



Welcome 2025

abide



This word resonated with me as I pondered about 2025. At first, I wasn't that particularly thrilled with it because of the immediate association with remaining still, a task that is challenging for someone who loves to be active.

On the surface, the meaning of "abide": stay, connect, remain, continue, appear passive. However, as I reflected more,, this word actually requires strong action. Abiding calls for an act of resistance against unnecessary activity and noise. That is very difficult when our hands are constantly connected to social media and the news is at our finger tips. Abiding also involves the act of holding on fast, gripping tightly and refusing to let go, even when powerful winds and storms threaten to tear us from our Source of life. This steadfastness requires both strength and tenacity. Remaining with God is a deliberate choice to stay anchored when there are other competing "sources."

My prayer for 2025 is that we learn to abide with God. That we should follow God's rhythms of work and rest; grip tightly when adversities come our way; draw from God's wisdom when we reach the end of our understanding; and simply LIVE, enjoying the abundance, vitality and beauty of God and God's creation.



Celebrating achievements FINISHING THE COURSE WELL

Completing a doctoral program is not an easy task, as many students have found out. It requires perseverance in the face roadblocks or seemingly dead ends, humility when your work is critiqued by peers, faculty and examiners, wisdom when wrestling with theories, and faith when human strength and self confidence fails. For many it has been a journey of tears and joy. And so it is only fitting that we celebrate with tremendous joy together with our graduates, the fruit of their labor and the grace of God that has enabled this.

Ng Wai Ling, DMin.

'Forming a Circle' (FAC) Project: Communal Discernment: Shaping a Leadership Group's Community Life and Discernment for Decision-Making through Contemplative Dialogues and Practices.

Susan Chan-Lee, DMin.

Ageing Positively and the Role of the Church: Shalom Church Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Jonathan Teo Heng Leng, DMin

Spiritual Formation During Life Transitions from Twenty-Two to Forty-One Years Old: Factors Affecting the Formation of Millennials in Geylang Evangelical Free Church (GEFC)



Han Jong Seok, PhD

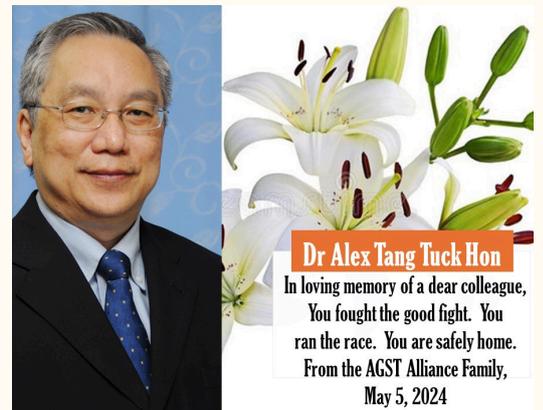
"A Missional interpretation of the epistle to the Ephesians and its implications for the Punjabi Church in Pakistan"

Grieving our Losses

ALEX TANG AND PETER ROWAN

2024 also saw the sad passing on of two of our faculty. Both exemplified what it means to live a life devoted to Christ: as a pastor, educator, scholar, husband, father and as a lifelong learner. Thank you Alex and Peter for being such an inspiration to us!

Dr Alex Tang Tuck Hon was a senior consultant paediatrician in Johor Baru, and an Associate Professor of Paediatrics, Monash University Malaysia. He was a scholar, an educator, and mentor. For AGST Alliance, he was a beloved educator and colleague, imparting to us not only knowledge but a keen and infectious passion for learning, and for scholarly excellence. His life impacted us deeply



OMF (UK) Co-National Director Peter Rowan went to be with the Lord peacefully on Monday 9 December. Peter was a dedicated and visionary leader, whose contributions to OMF and the global church were immeasurable. Peter was a friend of AGST Alliance, supporting us with his wisdom and cheer, delighting us with his wit, teaching us about theology, life and society, and modelling how to live as a follower of Jesus Christ.



Looking forward to 2025

AGST Alliance Academic Calendar

DOCTORAL COLLOQUIUM 2025			
1-3 September (9am Monday - 1pm Wednesday): PHD candidates 4-6 September (9am Thursday to 1pm Saturday): EdD and DMin students			
MTh Theology	Education	MTHBM	Doctor of Ministry
2025 Term 1 Jan 15 - April 15	2025 Term 1 Jan 15 - April 15	2025 Term 1 Jan 15-April 15	2025 Term 1 Jan 15 - May 31
MTh 8-1 Theologizing on the Church (Online synchronous) <i>Facilitator</i> Dr Sunny Tan	MED9-R Literature Review & Critical Writing (2 credits) (Synchronous Online) <i>Facilitator</i> Dr Tan Sooi Ling	MTHBM1-4 Pendidikan, Kerohanian Kristian dan Pembangunan Manusia Kelas Intensif Bersemuka 17-21 Mac 2025 MBTS, Penang <i>Fasilitator</i> Dr Rosalind Lim-Tan Aliza Mezir	DML4-2 DML 4-2: Education, Discipleship & Ministry April 3 to 8, 2025 Olive Tree Hotel, Penang <i>Facilitators</i> Dr Rosalind Lim Dr Sunny Tan
<i>BREAK: April 16 - May 14</i>			
2025 Term 2 May 15 - Aug 15	2025 Term 2 May 15 - Aug 15	2025 Penggal Dua May 15-Aug 15	
MTh 7-6 Asian Theologies and Contextualization (Online synchronous) <i>Facilitator</i> Dr Steve Taylor	MED9-1 Curriculum Design in Faith Communities (Online Synchronous) <i>Facilitator</i> Dr Nativity Petallar	MTHMBM 1-5 Kristologi Kelas Intensif bersemuka 12-16 Mei 2025 Malaysia Bible Seminary <i>Fasilitator</i> Dr Barnabas Boon Tan Aik Seng	
<i>BREAK: August 16 - September 14</i>			
2025 Term 3 Sep 15 - Dec 15	2025 Term 3 Sep 15 - Dec 15	2025 Term 3 Sep 15 - Dec 15	2025 Term 2 July 15-Dec 15
MTH 7-7 Leadership for Theology, Education and Ministry <i>In person intensive</i> October 9 to 14, 2025 Venue: TBC <i>Facilitator</i> Dr Chan Nam Chen	MED 9-2 Leadership for Theology, Education and Ministry <i>In person intensive</i> October 9 to 14, 2025 Venue: TBC <i>Facilitator</i> Dr Chan Nam Chen	MTHMBM 1-6 Teologi, Isu dan Etika Pastoral Kelas Intensif Bersemuka 6-10 Oct 2025 METS, Miri <i>Fasilitator</i> Dr Lim Khee Vun	DML 4-3: Leadership for Theology, Education and Ministry <i>In-Person Intensive</i> October 9 to 14, 2025 Venue: TBC <i>Facilitator</i> Rev Dr Chan Nam Chen