



A Christmas & New Year Message *of Peace and Promise*

Message From the Principal
By Rev. Dr. Khoo Ho Peng Principal

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we gather with loved ones this Christmas, our hearts are simultaneously drawn to the manger in Bethlehem and heavy with the news of war and conflict echoing around our world. The angels' proclamation of "peace on earth" can feel distant when the ground beneath so many trembles with violence. Yet, it is precisely into this world—a world as troubled then as it is now—that the Prince of Peace was born.

The peace of Christ is not the absence of storm, but a profound calm at its center. It is a peace that guards our hearts and minds when circumstances defy understanding (Philippians 4:7). This Christmas, we are called to experience this peace not by ignoring the darkness, but by actively kindling the light of Christ through prayer, through acts of kindness, and by fixing our eyes on the One who is our Everlasting Father and our Prince of Peace.

Even as we pray for global and local peace, we give thanks for the tangible signs of God's faithfulness and growth here at Methodist Theological School (MTS). He is building His kingdom in our midst, and we are thrilled to share this progress with you.

A Report of **God's Faithfulness at MTS**

We rejoice in the milestones of the past year and look with anticipation to the future:

- **Celebrating Harvest:** In 2025, we have proudly sent forth 21 graduands into the Lord's harvest field. These dedicated servants are equipped and ready to share the Gospel and serve the church.
- **Nurturing New Growth:** We are delighted to welcome 9 new students who will begin their theological journey with us in 2026. Each one represents a fresh call and a new vessel for God's spirit.
- **Strengthening Our Foundation:** To support this growing

community, we are blessed to announce that 3 more faculty members in development will be returning to join our team in 2026. This is a significant answer to prayer for our academic and spiritual mentorship capacity.

A Call to Prayer and Partnership

In the midst of this celebration, we also hold a sacred burden. Our three sponsoring annual conferences continue to face a critical shortage of workers. The fields are ripe, but the labourers are few. We echo our Lord's command and urgently ask you to "ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Matthew 9:38). Pray that God would stir the hearts of many to answer the call to ministry and be trained at MTS.

A Building for God's Future

In a mighty demonstration of God's provision, we give immense thanks for the recent approval of the MTS Building Extension Project by the Sarawak Planning Authority. This green light is a crucial step forward in our mission. Further-

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more, through your generous and faithful giving, we have received to date close to half of our needed building fund, approximately RM 7.1 million. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for this progress and trust in God's continued provision for the remaining amount.

This Christmas, as we

remember that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, we are reminded that God is in the business of building—building His church, building His people, and building a future filled with hope. Thank

you for being a vital part of this mission through your prayers, your support, and your partnership.

May the profound peace of Christ, which transcends all understanding, fill your hearts and homes this Christmas season and throughout the coming year.



19 June: At the 2nd Semester Opening Service, we welcomed a total of five new Pre-Theology students — four in the Iban program and one in the Chinese program.



14 July: MTS held a "Hymn Festival," where the MTS Choir and the SCAC Choir praised the goodness of God through song. Rev. Fong Kah Wee also shared a message titled "The Goodness of God" during the event.



4 August: This year, the STMS College welcomed eight university students for training.



第六届卫斯理线上神学论坛
基督徒能完全? 乱讲! — 谈卫斯理之基督徒完全观的圣经立场



主办: 诗巫卫理神学院
卫斯理研究中心

12 August: An online forum on Wesleyan theology: "Christian Perfection: Nonsense!" presented by Rev. Ling Tiong Cheng.



29 August: 3-in-1 Celebration (Malaysia Day, Birthday and Mid-Autumn Celebration)



19 September: STMS College Graduation Service



27 September: MTS Community Outing to Permai Lake Garden.





18 October: Public Lecture on Iban Culture: "Miring from the Christian Perspective." Speaker: Rev. Dennis Gimang (Anglican Priest).



8 November: MTS community was invited to attend the Paramount Hotel's Year-End Thanksgiving Service and luncheon.

Methodist Theological School (MTS) held its 27th Graduation Service (Since its reopening Degree Courses on 1996) on 25th October 2025 at Wei Kuok Hall, Sibui. The speaker was Rev. Sia Howe Ding, President of Sabah Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in Malaysia, who delivered the Graduation Address. There were 21 graduates this year.

9 graduates of the TEE Program/Family and Counseling Ministry:

Diploma of Christian Studies: Lu Si Yun, Wang Lang Kwong;

Master of Christian Studies: Chan Geh Lang, Hoo Kie Siong, Lau Hung, Peter Lau Sie Teck, Thomas Hii Chun Kiet, Wong Ling;

Master in Family and Counseling Ministry: Wang Lian Jie.

11 graduates of the Theology Program:

Licentiate of Theology: Chendan Anak Uju;

Bachelor of Theology: Angelly Ling (BM Program), Cerol Anak Tensy (BM Program), Jack Anak Bilun (BM Program), Jude Taka (BM Program), Julaika (BM Program), Lenny Liana Antonius (BM Program);

Master of Divinity: Kelvin Wong Tuong Yong, Lee Tze Young, Tang Siew Khing, Wong Teck Soon.

Master of Ministry Program graduate: Pau Kiew Lik





MTS Visitors

1/ 4 June 2025: The Youth group of Methodist Town Church Sarikei, led by Rev. Lu Ai Lin, visited MTS.

2/ 28 August 2025: A group of faculty and students from Taiwan's Bread of Life Theological Seminary visited MTS.

3/ 25 September 2025: A group of pastors from Hal Ehwal Bumiputra Indigenous (HEBI) paid a visit to MTS.

4/ 24 October 2025: The Senior Fellowship of the Basel Christian Church in Tawau, Malaysia.

5/ 28 October 2025: Rev. Dr. Eunice Yeo, the Founder of Soaring Eagle International, paid a visit.

6/ 5 November 2025: Visitors from the WFCMC Communication Committee.

7/ 19 November 2025: A group comprising a pastor, seminary students, and members from the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan.





Upcoming News & Prayer Items

1. 2026 Full Time Programme New Students

A total of 9 new theology students (Mandarin = 3; Missiology = 2; Iban = 4) and 2 returning students.

Mandarin	Daniel, Justin Lu Zeng Cheng, Derrick Wong Qin Sheng
Missiology	Dunstan Tie Hien Zon, Ngu Jing Jing
Iban	Gloria Shima Anak Ngumbang, Jeckson Indau Anak Patie, Jerry Esa Gajah, Wilson Laja Anak Patie
Returning Students	Canny Ting Yew Wei, Wong Shin Jeou
<p>>> Pray for the new students that they are able to cope with the vigorous studies and activities in MTS.</p> <p>>> Pray that more church members are willing to equip themselves and come to MTS for TEE programme.</p>	

2. 2026 MTS 1st Semester Opening Service

The 2026 MTS Opening Service is scheduled for Saturday, January 3, 9:00 a.m. at Wesley Church and will include the Short-Term Mission School (STMS) students. Further details will be announced on the MTS Facebook page and website.

3. 2026 Intensive Courses offered for Master of Ministry Programme and BM Master of Ministry Programme

Date	Subject	Lecturer
Master of Ministry Courses		
6-10 April	"Theological Reflections on Shepherding and Ministries"	Rev. Dato Dr. Su Chii Ann
6-10 July	"Clinical Pastoral Integration"	Rev. Wong Choon Yien
BM Master of Ministry Courses		
6-10 July	"Practical Church Management and Strategies for Church Growth"	Bishop Emeritus Rev. Dr. Ong Huai Teik
BM Intensive Courses		
6-10 July	"Old Testament Theology"	Rev. Dr. Chelcent Fuad
<p>>> Pray for the good health of the lecturers. Pray that God will grant them wisdom in their teaching.</p> <p>>> Pray for the students to have good health to study during the intensive courses.</p>		

4. Yu-Shan Theological College and Seminary and Methodist Theological School Student Exchange Program

Background of Collaboration

- Long-standing mission partnership between Taiwanese and Malaysian churches, especially among the Iban people.
 - Malaysian pastors have studied at Yu-Shan Seminary.
 - Positive outcomes led to a new Student Exchange Program.
- Both parties signed the Memorandum of Understanding on 29 July 2025 at the MTS Chapel.

Exchange Plan

1. Academic Calendar Coordination

- Yu-Shan: September Semester Begins; MTS: January Semester Begins.
- Yu-Shan Student Exchange: From the second semester to the first semester of the following year.

2. Course & Internship

- Courses and internships are arranged by MTS and can be adjusted upon consultation.

3. Internship Focus

- Students are primarily placed in indigenous churches, with arrangements made by MTS.

Study & Internship at MTS

- Enrolled in Chinese Theology courses
- Internship in Chinese Methodist churches
- Participation in BM & longhouse worship
- Semester-end transcript & conduct report



5. MTS 2026 Upcoming Events

Date, Time & Venue	Event	Speaker
2/1 - 27/03	2026 Short-Term Missions School (STMS)	
2 – 8/03	Missions Awareness Week (MAW)	
2 – 3/04	MTS leading the Bintulu District Combined Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services	
16/05 (8.00PM) @Online	4 th BM Online Wesleyan Theological Forum: “Ajaran Wesley Etika Sosial/ Wesley’s Teaching of social ethics”	Rev. Paul Ting Huat Ung
19/05 (8.00PM) @Online	Online forum: “Arminianism and John Wesley” (in Mandarin)	Rev. Dr. Thomas Lau Sie Ngiu
19/05(8.00PM) @Online	Online seminar on “Tuan James Hoover: The Witness of a Group of Methodists in Sibü”	Rev. Paul Ting Huat Ung
14/07/2025@TBA	Hymn Festival	
30/07 – 02/08	MTS Day	
03/08 – 18/09	2026 STMS College	
24/10(9:00AM) @ Wei Kuok Hall	MTS 28 th Graduation Service	
10/11@Online	Online forum: “Biblical Theology of Election”	Rev. Jonathan Lau Puong Fuang
01/12@Online	BM Dedication Camp	
>>> Pray for the speakers, venues, PA system, network, electricity supply for the events. >> Pray that the events will run smoothly, and more people are able to attend all the events.		

6. Online Course "True Love" offered by TEE:

Learn more about homosexual community (in Chinese Medium)



7. Wesleyan Online Course: Methodist Movement and Wesleyan Theology 2.0 (In Chinese Medium)

If you wish to register, please follow our school's social media for further updates.

8. Newly Launched Course 2026: Master of Ministry in BM

SEKOLAH TEOLOGI METHODIST, SIBU

PROGRAM SARJANA PELAYANAN (MASTER OF MINISTRY)

TARIKH TUTUP PERMOHONAN 30 APRIL 2026

Program ini adalah satu pengajian penyelidikan selama 7 tahun yang ditawarkan khas kepada para pendeta atau pekerja gereja yang sudah memiliki Ijazah Sarjana Muda Teologi/ Diviniti.

- Menyediakan program sarjana profesional yang berkualiti tinggi
- Meningkatkan kerohanian peserta dan memperbaharui serta meneguhkan visi pelayanan pastoral
- Memperluaskan pengetahuan dan kemahiran pelayanan agar mampu menghadapi cabaran semasa



Kaedah Pengajian: secara Bersemuka



& Hibrid



Bahasa Pengantar: BM (disertakan sedikit Bahasa Inggeris)

KELAYAKAN MEMOHON

- Memiliki Ijazah Sarjana Muda Teologi/Diviniti pertama yang diiktiraf oleh Persatuan Sekolah Teologi Asia Tenggara (ATESEA) / Majlis Seminar Malaysia (MATS) atau kelayakan yang setara.
- Mempunyai sekurang-kurangnya lima (5) tahun pengalaman pelayanan pastoral.



IMBAS KOD QR UNTUK MAKLUMAT LANJUT

Anda juga boleh menghubungi Rev. Dr. Wong Teck Suk (BM Program Coordinator) untuk sebarang pertanyaan.

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9. Theological Education Sunday

MTS Lecturers are open to invitations to conduct Theological Education Sundays throughout the year. All expenses will be paid by MTS. Please contact our lecturers for arrangements. Tel: +6084-321409.

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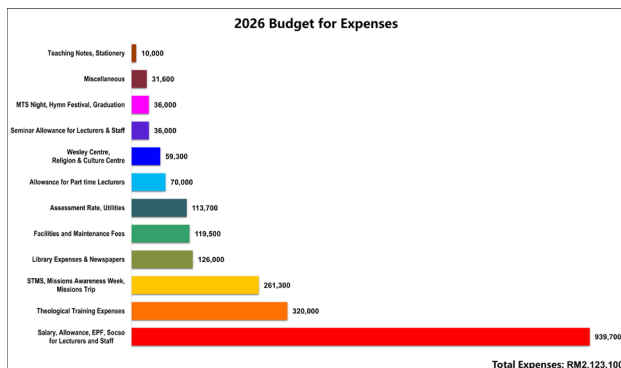
To continually promote the ministries and educational development of the Methodist Theological School (MTS), we hereby present the 2026 budget and the progress of our expansion project, hoping that churches and brothers and sisters will continue to unite in prayer and giving.

1. 2026 Budget for Expenses

In 2025, the total expenditure of MTS was RM 1,777,031.96. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all brothers and sisters who generously contributed to support the school's various ministries, enabling its steady operation.

Looking ahead to 2026, MTS's budget is **RM 2,123,100**. We pray that God will prepare and inspire more individuals and churches to contribute toward the school's general fund, either in the name of the church or personally.

We sincerely welcome contributions from churches and brothers and sisters to support MTS ministries. Please indicate **"MTS General Fund"** when donating, so that the funds can be used appropriately.



2. Progress of the Fourth-Phase Extension Project

The fourth-phase extension of MTS is still actively underway, with an estimated total cost of RM 15,000,000. As of October 31, 2025, a total of RM 7,101,248.29 in donations has been received. The building extension blueprints have been approved by the SPA.

We thank God for His guidance and sincerely appreciate all congregations and brothers and sisters for your generous contributions and prayers. The completion of the expansion will provide the school with improved teaching facilities and advance the development of the library, equipping and training

more pastors, missionaries, music workers, and lay leaders to serve diligently for the expansion of God's Kingdom.

卫理神学院扩建工程 MTS BUILDING EXTENSION PROJECT

(A) 待认领的特定空间 Specific Spaces Pending Pledging:
※以个人、夫妇、家庭、教会、团契等单位认购特定的建筑空间。

空间 Space	待认领单位数 Pending Unit	每单位 RM Amount	总额 RM Total Amount
待认领的空间 2nd F Library	40	50,000	2,000,000
【二樓】图书馆 2nd F Library	20	50,000	1,000,000
【二樓】图书馆夹层 2nd F Library Mezzanine Floor	25	50,000	1,250,000
【三樓】多媒体教学大堂 3rd F Multi-Purpose Hall	424	10,000	4,240,000
【体育馆】 Recreation Hall			

截至 2025年10月31日已收到的款额为:
As of October 31, 2025, the amount received is: RM 7,101,248.29

3. Become "Friends of MTS"

In addition to the general fund, MTS has established the "Friends of MTS" program to provide financial support to students in need, as well as to support MTS lecturers in their further training and development. Those who are inspired by the Lord to support students and lecturers in need are recognized as "Friends of MTS." We kindly invite you to fill out the "Friends of MTS" pledge form.

If you have any questions regarding donations or related matters, you may contact us (+6084-321409 / 330870) for further details.



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