Dear Members of the Trinity Colonial Legacies Project

“What’s in a name?”

It would seem a strange thing that this discussion would not widely involve the Trinity alumni. No doubt that Berkeley held some deeply unpleasant views which were, are and will remain wrong.

But connections across the generations forms an integral part of the Trinity legacy. Commencements are delivered in Latin as a reminder that we are a continuation of the tradition of learning in Europe. Of course the pesky Romans (whose language it was) were also partial to slavery amongst many other unpleasant and wrong-headed views.

I would suggest that retaining our common lexicon is important - keep the name; teach the history.

Sincerely
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Sent from my iPhone