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President*

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Dear Southern Baptists,

Golden Gate Seminary is in the midst of one of the most dramatic changes in the history of seminary education in North America. We have sold our primary campus in Mill Valley, California; are in the process of building a new primary campus in Ontario, California; are building a new regional campus to serve the San Francisco Bay Area; and are doing all this while remaining fully operational. The seminary community – faculty, staff, and students – will be moving 400 miles to occupy the new primary campus in June 2016.

God has blessed our decision to relocate. We have received amazing financial support from unexpected sources as a result of our decision to move. We have received special gifts of almost \$5 million in the past 18 months – for scholarships, the Bay Area Campus, and for a new missionary-in-residence house in Ontario. We have enjoyed enrollment growth. While our enrollment has, as would be expected, declined in Mill Valley – we have seen an overall increase in enrollment across our system of campuses, learning centers, and online delivery. We have also experienced remarkable unity. The Golden Gate family has pulled together – at significant personal cost – to make the relocation a reality. God has truly blessed this effort.

The seminary has asked the Southern Baptist Convention to change its name to Gateway Seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention. The first vote in June 2015 was overwhelmingly positive. The final vote will be taken in June 2016. If approved, the seminary will immediately begin to use the new name on everything from our website to clothing!

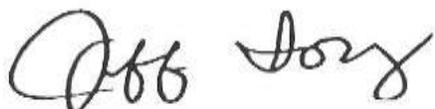
When this process is complete, Gateway Seminary will have two new state-of-the-art anchor campuses in California, will have its primary campus in the fastest growing region in the American West, and will have increased its endowment to \$65 million (\$40 million from selling the campus in Mill Valley). The seminary will have missional focus and financial stability to propel it forward for the next 30-50 years of ministry.

We are grateful to Southern Baptists who have stood with us over the years. Despite our progress in the past two years, we are still depending on the Cooperative Program, the prayers of our partners, and their recommendation of students to our programs. The next several years will be challenging for us as we continue to stand strongly on the Word of God and train students to do the same.

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Thank you for your support and for making it possible for one of the ten largest seminaries in the United States to be a vital voice for Southern Baptists in the West.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Iorg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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