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WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS:

UTS extends a warm welcome to students who entered the Seminary this term. Keith MacMurdie from the U.S., Yeon Shil Kim and Won Sang Song from Korea, and Ricardo de Sena each entered as full-time students. Rev. Tracy Barber, pastor of The Lord's Church in Poughkeepsie, New York, entered as a part-time student. Ted A'Becket, from Australia by way of the San Francisco Bay Area, entered as a pre-Seminary student. Ja-Sub Koo, from Korea by way of New Jersey, and Cheul Hwa Jeoung entered the Intensive English Program (IEP). Welcome all!

CLASS OFFICER ELECTIONS:

Junior and Senior Class Officer elections were held on Wednesday, January 10th. The new Senior Class President is Akiyoshi Kinami. He is on campus Mondays – Thursdays. He goes to New York City at the weekends to be with his wife who is 5 months pregnant. The Senior Class Vice President is Jin Seong Lee, who served as Junior Class President last year. The new Junior Class President is Ichinori Tsumagari who lives in the gatehouse with his Dutch wife, Vera, and four children. The Junior Class Vice President is Hiroshi Umemoto who was a great sports coordinator last term. His Korean wife, Sun Mi is living here with him. We

extend our congratulations to these new officers, and our thanks for their willingness to serve!

STUDENT COUNCIL:

Following the class elections, positions for Student Council were voted upon. As Student Body President, Frankie Sanchez will serve as the chair person of Student Council. Maya Hazan, Student Body Vice President will serve as the Treasurer. All the class officers will be members of Student Council, plus the following positions: Worship Committee Chair, Kazunori Arase; Sports Coordinator, Hiroshi Jimbo; Facilities Coordinator, Jin Seong Lee; Academic Affairs Representatives: MRE: Kmol Thananopavarn; DIV: Takashi Adachi.

<u>The first Student Council meeting of</u> <u>the term will be on Wednesday,</u> <u>January 17th at 11:00 AM in LH 2.</u> <u>Any student who wishes to may attend.</u>

GENERAL MEETING TODAY:

The Junior Class will meet today, Tuesday, January 16th in the student lounge over lunch to discuss a proposal to organize student teams based on

classes. Bring your lunch and your opinions. Tomorrow, the Student Council will discuss, and hopefully implement, a plan for student organization this term.

WINTER WORKSHOPS:

Mr. Cliff Yasutake reports that two workshops held during the winter break, one for some 200 Church youth in the region and the other for approximately 100 Student Task Force (STF) and CARP members raised more than \$25,000. UTS Expenses for the three and four-day workshops were approximately \$10,000. UTS is an excellent site for large or small workshops and conferences as well as attractive pricing. The current cost is \$33 per person, per day for room, meals and use of the facility. The Seminary would like to expand its conference program. Anyone with contacts is encouraged to contact Mr. Yasutake at 845-752-3026.

UNIFICATION THOUGHT MEETING:



Drs. Mickler, Carlson, Park and Noda attended a planning meeting of The Research Institute for the Unification of World

Thought at the University of Bridgeport on Saturday, January 6th. The purpose of the meeting was to begin the process of developing a new text of Unification Thought suitable for scholarly audiences. Drs. Jung Chang Choi and Tom Ward (UTS '82) served as conveners for the 17 participants who gathered including UTS alumni/ae Drs. William Brunhofer and David Burton, Josie Hauer, and Tony Devine as well as former UTS President Theodore Shimmyo and Assistant to the President Jennifer Tanabe. Claude Perottet (UTS '99) serves as a researcher for the institute. There was much lively discussion with new chapters on the existence of God, the afterlife, evil and theodicy, economics and politics being considered. Minutes and an executive

summary of the meeting will be forthcoming. A second meeting is planned for June or July.

EXTENSION CENTER:

UTS received informal approval to upgrade its extension site at 4 West 43rd St. in Manhattan to an extension center. Robert McHugh, the Seminary's liaison at the State Education Department, visited the site on December 19th and met with President Hendricks and Dr. Winings. He previously received our written application to offer courses beyond the fifteen allowed under extension site status. The Seminary offered 10 courses in Manhattan Fall term and is offering more this term. Although formal approval is forthcoming, perhaps in February, Mr. McHugh gave the go-ahead to continue coursework and center development.

