- iv. Being alert to challenges and threats that new technologies and ideologies bring, and discerning how best to appropriate what can be good and beneficial, and to reject what will ultimately erode genuine faith;
- v. Humility for the privilege of serving God and His people irrespective of our tasks in STM, and working diligently and giving our best.



Ms. Ho Gaik Kim Former STM Faculty

ⁿCelebrating Cod⁹s Creatness²⁰ 45th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

S.Adam Sathiya Jeevan | 45th Anniversary Dinner Programme Manager

As Seminari Theoloji Malaysia (STM) commemorates its 45th anniversary, it does so with profound gratitude and a resounding sense of purpose. For 45 years, STM has been a beacon of knowledge, enlightenment, and spiritual growth, shaping the minds and hearts of countless individuals within its community and beyond. To mark this significant milestone, STM hosted a memorable celebration in the form of a fundraising dinner, aptly themed "Celebrating God's Greatness – Psalm 145:3."

The event, held on April 13th, 2024, at Choong Wen Function Hall in Petaling Jaya, brought together our council members, alumni, faculty, staff, guests, and friends of STM, uniting them in a spirit of fellowship and shared dedication to the institution's mission and vision. The evening commenced with a warm welcome from the organising committee, followed by a reflective video journey of STM over the past 45 years. Attendees were treated to inspiring speeches from the STM President, The Rt. Rev. Steven Lawrence, accompanied by a duet performance by Rev. Dr. Chong Siaw Fung, the Principal, and Vongco, a student, as well as musical performances by the STM community.

The fundraising aspect of the evening served as a reminder of the crucial role in sustaining and advancing STM's mission. Through the generous blessings of donors, STM can continue to nurture future generations of theologians, pastors, and leaders who will answer God's calling.





We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to those who have shown dedication and hard work for the event. Though their efforts may go unnoticed, they are deeply appreciated. Without them, our achievements would not have been possible. The countless hours spent assisting us and the support from the STM community, including those behind the scenes, are the invisible force that keeps everything running smoothly. The STM worship band, multimedia team, and performance groups from the community were exceptional and talented.

As the evening drew to a close, there was a sense of renewed hope and determination among all those present. The celebration of STM's 45th anniversary was not just a reflection on the past but a forward-looking affirmation of the institution's closely connected future. With gratitude in their hearts and a shared vision for the future, attendees departed, knowing that indeed, His Grace is sufficient to sustain and guide STM for the next 45 years and beyond.



In conclusion, the "Celebrating God's Greatness"45th Anniversary Dinner was a momentous occasion filled with joy, gratitude, and hope. It served as a testament to the transformative power of theological education and the enduring will of God for Seminari Theoloji Malaysia. As STM continues its journey into the future, it does so with confidence, knowing that His Grace will always be sufficient.

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed."

2 Corinthians 9:8



Mr. S. Adam Sathiya Jeevan and his wife, Anna



Lawatan Misi STM ke Makassar dan Tana Toraja, Sulawesi

Rebecca Bujang | Tahun 1- Diploma Pelayanan Kristian

Segala puji dan syukur kepada Tuhan atas dan perlindungan-Nya penyertaan sepanjang perjalanan kami ke Makassar dan Tana Toraja, yang diketuai oleh Dss. Dr. Tan Swee Bee, pensyarah STM. Pada hari Jumaat, 10 Mei 2024, bermulalah perjalanan kami ke Makassar, puji Tuhan kami tiba disana dengan selamat dan disambut oleh Cik Kasanova dari Gereja Makassar City Blessing (MCB). Kami menginap selama 5 hari di Yayasan Cipta Generasi Baru iaitu penginapan yang mereka sediakan untuk kami. Perjalanan ke sana dari bandar Makassar mengambil masa selama 1 jam.

Hari pertama di sana, kami dibawa berjumpa dengan beberapa orang pemimpin gereja Makassar City Blessing dari pelbagai jenis pelayanan luar. Kesaksian mereka sangat memberkati kami secara peribadi, melalui pelayanan mereka mengajar kami bagaimana untuk menjangkau jiwa-jiwa diluar sana. Selepas perjumpaan dengan mereka, pada pukul 3.00 petang kami beribadah bersama Jemaah dari Sri Lanka. Selepas itu kami juga sempat persekutuan menyertai doa syafaat Gereja Makassar City Blessing. Saya merasa teruja dan bersemangat ketika puji dan sembah serta doa syafaat mereka. Walaupun ramai diantara mereka sangat muda tetapi mereka masih begitu bersungguh-sungguh melayani Tuhan.

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Persekutuan bersama pemimpin-pemimpin
pelayanan luar MCB

Hari Ahad, kami diberi peluang melayani anakanak remaja dan dipimpin oleh Pastor Jahani dan dibantu ahli lain, begitu juga dengan pelayanan anak-anak sekolah minggu (Kings Kid) yang dipimpin oleh Cik Delaila dan dibantu ahli lainnya. Saya juga turut membantu dalam pelayanan anakanak sekolah minggu, dan saya melihat anak-anak sekolah minggu ini telah dididik dengan begitu baik sekali. Pada sebelah petang, kami berpeluang mengikut dan melayani pelayanan migrasi dan pelayanan anak-anak mereka. Sekali lagi saya diingatkan melalui ibadah migrasi disana, bahawa dimana pun kita berada, jangan lupa untuk terus mencari Tuhan.



Pada hari Isnin dan Selasa, pelayanan kami yang seterusnya di Learning Center dan Mission School. Kami belajar mengenali adat dan budaya-budaya suku mereka, kami juga terdorong dan disegarkan melalui nyayian pujian dan penyembahan serta doa syafaat mereka setiap hari. Anak-anak yang tinggal di tempat ini semuanya masih diusia yang muda, mengingatkan saya ayat Firman Tuhan yang terdapat dalam 1 Timotius 4:12, "Jangan seorang pun menganggap engkau rendah kerana engkau muda. Jadilah teladan bagi orang-orang percaya, dalam tingkah lakumu, dalam kasihmu, dalam kesetiaanmu kasihmu dalam dan dalam kesucianmu".



Selepas 5 hari berada di Makassar, kami mulakan perjalanan ke Tana Toraja yang mengambil masa selama 12 jam. Puji Tuhan atas penyertaan-Nya kami selamat sampai di Desa Leppan. Terima kasih Pastor Henokh dan isterinya kerana menyambut kami dan membuka rumah untuk kami menginap selama 2 malam di sana.



Di Desa Leppan kami melawat rumah jemaah dari rumah ke rumah. Di sana kami mendoakan jemaah, yang sakit, yang ada masalah dan sebagainya. Kami belajar dan memerhati cara Pastor Henokh melayani para jemaah. Pada sebelah petang kami melayani kanak-kanak di sana, walaupun perjalanan mereka ke gereja agak jauh dan cuaca hujan tapi mereka sanggup datang ke gereja. Selama aktiviti dan pelayanan kanak-kanak berjalan, hati saya tersentuh. Anak-anak ini mengajar kami agar sentiasa rasa bersyukur dan bersukacita sentiasa. Seterusnya kebaktian malam yang dipimpin oleh ahli kami dan yang membawa firman Tuhan adalah Pastor Jahani. Sungguh kami diberkati, walaupun dalam keadaan bangunan gereja yang daif, ayat yang dikongsi adalah 1 Tesalonika 5:16-18 "Bersukacitalah senantiasa. Tetaplah berdoa. Mengucap syukurlah dalam segala hal, sebab itulah yang dikehendaki Allah di dalam Kristus Yesus bagi kamu."

Selepas 2 malam di Desa Leppan, kami ke Desa Kanan. Di Desa Kanan, kami menginap di rumah Pastor Owen dan dia membawa kami untuk melawat jemaah di Desa Kanan. Walaupun perjalanan yang berbukit kami bersemangat dan bersyukur kerana dapat melawat mereka dan mendoakan mereka. Sebelah petang kami melayani pelayanan kanak-kanak dan waktu malam ada kebaktian yang dipimpin oleh ahli kami, dan Pastor Julidin yang menyampaikan Firman Tuhan. Ramai jemaat yang tersentuh dan mahu didoakan, puji Tuhan untuk kemuliaan-Nya.



Hari seterusnya, kebaktian Ahad di Desa Kanan dipimpin oleh ahli kami dan Pastor Fadli yang menyampaikan firman Tuhan. Selepas kebaktian, kami dijemput untuk makan tengahari bersama jemaat. Selesai makan bersama, kami bersiap untuk perjalanan balik ke Makassar kerana keesokan harinya kami akan pulang ke Malaysia. Saya mengucapkan ribuan terima kasih kepada Dss Dr Tan Swee Bee kerana memberi peluang kepada kami mengikuti program misi STM ini. Saya sangat bersyukur kepada Tuhan kerana sepanjang pelayanan kami di Makassar, banyak mengajar kami secara peribadi, baik dalam pelayanan misi atau peluang untuk kami melayani. Saya percaya, melalui pengalaman ini, setiap kami diubah dan melayani bersedia untuk Tuhan dengan bersungguh-sungguh.

Video lawatan misi: https://youtu.be/EEdmb FpIBM



An Adventure on Wheels to Tasik Chini, Kuantan

S. Vimal A/L N. Subramaniam | Year 2 - BTh

As soon as I heard about this trip, I just knew that I had to join, not because I was going back to my hometown, but because I was embarking on a new journey to meet the Orang Asal, learn about them, and experience their culture. I kept my expectation low regarding comfort, because I have always seen them as people who lived very simple lives, in huts with the bare minimum to survive. However, I was blown away by the place they had prepared for us to stay as well as the food they served. I even got to experience eating "Grilled Musang", which was specially prepared for us.

Day 1

We went to the Chinese Methodist Church Kuantan to set down our bags and refresh ourselves. The real fun began after that. Trying new things was my goal this year, and it began with a new dish (to me at least) called "Nasi Ambang", which was blessed for us by Rev. Guok Shu Yau. From there, we went to the Natural Batik Village, and at night, we took a journey to Teluk Cempadak.



Day 2 & 3

Days 2 and 3 were very special to me as I experienced many new things in ministry. This was the first time I led worship in Bahasa. I was also blessed to lead the children's ministry with my friends. We spent a lot of time playing games, sharing bible stories, and doing arts and crafts. The children were so friendly that I was not only able to converse with them but also formed a mini fan club in Kampung Ulu Gumum. A wonderful story indeed! We visited Kg. Cendahan and Tg. Puput at Tasik Chini the following day and spent the entire day visiting and praying for all the sick and needy.

A special thank you to Ps. Fadil, the senior pastor of Gereja Sidang Jemaat Kristus Bersatu, Kampung Ulu Gumum for the opportunity given.





Conclusion

Life can be tough, and we might not always get what we want. However, it is essential to appreciate every moment that we have. I have met people who live simple lives in huts, but their hearts are so kind and genuine. This trip experience has deeply moved me. Thank you to my lecturers, friends and STM.



Program Misi ke Sarawak

Nelson Raimon | Tahun 3 - MDiv

Salam sejahtera dalam kasih Kristus, saya bersyukur kepada Tuhan kerana diberi peluang menyertai program misi ke Sibu dan Kapit, Sarawak selama 10 hari.

Ketika terlibat dalam pelayanan program misi STM ini, saya banyak mengamati dan mempelajari pelayanan di kalangan orang Kristian Iban yang menghadiri gereja Methodist. Misi kami dijalankan terutamanya di rumah panjang orang Iban. Satu perkara yang menarik perhatian saya ialah kebanyakan penghuni rumah panjang adalah wanita, manakala kebanyakan lelaki bekerja di luar negara. Anak-anak mereka pula menghadiri sekolah di dalam dan luar kawasan.



Pelayanan di kalangan orang Iban tidak mudah. Menurut hamba Tuhan yang terlibat dalam pelayanan ini, mereka masih berdepan dengan jemaah yang terlibat dengan amalan penyembahan berhala dan gaya hidup yang melibatkan penggunaan alkohol. Walaupun begitu, terdapat jemaah yang mula meninggalkan tradisi nenek moyang dan mengubah cara hidup mereka. Mereka tidak lagi terlibat dalam amalan penyembahan berhala dan mampu mengawal penggunaan alkohol dalam kehidupan seharian.





Dari segi kerohanian, mereka memerlukan bimbingan dari hamba Tuhan dan pemimpin gereja. Kesabaran adalah kunci utama dalam pelayanan di kalangan orang Iban.

Apabila saya melihat rumah panjang dan kehidupan mereka, saya melihatnya sebagai sebuah gereja. Jika tuan rumah panjang memeluk agama Kristian, ia akan memudahkan pelayanan penginjilan di rumah panjang tersebut.



Saya berdoa agar lebih ramai anak muda atau orang Iban, terutamanya di gereja Methodist Sarawak, dipanggil oleh Tuhan untuk melayani sepenuh masa sebagai hamba Tuhan.

Akhir kata, saya juga ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada Rev. Jatan Badi untuk pengurusan pelayanan, tempat tinggal dan pengangkutan di Sibu dan Kapit. Terima kasih juga kepada Methodist Theological School yang memberikan pengalaman bermakna dalam persekutuan bersama pelajar dan sambutan Hari Kesyukuran Gawai.

Terima kasih juga kepada Presiden Methodist Iban Rev. Bonnie Sedau dan isteri serta para pemimpin Methodist Iban.

Rough Road Leads to Beautiful Destination

S. Vimal A/L N. Subramaniam | BTh- Second Year Student

Spreading its wings, soaring high, the majestic bird elegantly swayed to the rhythm of turbulence, performing a spontaneous dance.

Miri revealed itself with a grim face as the sun disappeared behind the dark weeping clouds, creating a melancholy drama.

The rugged paths and shadowed waters loomed as a threat to dampen the spirit, yet at the end of the tunnel, beauty unfolded like a blossoming flower.

Oh Kapit! What a magical sight!

A wonderful place, with amazing people adorned in rich culture, interwoven with threads of faith, love, and respect.

A sense of belonging, sailing under the flag of Christ, trusting the Lord with unwavering faith and hope - that's the treasure of this journey.

Oh! How true it is, a rough road will always lead to a beautiful destination!

Reflecting on my recent journey, I cannot help but marvel at the incredible ten days I spent in ministry in Sibu, Sarawak. Each day was a testament to the beauty and grace of God, revealing His goodness in so many ways.

Being there, I felt an overwhelming sense of God's presence and guidance. Through the scriptures, I found answers and encouragement that spoke directly to my heart and the needs of those we were serving. The words seemed to come alive, offering wisdom and clarity that I could share with confidence.

Prayer became a powerful anchor for me during this time. Each moment spent in conversation with God felt deeply intimate and reassuring. I sought His guidance and poured out my heart, and in return, I felt a profound sense of peace and direction. It was as if He was walking beside me, lighting the path and calming any uncertainties.













The Holy Spirit's influence was undeniable. I experienced moments of sudden insight and discernment that I knew were not from my own understanding. Decisions that needed to be made, words that needed to be spoken, and actions that needed to be taken—all seemed to flow with a divine ease. The Holy Spirit was truly at work, not just in me, but in everyone involved in the ministry. Challenges seemed smaller, and the impact of our work felt greater. The connection with the people of Sibu was deeper, and their responses to the ministry were profoundly moving.

As I reflect on this time, I am filled with gratitude. I praise the Lord for the incredible opportunity to serve in Sibu. It was a privilege to be there, to witness God's work, and to be part of something so meaningful. These days have left mark on my heart, reminding me of the power of faith, the importance of service, and the joy of walking in God's will.





感谢赞美主!我能参与马来西亚神学院(STM)在学校假期举办的短宣课程。此行,在Jensey老师的带领和六位不同宗派、文化、语言和教育背景的同学一起学习如何服侍神、服侍人,真是让我增广见识,获益良多。

Events 活动



我们经过4个多月的筹备,于5月11日至20日到砂 劳越诗巫进行短宣,一起经历主所吩咐的"去使 万民做主门徒"。旅程的前5天,我们在诗巫机场 借用伊班年议会的福音车,就长驱直入位于诗巫东部约160公里的内陆小镇——Pekan Kapit服 侍。旅程的后5天,我们在诗巫探访卫理神学院、卫理凯胜之家以及在Julau和Tanjung Manis服 侍。



10天的服侍,我们团队参与了伊班族群的青少年及 长屋聚会和探访,并于当地的教会、学院和戒毒中 心证道与分享见证,鼓励弟兄姐妹们要参与崇拜、 聚会和服侍。透过敬拜赞美、读圣经、祷告亲近 神。这次的短宣,在圣灵的带领和感动下,我们喜 乐地服侍。在主的庇护,我们平安出发,也平安的 回来。愿主继续眷顾砂劳越诗巫的伊班族群,兴起 更多明白伊班语言和文化的牧者、传道或宣教士, 牧养和带领他们,过主所喜悦的圣洁生活。





April to June - Our Guests



23 April 2024 – The Dean of The Basel Christian Church of Malaysia (BCCM) Chinese General Council Rev Wong Ken Phin, and BCCM Mission Secretary Pastor Tai (戴莉珠) visited STM.

From left to right: Pastor Tai (BCCM Mission Secretary), Rev. Wong Ken Phin (Dean of BCCM), Pastor Yew Kuan Yee (STM Chinese TEE Director), Vernie Woo (STM Finance & Admin Manager), and Annie Yee (STM Senior Communication & Development Officer).

24 April 2024 - STM welcomed visitors from the Diocese of Kuching, including members of the Anglican Chinese Church.

A group photo was taken with STM Principal Rev. Dr. Chong Siaw Fung (in the center), against the backdrop of the beautiful STM Campus.





14 June 2024 - Rev. Daniel Ng, the Dean of Studies at STM, welcomed visitors from Australia, the Bishop of CMCA, Rev. Milton Nee, and his wife.

April to June - Visits & Collaborations



14 April 2024 – Rev. Dr. Chong Siaw Fung preaching for Local Evangelism Sunday at Mega CMC.



21 April 2024 - Rev. Daniel Ng sharing at Klang Presbyterian Church on STM Sunday.



21 April 2024 – Rev. Dr. Chong Siaw Fung (R2) and STM staff member Ms. Yap Hai Yen (L2) at PJ Trinity Methodist Church for STM Sunday service.



28 April 2024 – Dr. Law Choon Sii and students at Kajang CMC for STM Sunday service.



5 May 2024 - Dr. Law Choon Sii (R3) and Ms. Christina Ong (L3) at Wesley Methodist Church, JB for STM Sunday service.

The first person on the right is Rev. Wong Mun Wah, the pastor in charge of the church and an STM alumnus.

April to June - Visits & Collaborations

12 May 2024 - Dr. Law Choon Sii at Gereja Presbyterian Seremban for STM Sunday service.



13-16 May 2024 – Rev. Daniel Ng presented at the Chinese Coordination Centre of World Evangelism (CCCOWE) Future Church Conference held in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.





19 May 2024 – Rev. Dr. Chong Siaw Fung at Gereja Methodist Subang Jaya for STM Sunday service.



27-28 May 2024 – Rev. Jensey Mojuin shared at Parish of Kota Kinabalu during Youth Discipleship Seminar.



2 June 2024 - Rev. Jensey Mojuin shared at Parish of Matunggung Kudat, during Youth Discipleship Seminar.

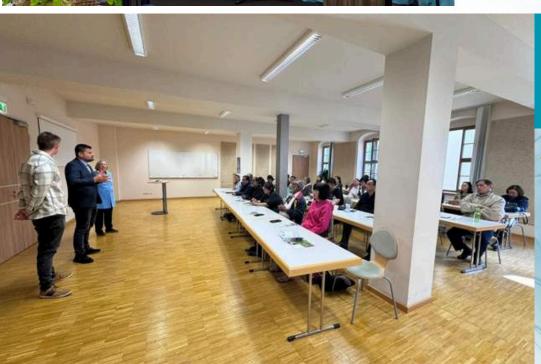
April to June - Visits & Collaborations

8 June 2024 – Rev. Dr. Chong Siaw Fung presented on the theme "Current social challenges in Malaysia from a church perspective" at Mission One World Centre, Neuendettelsau, Bavaria, Germany.





9 June 2024 – Rev. Daniel Ng at Rasah Jaya Baptist Church for STM Sunday service.



12 June 2024 - STM faculty and staff visited Lutheran World Federation Centre in Wittenberg during their study tour in Germany.

线上课程

教会的宣教使命 与落实

日期: 2024年8月5-9日

时间: 9am-12pm &

1.30pm-4.30pm

课程简介

教会的宣教使命源于宣教的上帝,对个人与教会来说此使命不容忽视。可是,我们往往在实践与落实之时,却似乎力不从心。我们需要重思教会的本质,并借着宣教学跨领域的技巧,重新认识上帝的使命与回应世代的需要。

课程宗旨

- 学生能够结合圣经的教导和实际的需要构建合乎圣经的宣教神学。
- 学生能够整合教会的本质,并动员教会顺服所赋予的使命。
- 学生能够认识现今普世教会的宣教运动,以便在牧养 上能够重思策略与资源分配。

讲师简介

蔡家存牧师/博士

已婚,育有两个儿子。蔡博士现是马来西亚浸信会神学院博士课程教务主任和宣教主任。他完成法学士、道学硕士之后,也获得美国西南浸信会神学院哲学博士(主修全球基督教研究)。他喜欢纵横于神学教育、宣教动员与青年牧养之间,负担是要挑战年轻一代为主摆上生命,动员教会回应宣教的使命。他是马来西亚联合差传事工促进会(MUMM)义务干事,亦是两家国际差会本地委员会成员,也参与在教会牧养青年与英语会众。

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Paul in His Jewish Context



Join us for a thought-provoking discussion on navigating the hermeneutical challenges of interpreting Paul's teachings in today's diverse and sometimes secular society.

- Discover the captivating journey of Paul, from Pharisee to apostle of Christ.
- Uncover how his religious and historical context shaped the rich tapestry of his life in the ancient Mediterranean culture of 'hellenistic Judaism'.
- Dive into the social and political backdrop of Paul's era, and his newly founded 'churches' in the Roman world.
- Explore how we can engage with Paul's writings in a multireligious world, particularly within the context of Western Europe, where religious beliefs may vary widely. Reflect on the complexities of applying Paul's insights in environments that may be less religious or even non-religious.



Prof. Dr. Karl-Wilhelm Niebuhr Senior Professor of New Testament at the Friedrich Schiller University of Jena. Germany.

Our discussion will be enriched by the unique perspective of our speaker, a Lutheran pastor and esteemed hiblical scholar. Drawing from his upbringing in socialist East Germany and his extensive experience teaching New Testament, he will shed light on how his theological tradition and personal biography inform his interpretation of Paul's teachings.

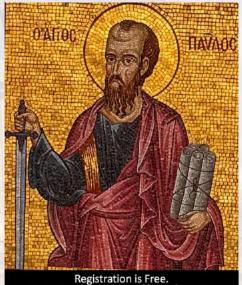


WEDNESDAY, 17 JULY 2024

8.00PM - 9.30PM

VIRTUAL SESSION OR F2F @ SEMINARI THEOLOJI MALAYSIA

Upon registration, the Zoom link will be sent via email for the online session.



Registration is Free. To register, go to <u>https://bit.ly/stm-pjc</u> or via QR Code below.



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HE IMPACT & INSPIRATION OF POSTMODERN THEOLOGY ON PASTORAL STUDIES

(ELECTIVE)

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

Time: Thu - Fri 7.30pm - 10.30pm

Sat 9.00am - 12.00pm

Lecturer: The 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)

Time: Sat 9.00am - 12.00pm

Sun 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Lecturer: Dr Peter Lau

(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

(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



STM ENGLISH TEE **COURSES**



(JULY - SEPT 2024)

UPCOMING COURSES

HEALING & DELIVERANCE

The course will begin with biblical worldviews on the ministries of healing and deliverance. Topics include: the relationship between the Christian faith and the processes of healing for the total personality; prayers for physical healing and deliverance from demonic spirits; sacramental and non-sacramental approaches to healing in the life of a church; discernment and uses of spiritual gifts in the ministries.

The Lecturer - Rt Rev Dr Steven Abbarow

Bishop Steven Abbarow, the Bishop of the Diocese of West Malaysia, has a BEcons (University of Malaysia, 1985), an MDiv (Seminari Theoloji Malaysia, 1989), a MTheol (South East Asia Graduate School of Theology, 2002), and a DMin (Perkins Divinity School of Southern Methodist University, 2016).

He is a member of the Provincial Missions Committee (PROSEAMS) and serves on the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission for Unity, Faith and Order (IASCUFO), and the Global South Fellowship of Anglicans (GSFA).





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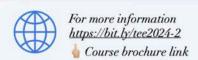
This course will provide participants an in-depth study of selected parables of Jesus, including a survey of the history of their interpretations, their function in the ministry of Jesus, and the theological purpose of their inclusion in the narrative of the Synoptic Gospels. This course will offer reflections on the challenging message of the parables for Christian discipleship and formation. It will also explore the use of parables in contemporary teaching and preaching ministry where participants will attempt to understand the parables in light of their first-century environment, and to bridge the gap between the then and now in applying the parables to their present situations in life and ministry.

The Lecturer - Rev Dr Lim Kar Yong

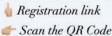
- Rev Dr Lim Kar Yong is one of the adjunct lecturers at
 Seminari Theoloji Malaysia. He is passionate about
 anything related to the New Testament Greek

- language, manuscripts, archaeology, geography, social-economic environment, and the New Testament era. Kar Yong publishes widely in the field of Pauline Studies and maintains a personal website that can be accessed via www.karyonglim.com





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马来西亚神学院中文神学延伸课程

基督教伦理学与课题



本课程旨在透过对当代基督教伦理形式、规范、背景、对话和实践等的探究,叩问我应该是谁? (成为有德性的人)和我应该做什么? (活出德行的生活)这两大问题。同时,我们也会尝试釐清上主与世界的关系(基督教伦理基础),并提出基督信仰社群的行动(基督徒的伦理实践)及尝试发掘基督教伦理还可以再说些什么(基督徒的伦理参与)。



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Kursus TEE BM yang akan diadakan sepanjang tahun 2024

Kursus	Pensyarah	Tarikh	Medium/ Lokasi
Pendidikan Kristian	Rev. Reekha	14-16 & 21-23 Jun	Zoom
Tinjauan Perjanjian Baru	Dss. Dr. Tan Swee Bee	12-14 & 19-21 Julai	Gereja Methodist Cina Kampar
Kajian Alkitab secara Induktif	Rev. Lim Jung Hung	9-11 & 16-18 Ogos	Gereja Methodist Cina Kampar
Kerohanian Kristian	Ps. May Ong	12-16 Ogos	STM Seremban
Injil Yohanes	Dr. Henry Padin	2-5 Sept	STM Seremban

Untuk maklumat lanjut, sila layari laman web STM: https://stm.edu.my/bm/akademik/program-tee/

KAJIAN ALKITAB INDUKTIF

TARIKH:

9-11 & 16-18 OGOS, 2024

TEMPAT:

GEREJA METHODIST CINA KAMPAR 5, JALAN KUALA DIPANG (JLN NAGA EMAS), 31900 KAMPAR



Rev Lim Jung Hung adalah seorang yang memiliki latar belakang pendidikan dalam Linguistik Gunaan dan Teologi. Sejak tahun 2008, beliau telah berkhidmat dalam terjemahan Alkitab di Asia Tenggara. Selain itu, beliau juga mengajar kursus dalam Penafsiran Alkitab, Pendidikan Kristian, dan Perjanjian Lama dalam program TEE BM. Kini beliau sedang melanjutkan pengajian PhD dalam Kajian Antara Budaya di Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Chicago, Amerika Syarikat.

Pautan Pendaftaran:

http://tiny.cc/BMTEE2024Tafsiran

Tarikh Akhir Pendaftaran:

29 Julai 2024

Untuk pertanyaan lanjut, sila hubungi

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The subject Gospel in the Pluralistic Society is a unique study. Because humanity lives in a pluralistic society, where we have different people groups. There are people with different cultures, languages, work and so on. Amid of other different realities, the religions also play an important role. Christianity with the message of Gospel has the responsibility to preach and teach as per the greatest command of Jesus in Matthew 28:19&20. How do Christians fulfill the command of Jesus to the people in a Pluralistic Society? This is the study to get proper and valuable access to the fulfilment of the command.

பன்மைத்துவ சமுதாயத்தில் சுவிசேஷம் என்ற தலைப்பு ஒரு தனித்துவமான ஆய்வாகும். ஏனென்றால் மனிதகுலம் ஒரு பன்முக சமூகத்தில் வாழ்கிறது. அங்கு நாம் வெவ்வேறு மக்கள் குழுக்களைக் கொண்டுள்ளோம். வெவ்வேறு கலாச்சாரங்கள், மொழிகள், வேலை மற்றும் பலவற்றைக் கொண்ட மக்கள் உள்ளனர். மற்ற பல்வேறு உண்மைகளுக்கு மத்தியில் மதங்களும் முக்கிய பங்கு வகிக்கின்றன. மத்:28: 19 & 20 இல் உள்ள இயேசுவின் மிகப்பெரிய கட்டளையின்படி சுவிசேஷத்தின் செய்தியுடன் கிறிஸ்தவ மதம் பிரசங்கிக்கவும், கற்பிக்கவும் பொறுப்பாகும். பன்மைத்துவ சமுதாயத்தில் மக்களுக்கு இயேசுவின் கட்டளையை கிறிஸ்துவர்கள் நிறைவேற்றுகிறார்கள்? நிறைவேற்றுவதற்கான கட்டளையை சரியான மற்றும் மதிப்புமிக்க அனுகலைப் பெறுவதற்கான ஆய்வு இதுவாகும்.



Facilitator:

Rev. Dr. Muthu Kumar

- Professor at New Life College, Bangalore, India
- Chairman NATA, Bangalore, India



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APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Bishop Dr. T. Jeyakumar The Methodist Church in Malaysia

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The Rt. Rev. Dr. D. Steven Abbarow (The Diocese of West Malaysia)

Honorary Secretary

Elder Lim Kar Hor

Gereja Presbyterian Malaysia

Honorary Treasurer

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The Diocese of West Malaysia

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(The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malaysia)

Rev. Liew Kek Ming

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Rev. Dr. Dennis Raj

(The Methodist Church in Malaysia, Tamil Annual Conference)

Rev. Joshua Khong Chee Leong

(The Methodist Church in Malaysia, Trinity Annual Conference)

Mr. Jacob Lee Chor Kok

(The Methodist Church in Malaysia, Chinese Annual Conference)

Dr. Chong Su-Lin (f)

(The Diocese of West Malaysia)

Ven. Dr. Vijendra Daniel

(The Diocese of West Malaysia)

The. Rt. Rev. Thomas Low Kok Chan

(The Lutheran Church in Malaysia)

Rev. David Ho Chee Way

(The Lutheran Church in Malaysia)

Rev. Chua Hua Peng

(Gereja Presbyterian Malaysia)



Compliments to the following STM alumni from the Diocese of Kuching who were ordained on April 6, 2024:

- Rev. Brandon Loran as full-time Priest
- Rev. Denilson Richi as full-time Priest
- Rev. Vyner Nicholson as full-time Priest



CONGRATULATIONS

THESIS DEFENSE



Congratulation to our MTh student, Paul Lau who has passed his thesis defence on 2 April 2024 on the topic "Interpreting 'Abundant Life' in John 10:10 for the Evangelical Church in Social Action.

恭喜

论文答辩



祝贺我们的神学硕士生,温碧琴于2024年5月8日通过其论文答辩。 该论文题目为"约拿叙事的讽刺解读:叙事评鉴法的尝试"。

Urgent Recruitment

1) Assistant Manager (Corporate Services)

Requirement

- 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.

Job Description

- Oversee end-to-end and ensure smooth operations together with team members and other departments.
- Handle financial planning and analysis, budget, reports to the Board and Committees.
- Liaise with company secretary, auditor, government bodies, etc.

2) Accounts Officer

Requirement

- Minimum 2 years working experience.
- Strong interpersonal and administration skills.
- Proficient in the use of accounting software and MS Office.
- A diploma/degree in Accounting is preferred, those without qualification but with 5 years related working experience are encouraged to apply.

Job Description

- Cashiering
- Accounts Receivable
- Accounts Payable
- Bank Reconciliation
- Banking matters
- Ad hoc assignments

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 manager@stm2.edu.my.

Salary will commensurate with qualifications and experience. STM continues to accept applications until the vacancy is filled.







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CENTRE OF BIBLE ENGAGEMENT OPEN DAY



3/8/2024 (Saturday) 9:00am-12:30pm



STM Seremban Campus Lot 3011, Taman South East, 70100 Seremban, NS

Language: English (limited to 40 pax)

Activities:

Presentations by lecturers and students of STM on our collections of archaeology replica, and papyrus writing of Hebrew and Greek scriptural text.



RM28/person for papyrus paper, bamboo pen and refreshments.

Registration: http://t2u.asia/e/36250
Deadline for registration: 31/7/2024















圣经研究中心开放日



3/8/2024 (星期六) 9:00am-12:30pm



STM Seremban Campus 马来西亚神学院芙蓉院址 Lot 3011, Taman South East, 70100 Seremban, NS

语文: 中文 (只限40人)

活动:

神学院师生讲解神学院考古复制品以及引导弟兄姐妹抄圣经经文希伯来文或希腊文于蒲草纸

收费:

每人 RM28 蒲草纸,竹笔和茶点费用

报名方式: http://t2u.asia/e/36685

报名截止日期: 31/7/2024















OA Exhibition & Workshop

Orang Asli/Asal Exhibition and Workshop: planned to be held in conjunction with Merdeka Day 2024 carrying the theme of Luke 10: 29b "... who is my neighbour?" This exhibition/workshop is aimed at creating awareness for the indigenous ministry that many Christians want to be involved in but are unsure of how. Participants will be briefed on some facts about the indigenous people groups in Malaysia and the extent how the local city church can partner with them. There will be a demonstration of two teaching approaches to teach/disciple the indigenous church that will involve the participants. This will be conducted in various languages familiar to the participants.

Then, a full "immersion" into the mission field where an exhibition will present pictures, crafts, and other handiworks that carry various significance of the indigenous culture, and everything will be conducted in the Bahasa Malaysia language. Participants will also have the opportunity to listen to indigenous storytelling – a unique form of oral tradition where cultural/religious observances and moral lessons are transferred from one generation to the next. There will also be two workshops to select for participants to experience a "hands-on" encounter in indigenous arts/drawing and beads/leaves weaving.

The event will conclude with an indigenous-styled lunch.

Financial Updates

45th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to our donors for their unwavering support and invaluable contributions to STM's 45th Anniversary Celebration Dinner which was held at SJK(C) Choong Wen Hall in Kuala Lumpur on April 13, 2024.

We celebrated this memorable event to commemorate the greatness and faithfulness of God. A total of 740 donors, guests, Council members, Trustees, Faculty, Staff and students attended the event, making it blessed, memorable and meaningful.

The net proceeds from the donations received through this dinner amounted to RM512,733, which we will use to cover the shortfall in the building extension fund.

Your generosity has significantly benefited our seminary, playing a vital role in advancing our mission and ministry.

As for the coming days of this year, we continue to trust in God's greatness, goodness, and HIS ever-flowing providence.

Do pray with us and continue to support us. Our total donations received for our operations as at 24 June 2024 are as follows:

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Condolences 慰唁

STM extends our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of:

The late Dr. Alex Tang Tuck Hon, STM Adjunct Lecturer, who has found eternal rest in the Lord on May 5, 2024.

STM alumna Rev. Siew Aiyeun, whose mother, Mrs. Siew (苏宝菁), found solace with the Lord on May 22, 2024.

STM alumnus Rev. Chieng Yu Hoo, whose mother in law, Mrs. Lee (丁丽英), went home to be with the Lord on May 28, 2024.

STM student Choong Pei Ying, whose father, Mr. Choong Kian Peng, passed away on May 31, 2024.

STM student Patricia Pengiran, whose father, Mr. Pengiran Ating, went home to be with the Lord on June 6, 2024.

STM student Mr. Andrew Lau, whose father, Mr. Allan Lau, found solace with the Lord on June 7, 2024.

Reverend David Cheong Kin Fat, the STM alumnus, who was called home to be with the Lord on June 9, 2024.

STM alumnus Pastor Glenn Zedgar Anderson Daboil, whose mother, Felina bte Kapong, who has found eternal rest in the Lord on June 9, 2024.

Former STM Faculty, Dr. John Roxborogh, whose wife, Jennifer Brett, went home to be with the Lord on June 17, 2024.

Former STM Faculty, Rev. Ann Gordon Bucknall, who served during the early years of STM, found solace with the Lord on June 19, 2024.

Our thoughts and prayers are with their family.

"His compassion, they fail not. They are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness".

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