

Dear English Readers of *Tripod*,

Thank you so much for your splendid and prompt responses to our *Tripod* Survey. The pie charts on pp.10-11 will give a good idea of your responses to our questions. We feel it is important at this particular juncture to know your preferences as we begin our new program of publication in 2001. From the responses it is clear that readers expect us to keep them up to date on developments in the Church in China and in Society, and to deal with the subject matter in an objective and balanced manner. This has always been our policy, and one of our major concerns, although not always easy to maintain.

We are grateful to so many of you who took the time to give us suggestions for future *Tripod* themes as well as themes for regular features. You may be sure that we will keep these in mind during the coming year and after.

Up to now, we have been publishing news items in *Tripod* in our feature, *China Church and News Update*. Since we will be publishing less frequently, we will now be putting the news briefs on our Web page: <http://www.hsstudyc.org.hk>. The news will be updated every other week. We suggest that you also check our web site on a regular basis for commentaries on important and current topics, and our monthly feature, *China Bridge* that we write for the diocesan newspaper, *The Sunday Examiner*. You are always free to reproduce these articles provided proper credits are given.

We also wish you to know that we are making special efforts to tap the talent and opinions of Mainland Chinese writers. These are not too plentiful at the moment, but we feel it is important to test our own thoughts and viewpoints through them. We also wish to give them an avenue for expression.

Lastly, we wish to say thank you to so many of you who, in filling out your survey forms, expressed appreciation for the work of our *Tripod*, and especially for telling us that *Tripod* is a helpful resource in your own work, and in keeping you up with developments in the Church in China.

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