



An Update from the Chair

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Dear Alumni,

I wanted to provide an update regarding where we are in the work to continue the critical mission of Eastern Nazarene College given the challenges we face.

Summer Impact with Our Constituencies: Our ministry teams have been busy making contact with our constituencies. In these next few weeks in particular, maximum contact will take place with prospective students. We have sent out a wonderful group of students. We hope you will join us in prayer for our ministry teams. As of this week, we have made contact with every District through their District Assemblies. We are still in a “listening mode” seeking to hear what our partners wish to share.

Work and Witness Teams: We are grateful for a number of Work and Witness teams that have come to campus over the summer months. Mid-Atlantic, Philadelphia, Virginia and New England districts have sent groups. This is a very valuable contribution. (I hope I did not miss any!) This has not only been a boost to morale on campus, but also an encouragement to the bank that holds our loans. Thank you! Thank you!

Real Estate Task Force: There is a gifted group of leaders that meet each Tuesday morning for a conference call led by Bob Cornell. This group is working with administrators on maximizing our real estate as a resource for strengthening our financial position. This involves selling property, refurbishing property and developing alternative sources of revenue. For instance, a portion of 162 Old Colony is under renovation to provide additional space for the Campus Kinder Haus. This addition should be ready for September enrollment. We are encouraged with the work of this group.

Opportunity Task Force: Dick Pritchard is leading a widely diverse group composed of alumni, board members, and members of the campus community in an effort to re-imagine ENC in light of our realities. Glenn Bryan, an alum of ENC is also helping lead the group as we define the key cornerstones to what we believe ENC is and should be. We will also be spending time thinking outside the box about Christian Higher education and our unique opportunities in light of all the changes in our culture. There is a great deal of positive energy with this group. We welcome your input. You can email me, and I will pass it on to Dick and Glenn

Presidential Search Committee: Our presidential search committee has been working to compile a list of possible candidates to be considered. Contact has been made and initial conversations and information is being received. We cannot give you a specific time table, but God is at work, and we are encouraged with the process. During this time, our entire team of administrators is providing great leadership. Please join us in prayer.

Fall Enrollment: It is a very competitive environment these days as students increasingly choose alternative ways of receiving higher education. While our traditional enrollment has not come in as high as we had hoped it is still within a budget that has been right sized for our context.

Spiritual Formation: One of the ways we have seen increased spiritual growth on campus has been through our short-term missions program called Fusion. This year 60 students on 6 teams went out over spring break and after commencement to serve all around the world. Students from Trevecca joined ENC students on three teams exploring human trafficking in Boston, Nazarene disaster response in Houston Texas, and on a southern culture and civil rights tour. A fourth team went to Manila, Philippines and interacted with a child development center with other students from Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary. In the month of May we sent a team of students to Zambia where they engaged with the Jubilee Center in Ndola. The sixth team spent time in Nairobi and Lodwar Kenya focused on peace and reconciliation -- interacting with people whose lives have been saved through a community farm started by Nazarene compassionate ministries.

Alternative Revenue Streams: During the summer of 2018 ENC is moving to a new Learning Management System (LMS) called *Canvas* which will allow for the launch of online courses and programs. We have hired Dakin Burdick as ENC's Instructional Designer & Technologist. He has 18 years of higher education experience in instructional design and faculty development. *Campus KinderHaus*, the college preschool, is expanding from five classrooms to eleven. Construction will be completed by the start of the fall semester. Munro residence hall is receiving a much-needed renovation on the third and fourth floors. In addition to room renovation, the addition of expanded private showers and a kitchen will allow these floors to be used for Graduate Assistants and available for rent to ENC graduate students and other students in the area.

A Final Word: It is our desire to improve our communication with our churches and alumni. You are a vital part of this partnership, and we desire to keep you informed. We have established a place on the ENC website where we will provide updates from the Board of Trustees (<https://enc.edu/bot-initiatives>).

Your partner in this great mission!

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