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Having now commenced my first, full calendar year as president of Southern Baptists' "crown jewel" seminary, it is my deep joy to witness the dawning of a new day at The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary as we seek to be faithful in training the next generation of pastors, missionaries, and other ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

At the heart of this administration's vision for Southwestern Seminary is a reanimation and reinvigoration of the original vision of our founder and first president, the great Baptist pastor-theologian and denominational statesman Benajah Harvey (B.H.) Carroll. Our "big-tent vision" is grounded in four non-negotiable institutional commitments:

1. An unapologetic embrace and celebration of a high view of Scripture as the written Word of God: inspired, inerrant, infallible, authoritative, and sufficient;
2. Confessional fidelity – from the beginning, the Southwestern Seminary faculty have been confessionally aligned with our Southern Baptist Convention of churches, as expressed in our affirmation of every iteration of *The Baptist Faith and Message*;
3. A passion for the Great Commission, as demonstrated in the fact that Southwestern Seminary was the first seminary ever to have a full-time professor of evangelism – Dr. Lee Rutland (L.R.) Scarborough, who would go on to serve as the second president of the seminary; and
4. A strong affirmation of the vitality of cooperation in Southern Baptist life, including the genius of the Cooperative Program, with roots that go deep in the life of Southwestern Seminary. To Southern Baptists, we say, "Thank you, for your generous financial support channeled through the Cooperative Program, which helps makes possible all that we do here."

The Spring 2020 semester was historic — both in ways we would have never sought and in ways that have demonstrated once again the truly special nature of Southwestern Seminary. I have never been prouder to be a Southwesterner as our extraordinary faculty and staff seamlessly moved our entire educational program online in the span of a couple of weeks to best serve our students during a time of great difficulty for them, for our churches, and for this nation. In God's providence, our new eight-week online courses were in the final planning stages before the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic, so we were already well positioned to offer these new courses at a time when they are able to be especially meaningful to our students.

Because of the historically negative effects on the American economy due to necessary governmental measures to limit the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, Southwestern Seminary instituted budgetary reductions of approximately 25% campus-wide through a combination of faculty and staff position deletions, furloughs, and discontinuation of certain academic programs. These actions realigned expenditures with reduced revenue projections while undergirding mission-critical academic programs and continuing the institution's renewal begun last year. As this report is being submitted, our administration is working with our Board

of Trustees to finalize the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget to prudently project our financial plans during times of economic uncertainty.

Before the pandemic, we were seeing encouraging signs of growth in student recruitment and support for the seminary. It is undeniable that the coronavirus is altering the plans of current and prospective students, and the incredible national economic contraction that rapidly developed over a short period of time has negatively impacted the financial position of Southwestern Seminary. We believe for some time into the future, the ripple effects of these developments will be felt throughout the Southern Baptist Convention as these realities are being faced by other SBC entities, state convention partners, and especially our local churches.

In spite of the challenges associated with COVID-19, I remain very hopeful about the future of Southwestern Seminary. We are committed to offering the very best theological education to God-called men and women in service to the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention. Our seminary has endured hardships and trials throughout its 112-year history, and with God's blessings we will persevere and thrive during these days just as we have in the past. I am more confident than ever that God is at work on Seminary Hill and that the best days of Southwestern Seminary are in our windshield, rather than our rearview mirror. I am also convinced God is at work in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic – as He has been throughout the history of Christianity during times of great difficulties – to bring glory to Himself, to extend the gospel across the globe, and to make us better ministers of the gospel. This hope is also my fervent prayer.

Beyond the pandemic, we find ourselves in a time too often characterized by dissension and division. I believe there is no more urgent time than now for Southern Baptists to come together. The challenges in today's culture demand more cooperation among us, not less. We desperately need leadership committed to helping equip the people of God not only to evangelize the lost and disciple new believers, but also to teach Christians how to live out a Christian worldview that makes a difference for Christ in our culture, especially while secular voices increasingly demand capitulation and compromise from God's standards.

Our steadfast commitment at Southwestern Seminary is to be an institution that produces gospel-driven men and women who are able to minister effectively in these urgent and chaotic times. It is because of our relationships and partnerships with local churches, state conventions, and fellow SBC entities that we are able to meet this challenge. Please pray for us that God would find us faithful and make us fruitful in His service.

The next time your travels bring you to the Dallas-Fort Worth (or as we prefer, Fort Worth-Dallas) Metroplex, please come visit us on Seminary Hill. And as always, please do keep Southwestern Seminary in your prayers.

Adam W. Greenway  
President

*Program Report***I. Enrollment by Degree Program in SBC funded Full-Time Equivalents**

| <b>Undergraduate and<br/>Certificate Programs</b> | <b>2011–<br/>2012</b> | <b>2012–<br/>2013</b> | <b>2013–<br/>2014</b> | <b>2014–<br/>2015</b> | <b>2015–<br/>2016</b> | <b>2016–<br/>2017</b> | <b>2017–<br/>2018</b> | <b>2018–<br/>2019</b> |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| B.A.  | 190                   | 154                   | 127                   | 98                    | 81                    | 148                   | 179                   | 163                   |
| B.S.  | 59                    | 120                   | 158                   | 165                   | 146                   | 79                    | 35                    | 13                    |
| B.M.  | N/A                   | N/A                   | N/A                   | N/A                   | 23                    | 34                    | 33                    | 32                    |
| Certificate                                       | 20                    | 20                    | 20                    | 20                    | 15                    | 15                    | 11                    | 14                    |
| Diploma   | 1                     | 0                     | 0                     | 1                     | 1                     | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     |
| Special   | 27                    | 28                    | 33                    | 14                    | 25                    | 31                    | 20                    | 13                    |
| <b>Basic Degree Programs</b>                      |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| M.A.A.B.S.  | 11                    | 8                     | 8                     | 9                     | 9                     | 10                    | 9                     | 5                     |
| M.A.B.C.  | 12                    | 29                    | 46                    | 62                    | 63                    | 59                    | 53                    | 39                    |
| M.A.C.C.  | 6                     | 2                     | 0                     | 1                     | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     |
| M.A.C.E.  | 180                   | 147                   | 107                   | 81                    | 84                    | 76                    | 66                    | 49                    |
| M.A.C.M.  | 26                    | 20                    | 9                     | 10                    | 11                    | 9                     | 8                     | 10                    |
| M.A.C.S.E.  | 13                    | 14                    | 14                    | 10                    | 9                     | 10                    | 6                     | 4                     |
| M.A.I.S.  | 20                    | 13                    | 13                    | 6                     | 8                     | 5                     | 8                     | 6                     |
| M.A.L.M.  | 6                     | 4                     | 2                     | 1                     | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     |
| M.A.M.  | 32                    | 24                    | 15                    | 19                    | 17                    | 16                    | 16                    | 9                     |
| M.A.M.F.C.  | 37                    | 5                     | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     |
| M.A.P.  | N/A                   | N/A                   | N/A                   | N/A                   | N/A                   | N/A                   | N/A                   | 2                     |
| M.A.Th.   | 19                    | 24                    | 22                    | 13                    | 11                    | 14                    | 14                    | 11                    |
| M.A.W.  | 1                     | 2                     | 3                     | 4                     | 3                     | 6                     | 6                     | 4                     |
| M.Div.  | 647                   | 567                   | 473                   | 473                   | 424                   | 398                   | 353                   | 260                   |
| M.M.  | 51                    | 49                    | 51                    | 44                    | 39                    | 31                    | 29                    | 31                    |
| M.A.C.A.  | N/A                   | N/A                   | N/A                   | 3                     | 7                     | 6                     | 7                     | 5                     |
| M.T.S.  | N/A                   | N/A                   | 16                    | 26                    | 33                    | 36                    | 39                    | 30                    |
| <b>Advanced Degree Programs</b>                   |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| D.Ed.Min.   | 8                     | 4                     | 12                    | 13                    | 13                    | 14                    | 12                    | 22                    |
| D.Min.  | 70                    | 61                    | 102                   | 57                    | 39                    | 47                    | 73                    | 79                    |
| Ph.D./D.M.A.                                      | 152                   | 176                   | 170                   | 182                   | 170                   | 155                   | 156                   | 193                   |
| Th.M.   | 29                    | 26                    | 23                    | 20                    | 18                    | 23                    | 31                    | 35                    |
| <b>Total SBC FTE</b>                              |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| <b>Enrollment</b>                                 | <b>1,617</b>          | <b>1,497</b>          | <b>1,424</b>          | <b>1,332</b>          | <b>1,249</b>          | <b>1,222</b>          | <b>1,164</b>          | <b>1,029</b>          |
| <b>Headcount</b>                                  |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| <b>Enrollment</b>                                 | <b>3,210</b>          | <b>3,259</b>          | <b>3,582</b>          | <b>3,942</b>          | <b>4,276</b>          | <b>4,076</b>          | <b>4,007</b>          | <b>3,848</b>          |

**Graduates**

| <b>Undergraduate and<br/>Certificate Programs</b> | <b>2011–<br/>2012</b> | <b>2012–<br/>2013</b> | <b>2013–<br/>2014</b> | <b>2014–<br/>2015</b> | <b>2015–<br/>2016</b> | <b>2016–<br/>2017</b> | <b>2017–<br/>2018</b> | <b>2018–<br/>2019</b> |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| B.A.  | 31                    | 40                    | 34                    | 24                    | 20                    | 16                    | 21                    | 21                    |
| B.S.  | N/A                   | N/A                   | 8                     | 53                    | 51                    | 62                    | 58                    | 52                    |
| B.M.  | N/A                   | N/A                   | N/A                   | N/A                   | 1                     | 0                     | 1                     | 3                     |
| Certificate                                       | 25                    | 9                     | 21                    | 12                    | 20                    | 2                     | 20                    | 13                    |
| Diploma   | 2                     | 0                     | 1                     | 0                     | 0                     | 1                     | 0                     | 0                     |
| <b>Basic Degree<br/>Programs</b>                  | <b>2011–<br/>2012</b> | <b>2012–<br/>2013</b> | <b>2013–<br/>2014</b> | <b>2014–<br/>2015</b> | <b>2015–<br/>2016</b> | <b>2016–<br/>2017</b> | <b>2017–<br/>2018</b> | <b>2018–<br/>2019</b> |
| M.A.A.B.S.  | 1                     | 2                     | 1                     | 2                     | 5                     | 1                     | 2                     | 10                    |
| M.A.C.C.  | 3                     | 3                     | 0                     | 1                     | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     |
| M.A.C.E.  | 98                    | 82                    | 65                    | 55                    | 34                    | 41                    | 49                    | 42                    |
| M.A.C.M.  | 3                     | 0                     | 3                     | 0                     | 2                     | 2                     | 1                     | 0                     |
| M.A.C.S.E.  | 6                     | 2                     | 6                     | 3                     | 3                     | 3                     | 2                     | 3                     |
| M.A.I.S.  | 3                     | 6                     | 7                     | 6                     | 2                     | 3                     | 4                     | 2                     |
| M.A.L.M.  | 1                     | 4                     | 4                     | 2                     | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     |
| M.A.M.  | 12                    | 16                    | 10                    | 10                    | 9                     | 9                     | 6                     | 5                     |
| M.A.M.F.C.  | 55                    | 15                    | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     |
| M.A.Th.   | 10                    | 10                    | 12                    | 14                    | 9                     | 10                    | 11                    | 10                    |
| M.A.W.  | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     | 1                     | 0                     | 6                     | 2                     | 4                     |
| M.Div.  | 148                   | 159                   | 143                   | 137                   | 143                   | 112                   | 137                   | 123                   |
| M.M.  | 12                    | 26                    | 11                    | 13                    | 25                    | 20                    | 12                    | 10                    |
| M.A.B.C.  | N/A                   | 1                     | 8                     | 9                     | 17                    | 13                    | 25                    | 24                    |
| M.T.S.  | N/A                   | N/A                   | 19                    | 39                    | 103                   | 165                   | 191                   | 208                   |
| M.A.C.A.  | N/A                   | N/A                   | N/A                   | N/A                   | 1                     | 0                     | 4                     | 3                     |
| M.A.Ph  | N/A                   | N/A                   | N/A                   | N/A                   | N/A                   | N/A                   | 1                     | 2                     |
| <b>Advanced Degree Programs</b>                   |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| D.Ed.Min.   | 4                     | 10                    | 4                     | 6                     | 2                     | 4                     | 7                     | 3                     |
| D.Min.  | 12                    | 13                    | 10                    | 9                     | 10                    | 26                    | 17                    | 17                    |
| Ph.D./D.M.A.                                      | 14                    | 34                    | 29                    | 24                    | 18                    | 26                    | 33                    | 22                    |
| Th.M.   | 15                    | 10                    | 9                     | 10                    | 6                     | 17                    | 22                    | 17                    |
| <b>Total Graduates</b>                            | <b>455</b>            | <b>442</b>            | <b>405</b>            | <b>430</b>            | <b>481</b>            | <b>539</b>            | <b>626</b>            | <b>594</b>            |

***Matters Referred by the Convention***

During the Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Birmingham, Alabama, June 11–12, 2019, the Convention referred the following items to The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for consideration, action, and report.

**1. SBC Referral: To request each SBC entity to provide an update on addressing abuse (Items 15 and 60, Proceedings of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 11-12, 2019, SBC Annual, p. 57, 63)**

**Motion:** Phillip Bethancourt, Tennessee

“That the Southern Baptist Convention request each of the entities of the Southern Baptist Convention provide an update related to their efforts to address abuse and report back to the 2020 Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Orlando, Florida, covering three subjects: what is their entity doing to foster effective abuse awareness, prevention, and care; what

additional steps has their entity taken to address abuse since the 2018 SBC annual meeting in Dallas, Texas; and how is their entity partnering with the efforts of the Sexual Abuse Advisory Group to address abuse?"

**Response:** Given the motion's specific language requesting a report back to the 2020 Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Orlando, Florida, no report can be given due to the cancellation of the Annual Meeting. Southwestern Seminary has provided an institutional update on addressing abuse, however, via the Ministry Inquiries included as part of the 2020 SBC Cooperative Program Ministry Report. That update is reproduced in its entirety here:

*Consistent with the objectives of the Caring Well initiative, Southwestern Seminary is committed to strengthening our policies in order to better protect students and the entire seminary community by creating a safer environment for all. To that end, we have taken the following steps in recent months:*

- *created a new administrative leadership position, Dean of Women, with responsibilities to include serving as the first point of contact for any women with concerns or complaints;*
- *updated admissions policies to prohibit anyone who is listed on a sex offender registry from being admitted as a student;*
- *reviewed and updated administrative, student, and personnel policies to ensure compliance with expectations for mandatory reporting;*
- *finalizing plans to implement sexual abuse awareness training for all faculty, staff, and students; and*
- *transitioning from a seminary campus security team to a campus police force consisting entirely of professional, sworn officers. After hiring a new chief of police with more than 30 years police experience, the seminary now has 12 sworn police officers with an average experience of nearly 30 years in major metropolitan departments and only 3 security officers, with plans to be 100 percent sworn officers during 2020. Previously, there were only 4 sworn officers with average experience of 4-5 years, none in major metro departments, and 14 security officers.*

*Southwestern Seminary supports all efforts in the life of the Southern Baptist Convention to better educate our churches – both ministers and members – about the biblical, moral, and legal obligations to oppose sexual abuse in our midst and to minister effectively to those harmed by such sinful activity.*

**2. SBC Referral: To request Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary to pursue the recovery of certain seminary property. (Items 40 and 79, Proceedings of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 11-12, 2019, SBC Annual, p. 60, 80)**

**Motion:** Benjamin Cole, Oklahoma

“That this Convention request the trustees of SWBTS to authorize the seminary president and legal counsel to pursue through all means necessary the lawful recovery of seminary property, both tangible and intangible, including furniture, household furnishings, artifacts, antiquities, memorabilia, audiovisual and computer equipment, and any official records that may have been removed from the presidential home or other campus facilities without authorization between the dates of May 30, 2018, and February 27, 2019.”

**Response:** Due to the cancellation of the 2020 Southern Baptist Convention in Orlando, Florida, this motion remains under consideration for action and report back to the 2021 Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, Tennessee.