

June 6, 2017

To the Mississippi Valley Presbytery
c/o Roger Collins, Stated Clerk
130 Byram Parkway
Byram, MS 39272-9601

Dear brothers in Christ,

This August will mark my eighteenth year as the head of the Jackson campus of Reformed Theological Seminary. What an interesting year it has been! It is such a privilege to be a part of the faculty and staff that God is using at RTS to prepare leaders for His Church to serve throughout our country, and indeed in many other countries around the world. I never tire of seeing the quality of students that God brings, or of hearing how God uses them after they 'launch' into their places of service.

Many of you were able to be with us for our 50th anniversary this past October as we celebrated God's faithfulness. If you were able to be with us, you heard only a few of the many stories that evidenced God's hand at work in ways that our founders never dreamed about when they followed God's call to start RTS. Under the excellent leadership of Ligon Duncan as our Chancellor and CEO, we are on a steady and unwavering course in these difficult days as we continue to see God positioning RTS to serve Christ's Church in the future.

In this past year, I have been honored to preach and teach at numerous churches in our presbytery and beyond while my work with the seminary continues to broaden. When this request is being presented to you, I will be asking for an excused absence as I fulfill a teaching assignment on leadership to doctoral students at our partner seminary in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The timing of the class was not my choice, so I apologize for bringing this to you in absentia.

Thanks for your partnership. I continue to be so grateful that God would give me the privilege of laboring together with you, my brothers, in Mississippi Valley Presbytery. You are often an integral part of what we do at RTS, and I personally thank you for your steady friendship, prayers, and active support.

Last, I need to ask that you allow me to continue my work at Reformed Theological Seminary for the upcoming year as a fellow minister laboring "out of bounds." I look forward to seeing what this next year will bring as we seek to serve our Lord together.

Most cordially,



Guy Richardson
President, Jackson campus
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