

Transition Update #7 - June 6, 2007

Presidential Search News

United Theological Seminary's Board of Trustees, at their June 1 meeting, nominated and elected the following members of the Presidential Search Committee:

Marge Putman, Trustee; Bill Shaw, Trustee; Harold Hudson, Trustee; Warner Martin, Trustee; Vivian Johnson, Faculty; Kendall McCabe, Faculty; Josephine Whitely-Fields, Faculty/Staff; David Whitford, Faculty/Staff; Gary Olin, Alumni/ae; Melody Williams, Student; Kerry Bryant, Student, Trustee; Bob Walker, Alumni/ae/Community; Ivan Hicks, D.Min. Mentor; Julie Hostetter, Staff.

The group will begin meeting later in June, and will carry out the following responsibilities:

- Organize and elect a chair
- Review the President's job description
- Establish criteria for skills and qualities of new president
- Officially launch a search

For information about the search or the position contact Marge Putman at MargePutman@aol.com or UTS Director of Communications JoAnn Wagner at jwagner@united.edu.

Transition News

During the transition period, the UTS Board of Trustees has affirmed a process that will allow President Zeiders to lead the school through a series of "staff weeks" that will begin in July and end in November. President Zeiders would be on campus for one 4-day "staff week" per month to conduct business, raise funds, recruit, and promote partnerships. His fundraising efforts will continue of campus during the transition period.

Day-to-day operations of the school will be managed by the Vice Presidents, Wendy Edwards and Anne Brown, and the school's Leadership Team, in consultation with Dr. Zeiders.

The school continues to recruit for the fall semester, for the D.Min. Intensive beginning on August 13, and continuing education programs through the Institute for Applied Theology.

The Board celebrates a commitment from a donor for nearly \$1 million, as part of the public phase of the capital campaign, A Legacy for Tomorrow. The total for the campaign has reached an amount in excess of \$8 million and continues through Spring of 2008 with a goal of \$18 million.

Marge Putman, Chair
UTS Board of Trustees