



LIVING UNIVERSITY

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Dear Friend and Supporter of Living University,

I hope that your Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread were very meaningful and inspiring. These Holy Days remind us of our Christian mission and Christ's command for us to develop more of His perfect, righteous character – a directive that undergirds our focus at Living University. Our hope is to help our students/God's people develop a more detailed understanding of the Bible and also a deeper commitment to their calling. We aim to empower them to "stay the course" and continue in their quest to "put on Christ" (Romans 13:14; Galatians 3:27).

With the Holy Days now behind us, Living University is moving forward with a number of exciting activities and events. There are only three weeks remaining in the academic semester, so students are working hard to complete assignments and prepare for final exams. Several on-campus students are graduating and moving on.

As exam preparation is underway, we are also preparing for our annual Commencement exercises on Monday, May 15 at 11am at the Mint Hill Masonic Lodge, in Mint Hill, North Carolina. We expect to graduate 20 students next month and we look forward to seeing 13 of them in person for this exciting culmination of their studies. This year will be a very special Commencement for a couple of reasons. First, this year's Commencement culminates the first ten years of Living University's operations! Additionally, Commencement will overlap the spring meeting of the Living Church of God Council of Elders. Because of this, we will be blessed to have additional ministers and wives from around the globe present at this special event. We wish all of you could be here to celebrate with us, as YOU are responsible in great part for making this Commencement possible. Thanks to your *fervent prayers* for LU's success, and also your financial gifts, we are able to make a Living University education possible for God's people around the globe – people who may never be able to attend our on-campus program. The great God has blessed all of our prayers and efforts to help His people continue to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18). And for that, we are deeply humbled and thankful!

Nine days after Commencement, we will begin our summer session of classes. This will be our first summer session in several years and enrollment for the two classes we are offering is encouraging. Mr. Kenneth Frank will teach *THL 135 Life, Ministry and Teachings of Jesus*, and Mr. Peter Nathan will teach *THL 438 Biblical Prophecy II: Minor Prophets*. It is not too late to register for a summer class if you or someone you know still wishes to participate.

Additionally, we are planning for our fall semester classes and our incoming on-campus class here in Charlotte. As of now we still have a few open slots for incoming students, so if you know

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a young person in the Church who could benefit from attending Living University, we encourage you to speak with him or her about taking advantage of this important opportunity. As you know, we have reduced our tuition for this coming year by almost 30%. We keep on-campus living expenses to a minimum and our students have lovely accommodations from which to enjoy their LU experience. For young people, Living University provides a truly unique learning experience as they work to deepen their spiritual foundation and learn how to more fully live God's way of life, while they work to "recapture true values". As our supporters and friends, one of the ways for you to continue to both support LU and also contribute to the long-term stability and growth of God's Church, is to encourage His people to take advantage of this fantastic learning and growing experience. Thank you so much for your help in doing this. Ultimately, it is *God's Church* that benefits as His people deepen their conversion and spiritual understanding.

In terms of student successes and opportunities, one of our students brought to Charlotte as a ministerial trainee will move to the field in June. There he and his wife (also an LU alumnus) will begin assisting local congregations. Three of our female on-campus students became engaged this semester to fine, converted young men, all of whom are themselves LU alumni. We look forward to the positive impact that these fine young couples will have on their local congregations as they serve in the future. One of our ministerial trainee couples who trained in Adelaide, South Australia, moved back to the Philippines last fall. They are now serving in the ministry full-time. And other men studying with LU in Charlotte and abroad are being further trained for future service to God's Church, as God wills.

Again, all of this is possible in great part because of YOUR heartfelt prayers and donations. So THANK YOU! Thank you for being part of our family of friends and supporters and for your ongoing commitment to LU and subsequently to the continuation and growth of God's Church. Living University is just one piece of God's Work, but it is an important one, as you are deeply aware.

It is a humbling and exciting privilege to be a part of God's Work and His University. And, it is a pleasure to serve God's people along with all of you!

In Christian love and appreciation,



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