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Dear WTS Community,

We are continuing to move forward as a community in our commitment to respond to the findings of the Title IX investigative report. We are committed to implementing each of the recommendations made in that report and continue to make progress on that implementation.

I am writing today to share that we have established a WTS Sexual Harassment Prevention Task Force. According to the report's recommendation, "The purpose of the Task Force will be to provide input to the Title IX Coordinator and senior leadership regarding the effectiveness of the Title IX compliance program and recommend strategies for continuous improvement. Members of the Task Force will represent the WTS community, including Rayetta Perez, Title IX Coordinator, a member of the Board of Trustees, administrators, faculty members, staff members, and students."

The members of this Task Force are:

John Brogan, Associate Academic Dean
Carla Capotosto, Associate Director of Communications
Grace Miguel Cipriano, Associate Director of Formation
for Ministry
Kris DePree, Moderator, WTS Board of Trustees
Jill English, Associate Director of Admissions
Megan Hodgkin, RCA Coordinator for Congregational
Mission Engagement (and WTS alumna)
Laurel Pals, IR student

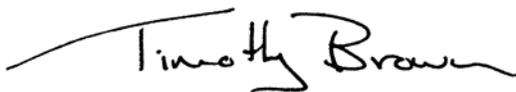
Ross Hoekstra, IR Student, Student Council President
Kristen Johnson, Chairperson, Associate Professor of
Theology and Christian Formation
Rachel Klompmaker, IR Student
Rayetta Perez, Director of Administration and Human
Resources, Title IX Coordinator
Nicole Saint-Victor, DL Student
Timothy Brown, President, *ex officio*

This task force has already begun meeting and will continue to work throughout the summer to make sure we are able to implement the other recommendations included in the report by the time the new academic year begins.

The task force is including in its work robust discussion of how we as a Christian community within the Reformed tradition need to wrestle with the report's findings, be attentive to the realities of brokenness in our common life together, and imagine ways to move forward guided by our biblical and theological convictions.

We ask for your ongoing prayers as this task force moves ahead with its work, seeking God's wisdom and discernment each step of the way.

Grace and peace,



Timothy L. Brown
President and Henry Bast Professor of Preaching