

## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 TO: Constituents of Concordia University Texas SUBJECT: An Important Announcement Regarding the Board of Regents

As a valued member of the Concordia University Texas community, I write today to share an important decision our Board of Regents made today.

For over a year, the Concordia University Board of Regents has diligently worked and prayed about a decision to guard and guide the future of the University. Centered by our founding purpose and our vision to be the premier institution of higher education where the adventure of faith, learning, and life-changing experiences leads to meaningful work, the Board voted to adopt a structure whereby Concordia University Texas will be governed solely by its Board of Regents, rather than the historic governance directed by the bylaws of Synod.

As you know, Concordia University Texas is in a strong position, with healthy enrollment, exciting academic programs, strong finances, robust community partnerships, and meaningful relationships.

As the news of this change begins to circulate, it is important that you understand that we are not leaving the LCMS. We are committing to our alignment with the LCMS. This vote simply reframes the nature of that relationship so that governance will be directed solely by the Board of Regents rather than shared with Synod.

We are deeply thankful for our Lutheran theology, history, and practice, and we will continue to live out the mission of the church by remaining faithful to Scripture and the confessions; engaging with the broader culture and being a light to the world; continuing to train workers for the church; sharing the gospel with students; and partnering with LCMS entities to help them live out their mission.

We will continue to provide information to the necessary entities as this decision plays out over time. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (president@concordia.edu), our Provost Dr. Kristi Kirk (provost@concordia.edu), or any other member of our CTX leadership team.

Please join us in prayer that God would bless this decision for the future of Concordia.

In Christ, Dr. Donald Christian President and CEO

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