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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,

Christmas and New Year Season Greetings!

**APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR & CHAPLAIN OF THE DIOCESAN COLLEGE &
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT (DCUD)**

I am appointing the Rev. Tan Meng Poo as the Director and Chaplain of the Diocesan College and University Department, as of 1st January 2024.

This new ministry will embrace the following:

- 1.1 Identify churches and clergy that are doing college and university work. To build a directory that any interested person could refer to especially for our children who are going to any of the institutions of higher learning in the country.
- 1.2 To build connection with university students to provide pastoral care. The Diocese aims to provide a safety net for the students, to move our students to local churches.
- 1.3 For chaplaincy, we need to be deliberate to extend pastoral care. For example, to encourage local churches to run an adoption program for our students. To be an encourager to Clergy, Deaconess and laypeople who are involved in this ministry.
- 1.4 To liaise with Diocese of Kuching and Diocese of Sabah, to minister to East Malaysian college and university students studying in West Malaysia.
- 1.5 To create events, on a regional basis (every 3-4 months) or a national level (annual).
- 1.6 To identify successful models that we could learn from, and therefore build a learning culture in this area of ministry.
- 1.7 To develop a focus on discipleship and leadership skills especially for students with potential. In this regard, some to be challenged to enter ministry training such as 2 for Christ, and that some may give their lives for full time Christian work.



“Behold, I am making all things new”
Revelation 21:5



Please pray for Rev. Tan Meng Poo as he forms a working committee to assist him in this newly formed DCUD. May the Lord guide him in this ministry.

Veni Sancte Spiritus,



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



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