



GATEWAY SEMINARY

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Dear Southern Baptists,

Gateway Seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention is now fully operational at two new campus locations in California. Our primary campus is open in Ontario and several hundred students are taking classes in the building, by live video-conference from the building, and in our online program headquartered in the facility. The state-of-the-art educational technology we have in place is making all this work well to serve the global Gateway family.

Our new campus in Fremont continues our historic commitment to train leaders in the San Francisco Bay Area. This campus has all the technological advances of the primary campus. With several full-time residential faculty and an on-site research library – the campus is equipped to provide excellent theological education and ministerial training for students across Northern California.

The seminary is already expanding its programs in its new locations. We will soon be launching a new Chinese-English bilingual program, offering two masters degrees as well as the Doctor of Ministry degree in 2017. This program – offered face-to-face and through video-conferencing – will enable us to train Chinese leaders for global ministry. We are grateful for the significant gift which is making this program possible.

The relocation has not impacted our overall enrollment – still over 2,000 students – but it has impacted the number of credit-hours students are taking. During the relocation, many full-time residential students graduated or switched to our online program. Many new students have enrolled part-time or online, delaying their relocation or their full enrollment until after the seminary concluded its relocation. Indications for 2017 are that enrollment – both the overall number of students and the credit-hours they will be taking – will rebound. The seminary is positioned for healthy growth in the next few years in its new locations.

The Gateway family – employees, students, donors, alumni, and friends – have accomplished something remarkable. They moved one of the ten largest seminaries in the United States 400 miles, opened two new campuses, sustained overall enrollment, and significantly solidified the seminary's financial future – all without closing or suspending delivery of any academic programs. Hats off to all of them!

Thank you Southern Baptists for your steadfast support. We appreciate the way you pray for us, continue to send us students, and undergird our work by your gifts through the Cooperative Program. We continue to serve you in the Western United States – shaping leaders who advance God's kingdom around the world.

With gratitude,

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