



College Update and Points For Prayer (June 2017)

From the Principal

Since last writing there has been a storm of activity at the college, with two major foci:

1. Ministry of Education Applications

In order to function as a theological college, it is necessary for the college to seek exemption from the Education Act. This is done by applying to the Ministry Of Education as though we were a normal 'school'. This means having premises that are compliant (e.g. that satisfy governmental requirements about size, fire and safety standards, change of use being in place, etc.). It also means submitting full curriculum and course outlines as well as the staff who will be teaching (as well as their certifications and the subjects that they will be teaching).

Our application was delayed due to some delays as we renovated/upgraded our facilities and then waited for the relevant fire and safety checks. However, all the paperwork was submitted close to a month ago and we are now waiting for MOE to finish their work. Please pray for speedy processing of the application.

2. Processing Student Applications

We have also begun to receive student applications in the hope of receiving permission as soon as possible.

I have been praying that God would grant us 8 to 12 students in the first semester (although not specifying how many of them might be full or part time). So far we have about 8 applications for full time study and approximately half a dozen applications for part time study. These have come from various sources. While approximately half have come from the churches represented by our board members, it has been thrilling to see that the other half have come from churches with which we have no formal links. This is a great answer to your prayers and mine. Thank you!

In this whole process of accepting students, I have been very careful to interview all applicants before giving them application papers. I do this to make sure that the students applying have the qualifications for ministry that are outlined in Scripture in such places as 1 Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9; 2:2-8, and 1 Peter 5:1-4. I then look for this to be attested by their

formal application and by the references from their pastors and other leaders.

Other News

The other great news has been that our second faculty member, Ro (Rohintan) Mody has arrived and has begun to settle in. Ro taught some evening courses virtually on arrival and these were received well by those who attended. He has also found accommodation and begun settling in with the help of Andrew and Cheryl Ong and others. With these things settled, he can now begin to prepare for lectures and generally get ready for the college to begin.

For my own part, I have continued to preach at various churches and church retreats. My hope is that such things will give the college a greater profile, demonstrating my own commitment to expository ministry, and enabling people to ask questions about the college.

We have also been making steps toward our third faculty appointment (in doctrine/theology) and are hoping that a visit from a prospective person in the next month might prove fruitful (and that we might have the financial resources to pay them!).

However, the main focus of this last month or two has been on the immense amount of administration that needs to be done to prepare for the first semester. This includes things like course outlines, student handbooks, timetabling, course structuring, getting the library functional, arranging deals for things like Bible software for students, etc. In most established colleges this requires multiple staff and much collaborative work. In our case, it is done by our hard working administrator—Joy Kwan—and myself.

Finally, you might pray for both Ro and myself over these coming months as we are separated from our wives. My wife Heather will be the dean of women students and will also lecture

in Hebrew (and maybe assist in some ministry subjects as well). She is engaged in doctoral studies in Old Testament and set off two weeks ago to Jerusalem for two months for intensive Hebrew studies. Ro's family (Rita and Charis) are remaining in the UK so that Charis might finish off her school year before moving here in July.

Thanking God for your partnership with us in this ministry!



Points For Prayer (June–July 2017)

- Thanks to God for a good number of student applications to the college.
- Prayer for students as they prepare for beginning and for those who advise on the suitability of students.
- For God's kindness in overseeing the deliberations and decisions of the Ministry Of Education as they process our application.
- For the appointment of a new theology faculty member. For wisdom in the appointment and for God's provision of finances for the appointment.
- For Ro and Andrew and their wives and families in their separations.
- For the board as they make decisions: For wisdom and responsibility.
- For Joy, Andrew, and Ro as they work on the administration for the start of the first semester: For efficiency and thoroughness.

College Calendar/Upcoming Events

Evening Courses



The Five Solas of the Reformation with Ro Mody (Thursday 12, 19, 26 October)

This year marks the five hundredth year since Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the Castle Door in Wittenberg and effectively began a reformation that marked a pivotal moment in Western history and in the church. Come and learn about the key theological convictions that marked that reformation theology and grow in your own faith as you do. Details will be forthcoming at <https://etcasia.com.sg/upcoming-events>.

Important College Dates

Monday 31 July	ETCAsia scheduled to formally begin! First Semester of 2017/2018 academic year
Saturday 5 August	Visiting Lecturer: Bryan Chapell, 'The Gospel According to Daniel: Preaching God's Grace in Jesus Christ from the Book of Daniel'
Monday 22 January 2018	Second Semester of 2017/2018 academic year begins
Monday 5 February 2018	Ministry and Mission Week with Philip Percival and Emu Music
8-9 March 2018	Visiting Lecturer (Don Carson), on Biblical Theology
Saturday 10 March 2018	Formal Opening of ETCAsia with Don Carson

Financial Update

For the period of 14 April 2016 to 31 May 2017 our total income has been \$447,143 and our expenditure \$166,842. This left us with reserves of \$280,302. With the addition of a third faculty member in theology, our projected figures compared to our anticipated result for this financial year (which will conclude at the end of June) are as below.

Major Items	2016-2017	2017-2018
Faculty	\$144,881	\$309,364
Administration	\$14,346	\$84,956
Other	\$7,615	\$5,956
Total	\$166,842	\$400,276

The addition of a fulltime faculty member in theology is necessary but will increase our expenditure significantly.

Our only sources of income are donors and student fees and experience in most places in the world indicates that student fees can never cover the costs of running a theological college. So, thanks for your donations! Please pray for more generous friends.

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