



# LIVING UNIVERSITY

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Friends and Supporters of Living University,

One of the joys of serving as President of Living University is keeping you, as a member of our special family of friends and supporters, informed about all the blessings that God has brought to His very own University. When we inform you and others it fosters heartfelt gratitude for and interest in what God has accomplished through LU as an important component of God's great international work. As it stirs our collective enthusiasm, we will experience greater recognition of His awesome power, and hopefully our intensified, heartfelt gratitude and thanksgiving to God.

Thanksgiving Day in the USA is two weeks away and it brings me to reflect on some of the major accomplishments and blessings God has brought about at Living University this year. Let me share some of them with you.

1. We now have two beautiful, well-furnished homes (Sheryl Manor for women, and Redstone Hall for men) as student residences here in Charlotte. These homes serve our unmarried on-campus students. They are adjacent to each other in a safe neighborhood about 4 miles from campus, and they came to us thanks to the foresight and tender generosity of a long-time Living Church of God couple. Each home comfortably accommodates a Resident Assistant and six residents. Now we can comfortably house 14 students at a reasonable cost, in these University-operated facilities. Indeed, they are a true blessing to our students!
2. We have, for the very first time, an on-campus married student. He and his wife and their infant child plan to be with us for one year. We hope this situation establishes a pattern where we have one or two young couples per year at LU Charlotte for special study in their preparation to serve the people of God in a life of ministry and service.
3. In August we enrolled 13 full-time students for on-campus study at Charlotte, including one married student. This was our highest on-campus enrollment yet. We intend to maintain an on-campus student body of at least 13 with the hope of expanding to 25 as God allows and directs. Our Living Church of God young adults need a central, safe place to go to college where they can be among like-minded peers, while learning and studying in an environment free of the liberal pulls of this world's educational system.
4. This fall, overall enrollment at LU exceeded 230 students and set a new enrollment record. The record enrollment reminded us that God's people have a deep desire to continue their individual spiritual growth.
5. We have many *new people* as on-line students, who have begun to learn more about the great plan God has for mankind. As a result, our introductory theology course, *THL 110A Tomorrow's World Bible Study Course*, was fully enrolled and had a waiting list. Because of your gifts to LU, we are able to provide this introductory course without a tuition cost.
6. Because many students have completed the *THL 110A Tomorrow's World Bible Study Course* or the traditional "paper-pencil" version of the Course offered by the Church, we also experienced a record enrollment in *THL 135 Life, Ministry and Teachings of Jesus*.

In fact, we had to open up a second section of *THL 135* to accommodate the increased interest. This course takes an in-depth look into the Gospels of the real Jesus of the Bible, and is undergirded by excellent lectures from Presiding Evangelist Dr. Roderick C. Meredith. Again, we are able to provide *THL 135* without a tuition cost, because of your generous continuing gifts to LU.

7. This fall we were blessed to enroll nearly two dozen African brethren for the first time, mostly from Kenya and South Africa. This opportunity was made possible by a grant from one of our Living Church of God couples. We look forward to our African students enrolling again for the Spring semester.
8. Thanks to other grants from generous church members, our students from south Florida and several of our on-campus students have also been given scholarships.
9. This academic year we funded three part-time work-study jobs for on-campus LU students, in addition to the work-study jobs funded by the Church. Because of this, nearly all of our on-campus students are able to contribute to the Work of God while earning an income to support their living and other expenses while at LU. The funding for the LU work-study positions is available in great part because of the contributions of our donors.

In other campus news, we await the examining committee report from the University of North Carolina General Administration, in regard to our application to offer an Associate of Arts degree program and bachelor's degree minors in communications and business. The committee visited the campus in November 2015 and made a short follow-up visit to examine the new student residences in September 2016.

Additionally, we received the Spring 2017 *Schedule of Classes* from the printer last week. We are in process of sending copies to many Living Church of God member households. To control costs, we plan to provide them to those who reside outside the USA, upon request. In any case, the schedule also can be viewed on the Internet at the University website at [livinguniv.com](http://livinguniv.com). We hope more of God's people will consider enrolling in an LU class to stimulate their spiritual renewal, increase their knowledge of the Bible, and improve their servant leadership skills.

Finally, our independent auditor, Cherry Bekaert L.L.P. (Certified Public Accounts), completed the annual audit and we filed our annual IRS Form 990 yesterday. We finished the year with a small surplus — \$4,023. This information is available on the University website under the directory "About Us" and then by clicking on "Financial and Other Disclosures." Our plan is to send you our *Biennial Report 2015-2016* where this information is summarized and other facts about the University are provided. The report should be mailed out by the first of the year.

**Thank you again for your prayerful and continued financial support of Living University.** YOUR GIFTS AND PRAYERS are helping to make a tremendous difference in people's lives! At Charlotte we all are encouraged and excited to see more of God's people supporting LU, thereby allowing more students to enroll in His University for an in-depth exposure to His Word and awesome Way of Life.

Warmest personal regards,



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