



LU Newsletter

For the Students and Alumni of Living University

April 14, 2017

From the President's Desk

This has been a turbulent year for many colleges and universities. Our campus, however, has enjoyed a peaceful, God-centered year of students learning how to live and enjoy the Charlotte LCG headquarters environment while they sought to recapture true values. Our on-campus student body has been an exemplary group of millennial young adults and our faculty considers it a delight to have gotten to know and serve them.

I have a question for you. Have you been a part of God's Church long enough to remember Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong speaking of the two trees? Some old-timers have forgotten these iconic symbols of the way of Give and the way of Get. In a recent print media advertisement the University published, I asked readers: How is that working out for you? Are you still fully committed to the Way of God in your life? Our answer: At Living University, we are!

Today, around the world our Living University students, from ages 13 to 92, strengthen and perfect their core values of leadership, service, commitment, integrity, excellence, culture and creativity. We encourage them to live a Christian life of giving. As Ambassador College served the people of God in the last century, we aim to reach and serve all of His people in the 21st. We invest in God's people, and as an online university, we serve His people worldwide.

I want to acknowledge and thank you on behalf of the LU faculty and staff for being our students, alumni and friends worldwide. We appreciate your joining us in our collective quest to strengthen our mutual understanding of the Word of God and extending the reach of God's very own 21st century university to more of His people.

—Michael P. Germano

Spanish Cohort

With the fall semester, in cooperation with the LCG Spanish Department, the University plans to offer an experimental Spanish speaking section of THL 135 Life, Ministry and Teachings of Jesus. The new course, *THL 135S Vida, Ministerio y Enseñanzas de Jesucristo*, is to be available to a cohort of Spanish speaking elders and deacons primarily from Latin America. The lecture format is that of the English speaking section with Dr. Roderick C. Meredith's recorded lectures but with Spanish language voiceover. Students will be able to select either the Spanish or the English lectures. In the spring, the University hopes to offer THL 136 Acts and the Writings of Paul as *THL 136S Hechos y Escritos del Apóstol Pablo*. The goal is to provide the Spanish-speaking cohort the opportunity to complete the Certificate in Biblical Christianity in their native language. In 2018/2019 academic year, the two courses should be available for all who would want to take them.

ATLA Awards University Librarian Travel Grant

The American Theological Library Association (ATLA) awarded a \$750 travel grant to LU Librarian Douglas Lindly to attend the ATLA Annual Conference in Atlanta. The American Theological Library Association (ATLA) is a professional association providing support of theological and religious studies libraries and librarians. ATLA produces a prestigious line of electronic resources to support the scholarly study of religion and theology. Established in 1946, an elected board of directors governs the ATLA, which has over 800 individual, institutional, and affiliate members. ATLA's member libraries and librarians provide tens of millions of resources for scholarly research to tens of thousands of students, faculty, staff, and administrators. Living University is an affiliate member of the ATLA.

Engagement Announcement

Graduating LU student Brittany J. Markgraf and LU alumnus Joshua S. Sharver have announced their engagement. They plan a fall wedding. This is the third of our female on-campus students 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.

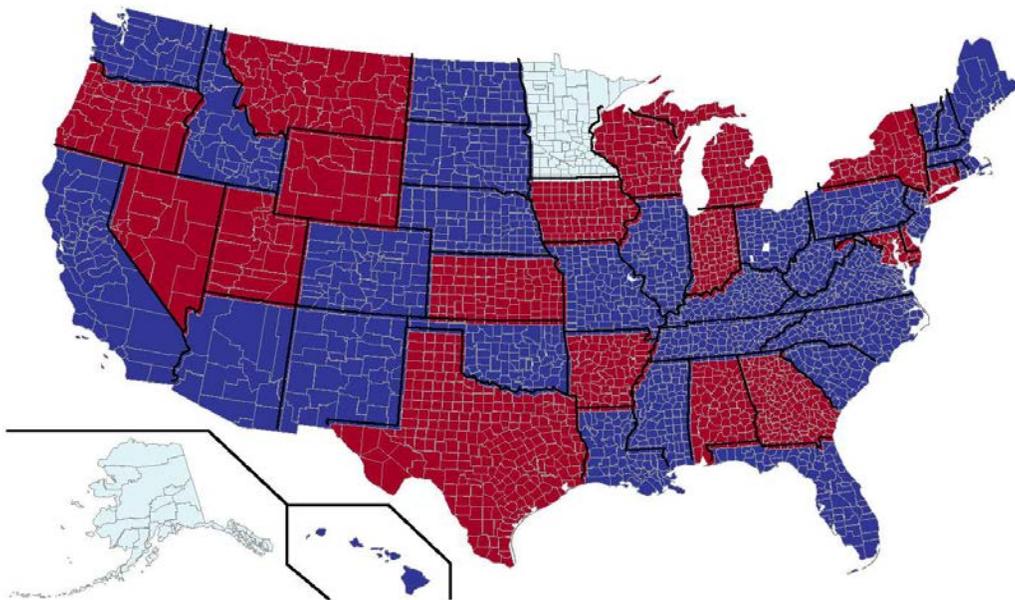
Finishing the First Ten Years

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, our blessing will be to have additional ministers and wives from around the globe present at this special event. Our annual Commencement exercises are on Monday, May 15 at 11:00 am 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.

State Certifications

The United States of America has a system where individual states, territories and protectorates regulate higher education within their borders. They have varying requirements for out-of-state institutions that want to offer courses in their jurisdictions. Cross-jurisdiction online education offered by colleges and universities is expanding dramatically. At the present, Living University has to pursue any needed approvals (state authorization) in each state, territory and protectorate where it enrolls students. Consequently, we have to contact and work through as many as 59 states, territories and protectorates, and sometimes with multiple regulatory agencies in those jurisdictions. This process is inefficient and costly.

Currently, the University can only admit persons who reside outside North Carolina to online degree completion 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.



The University does not have authorization to provide online education in the 19 states, territories or protectorates listed below (marked red in the above map) and their residents may not by law or state regulation enroll in Living University online academic programs or courses (either for credit or as auditors). If you have questions please refer to Distance Education Disclosure at <http://www.livinguniv.com/distance-education-disclosure> on the LU website or contact the Registrar's Office for more information. Please join us in praying for God to "open doors" so that our brethren in these states can once again avail themselves of the opportunity to take LU classes.

Alabama	Georgia	Michigan	Texas
Arkansas	Indiana	Montana	U.S. Virgin Islands
Connecticut	Iowa	New York	Utah
Delaware	Kansas	Nevada	Wisconsin
	Maryland	Oregon	Wyoming