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Dear Friends,

We enthusiastically share with you the unanimous appointment of Greg Henson as the 12th president of Sioux Falls Seminary, effective February 3, 2014.

As the writer of the book of Hebrews wrote: “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen . . . and without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him” (11:1, 6 ESV).

It was with faith that the search committee stepped into the unknown and asked God to show the way to a new president. As our friends, it was also with faith that you joined us in prayer—asking God to lead us carefully through a time of transition. Today, our faith, trust, and hope have led us to our new president, Greg Henson.

We find in Greg a man who, first and foremost, loves God and has a passion for being a part of what God is doing around the world and through the local church. He is a passionate follower of Christ whose theological commitments have been shaped by scripture and strengthened by God’s work in his life. Through his upbringing in a family of pastors and through his experiences, education, and training, he has become a strong voice for the future of seminary education and its viability across North America. Greg’s love for God is the source of his love for people, and he goes about his daily activities inviting others to join in God’s mission.

Greg believes seminaries play a vital role in Christ’s Church and that theological education can truly impact the future of the Church. His experiences at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, with the Association of Theological Schools, and in ministry go well beyond the roles he has filled and the years he has served. God has given Greg the gift of entrepreneurial thinking, allowing him to see possibilities unique to a given ministry and context, to cast vision, to rally support and participation, and to work alongside others to identify and overcome challenges.

To say we are pleased with the choice of our new president is an understatement. The Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, staff, and students who were able to meet Greg all support him as the individual that God has chosen for this time and this place in Sioux Falls Seminary’s journey.

In just a few weeks, families across the United States will celebrate Thanksgiving. We will pause to give thanks to God for all that he provides in our lives. We thank God for providing our seminary with a new president. We look to the days ahead as our greatest opportunity to please God as, together, we walk by faith.

We celebrate with thanksgiving your ongoing partnership and invite you to be a part of the exciting work that God is doing at Sioux Falls Seminary. May you and your family give thanks with us as we take each day by faith in a God “who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!”

In His Grace,

Brian Russell
Chair, Board of Trustees

Greg Henson
Incoming President