

# UTS NEWS

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## WELCOME BACK!

UTS NEWS welcomes all students back for Winter term. We hope you had a great break and are ready to get back to Seminary life. You'll notice that there have been some changes at UTS which are covered immediately below. However, our mission remains unchanged: to provide theological instruction and an environment for the development of ministries that foster faith and character development, God-centered families, healthy and growing churches, and communities of peace, love, and justice beyond race, nation and religion. We wish you a rich and blessed term!

## PRESIDENT HENDRICKS TAKES ON NEW RESPONSIBILITIES:

In service of the Seminary's mission, President Hendricks has taken on new responsibilities at the UTS Manhattan extension site and in the New Jersey Church. In Manhattan, President Hendricks will involve himself more with our expanding extension center. In New Jersey, where there is one of the largest single concentrations of Unificationists in the U.S., President Hendricks will be working to establish a model of how the Seminary and Church can work together toward growth and development.

All of this means that President Hendricks will be less available at Barrytown. His present schedule calls for him to be on campus Mondays and Tuesdays. He will offer Junior Orientation on Mondays and on Tuesdays will meet with people here. As always, his is an open door. We wish President Hendricks all success and want to

participate with him in extending the Seminary's borders.

## ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES:

Because of his responsibilities elsewhere and new schedule, President Hendricks asked Dr. Mickler to assume the position of Seminary Vice-President, responsible for the day-to-day operation of UTS. Dr. Wilson has taken the position of Academic Dean. Drs. Mickler and Wilson have exchanged offices. Dr. Mickler's office is now next to President Hendricks' in the west wing and Dr. Wilson is in the east wing across from the Academic Administration Office. Both Dr. Mickler and Dr. Wilson will continue to teach.

Also, due to President Hendrick's new responsibilities and schedule, Dr. Tanabe will no longer be working as Special Assistant to the President and concluded her employment at UTS on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Tanabe worked as Director of Institutional Research at UTS from 1988-94, Academic Dean during AY 1994-95, Dean of Students during AY 1995-96, and Special Assistant to the President under Presidents Shimmyo and Hendricks from 1996-2000. Dr. Tanabe played a significant role in the Seminary gaining its New York State Absolute Charter and Middle States Association accreditation. We wish her the best in her future endeavors.

## PRESIDENT HENDRICKS TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY TODAY:

President Hendricks will address the entire UTS community today, Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> in the Dining Room at 1:00 p.m. He wants to bring everyone up-to-date on the latest UTS developments and changes and the reasons for them.

## CLASS OFFICER ELECTIONS:

Elections for Senior and Junior Class Officers will be held on Wednesday, January

10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in LH 2. Both classes need to elect a President and Vice-President. Immediately following those elections will be elections for Student Council. Be heard – Be represented – Be there!

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### **STUDENT BODY GOVERNANCE AND ORGANIZATION:**

Many of us learned valuable lessons from our small Group Ministry experience last term. However, the overall evaluation of their success was mixed. Some ministries, eg. the Music Ministry, seemed to work very well while others not so well. So, in discussion with the Student Body President, Vice President, and Divinity Class President, a new proposal on the structuring of the student body will be presented to students prior to the Elections on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Your feedback and input would be greatly appreciated.

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### **ECUMENICAL WORSHIP:**

The UTS Ecumenical Worship Service will continue this term at noon each Wednesday. It provides the opportunity for the UTS community to worship together once a week. As President Hendricks will be off-campus, he has asked Dr. Shawn Byrne to work with the UTS Worship Committee in coordinating the service. A variety of services are planned. Let's bring joy to God's heart as a community.

### **WINTER WONDERLAND:**

The Mid-Hudson Valley was hit by one of its larger winter snowstorms in recent years. On December 30<sup>th</sup>, sixteen inches of snow fell over a 24-hour period. UTS has since been blanketed by a beautiful snow cover. There are several sleigh runs on campus, the pond is well-frozen for skating, and several ski mountains are within 45 minutes driving

distance. But, winter weather demands extra care and cooperation. Be careful walking to and from the Main Building as sidewalks are slippery. Parking has been made available next to the UTS Library and soccer field, but when there is snowfall, please cooperate with Howie Callies who handles the Seminary snow plowing. It may be necessary, on occasion, to vacate space so it can be cleared. Notices will be forthcoming in this newsletter.

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### **FROM THE DEAN OF STUDENTS:**

I want to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you on your return to UTS! We all have something unique to learn from and offer to our UTS community. I pray as we work together this term we can recognize and acknowledge how special each person is – truly seeing each other through the eyes of our Heavenly Father. Please know that I am available for you, so come and see me with your concerns, victories or anything on your mind – or just for a really good English cup of tea! I look forward to our time together this term.

Gillian Corcoran, Dean of Students

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