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Dear Friend,

We are basing this semester's Care Conversations on the TEC Leadership Matrix.

Part of God's original creative purpose was to design humanity and cultures of diversity. God's intention in diversity is always unity as we fellowship with others. Leadership requires us to engage in God's design by building relationships within His community both locally and globally. Christ is central in this universal community and unites us together in love. The universal body of Christ allows us to draw from a rich and deep well of diverse experience by connecting and interacting. Our own leadership is enhanced as we invest in others. We also have the opportunity to serve and support others in the wider community and contribute to their journey. Together we love and serve the body

of Christ.

Yours in Christ,

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## COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL FORMATION

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## GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

As Leaders of Biblical Christian Schools, we learn in so many different ways. Primarily we seek to find the truth about the nature of God, humanity and reality through our reading of the Bible.

We can learn together in our communities about how we should live; what is important for us in developing young people to be responsive and responsible disciples of Christ.

We can learn from other schools in our State or across our Nation.

We can learn through our global connections. Why are these global connections so important?

**Culture or Christ?** When we engage with Christian School Leaders from other parts of the world, we can more clearly discern how much of our thinking is cultural and how much is informed by Christ. When we meet with Christian educators from other cultures, we are able to clarify the essentials.

**Assumptions:** In Australia, we have major contributions to the financing of our schools via Federal and State Government funds. We can easily assume that this is true for Christian Schools across the world. It is not. This leads us to thankfulness for what we receive and a renewed understanding that for most countries in the world, funding and resourcing is a significant challenge.

**Learning From One Another:** It was a delight to be part of the Global Christian Schools Network meeting in Romania last October. Rejoicing at what the Lord is doing through Christian communities in every continent was a delight. Learning from one another was a rich experience. Supporting and praying for one another is a special privilege.

**The Basis of Fellowship:** Engagement with schools and school leaders from across the world magnifies our understanding of the magnificence of God's grace. We see a common basis of fellowship and understanding by Christian leaders in other countries.

**A True Understanding of Globalisation:** The rise of globalisation across the world in the last fifty years has had a primarily economic and materialist basis. Our connections with Global Christian School Leaders confirm for us that true unity only comes through Christ.

**Encouraging the Hearts of Ourselves and Our Students:** "We were strangers and foreign to one another, but we quickly became friends." [1] We seem to be innately suspicious of people who are culturally or ethnically different to ourselves. It's a joy to see people relating positively to one another because of each person's intrinsic value as God's creation.

However we connect globally, by visits, by student interaction, by technology, it's a great thing to do.

Connecting together through fellowship in Christ

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[1] Student Comment GCSN 2018 Romania



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