



PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE

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To the Churches and Presbyteries of the Synod of South Atlantic:

We are pleased to present the annual report on Presbyterian College's Covenant with the Synod of South Atlantic.

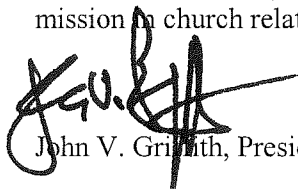
Thank you for your ongoing support and your prayers as we enter a new academic year. This past spring at the meeting of the Association of Presbyterian Colleges and Universities, we were gratified to hear our guest speakers (retired presidents of a PCUSA seminary and a PSUCA college) refer to our work as an important model for other colleges to understand and to explore. Several of our documents, including our covenant and our commission report on what it means to be church related, were referenced as key documents to the discussion.

As you review this report, we also want to call your attention to an issue that is very much on our minds. Over the past several years we have had staff changes in campus ministry and church relations. Both programs are essential to our mission; campus ministry focuses on our students, and church relations on our engagement with the church. We want to share with you how we are addressing change and invite you to assist us in moving forward.

Campus ministry and church relations will be staffed this year by individuals who know PC well and bring energy and talent to the responsibilities. Lucy Strong, who has been working with campus ministry, Student Volunteer Services, our BlueFish – interns in ministry – program, and Celtic Cross for the past two years, will oversee our campus ministry and service programs. Lindy Vogado will oversee church relations. Lindy is a 2005 PC alumna and 2009 graduate of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, VA. She spent a year at Fort Hill Presbyterian Church, Clemson, SC, as the intern in campus ministry and has significant experience representing Union at public functions and as a preacher.

Beginning this academic year, we will yoke these two programs together under a new umbrella: the Office of Religious Life. A team of five ministers of Word and Sacrament on our faculty and staff will work with Lucy and Lindy in developing this new concept. In September we will begin a national search for a Dean for Religious Life, who will report directly to the President. The Dean will supervise two ministers of Word and Sacrament: the director of campus ministry and service programs and the director of church relations. The Dean, his or her staff, and the faculty in the Department of Religion and Philosophy will work with the president to launch the much anticipated Cornelson Center for Christian Practice and Reflection. The gift for this Center has already made possible the addition for this year of a new member on our religion faculty with an expertise in Christian practices, further strengthening our religion program.

Thank you for your continued interest and support as we lay a foundation for what will be a new, expanded, and dynamic era in campus ministry and church relations. As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions and encourage your continued stewardship and prayers on behalf of our mission in church related higher education.



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