



July-August 2024

Dear supporters of Southern Methodist College,

Last month, I enjoyed visiting with you among the various annual conferences. I was glad to see the delegates, to renew acquaintances and old friendships and to meet new people.

The time at each annual conference allowed for the promotion of the college, and I hope that the shared information is useful to you as you pray for Southern Methodist College.

Thank you for the various offerings that were given. These offerings not only help the general operations of the college, but also enable me to visit with you. The annual conferences gave to Southern Methodist College offerings totaling \$3,101.00. This includes the gifts given by the various WMSs.

The Mid-South and Southwestern conferences elected their regular representatives on the Board of Directors. The Mid-South Conference reelected Rev. Ted Erickson and Mr. Rick Key. The Southwestern Conference elected two new members: Rev. Kenneth McLaren and Mrs. Denise Howell. The Alabama-Florida-Georgia Conference elected Mrs. Lorei van Loenen to complete the term

of her husband Mr. Paul van Loenen, who is too ill to currently serve. Let us welcome them to the Board and thank them for their willingness to serve. I welcome these Regular Board Members to the Board of Directors of Southern Methodist College. Please pray for these four and the other Board members as they help lead SMC into the future.

As a reminder to all Board members the next meeting will be held, Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at the Carrier Center in Orangeburg. Please make plans to be there. If you cannot attend personally, we can arrange for virtual attendance. Let me know as soon as possible if you plan to attend virtually.

August 5 officially began the enrollment period for the Fall semester, and classes are scheduled to begin on August 12. While the numbers are not finalized, I can report that the College has a total of thirty-two active students of which twenty-one are enrolled in college or master level courses and eleven are in the Conference Course of Study. Our cooperation with the Cabagan Bible Institute continues with twelve Filipino ministerial students.

Pray with me as I shift my efforts from finances to student enrollment. First, pray that the accounting procedures will continue to serve the college well, so that it remains routine. Second, pray that the Lord will lead us as we seek to improve recruitment, enrollment, and retention of students. Finally, pray that the Lord will protect and provide for the needs of those who work with the College to train Christians to serve God and His Church.