



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 first day of the fall 2017 semester. We are off to an exciting start with our eleventh year of operation. Yesterday, we held several orientation events for our on-campus students, and Dr. Scott Winnail (our Dean of Faculty) treated them to lunch.

Compared to last year, we have experienced a 22% decline in our overall enrollment. We expected this drop due to the consumer protection laws of 20 states requiring specific authorization to enroll their residents as online students. Currently, the University can only admit persons who reside outside North Carolina to online degree programs, diploma programs, certificate programs or individual online courses offered by Living University *if* the University has secured authorization from the applicant's state of residence, when required. Because so many groups are creating online education programs now, and because some of them are fraudulent, it is increasingly difficult to maintain authorization to operate in a number of states – they are making it difficult for *all* online institutions due to the actions of a few “bad actors.”

We regret the difficulty this has caused many who would like to take LU courses. We hope that one day we will again be able to serve God's people in all 50 states. We appreciate your continuing prayers for God to re-open these doors in the future.

Living University has a general license from the State of North Carolina for our online programs and on-campus study at Charlotte. We can and do legally enroll students from any state for on-campus study and encourage our college-age youth and young adults to become on-campus students. They will always fondly remember and benefit from the life changing, value-added experience of coming to Charlotte for a year of study or completing a four-year degree.

As of today, we have 176 students registered for classes (8 on-campus, 120 online and 48 auditors). Our students this semester represent 23 different nations. This is our most *international* semester so far! Last fall we enrolled 225 students (13 on-campus, 130 online and 82 auditors). We see the glass, so to speak, as 78% full rather than seeing it as 22% empty. We are grateful for the students that God has brought to us from all over the world. Thank you again for your prayerful and continued financial support of Living University. You are truly helping to make a tremendous difference!

We anticipated the decline in our enrollment and its negative impact on our income for this fiscal year and have budgeted accordingly. Regretfully, we ended our fiscal year in June with a \$75,000 deficit. We cannot absorb that magnitude of a loss this fiscal year.

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We have therefore, taken steps to reduce expenses, including cutting contracted printing expenses and travel, cutting back on course offerings and by eliminating two student work-study positions.

Even so, we plan to keep you fully informed of campus news and events by letter and through the *LU Newsletter*. At this time, we have temporarily either reduced or eliminated contracted printed publications like the *University Catalog* and our planned 10th anniversary LU yearbook. We simply do not have the money to continue with these projects at this time. We can publish, however, electronic documents inexpensively such as the *University Catalog* and *The Schedule of Classes* on the University website, and we plan to do so.

Even though we have taken this cost-saving measure, we believe it is important for us to provide you with a working draft of the student section of *The Pictorial*. This is to introduce you to our on-campus students and others in special programs. The final edition on the website will have all students registered in classes for credit. Please keep these students and *all* of our students in your thoughts, hearts and prayers as they study and learn with Living University.

Since it is quite evident that our 2016/2017 fiscal year deficit and our decline in enrollment has strained our finances, I hope you will continue in making monthly contributions to Living University. The gifts you make to LU allow us to continue teaching God's way of life to His people *worldwide*. We can only succeed with your help.

Remember, your gifts by check must be made payable to Living University. We appreciate all gifts—small and large. Every gift is precious to us. For some a gift of \$1.00 is a very large gift. Others are willing and able to give more. Collectively, we can enable LU to continue its work effectively and enable it to reach more who hunger for God's Way of Life.

To make an online gift, go to livinguniv.com and select **Giving to LU** on the menu. Then select **Donate to LU Now!** and follow the directions. If you prefer to give by mail, that works wonderfully as well. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and thank you as always for your prayers and ongoing support.

Warmest personal regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael P. Germano". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael P. Germano, Ed.D., J.D.

President and Chief Executive Officer

Our Students

Living University serves both an on-campus and online student body. From 175-225 students annually enroll in online and on-campus study and the majority are working adults.

This fall our student body of 176 consists of about one-third women and two-thirds men. Nearly 25% are online international students. Approximately 96% of our students study part-time. Of the 176 we have 8 on-campus students at Charlotte, 120 online and 48 auditors.

Our enrollment is down a little over last year as the result of a renewed effort by state governments to regulate postsecondary institutions offering online education. Even though LU total enrollment did decline some this semester, we have achieved our second highest registration of “for-credit” students in our eleven year history. This is quite encouraging.



program together with the LCG Spanish Department.

In this preliminary edition of *The Pictorial* we have included our on-campus Charlotte students, in-residence Adelaide students, our Early College Program students, and the Hispanic Cohort. When we complete the final edition of *The Pictorial* we plan to include the faculty and all students enrolled for credit courses.

In addition, our student body has become more diverse as we have enrolled 66 international students (about 20 from Africa and 22 from Mexico, Central and South America) and 110 USA students (77 White, 7 Black or African American, 4 Hispanic and 22 Ethnicity Unknown).

This fall we began offering selected courses in the Spanish language. Our first course is the Spanish language equivalent of *THL 135 Life, Ministry and Teachings of Jesus* initiated as *THL 135S Vida, ministerio y enseñanzas de Jesucristo*, to a cohort of 23 Spanish speaking elders, deacons and members primarily from Latin America. The University developed this





Although Living University programs continue to focus on theology and preparing for service those called by God to the ministry, LU has been expanding its curriculum to further develop student skills in business, communications and other disciplines. Living University has a general license from the State of North Carolina for its online programs and on-campus study at Charlotte. We can and do legally enroll students from any state for on-campus study and encourage our college-age youth and young adults to become on-campus students. This provides opportunity for our young people to complete their general education requirements, as they would in any college or university, as well as basic theology courses that challenge them to think critically about their faith, their place in the world and in God's great plan for them.

Overall, our main focus is to help students develop the character and basic skills that will make them successful in any field. Our heavy focus on service, leadership and character development provides all of our students with a strong underpinning of skills critical to becoming leaders in the workforce.



Charlotte On-Campus Students



Truth Amedzekor (Junior)
Mint Hill, NC



Travis Cole (Sophomore)
Lenoir, NC



Bria Martin (Sophomore)
Blue Springs, MO



Travis Pate (Senior)
Lakewood, WA



**Rebekah Ross (Postbaccalau-
reate)** Debuque, IA



Kelsey Stevens (Senior)
Merill, WI



**Nathan Thomas (Postbaccalau-
reate)** Zebulon, NC



Ethan Williams (Freshman)
Charlotte, NC

Adelaide In-Residence Students



Adam Jennings (Freshman)
Adelaide, South Australia



**Timothy Mager (Postbaccalau-
reate)** Adelaide, South Australia



**Ryan Nicholson (Postbaccalau-
reate)** Adelaide, South Australia

Early College Students at Charlotte



Chloe Ciesielka (Freshman)
Matthews, NC



Andrew McNair (Freshman)
Indian Trail, NC



Tressle McNair (Freshman)
Indian Trail, NC



Tara Winnail (Freshman)
Indian Trail, NC

The Hispanic Cohort



Humberto Barraza
Santiago, Chile



Diego Beiserman
Buenos Aires, Argentina



Enrique Cattaneo
Tierra del Fuego, Argentina



Esdras Davila
Mexico City, Mexico



Darío Formichelli
Rosario, Argentina



Edgar Guerra (Elder)
Medellín, Columbia



Luis Guevara
Ciudad Neza, Mexico



Tomás Jara
Hueyusca, Chile



Georges Jean-Pierre
Mexico City, Mexico



Samuel Lizama
San Salvador, El Salvador



Hernán Lugo
Lima, Peru



Ernesto Neri-Barrio
Morelos, Mexico



Abner Nuñez
Madrid, Spain



Armando Orrego (Elder)
Medellin, Colombia



Gabriel Ortega (Elder)
Los Nogales, Mexico



Danny Ralda
Coatepeque, Guatemala



Kened Roca
Mazatenango, Guatemala



Raúl Roca
Mazatenango, Guatemala



Joel Tello
Suchitepéquez, Guatemala



Issachar Tenorio (Deacon)
Mexico City, Mexico



Roberto H. Valdez
Española, NM, USA



Abelardo "Abe" Velasco
Valle de Chalco, Mexico



Joel Zurita
La Paz, Bolivia

