



LIVING UNIVERSITY

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Friend and Supporter of Living University,

Here is truly good news! Because of your continuing support of Living University, **we are now able to slash tuition by 28%, making our courses far more accessible to God's people worldwide!** For a three-credit semester hour course, an online student now pays \$270, down from \$375 per course. This change also positively impacts on-campus study for our young adults by reducing their costs by up to \$1,000 per academic year, thereby making on-campus study a more viable option for families.

This reduction makes on-campus study at LU a real bargain. Consider that at our local community college (Central Piedmont Community College), the cost of attending as a fulltime "in-state resident living at home" is estimated at \$15,258 a year (including all living expenses, transportation, and other school-related costs). The estimated cost of attending Living University, while living in University housing, is \$10,697-12,002 a year. Participation in our Institutional Work-Study program further reduces this cost to \$6,197-7,502. We can only offer this because of your continued support and prayers for Living University.

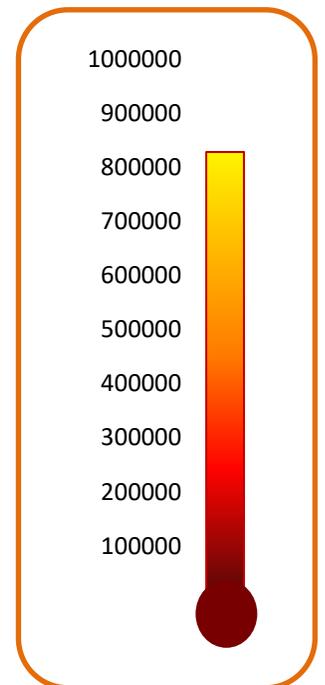
Without your help we would not have a growing on-campus program for our young adults; need-based scholarships for students requiring financial assistance; an exceptional and growing theology library serving the needs of the Work at headquarters; and a program for our many senior citizens to audit Bible courses without a tuition charge.

As I informed you in my last letter, we need your help to raise the additional funds to reach our tenth anniversary goal of \$1,000,000 by June 30, 2017. As of today, our generous Family of Friends and Supporters have contributed just over \$828,814.

With your support, we can continue to serve God's people by providing low cost Bible courses to deepen their biblical understanding and to prepare them for leadership, volunteer (avocational) ministry and professional ministry for service to His congregations worldwide. Please continue to help us, as coworkers in Christ, in our collective quest of building God's University.

As you know, LU is an online institution which has a small on-campus program at Charlotte specifically designed for young adults. Perhaps you have wondered why. We have been asked if we are seeking to develop something on the scale of the former Ambassador College, with different campuses and having a student body that is not training ministers, or if we are simply developing a ministerial training facility to train ministers and provide help with the Work of God. As a friend and supporter, we want you to fully understand!

For fifty years Ambassador College served many purposes, but it was strictly a "brick and mortar" approach where all students were required to be in-residence. Ambassador ultimately became a single-campus institution at Big Sandy, Texas, with about 800 resident students. Where the focus of Ambassador was on educating young adults, at Living University we have chosen to serve *all* of God's people, worldwide! The demographics of the Church of God have changed dramatically in the past twenty-five years, and new and improved technologies have enabled us to deliver courses and programs online, all around the world.



The Internet enables us to reach the people of God in a way that could not have been done by Ambassador College. **Our programs reach out to high school students** (through the Early College program), **to young adults** (through on-campus and online opportunities for study), **to mature adults** (our online courses and programs) **and senior citizens** (as online auditing students with a 100% tuition waiver). This approach is need-based; as needs change, we plan to modify our approach, courses and programs to address these needs in a cost effective manner.

The University serves the Living Church of God in response to (1) its growing need for university-educated personnel in its field ministry, as well as in meeting its need for employees in a variety of occupations, and (2) its worldwide membership and their families in ways that deepen their Biblical understanding and promote servant leadership, commitment, unity, and cohesion. ***Our on-campus program addresses both of these ends.***

On-campus students are primarily young adults of traditional college age drawn from Living Church of God families. This on-campus opportunity provides a safe place for our young adults and youth to study, grow and mature with others who share their values and standards.

On-campus students take their courses online, but they also benefit from weekly, in-person discussion sections with most of their professors. They participate in a weekly faculty/student Assembly with different presenters. They participate in student extracurricular activities and field trips. They typically serve in student work-study positions within a department at the Living Church of God international headquarters. They get to know and serve with its leadership, and they participate in the many and varied activities of the Charlotte, North Carolina congregation, along with its 275+ attendees.

The on-campus study option offers a richer learning environment and opportunity to recapture even more “true values” than the online experience. It also offers the privilege of being part of the headquarters experience. Due to governmental restrictions, at this time the on-campus option is only open to United States citizens and resident aliens.

Admission to on-campus study is selective and based upon evidence of intellectual promise, strong personal qualifications, and good moral and ethical character, marked by a desire to be an effective servant leader. The University seeks applicants for on-campus study who are committed to God’s Way of Life.

For the foreseeable future, we envision a small on-campus program in a unique facility that supports the work we do, including faculty offices, a library, classrooms and the like. By state law the University has to function under the oversight of the University of North Carolina General Administration, therefore it has to be licensed or otherwise authorized to offer courses and programs. This means we have to address, in long-range planning, how we would handle growth for the next twenty-five years. As the Church of God grows, so the University would have to grow to effectively serve the Church.

Please take the time to look at the soon-to-arrive Living University *Biennial Report for 2016 for an informative overview.* As a God-centered institution, we look to Him to direct our steps in growing His University and helping to further educate His people. Your prayers are appreciated for our success and for God to keep His University on mission. You can always speak to me about your suggestions and concerns by calling me on my direct line at (704) 708-2291, or emailing me at mgermano@livinguniv.com.

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

Warmest personal regards,



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