



LU Newsletter

For Students, Alumni and Friends of Living University

June 15, 2017

From the President's Desk

Greetings again dear friends. This is our final newsletter for this academic year. On May 15, we honored our class of 2017 at our ninth commencement graduating 20 students. I would like to share with you my opening ceremony remarks. My intent was to remind everyone of our important educational mission, even though LU is a very small facet of God's Great Work, by reviewing some of the basic principles on which Dr. Roderick C. Meredith and his fellow leaders founded the University. As we did at Commencement, let us reflect on them for a few moments.

First, "The Word of God is the Foundation of Knowledge." Seventy years ago Herbert and Loma Armstrong were busy preparing to open Ambassador College in Pasadena, California with the hallmark motto of "Recapture the true values." Classes began in October of 1947 after great struggle. Ambassador College was our antecedent. Ambassador set the norm and established our overall approach to God-centered education for Christian life and service.

Second, very importantly, Living University is God's university, as Ambassador College was God's college. Neither was a work of men. The Lord has built the house—our effort as weary laborers has not been in vain. The fruit of our labors includes touching the lives of over 1,000 students, and certainly our fine graduates, since our founding. Living, as known in higher education educational circles, is God's very own university.

Third, our charge is to "Recapture True Values" in all we do by internalizing and demonstrating our core values of Leadership, Service, Commitment, Integrity, Excellence, Culture, and Creativity. The bottom line is our development of godliness and righteous character.

Fourth, for Ambassador College, God chose the "Crown City" of Pasadena, California, for a beautiful residential campus to educate thousands of young adults. For Living University, He selected the "Queen City" of Charlotte, North Carolina, and through the Internet He made "all the world" our campus so we can reach all peoples worldwide!

Finally, my friends, our Living University graduates have learned and committed themselves to a deeper understanding of the very purpose of life itself and the plan our Great God has put into effect. The charge to Living University is to be a shining light on a hill in a darkening world and to support the Church in doing the Work of God in this end of days. Please join us in staying on task. Help us to be and remain an institution of higher learning that is uniquely Christ-centered.

—Michael P. Germano

Board of Regents to Meet in June

The University has a governing board, known as the Board of Regents, which sets the overall policies for the operation of the University. The permanent Chair of the Board of Regents is the Presiding Evangelist of the Living Church of God (International). The Regents plan to meet on Wednesday, June 21 at the international headquarters of the Living Church of God. The Board of Regents meets regularly three times a year. The June meeting agenda includes consideration of the proposed budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The meeting will be a teleconference so regents will not have to travel to Charlotte for the meeting.



Tribute to Dr. Roderick C. Meredith

On May 18, 2017, our Chancellor and dear friend Dr. Roderick C. Meredith, suffering from cancer, died peacefully. No individual has had a greater or more lasting impact on our university than Dr. Meredith. Our academic community will miss him but we will never forget his legacy. We will continue with our own collective quest to Recapture True Vales based on the premise that the word of God is the foundation of knowledge. We will sorely miss our Chancellor and founder. Please view our [Tribute to Dr. Roderick C. Meredith](#) on the home page of the University website (www.livinguniv.com).

At Living University Dr. Meredith's leadership fostered spiritual growth, comradery and the personal success of students, faculty and staff through his role as founder and chair of the Living University Board of Regents, and as an active member of our faculty. Well into his 80s, Dr. Meredith cultivated the spiritual and intellectual wellbeing of everyone in our academic community.

Dr. Meredith was one of the first evangelists ordained by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong in 1952 and spent 64 years in the Work that Christ began through Mr. Armstrong. He was active in the Work until recent months. The Living Church of God, which Dr. Meredith raised up, has more than 350 congregations in 55 countries worldwide. Mr. Gerald E. Weston succeeds him as Presiding Evangelist.

Dr. Meredith was a true servant leader in the service of the living God, in the deepest and broadest sense of that term. He cast a long shadow and his legacy will endure in our hearts and minds forever.



Spanish Cohort Correction

We learned with chagrin of our need to rely more on our Spanish language editors. Both our newsletter readers and Mr. Mario Hernandez, French and Spanish regional pastor for the LCG, brought capitalization errors and a typo to our attention. It reminds this writer that his college Spanish grades were not exactly stellar. Sorry about that, so let us get it right this time.

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 the 2018/2019 academic year, the two courses should be available for all who would want to enroll in them.

The Pictorial

A new LU publication called *The Pictorial* will debut this fall. It will feature our matriculated students, fulltime and part-time (that is, students who have applied and been accepted for a degree, diploma or certificate program). It will also contain a photograph and a short professional biography of each of our faculty members. We hope *The Pictorial* will facilitate comradery and community. *The Pictorial* will echo a similar popular publication of Ambassador College focused around its entering freshmen classes.

A.A. Degree Program to Begin

In August, LU begins offering its new Associate of Arts degree program. The purpose of this degree program is to provide an introduction to study in the arts and sciences intended to facilitate individual student needs while enabling articulation of credit from the A.A. program to a baccalaureate degree program. The courses offered in the 2017-2018 academic fall and spring course schedules permit students to complete the program in two years on a full-time basis. We encourage part-time students to plan to finish this degree program in not more than five years. Early College students should focus on first year courses. A suggested schedule for full-time study which students can modify to suits their individual needs may be found on the University website at <http://www.livinguniv.com/aa-full-time-schedule>.

Fall Course Schedule Announced

Registration and advisement for the fall semester will begin on Wednesday, July 5. We suggest students register early before courses begin to close due to their popularity. THL 110A and 135 tend to reach their maximum capacity quickly. Credit in semester credit hours is in parenthesis. Classes begin Wednesday, August 16.

Course	Name	Primary Faculty
ACCT 251	Principles of Financial Accounting (3)	Ruddlesden, D. Jerry
ANTH 230	Biological Anthropology (3)	Germano, Michael
ANTH 230L	Biological Anthropology Laboratory (1)	Germano, Michael
COMM 260	Public Speaking (3)	Elliott, Stephen
EDUC 345	Child Growth and Development (3)	Ginn, Kristine
ENGL 261	World Literature I (3)	Maas, David
HIST 111	History of Western Civilization to 1648 (3)	Sandor, Mark
HPRO 114	Health and Wellness (3)	Winnail, Scott
THL 110A	Tomorrow's World Bible Study Course (2)	Ciesielka, W. Wyatt
THL 135	Life, Ministry and Teachings of Jesus (3)	Frank, Kenneth
THL 200	Principles of Christian Living (3)	Winnail, Scott
THL 211	Old Testament Survey I (3)	Nathan, Peter
THL 332	The Biblical Text (3)	Nathan, Peter
THL 342	Christian Marriage and Family (3)	Winnail, Scott
THL 412	Epistles of Paul I (3)	Nathan, Peter
THL 416	General Epistles and Revelation (3)	Frank, Kenneth
THL 421	History of Christianity I (3)	Frank, Kenneth
THL 460	Understanding Contemporary World Religions (3)	Frank, Kenneth
THL 490A	Practicum in Professional Ministry (2)	Winnail, Scott
THL 499	Independent Study (1-3)	To be arranged

The Early College

The home school phenomenon in the United States has exceeded all expectations and has grown similar to the Internet enabled distance education trend. On May 11, *The Sylva Herald and Ruralite*, published at Sylva, North Carolina, ran a front-page article by Tanner Hall concerning the fierce competition of the county's public schools with local home and charter schools. The article quotes the local superintendent of schools as follows: "We are competing for our lives out there. You're going to see more marketing than we've ever done, because I truly believe in our system and what we are doing for our kids." Apparently, from a statewide 1988 baseline of about 1,000 home schools in North Carolina, the number exploded to more than 74,000 last year. Hundreds of Jackson County children are now in charter and home schools.

While Living University is not in the home school marketplace, we seek to offer high school students an opportunity to enroll in our basic Bible courses. Does it not make much more sense for our church youth to take a theology class taught by teachers who are part of God's Church than by some Protestant denomination or group that does not share our understanding or Christian values?

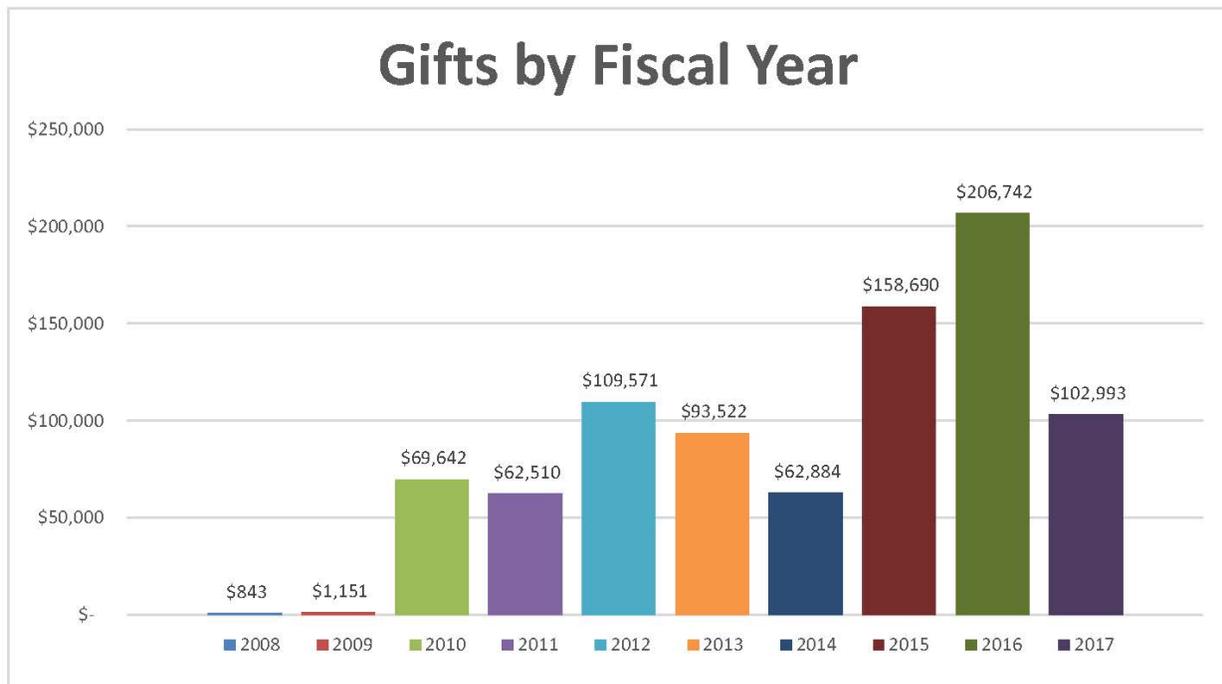
Through our Early College Program, the University offers high school students who would benefit from accelerated academic instruction an opportunity to get a head start with their higher education by taking online university-level courses while still in high school. For this purpose, we offer the Certificate in Biblical Christianity as a challenge to our Christian youth to think critically about their faith and their role in the world and in the Church. Successful completion of the Certificate in Biblical Christianity fulfills the University's Biblical Foundations Requirement for the Associate of Arts, Associate of Theology, and Bachelor of Theology degrees. They can also complete other courses. All of this is at very low cost and there is no application fee. Tuition is \$25 per semester credit hour, which generally works out to \$75 for a course, plus a \$45 per semester technology fee. For more information, parents can contact Mrs. Michelle Broussard at (704) 708-2294, or by email at mbroussard@livinguniv.com.

Nearing the Goal

Our friends and donors have donated \$102,933 to Living University for this current fiscal year (2017). For the decade, they gave \$868,598 in monetary gifts to Living University. The chart below includes a large special gift of \$75,000 in 2015 and of \$120,000 in 2016. We have not had any special gifts of this magnitude in 2017. Our regular giving from our friends and donors has increased this year and we thank all who have supported the University in its effort to bring godly education to all peoples worldwide. Without your prayers and financial support, we would not be able to continue providing quality educational services to God's people.

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 \$868,598 through today; therefore, we have \$131,402 left to raise. 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, when you give to LU please remember to make your check or gift directly 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.



Commencement Exercises 2017

This year, of our 20 graduates, we honored nine who received their credentials in absentia and eleven who were present for the ceremony. These hardworking graduates represented six different nations: Jamaica, New Zealand, the Philippines, Trinidad and Tobago, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Our 138 guests included many out-of-town visitors and family members, as well as local members of the Charlotte, NC Living Church of God congregation. Also joining us were several members of the Living Church of God Council of Elders and their wives, who were visiting Charlotte for their semi-annual meeting.

Two of our graduates, Dr. Richard Franz and Jacob Hall, received their Bachelor of Theology degree. Both outstanding graduates were further awarded the University's highest honor: the Herbert W. Armstrong Excellence Award. Dr. Franz also presented the annual Student Discourse. LU Board of Regents member and Living Church of God Canadian Regional Director, Stuart Wachowicz, presented an encouraging and poignant Commencement Address. In his address, Regent Wachowicz outlined several key responsibilities of an LU education, including passing on God's culture to future generations. One unique feature of the LU Commencement ceremony is a musical presentation. This year, Certificate in Biblical Christianity graduate and on-campus student Christopher Pringle performed a vocal solo of "I'll Walk with God." Marcus McCullough accompanied Christopher on the piano. A joy- and excitement-filled reception followed the Commencement ceremony.