



Date: 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Bishop's Circular 11/2023

To:

All Clergy, Deaconesses, Evangelists,  
Chairpersons of Diocesan Boards and Committees,  
Members of the Diocesan Standing Committee,  
Churches in the Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Advent Season Greetings!

### **APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIOCESAN THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (DTED)**

I am appointing the Rev. Dr. Lim Kar Yong as the Director of the Theological Education Department of the Diocese of West Malaysia, as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

One of strategic catalysts in driving the diocesan leadership development is a focused attention to our human capital development. With God's help, the strength of our Diocese in the present and the future is as good as the strength of our existing and future pool of human capital. The multi-faceted challenges we face globally and locally, highlights the urgent need to train and develop a team of competent theologians and scholars, comprising both ordained clergy and lay people, who are biblically grounded, contextually engaged, and formation focused. These leaders will then be equipped to address contemporary issues in our context, to develop and train future leaders, and to engage in research and publication that nurture our faith rooted in our Anglican ethos and tradition.

After much prayer and consultations, a new Theological Education Department will be established in January 2024. It will strategize the intentional development of potential theological educators for our Diocese and also for theological institutions/colleges affiliated with us. This Department will be housed in Wisma Anglican, the newly completed diocesan building at Jalan Pudu Lama, where excellent facilities such as the digitally equipped auditorium and conference rooms could be utilised for training and equipping. The Rev. Dr, Lim Kar Yong is a suitable candidate with vast experience in theological education and will spearhead this Department.

A framework detailing a roadmap for different pathways in theological education up to the highest academic degree of PhD and policies for developing potential theological educators are currently being drawn up. We aim to have the framework and policies made available in



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Revelation 21:5



early 2024. In order to ensure that this pool of theological educators serve the needs of the Diocese and our theological colleges, we strongly encourage the pursuit of all classical theological disciplines (such as biblical studies, historical theology, practical theology, etc) and other cognate disciplines as well (such as canon law, transformational development, counselling, etc). Priority will be given to areas of specialisation where there is a great need.

Please pray for the Rev. Dr. Lim Kar Yong, and the newly minted Diocesan Theological Education Department.

Veni Sancte Spiritus,



The Rt. Rev. Dr. D. Steven Abbarow  
Bishop of West Malaysia



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