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### **From the Chairperson: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Kuan**

Dear Friends, on behalf of the Board of Directors of FTESEA, I send you greetings for the New Year. The Board and I are looking forward to working with all of you to enhance theological education in China and Southeast Asia. We pray that through our ministry together in theological education, the mission of the church will be strengthened and the Gospel of Jesus Christ will impact lives for the betterment of the world.

### **From the Vice Chair Rev. Dr. Dorcas Gordon**

Dear Friends, I want to begin by wishing all of you every blessing for 2017. Having enjoyed my work on the Board over the past two years and also the privilege of meeting some of you in China and South East Asia, I am honoured to have been chosen as Vice Chair and look forward to working for the enhancement of theological education through the sharing of our common experience. In a world so troubled may we together bring to birth a renewed sense of hope in all we do.

### **Visit to Yushan Theological College and Seminary**

Canon Peter Ng and Dr. H.S. Wilson visited Yushan Theological Seminary, Hualien, Taiwan on September 29 and 30 to learn about the Ecumenical and Academic Exchange Program (EAEP), a three-year initiative supported by FTESEA for 2016 to 2018. EAEP is an academic cooperation in M.Th and D.Min degree programs in Christianity and theologies of indigenous people in Asia involving Yushan Theological Seminary (Taiwan), Myanmar Institute of Theology (Myanmar), Sabah Theological Seminary (Malaysia) and Union Theological Seminary (Philippines).



Peter Ng and H.S. Wilson in conversation with Rev. Dr. Pusin Tali, President of Yushan Theological College and Seminary



Dr. Kapi Ching, Dean of Yushan Seminary presenting his latest books to Peter Ng and H.S Wilson

**FTESEA held its 2016 annual Board meeting at Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI on Oct 14 and 15**



Rev. Dr. Kah-Jin Jeffrey Kuan, President of Claremont School of Theology, CA (sixth from left in second row) and Rev. Dr. Dorcas Gordon, Principal, Knox College, Toronto, Canada (eighth from left in the second row) were elected as Chair and Vice-Chair as from 2017.

**FTESEA facilitated a visit of women theological educators from China to India from Dec 12 to 16, 2016 on the invitation of the Board of Theological Education of the Senate of Serampore College.**

The following theological educators participated in the exposure visit to formal and non-formal theological education programs in Bangalore:

- Rev. Liu Xiaolu, Dean of Heilongjiang Seminary in Harbin, Heilongjiang Province
- Rev. Wang Jingli, Vice Dean of Northeast Theological Seminary in Shenyang, Liaoning Province
- Ms. Zhou Yongjiang, Lecturer at East China Theological Seminary in Shanghai
- Ms. Sun Yan, Lecturer at Shandong Seminary in Jinan, Shandong Province





Visit to United Theological College, Bangalore

From left: Rev. Wang Jingli, Rev. Liu Xialolu, Rev. Dr. H.S. Wilson, Rev. Dr. John Samuel Raj (Principal, United Theological College), Rev. Dr. Santanu Patro (Registrar, Senate of Serampore College), Ms. Zhou Yongjiang and Ms Sun Yan.



Chinese delegates with Sr. Anne Teresa (fourth from left), Senior Registrar of the National Biblical, Catechetical and Liturgical Center of the Catholic Bishops Conference of India.

## **ATESEA Board of Trustees Meeting**



Members of the Board of Trustees of ATESEA met at Chiang Mai, Thailand on December 2-3, 2016. At the meeting plans were finalized for the ATESEA Assembly (that meets once in four years) from March 21 to 23, 2017 at Central Philippines University, IloIlo City, Philippines. The Board of Trustees has also decided to reorganize the ATESEA Theological Union (ATU) and bring the proposal to the Assembly for a renewed ATU as a facilitator for strengthening and coordinating graduate level theological education programs and research in Southeast Asia.

### **Chinese Theological Review**

*The Chinese Theological Review* volume 27 is now available. Ms. Janice Wickeri, editor ([ctreditor@gmail.com](mailto:ctreditor@gmail.com)) welcomes readers' feedback and she is especially interested to know whether readers found the articles included in *CTR* useful and helpful in their work and study. Web copies of *CTR* are available at <http://www.amityfoundation.org/eng/publications>.



## **Visit to Lao Evangelical Church Training Program for ministry**

Dr. H.S. Wilson, accompanied by Dr. Chuleephan Srisunthorn (Professor at McGilvary College of Divinity and member of Board of Trustees of ATESEA), visited the Lao Evangelical Church on December 4-5, 2016 to learn about their training program for pastors, locally organized by LEC, in view of possible FTESEA support. Laos does not have a theological seminary. The church conducts non-formal theological education and sends some of the clergy for further training at seminaries in Thailand and Hong Kong, member seminaries of ATESEA.



**Photo with leaders of Lao Evangelical Church at their church headquarters in Vientiane, capital of Laos: Dr. H.S. Wilson (second from left), Rev. Dr. Khamphone Kounthapanya, Executive President of LEC (third from left) Rev. Dr. Chuleephan Srisunthorn from Thailand (fifth from left).**



**Dr. Wilson and Dr. Chullephan Srisunthorn with women clergy of Lao Evangelical Church.**

## Doctoral candidate Ms. Alica He



Rev. Alisa He, faculty member of Shandong Theological Seminary in China was partially supported by FTESEA to visit libraries of Yale Divinity School, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presbyterian Historical Society at Philadelphia and the US Congress to collect needed materials towards her dissertation on the history of North China Theological Seminary from August to December 2016. She is a doctoral candidate at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Hong Kong.

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*Best wishes for our continued ministry in the New Year 2017.*

*Shanti/Peace*

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