



# LIVING UNIVERSITY

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Friends and Supporters of Living University,

Our faculty, staff and students send you their warm greetings on this gorgeous summer day in Charlotte. Our fast-moving summer appears to have ended early as our LU classes began this morning and the fall festival season is almost upon us. It sure has been a busy three months.

I am pleased to report to you that LU ended its fiscal year for 2014-2015 on June 30 in budget with a net income of \$106,366. This small surplus strengthens the emergency cash reserves of the University and adds to its long-term financial stability.

The University received \$88,690 in regular cash donations for the 2014-2015 fiscal year compared with \$62,884 for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. So thanks to your prayers, support and gifts, LU had a 41.1% increase in regular cash donation income. There was one \$8,000 grant for library equipment, a special cash gift of \$70,000, and about \$50,000 in gifts of personal property (primarily vehicles and book donations to the library). The LU financial audit by our independent auditor Cherry Bekaert L.L.P. (Certified Public Accounts) is to occur September 8-11.

We now have a scheduled fall licensure visit from the University of North Carolina General Administration on November 16. This is with respect to LU's readiness for offer an Associate of Arts Degree program to serve our traditional college age young adults. When the president of Georgia College and University (a former colleague of Dr. Scott Winnail) learned that LU has a visit scheduled he asked Dr. Howard Woodard (a former Ambassador College faculty member) to be here for the visit to give as a hand as needed. Dr. Woodard is a retiring senior administrator with the university and a full Professor of Information Systems. He is an adjunct professor with LU and a member of the Macon, GA LCG congregation.

While our attempt to purchase a home in Mint Hill for women students did not materialize we did lease a nice townhouse near the campus for them to reside. I believe it is much better suited to their needs than the house so I am thankful that God worked this out in the way He did. When an additional unit in this town house complex becomes available we plan to lease it for our men students. This will bring them closer to the campus and be better quarters as well promoting more social interaction with the women students. Next fall we plan to double this rental housing as we implement the Associate Degree Program.

As of today we have 130 students enrolled for credit and 60 auditing classes, for a total of 190 students for the fall semester. This is a record number of students enrolling for credit—a 10.3% increase. We have eleven students in residence—8 in Charlotte and 3 in Australia. The annual faculty reception welcoming new students will occur tomorrow evening at the headquarters building. I would like to introduce our eleven in residence students to you.



### **Joseph Gonzalez**

Joseph is one of our full-time Australia students. He is in his second year of ministerial training and taking a full LU course load, while he fulfills other tasks in the Australian office and within the Adelaide congregation. His wife is also taking LU classes. Joseph and his wife are from the Philippines, but Mr. Tyler is training them in Adelaide.

	<p><b>Jacob Hall</b></p> <p>“Jake” is our student body president. He holds a bachelor degree in petroleum engineering and worked for the federal government (US Patent Office) for a year after graduation. Jake has attended the Charlotte congregation since December 2013. His work study position is in the TV department.</p>
	<p><b>Kyle Keas</b></p> <p>Kyle is from southern California. Kyle is age 30 and has been baptized by four years (by Darryl Lovelady). Kyle has served as a zoo keeper at the LA Zoo and holds essentially the equivalent of an associate degree in zoological studies. Kyle has been baptized for about 4.5 years and comes with strong recommendations from both Darryl Lovelady and Stephen Elliott. He is excited about studying with LU. For work-study Kyle will assist Mr. Rod McNair in Church Administration.</p>
	<p><b>Timothy Mager</b></p> <p>Timothy is another one of our full-time Australia students.</p>
	<p><b>Brittany Markgraf</b></p> <p>Brittany will be age 19 and a baptized member from Branson, MO. She has attended God’s Church with her mother for the past seven years. Brittany took a full LU course load during the spring semester 2015, via distance. Brittany comes with very strong recommendations, including from her pastor Karl Byersdorfer. She is 19 is enrolled in the ATh degree program. We are currently planning to place her in the Library for her work-study position.</p>
	<p><b>Briona “Bria” Martin</b></p> <p>Bria is 18 and from Blue Springs, MO – a suburb of Kansas City. Bria grew up in the church, played sports and participated in choir and chorale in high school. Her parents and siblings attend the Kansas City, MO congregation. While at LU Bria’s work-study position will be in the accounting department while she works toward a Diploma in Biblical Studies.</p>
	<p><b>Lori Morgan</b></p> <p>Lori is in her early 40’s and is a long-time, baptized church member from Oregon. She is a single mom (her son is grown and moved out). Lori holds an MBA degree. As an on-campus student she assists LU with accounting, budgeting and long-range planning.</p>
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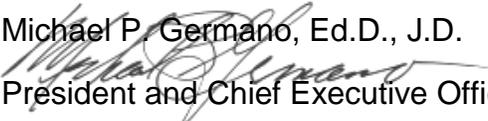
	<p><b>Travis Pate</b></p> <p>Travis is 20 and attends with his parents in the Seattle/Tacoma congregation. Travis' father Gary is a deacon. Travis grew up in the Church. In high school he lettered in both Track and Cross Country. While in high school, through dual-enrollment, he also completed an Associate of Arts degree from Pierce College. For work-study Travis will work part-time in TV and the remainder of his time in ground transportation.</p>
	<p><b>Rebecca Rodzaj</b></p> <p>"Becca" is age 25 and has been baptized for seven years. She is the daughter of Bob and Carla Rodzaj. Becca comes from Phoenix most recently but has lived in Australia while her father pastored in the Australasia region. She has completed many junior college classes and loves horses. While at LU Becca will work toward her Diploma in Christian Family Studies. She will work part-time off campus. Rebecca is highly motivated and excited to come to LU.</p>
	<p><b>Deborah Ross</b></p> <p>Deborah is age 21 and from Iowa. She comes from a respected church family. Deborah completed her college degree in music (minor in pre-med) from Hillsdale College this past May. Deborah works as an administrative assistant in the Executive Office for her work study position this year.</p>

At LU, where "All the World is Our Campus," your prayers and continued support enable our Charlotte on-campus students, those in-residence in Adelaide, and God's people from around the globe to learn deeply about God and His Way of Life, and to become more effective laborers in His service.

One of the greatest needs of God's Work today is more laborers to serve His people. And since the start of our on-campus program in Charlotte, God's Work has several of our on-campus students into its full-time employ. Of our six Associate of Theology (A.Th.) graduates, two have gone on to complete B.Th. degrees and are currently employed full-time by the Living Church of God. One is considering continuing on to the B.Th. program. Two were previously employed full-time (one by the Living Church of God and one by another agency). And, one became employed full-time by the University. Of the eleven unique diploma and 38 unique certificate graduates, thirteen became employed full-time by the Living Church of God in conjunction with or shortly after the completion of their credential. In addition, 16 of our graduates were ordained to the rank of deacon, deaconess or elder during or shortly following the completion of their credential and serve in a non-employed manner in their local congregations. As LU grows it will likely become a vital source of additional hands to do the Work of our great and loving God.

Thank you again for your prayerful and continued financial support of Living University. You are truly helping to make a tremendous difference! We are encouraged and excited to see more of God's people enrolling in His University for a more in-depth exposure to His Word and awesome Way of Life. And we thank you for your prayers and ongoing support.

Warmest personal regards,

Michael P. Germano, Ed.D., J.D.  
  
 President and Chief Executive Officer