

**Prayer Points**

1. For churches and various donors, sponsors and constant well wishers from far and near for the progress and development of God's ministry at MTC.
2. For several infrastructural needs such as faculty and staffs quarters, multi-purpose auditorium, and swift completion of ongoing guest house construction.
3. For overall ministry of God in MTC.

**CONGRATULATORY NOTE**

Miss Lucklei Makung awarded Senate Prize of **C.E. Abraham Prize in Church History (B.D.)** For securing highest mark. She is the daughter of Mr. Rockson Makung and Mrs Soreiwon Makung from Kangpat Baptist Church, Kamjong District, Manipur.



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**Christmas Greetings**

Rev. Dr. Kennedy Poumai

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(1 John 4:16)

Dear Colleagues, Students, Friends, and Well-Wishers,

Warm Christmas greetings to each one of you from Manipur Theological College!

The verse, “God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them” (1 John 4:16), beautifully captures the heart of Christmas. As we celebrate this blessed season, we are invited once again to reflect on the profound mystery of Love Divine—a love that came down at Christmas, a love that restores, heals, and transforms. The birth of Jesus Christ is the supreme expression of God's unlimited love for humanity—a love that reaches out to the broken, embraces the forgotten, and uplifts the weary.

In a world where love is often conditional and fragile, Christmas reminds us of a love that is steadfast, selfless, and everlasting. This Love Divine calls us to move beyond ourselves toward acts of compassion, forgiveness, generosity, and service. It challenges us to build a community marked by empathy, dignity, and mutual care.

As a college community and as a church, may this season deepen our commitment to cultivate relationships grounded in respect and understanding. Let Divine Love inspire our words, guide our decisions, and shape our shared journey. When love leads, peace follows; when love grows, harmony flourishes; and when love is lived out, lives are changed. To “live in love” is to reflect the very nature of God in our daily life and interactions. When Divine Love fills us, we become instruments of harmony, kindness, and grace in the world.

May the love of Christ fill your hearts with joy and your homes with warmth. Wishing you and your loved ones A BLESSED CHRISTMAS 2025 and A GRACE-FILLED NEW YEAR 2026.

With heartfelt blessings,  
 Rev. Dr. Kennedy Poumai  
 Principal



MTC Faculty

## Christmas Beyond Christmas Prize

Rev. Dr. Wungnaowung Zimik

We often say that Christmas is "a happy one" when we receive gifts and prizes during the celebration. If we do not get prize, Christmas is not good. We observe Christmas for a name's sake and for the prize only without knowing the true meaning and joy of Christmas. What a great joy Christmas brings! When Jesus was born, the whole world rejoiced. The poor, the marginalized, and the underprivileged all awaited the coming of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day. The entire world waited for the arrival of the newborn King.

The angels of the Lord rejoiced and praised the newborn King. They proclaimed the message of peace on earth and glorified God in the highest. They informed the birth of Jesus to the shepherds. They were terrified to hear the news. They must be thinking that how such good news is informed to them. It should be announced to the rich, educated and the rulers of the world. However, they reverently went to the stable to worship the king of Kings. They were unaware of the birth of the Baby, born of the Virgin Mary and conceived by the Holy Spirit. The whole universe rejoiced and glorified His name.

He is Immanuel, "He is with us to comfort, enlighten, protect, and defend us, in every time of temptation and trial, in the hour of death, in the day of judgment; and God with us and in us, and we with and in him, to all eternity. In what sense then, is Christ God with us, in a situation where fears and doubts overshadowed the world?

On that dark, cold night, Jesus was born in Bethlehem to fulfill the prophecies of the prophets. Come, let us rejoice and celebrate the blessing of Christmas! For God has reconciled with humankind and incarnated Himself in the person of Jesus, who dwelt among us. He has redeemed us from the bondage of sin.

Merry Christmas to all our dear and loved ones! May you have a blessed season filled with peace and joy! Let us sing and offer praises to the One born in David's city. Let us worship with music and adore Him—Christ the Lord. As the three wise men followed the guiding of the morning star, may our lives be guided by His will as we offer Him the gift of thanksgiving this Christmas?

### **Introductory Note to the EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS**

"Forming Servant Leaders for a Transforming World" as the core focus of this year, the first half of the 2025 academic session at Manipur Theological College has been marked by moments of spiritual renewal, academic excellence, and vibrant community life. From retreats and academic milestones to cultural celebrations and peace-centered initiatives, these months have reflected our shared commitment to nurture leaders grounded in Scripture, shaped by community, and sent out with a mission of peace and inclusiveness.

This biannual newsletter captures the key events and highlights that shaped our journey together during June to December 2025. May these glimpses into college life remind us of God's unfailing faithfulness and inspire us toward deeper learning, service, and witness.

Students arrived for a new session with renewed enthusiasm, ready to engage in academic, spiritual and community life on the 12 of June. The academic year opened with a spiritually enriching Students' Retreat held on 16 June, centered on the theme "Chosen Vessel" drawn from Acts 19:15–16. The session was powerfully led by Rev. Dr. Wumramthang Shongjan, the Director of TTA, who challenged students to rediscover their identity and calling as God's appointed vessels. The retreat set a reflective and prayerful atmosphere for the year ahead. Thereafter, regular classes officially resumed on 17<sup>th</sup> June, marking a new opportunity to embark on another season of learning.

### **Faculty & Staff Retreat**

An enriching and reflective time of Faculty and Staff Retreat on 14 June at the serene Mao Baptist Church Prayer Centre.

### **Freshers' Meet 2025**

The college joyfully welcomed 23 new students during the Freshers' Meet on 20 June.

### **Peace Events in Collaboration with MBC, Sponsored by EMW**

Peace Seminars and events for students, leaders and pastors in Kangpokpi and Senapati areas to promote peace, unity and reconciliation in the region.



### **Literary Day**

A fun-filled Literary Day on 14 August under the theme "Thy Word and the World." Students showcased various creativity providing a joyful platform for intellectual growth and artistic exploration.

### **Alumni Meet**

The Alumni Meet on 12 September brought together graduates from various batches for a warm and meaningful reunion with a renewed pledge for continued support for God's mission.



### **Cultural Day**

A vibrant and rejuvenating Cultural Day was held on 7 November, under the theme "To Diversity and Inclusiveness" marked by colourful showcase of cultures, traditions, and performances celebrating inclusiveness, presented by reflecting the rich diversity of the MTC community.



### **Ministerial Exposure Tour**

Faculty and students embarked on a Ministerial Exposure tour to Chandel area and nearby churches, dividing into thirteen groups. They participated in worship and fellowship activities, gaining valuable hands-on ministry experience and strengthening ties with local congregations.



### **Games and Sports**

The College Sports Meet was held from 3-6 December, bringing together students, faculty and community members alike in a spirit of healthy competition and camaraderie. The week further fostered teamwork, discipline and sportsmanship adding vibrant energy to campus life.



### **Pre-Christmas Celebration**

Celebrated under the theme "In the Fullness of Time" (Galatians 4:4), the Pre-Christmas program featured two inspiring sessions. Dr. Gaichuimeilu (Kim) Palmei, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy graced the program as the speaker who encouraged the community to reflect on God's perfect timing as we prepare our hearts for of Advent of our Saviour.

### **Other Activities**

#### **MTC observed Independence Day on 15 August 2025**

Book Fair on 1<sup>st</sup> November organized by MTCSA offering students and faculty a valuable opportunity to explore a rich collection of theological, academic, and inspirational literature.

### **Praise Points**

1. For enabling us to complete construction of one faculty quarter, which was dedicated on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October.
2. For the generous family whose donation allowed us to construct an open hut for program stage dedicated on 4<sup>th</sup> November.

