Greetings Calvary Family,

These past few months have been incredible times of God's provision at Calvary. Calvary has successfully completed a ten-year reaffirmation of our accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission; we have successfully presented the 2016 graduating class at our annual Commencement service; and Dr. Clark has finished very, very well, moving from the office of President to serve as President Emeritus. Dr. Clark's and DeLoris' successful ministries were celebrated at a beautiful retirement service and reception recently, and we are so excited that they will remain strongly connected and involved with Calvary. In his new role as President Emeritus, Dr. Clark will teach in the classroom and will also be involved with our alumni, developing alumni reps and events to help us stay better connected with all of you.

There is another significant development I would like to share with all of you. Many of you have already become familiar with *Calvary's Seven Points for Excellence* – our seven-point agenda for helping Calvary to be most effective in fulfilling our mission to *"... prepare Christians to live and serve in the church and in the world, according to a Biblical worldview."* One of those points highlighted Calvary's need to rebrand as Calvary University in order to better meet our mission and maximize opportunities for our students and alumni. We identified several specific reasons that such a rebranding was needed:

- The increased difficulty for graduates to find employment with a degree from a Bible college
- The increased difficulty in accessing some countries for missions with a degree from a Bible college
- The incorrect yet increasingly prominent perceptions that (1) a Bible college only prepares people for full-time church ministry and (2) a Bible college offers a lesser quality of education
- Calvary's mission, degree offerings, accreditation, and undergraduate and graduate divisions are all broader than the traditional Bible college classification

As we completed a feasibility study and proposal that included the perspectives of faculty, staff, students, pastors, and other stakeholders, we were impressed at the overwhelming support for rebranding – not because Calvary needs a new philosophical direction (it doesn't), but because Calvary has been operating beyond the perceived scope of a Bible college for many years. We also were keenly aware of the need to ensure that rebranding would not make Calvary more susceptible to drifting away from our highest priority, which is **to undergird everything we do with the Bible**. To safeguard Calvary as we rebrand, we proposed several amendments to Calvary's Bylaws.

I am pleased to announce that on Friday, May 6, 2016, Calvary's Board of Trustees voted unanimously to add the following amendments to Calvary's Bylaws:

> Amendment #1: Calvary shall always maintain a Christian accreditation, and specifically ABHE, as long as it is available, or another comparable accreditation if ABHE is not available, to ensure accountability in maintaining a Biblical core and Christian ministry requirements.

Amendment #2: The Bible shall be a required textbook for every course offered at Calvary.

Amendment #3: Calvary's faculty shall recognize and teach the Biblical foundations for the subject matter of every course.

Amendment #4: The educational entity of Calvary Bible College and Theological Seminary shall be named Calvary University as of July 1, 2016, in order to best support the mission of Calvary and to maximize opportunities for Calvary's students.

These amendments show that Calvary's rebranding *does not represent a shift in philosophy or priorities* and that Calvary will remain as true as ever to its mission and Biblical commitment.

The rebranding will become official on July 1, and between now and then you will be hearing more from us about this and other exciting things ahead for Calvary University. As is the case any time there are significant transitions, we expect that you might have questions. While I look forward to meeting with you all personally as we move forward, in the meantime I want to personally invite you to contact me directly with any questions, thoughts, or concerns you might have. I relish the opportunity to communicate with all of you individually, and I value your feedback. Please feel free to contact me any time via email at ccone@calvary.edu. I will respond personally and will do my best to do so promptly.

Finally, on behalf of everyone at Calvary, I wish to thank you all so very much for your prayerful support to this point. I ask that you continue keeping Calvary in your prayers and that you consider ways that you can also help further support Calvary financially. Our mission is vital, and we simply cannot fulfill it without your help. Please help us to *"... prepare Christians to live and serve in the church and in the world according to a Biblical worldview."* We are committed to being faithful with this incredible stewardship, and we are grateful for your partnership in this grand task.

Serving Him by serving you,

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