



Attuned

AN E-NEWSLETTER OF THE AGST ALLIANCE FOR INFORMED PRAYER AND ACTION

Journey and Community

If I were to sum up these last nine months as academic dean of AGST Alliance, I can only say that it has been a grace-filled and vibrant journey. Along the way, I discovered the gem of genuine community. I can honestly say that I was able to navigate this journey because of the fellowship, patience, kindness and support of faculty, staff and students.

From my interactions with you in class, over coffee or a full-blown meal [at all times of the day and night], I have without fail come away so enriched. Every person brings a uniqueness and richness to the community. It is my prayer that this community of learners be further nurtured and strengthened. Can we create what Parker Palmer calls "a circle of trust", a genuine community that is supportive and that can facilitate deep and difficult learning?

So remember, whether you are struggling to write your paper, stressed by your thesis or dissertation, trying to untangle what authors are saying, or grappling with the demands of ministry, you are not alone. Can we think of informal ways of meeting outside our classroom then, in our favorite coffee shops and even in the virtual world? It is even my dream that we can go away for a "writing week". Any takers?

All journeys have significant milestones. And here is one for the AGST Alliance Attuned. We are shifting to a new (shorter and simpler) template in the hope that this format will be easier to access and read, and on our part we can communicate current news and prayer items more frequently (hopefully on a bi-monthly basis).

Happy reading!

Sooi Ling

AROUND OUR PROGRAMS

DMin (AGST Alliance-BCM-MBS) Ministry Leadership on-campus session



What happens when fifteen students meet in Port Dickson with Dr. Jeff Pugh to discuss on issues in ministry leadership?

"Dr. Jeff has led us into fresh lenses in leadership. He made what he taught not only practical by his stories but gives us hope and handles to using the theories." (Jeremiah Yap)

"Many latest theories on leadership were introduced during the course and reinforced through lively discussion in class. I look forward to pass the systematic curriculum on in my China teaching." (Gary Goh)

"This unit provided very enriching ministry insights...There was a dynamic and enjoyable discussion with ministry leaders across Asia." (Romandito)

"As a leader I am to be a student of the organization (or culture) I am in and to make sense of it. In this way I can understand better

the goings-on in the organization and help it to move on." (Daniel Ngilek)

"This module stimulates integrated thinking on how to use different leadership approaches to bring about fruitful changes." (Caleb Chan)

"For ministry, parachurch and organizations, where managing relationships, emotions and cultures are in the forefront, different perspectives and practical lenses are critical for successful leadership and ministry praxis. This I feel is the "spirit" underpinning the third module." (Steven Ow)

"Dr. Pugh has brought me many new insights and reflections on how to be a differentiated Christian leader. This has led me to be more empathetic and supportive of other church leaders who may face ministry challenges." (Judith Louie)

"Each module has challenged us develop our critical thinking skills. I personally have found myself continuously evaluating ministries through different lenses and attempting different approaches." (Lynda Choi)

"The books that I am introduced to read for the courses help me to think theologically. The on-campus courses have been very stimulating. I've learned a lot not only from the facilitators but also from my fellow brothers and sisters in the cohort." (Adelain Lum)

"In both the readings and assignments, I was exposed to new materials (concepts) and have had to reflect on my own leadership journey to better understand myself and those around me. Through this program, I have also broadened my relationships having the opportunity to journey with other leaders. Learning together and learning from one another." (Nelson Lo)





Doctoral Colloquium in August, 2016

They traveled from far and wide (Australia, Philippines, Singapore and Malaysia) to share about their dissertation progress. Some like Ara were just starting out. Others like Eng Hwa and Ramon were already at the writing stage. Each person came with a presentation of their research journey. It was a stimulating time with the faculty, Dr. Sunny Tan, Dr. Rosalind Lim-Tan, Dr. Allan Harkness, Dr. Steve Taylor and with other fellow learners.

COMING MODULES

Trinitarian Christology

with Dr. Damon So

Dec. 4-5, Seminar (open to all students and faculty. RM100)

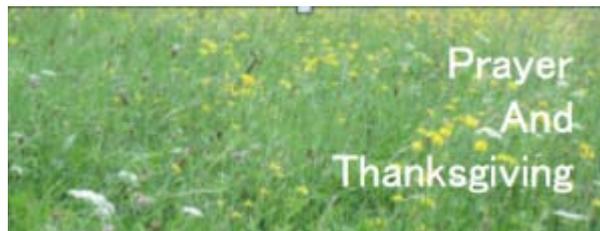
Dec. 4-9. MTh4-2 on-campus (open for credit and audit students)

Place: Malaysia Baptist Theological Seminary (MBTS)

This MTh seminar/module will help students (1) think narratively and theologically about Jesus Christ in relation to his Father and the Spirit, and (2) present Jesus Christ narratively to the people in their own ministries and contexts.

Dr. Damon So is a research tutor in theology at the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies. He is the author two books on the Trinity: *Jesus Revelation of His Father: A Narrative-Conceptual Study of the Trinity with Special Reference to Karl Barth*, and *The Forgotten Jesus and the Trinity You Never Knew*. He studied theology at the London School of Theology, Oxford University and Oxford Centre for Mission Studies.

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING POINTS



1. We are thankful for the completion of a fruitful AGST Alliance governing board meeting.
2. Let us pray for the students who attended the doctoral colloquium in August 2016: Eng Hwa and Ramon Tecson (EdD) to complete their data analysis and dissertation writing; Chris Cooper and Kenn (EdD) as they work with their supervisors on their dissertation research proposals; Ooi Chin Aik, Timothy Chong, Donald Dickman and Ara Badalian (PhD[Theo]), as they locate their supervisors and finalize their research proposals. Press on!
3. EdD(C&FD) students [Alipin, Thomos, Byamba and Sally] who are writing their post campus assignments for their Community Development and Child and family development module. Pray also for Esther as she completes her assignments.
4. DMin students as they complete their post-campus assignments. There are many who are experiencing pressing ministry

commitments and emotionally draining crisis events. Pray for peace and for the ability to focus.

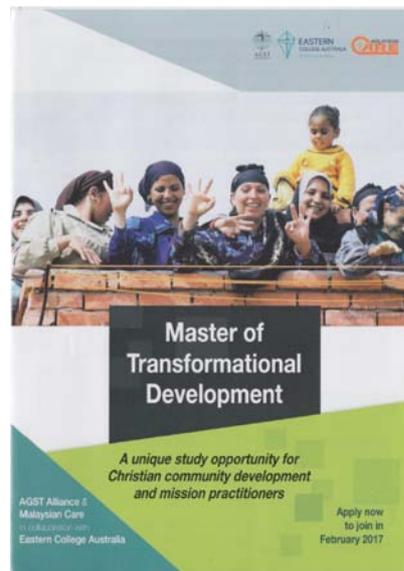
5. A new and good-sized cohort for the EdD(C&FD) program.

APPLY

EdD(C&FD) applications

Leaders in organisations focused on advocacy, development or social welfare with child and families who are seeking to be more effective are welcome to apply to join our EdD(C&FD) program.

See details [here](#) on our AGST Alliance website.



Since 2004, AGST Alliance has been offering quality post-graduate programs for church leaders and seminary or Bible college faculty in mainland South East Asia, to equip them for more effective Christian ministry and mission. See <http://www.agstalliance.org> for more information.

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