



LIVING UNIVERSITY

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Friend and Supporter of Living University,

Last Thursday as I was driving home from Sylva, North Carolina after an emergency visit with the dentist, Dr. Scott Winnail telephoned me with some really good news!

On March 3, 2017, the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina broadened Living University's authority to offer non-religious coursework and credentials by authorizing it to offer the Associate of Arts degree (A.A.) online and to expand its baccalaureate degree program to include minors in business and communications. The Governors also authorized the University to broaden its general education and elective courses.

The Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree permits LU to have a program with both general education core courses (e.g., Public Speaking, Written Expression, Health and Wellness, History of Western Civilization, and the like) as well as Biblical Foundations Core Courses (e.g., Life, Ministry and Teachings of Jesus; Principles of Christian Living; Old Testament Survey; and the like). Our aim in implementing this degree program is specifically to address the needs of young adults in God's Church.

The University had submitted an extensive application to the UNC General Administration for approval demonstrating its compliance with the statutory standards set forth for licensure. The UNCA staff then appointed a Team of Examiners to review the application, visit the University, and evaluate its compliance with the licensure standards. The Examiners' report included 15 recommendations and 3 suggestions concerning the proposed degree program and courses. The recommendations addressed issues of curriculum, faculty qualifications, library resources, staffing and facilities, and the tuition guaranty bond. Upon review of the Team of Examiners' report and Living University's response to the recommendations and suggestions of that report, the UNC General Administration staff found that its recommendations were satisfactorily addressed and recommended the licensing of Living University to offer the degree programs requested.

For your information, I would like to convey the essence of the Examiner's report to you. Of the 15 standards we were found in compliance with 11 standards and in partial compliance with 4 standards as follows:

- Standard 1 (Charter): In Compliance
- Standard 2 (Period of Operation): In Compliance
- Standard 3 (Program of Study): [In Partial Compliance](#)
- Standard 4 (Facilities and Library): [In Partial Compliance](#)
- Standard 5 (Faculty and Other Personnel Qualifications): [In Partial Compliance](#)
- Standard 6 (Catalog): In Compliance
- Standard 7 (Program Completion Credentials): In Compliance
- Standard 8 (Student Records): In Compliance
- Standard 8B (Student Services): In Compliance
- Standard 9 (Compliance with Ordinances and Laws): In Compliance
- Standard 10 (Finance and Organization): [In Partial Compliance](#)
- Standard 11 (Business Practices): In Compliance
- Standard 12 (Professional Conduct): In Compliance
- Standard 13 (Student Housing): In Compliance
- Standard 14 (Cancellation and Refund Policy): In Compliance
- Standard 15 (Institutional Agent): In Compliance

The recommendations made by the Examiners addressed those specific standards in which Living University was in partial compliance. Our response was as follows:

- As to Standard 3: LU agreed to "utilize, as appropriate, the current editions of textbooks in courses submitted for licensing."
- As to Standard 4: LU agreed to employ its librarian on a full-time basis, adopt assessment procedures for the library, enhance the library website, employ a detailed reporting procedure, involve members of the faculty in selecting additional materials for the library collection, and

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expand the nature and scope of its electronic resources to effectively serve its distance education students.

- As to Standard 5: LU agreed that it will ensure that “faculty teaching degree programs and courses submitted for licensing hold at least the master’s degree or the equivalent in the field of specialization in which they are teaching. A minimum of 18 graduate semester hours in the master’s degree must be in the discipline in which they are teaching, from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.”
- As to Standard 10: LU agreed “that future versions of the Living University tuition guaranty bond (including future riders)” will “list the obligee (beneficiary) as the ‘Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina’” and will “provide the University of North Carolina-General Administration with a current statement from an independent certified public accountant attesting to the adequacy of the amount of the tuition guaranty bond for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.”

These changes brought Living University into compliance with the statutory standards set by the legislature as administered by the state approving agency (UNC Board of Governors).

This month we begin publishing our new *LU Newsletter* for students, alumni and our worldwide family of friends. My thought is to publish it monthly during the academic year to keep everyone informed of University happenings and news. This initial edition announces the appointment of Douglas Lindly to Library Director, the lowering of tuition by the Board of Regents, and details of our Founders Day luncheon. I have enclosed a copy for you.

Our fund raising effort continues to help us reach our ten-year goal of one million dollars by June 30. Our generous donors have contributed \$847,593 through today; therefore, we have \$152,407 left to raise. We simply cannot do it without you! If you can help, please send your gift directly payable to Living University in the enclosed envelope. By giving, you make a lasting difference in the lives of God’s people.

Your gifts combined with those of our other friends will bring us to success! Whether you are able to make a large or a small gift, please know we appreciate it very much and your gift will truly be a blessing to all of our LU students worldwide.

Please continue to pray for the success of this effort and that God will continue guiding the University every step of the way. Our ultimate goal is to follow where He leads and to teach our students by our example to do the same!

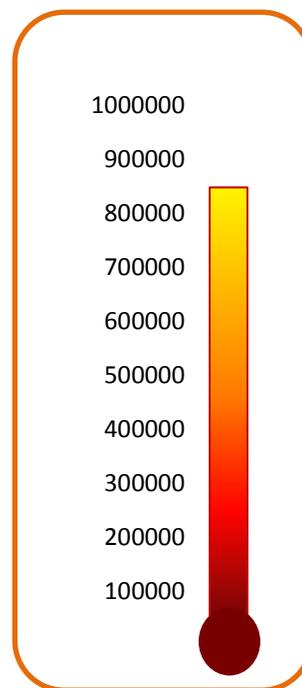
On a final note, **remember to make your check or gift payable to Living University**. Some have sought to donate to the University by making their checks payable to the Living Church of God. Regrettably, the Church is not able to transfer those gifts to the University at this time.

Thank you again for your prayerful and continued financial support, as well as your friendship. YOUR GIFTS AND PRAYERS continue to make a difference in the lives of God’s people and those He calls all around the world!

Warmest personal regards,



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





LU Newsletter

For Students, Alumni and Friends of Living University

From the President's Desk

About ten years ago, when LU first began offering classes, I began a short email newsletter to keep everyone informed of University news. As I became busy, the newsletter gradually died. Now seems to be a good time use a newsletter once again as a vehicle to keep our growing academic community informed of campus happenings and news. The plan is to issue the LU Newsletter once a month during the academic year, downloadable on the University Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LivingUniversity>. My hope is that the newsletter can morph into a campus newspaper, as *The Portfolio* served Ambassador College, functioning as part of our Communications degree minor.

—Michael P. Germano

Library to Have Fulltime Director

On March 3, Douglas Lindly began serving the Library as its fulltime director as part of the University's program expansion. He is an Assistant Professor as well as the University Librarian. Mr. Lindly, who completed a master of Library Science degree and Public Librarian Certification at North Carolina Central University, has worked as the University's library director on a part-time basis. A graduate of Ambassador College with a B.A. in theology, he completed an M.A. in education from Pepperdine University. Mr. Lindly completed extensive post-master's degree credentials in school administration, special education and counseling from the University of Southern California, University of Oregon and California State University in Los Angeles and Fullerton. He has served 47 years as a school district director, elementary and middle school principal, dean of students, life coach and teacher in kindergarten through college level. He appears in numerous Marquis "Who's Who" publications. Together with his wife Brenda (a former teacher), they have three married children and seven grandchildren. Their many interests include grandparenting and serving others.



Summer Session

This summer the University will offer two courses during our 8-week session. We will offer THL 135 Life, Ministry and Teachings of Jesus taught by Mr. Kenneth L. Frank and THL 438 Biblical Prophecy: Minor Prophets taught by Mr. Peter Nathan. These online classes will begin Wednesday, May 24 and end Friday, July 21. Registration begins March 15. The discounted Tuition and the Technology Fee will be a total of \$150 for a course. This is about a 60% cost reduction over current tuition and fees.

Board of Regents Lowers Tuition

The Living University Board of Regents acting at its January meeting set the tuition rate on the per semester credit hour basis at \$90 and on the flat fee basis (15-18 semester credit hours) at \$1,350. This is an overall 25.3% reduction in tuition costs. This should foster on-campus study for our young adults by reducing their costs about \$1,000 an academic year, thereby making on-campus study a more viable option for families.

The Board also vacated the Regents Scholarship program and increased the technology fee from \$35 to \$45 per semester. The net effect for online students is a modest \$52.50 per three SCH course increase for Regents Scholarship recipients (the equivalent of dinner at McDonalds and a movie with the spouse and two children). The change simplifies the registration process and it should reduce student frustration and confusion with paperwork and the verifications needed in applying for a Regents Scholarship. It also eliminates business office and registrar's office processing time and paperwork and allows redistribution of worktime to more pressing needs.

Donors have made more donations directly to Living University for general scholarships recently and our hope is, based on demonstrated need, to ease any difficulty on those students affected by the elimination of the Regents Scholarship Program. Students needing such financial aid may view application procedures on the University website at <http://www.livinguniv.com/financial-aid>.

UNC Board of Governors Approves Associate of Arts (A.A.)

State licensure deals with consumer protection and ensuring that institutions meet minimum standards of educational quality. Licensure is not accreditation. Institutions seeking the latter normally have to show that they have the legal authorization by license or exemption to offer degrees and courses in their home state. Living University operates pursuant to a State of North Carolina statutory exemption from licensure with respect to religious education.

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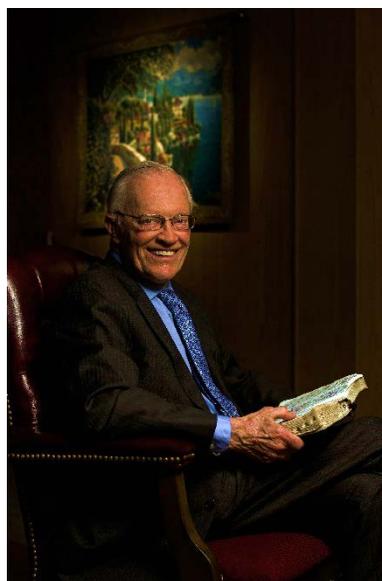
Associate of Arts classes are to begin with the fall 2017 semester. For more information contact Michelle Broussard at mbroussard@livinguniv.com (704) 708-2294 or visit www.livinguniv.com. View program requirements online at <http://www.livinguniv.com/associate-arts>.

Founders Day Celebration

On Monday, February 27, 2017, Living University celebrated its first Founders Day, marking the 10th anniversary of its incorporation in the state of North Carolina. The University hosted a luncheon and special program for students, faculty, staff and special guests to commemorate its legacy and success and to recognize its family of friends and donors.

The program included the unveiling of a formal portrait of the University's founder, Dr. Roderick C. Meredith, for display in the library. The photograph, displayed at the left, is by Patrick Schneider, acknowledged as one of Charlotte's renowned professional photographers.

Dr. Meredith, who serves as the Presiding Evangelist of the Living Church of God, is the Chair of the Board of Regents of Living University and bears the designation Chancellor of the University. Joining him as cofounding incorporators of the University were Richard Ames, Dibar Apartian, Douglas Winnail and J. Davy Crockett.



New Business and Information Technology Advisory Committee to Meet

The primary purpose of the Business and Information Technology Advisory Committee is to provide an advisory link, between the business and information technology division faculty and business professionals, in support of the University's addition of a degree minor in business and division course offerings. The faculty seeks to work actively with business leaders in the development of curriculum and student activities to: (1) assure appropriate scope and currency of division curriculum offerings; (2) attract LU student enrollment; and (3) facilitate student and graduate job placement. This committee will advise division chair Dr. Howard Woodard. If you are a professional interested in participating, please contact Dr. Woodard at (478) 290-5518 or hwoodard@livinguniv.com. Interested parties can participate through WebEx.

Commencement Exercises

Commencement will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 15 at the Masonic Lodge, 10224 Lawyers Road, Mint Hill, NC. Our Commencement address speaker will be Stuart Wachowicz of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Mr. Wachowicz is a graduate of The University of Calgary (M.A., 1991) and the University of Alberta (B.Sc., 1975, B.Ed., 1971). He is a member of the Living University Board of Regents and Director of LCG Canada. His career has included service as Chairman, Confucius Institute in Edmonton; Director of Curriculum, Edmonton Public Schools; and Principal, Youngstown School.

Charlotte Student Engagements

There have recently been two engagements among our female students in Charlotte, NC. Miss Veronica Clayton is now engaged to former LU student Jamie Meakin (LCG employee in England). A summer wedding is planned. Miss Brandie Stephens is now engaged to LU alumnus Ryan Dawson (LCG employee in Charlotte, NC). A summer wedding is also planned.

Fall Schedule of Classes

The fall schedule of classes should be available online by the end of March. Registration for the fall semester begins Wednesday, July 5 and the fall semester will begin August 16. The University is taking on-campus and online applications—NOW.