

EXPECTATIONS!

Looking Ahead to a Consolidated University

Over the past 25 years spanning three General Council executive leadership administrations, a strong consensus has continued that the missional objectives of the Assemblies of God and efficient stewardship of financial resources can be better achieved through a consolidation of Central Bible College, Evangel University, and the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary—all located in Springfield, Missouri

For the past 2 years, almost 200 persons from all three institutions have worked long and diligently to accomplish this consolidation. We are awaiting permission from the Higher Learning Commission to move forward with this in the next few months.

I'm excited about the days ahead for our students. Assemblies of God young people from ages 13-18 presently number approximately 360,000 with the likelihood that number will grow past 400,000 in the next few years. These young people will be world-changers as they live out the gospel of Jesus Christ. I believe we should pray for at least a tithe (10%) of these students to enroll at our endorsed Assemblies of God post-secondary schools. We must prepare to serve these youth with a quality, world-class Pentecostal education!

Our residents Springfield schools will be better positioned through an asset protection, consolidation, and expansion program to serve these students. My expectations for this consolidated university are: (1) To maximize financial and organizational stewardship and to sustain tuition levels for the benefit of all of our students, (2) To significantly spur enrollment growth, (3) To enhance and expand ministerial preparation to meet the growing needs of our Fellowship, and (4) To meet 21st century challenges and opportunities.

I believe, with God's help and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we can accomplish these expectations. Please continue to life this effort in prayer as the next few months will be critical to its success.

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Consolidation subject to the approval of the Higher Learning Commission