

From the President

For 87 years, Lancaster Bible College | Capital Seminary & Graduate School has fulfilled our mission to educate Christian students to think and live a biblical worldview and to proclaim Christ by serving Him in the Church and society.

In a year like no other, this is a mission statement like no other. In a year that challenged us with a world pandemic, our mission has not changed. In a year that challenged us to teach and live differently, our students, faculty, and staff have adapted and grown. In a year that challenged us to remember that God is in control of the most minute details and that He loves each of us and cares deeply for us, we have drawn nearer to Him.

LBC|Capital is approaching the Fall 2020 term ready to serve our students well while safeguarding the health of students, faculty, and staff with God-honoring attitudes. Our Covenant of Care will help us demonstrate our intent to comply with federal and state requirements, affirm our commitment to live and learn together in uncertain times, and reflect our roles in our communities – Lancaster, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC.

One aspect of care is to face circumstances with honesty and compassion, and it is for that reason that our Philadelphia and Washington, DC locations will conduct their Adult Education missions remotely. Local health conditions and risk factors identified by site directors led to the decision to forego the opportunity for in-person instruction at those locations in the Fall 2020 term. Similarly, to reduce the risk of exposure in high-travel seminary programs offered by Capital Seminary & Graduate School, seminary programs will be conducted remotely for the Fall 2020 term.

I am so proud of the men and women of LBC | Capital for the collaborative and creative solutions to the problems presented to us by COVID-19. After showing tremendous gifts of agility and perseverance to teach, learn, and support our educational mission in the spring semester, our team has worked tirelessly to prepare to return to in-person instruction for Fall 2020.

In Proverbs the Lord says, “The righteous are as bold as a lion” (Proverbs 28:1). He also says, “A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions.” (Proverbs 22:3; 27:12). So this is our approach: to boldly rise to the challenge in front of us . . . and humbly take all the appropriate precautions we can.

Our teams from across all of LBC | Capital’s locations and functional areas have developed a Re-Opening Plan that readies all of us for safe and compliant return to in-person instruction in the performance of our kingdom mission – *together*. Here are just a few of the adjustments that will help us live and learn together in each of our locations.

The academic calendar for traditional undergraduate programs transitions to remote delivery on November 20. Residence life and dining have been adapted to accommodate daily life in accordance with state and federal safety guidelines. Daily campus screening upon arrival, self-screening on our updated LiveSafe app, and a more robust wellness center will help us monitor our health at all locations. Plexiglass guards are installed throughout campus, safety protocols will be in place for participants in our athletic and music, worship, and performing arts programs, and support services from the library to the bookstore, student financial aid, counseling and more have adjusted their workspaces and routines to better protect us while continuing to provide exceptional service.

Our Fall 2020 term will see the same curriculum, the same mission, the same commitment to Jesus Christ and to one another. I know we can do this together, with prayer, grace, patience, and resilience. God has brought us here in His wisdom, in His timing, and for His purpose. I look forward to seeing our LBC | Capital family together safely again in each program and at each location as circumstances permit.

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