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To All EECMY Units and Other Concerned Bodies

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

Re: Preadmission English language Training

Dear Friends in Christ,

MYS is a prominent theological seminary of the EECMY, engaged in training ministers, teachers and leaders for various church services in Ethiopia and beyond. MYS – CoTS is also committed to build up and shape the church's intellectual profile for its faith, mission, and ministry.

The MYS-CoTS is striving to achieve its vision and mission by training students from all church units in its regular, summer, and extension programs. However, as it is evident throughout the country, in the recent years the college faced a great challenge in relation to the English language capacity of the students which is the medium of instruction.

Students are screened for acceptance into their respective programs based on their English levels as well as their subject matter knowledge in the program to which they are applying. Nevertheless, a large percentage of students admitted to the programs do not produce academic work in English at the expected level. In order to improve this situation, bachelor's degree students are required to take two English courses in their first two semesters (writing and communications course); while Master's students are required to take one course (a writing course). However, these courses have not been found sufficient to raise students' English level to the place it needs to produce academic work in the language.

The MYS-CoTS in collaboration with Mission for Christ Network has made a feasibility study on how to tackle the problem and proposed that increasing the training time of English language will elevate the English language capacity of the students.

Hence, upon the proposal of the CoTS Academic Commission (CoTS-AC) and MYS Senate, the MYS Board approved that the only way to improve the English language capacity of the students by giving an intensive English language training for a year before they are admitted to the B.Th. program, and optional for MA.

Therefore, we would like to kindly inform all synod leaders and responsible bodies to consider this good intention when you send candidates for the next academic year, 2024/25.

NB: On the other hand, CoTS admits those students with high command of English for the regular class in 2024/25 based on their entrance exam result.

In Christ,

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