

Dear PC Community:

Happy New Year! I am honored to serve as chair of the Presbyterian College Board of Trustees for the coming year. As a native of Laurens County and a life-long member of the Presbyterian Church, I have always admired the values exemplified by the PC community – faith, family, and service. Since joining the Board in 2017, it has been inspiring to see the college expand its capabilities while remaining true to those core values.

An essential part of my role as chair is ensuring open and timely communication between the Board of Trustees and the broader PC community. To that end, I am sad to share an important update: Dr. Matthew vandenBerg has informed the Board of his decision to resign as president of Presbyterian College, effective June 30, 2023. This decision is based on his family's need to relocate to the Midwest to be closer to his extended family.

On behalf of the trustees, I am grateful for his energy, enthusiasm, and many contributions to moving PC forward. We wish Matt, Melissa, and their family much happiness and success as they move to this new phase of their lives.

The Board has engaged the firm CarterBaldwin Executive Search to lead a national search for the next President of Presbyterian College. Brad Bryant '75, a PC trustee since 2016, will chair the search committee composed of representatives from the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, and alumni community.

With a new strategic plan and bold market position as America's Innovative Service College, PC will continue to thrive. I look forward to being a part of this transformation and engaging with you along the way.

During this transitional time, I ask for your support as we search for our next president. Thank you for all your contributions to making Presbyterian College a premier learning institution.

Warm Regards,

Ruth Roper
Chair, Board of Trustees