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Dear Friends:

I am writing to say that Dr. L. Gregory Jones has accepted an offer to be the Executive Vice President and Provost at Baylor University. His term will begin this summer 2016. As many of you know, Dr. Jones served as the eleventh dean of Duke Divinity School (1997-2010). He has recently been the Ruth W. and A. Morris Williams Jr. Professor of Theology and Christian Ministry at Duke, and a Senior Strategist for Leadership Education at Duke Divinity (LEADD). He is also a Senior Strategist for the Fuqua-Coach K Center on Leadership and Ethics at Duke's Fuqua School of Business. During the 2016-2017 academic year, Dr. Jones will continue serving as a Senior Fellow at LEADD. Duke Divinity School has benefited immeasurably from Dr. Jones's wisdom and work over more than two decades. It was his vision for holding together intellectual excellence and a commitment to the faith and essential practices of the church that drew me and many others to this faculty.

Baylor is also inviting the Rev. Susan Pendleton Jones to join its staff as Senior Fellow in its Institute for Faith and Learning. She has served at the Divinity School since 1997, including as Director of Field Education. For the last four years she has been the Associate Dean for United Methodist Initiatives and Ministerial Formation; in this role she has coordinated a variety of student services, including the Hispanic House of Studies and the Thriving Rural Communities Initiative. Rev. Jones also leaves behind an incomparable architectural legacy: Goodson Chapel and the Westbrook Building, whose design, construction, and furnishing she oversaw until its completion in 2005. It is notable that in the Bible, the sole human creation described at any length is worship space: the wilderness Tabernacle and the Temple. God willing, generations to come will rejoice in this beautiful creation.

With a full heart, we thank Susan and Greg Jones for their countless gifts to Duke Divinity School, and we pray God's rich blessing on the new work and life that lies ahead.

Yours in Christ,

Ellen F. Davis