

Developments at Scotland Campus--Vol. 9, No. 5--January 30, 2015



Late last year the boards of Winebrenner Theological Seminary (WTS) and Scotland Campus, Inc. (SCI) began a conversation about transferring the Pennsylvania property to SCI. This action was recommended by the Higher Learning Commission in a recent visit to WTS, but it was originally part of the plan in acquiring the Scotland Campus. The idea was to establish a "firewall" between the two corporations, but it didn't happen in June, 2013 because of expense. At the time, transfer fees exceeded \$700k. Recently a property reassessment reduced the fees to about \$60k, a significant difference.



The "firewall" separates the administration and finances of the two institutions. On-site management is obviously best accomplished on site. Even with the best efforts of personnel, the combined oversight has been cumbersome and somewhat frustrating for leadership in both locations. Some of this was tied to cash flow in both places, but basically the combined structure created operational redundancies. Both organizations will do better standing on their own feet. To make this possible WTS and SCI developed and agreed to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).



The Scotland Campus Chapel



Inside the Scotland Campus Chapel

Because Winebrenner Seminary is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Churches of God, General Conference, the Administrative Council also needed to approve the MOU and subsequent property transfer. Last Thursday the CGGC Ad Council took action to do so, making both WTS and SCI directly accountable to the CGGC. Currently SCI reports through WTS. When finalized, SCI will also be a wholly owned subsidiary of the CGGC. The Ad Council also approved revised SCI by-laws, adding a ninth board member, and appointed the SCI board, naming Dick Longsderff as the chairperson and Pete Zimmerman as treasurer. The MOU still needs review by Eastern Region's Home Mission Council for their input as SCI's mortgagee. It's hoped this can all be finalized in the near future.



In other developments Linda and I helped load a truck last Saturday with furniture bound for Scotland Campus. A friend of WTS offered the contents of several rooms being renovated at the Country Inn and Suites in Findlay, Ohio. It included sofa beds, wing chairs, swivel desk chairs, lamps, light stands, mirrors, and wall art - all in very decent condition. And so we volunteered to help pack the truck along with about sixteen others from College First Church, Wharton Church, WTS, etc. We filled a 24-foot box truck with the able skills of Finley & Son (Lance and Carter - pictured below, 2nd and 3rd from right) Packing. A crew on the other end was scheduled to unpack the truck in Pennsylvania. I understand there'll be another floor of furniture available in a couple weeks, so likely I may get to do this again.



The WTS Education & Conference Center at Scotland Campus

This coming Monday I expect to be on the Scotland Campus with Phil Scott to check out the facilities for our General Conference Sessions in July 2016. If anyone is interested and available for a look-see and giving Phil and me some good counsel, contact me and join us in the tour and conversation. That same day I expect to brainstorm names for potential Scotland benefactors/donors,

so let me know if you'd be interested in supporting the work at SCI or perhaps including it in your estate plans. Also, the SCI board is scheduled to meet next Thursday, so please be in prayer for Dave Newell, SCI president, and the leadership team as they plan for the future.



Auditorium at Scotland Campus

Here's one last Scotland piece. As you likely know I plan to transition out of my role as CGGC executive director come June 30 this year. Many have asked Linda and me what our future plans may be. This is in no way completely determined, but our hope is to be involved in promoting new church starts wherever God may open doors. One of the places we've talked about is Scotland Campus. We believe it's an opportunity waiting to happen. We invite all to pray with us on this, and should the Lord so lead, a lead or launch team would need to be put together. Might you consider helping? Let us know.

ONE Mission together,
Ed
Soli Deo Gloria!

PS - If you want to contact me about any of the above, email director@cggc.org or call 419-424-1961.

Part-Time Pastor Position Open at Shawnee Church of God, Lima, OH

Shawnee Church of God
3075 Yoakam Road
Lima, Ohio 45806

Church Size: 30-40

Job Description: Part-Time Pastor (25 hours per week includes Sunday's and 2 flexible office days or as needed)



Job Overview: The Part-time Pastor position will lead the church in living lives that serve Christ with the goal of leading others to know him. As the leader of the church, duties will include but are not limited to Sunday morning worship (music, message, discipleship), midweek Bible study, special services (Christmas Eve, Easter, etc.), attendance at church leadership team meetings, community outreach, office duties, preparing the Sunday bulletin and emailing the midweek update to the congregation. Availability for emergencies and visitations will be expected.

Qualifications: The ideal candidate will have experience in spiritual development, making disciples to bring those who are lost to know Christ. An energetic and personable quality will aid in building up believers in their faith, equipping them to spread the word. Good communication skills, creativity, sensitivity and understanding are all valuable assets that will aid in keeping cohesiveness and fellowship within our church. As a leader, a vision for the church and where it is headed is a must.

***Please submit resume before March 1, 2015 to khenley3@gmail.com**

***To learn more about Shawnee Church of God, go to www.shawneecog.cggc.org**

WTS Continues Presidential Search



With Dr. David Draper's upcoming retirement, Winebrenner Theological Seminary, Findlay, Ohio is seeking its next President. Candidates should have an earned doctorate; organizational leadership and managerial skills; demonstrated ability to understand, articulate, and carry out fiscal, academic, and institutional responsibilities; a welcoming and affirming spirit for a broad range of theological perspectives while maintaining an evangelical position; an understanding of governance within theological education; the ability to communicate and network with a variety of constituencies; and the ability to support the school's mission, vision, core values and basic beliefs. Details will be posted at <http://www.winebrenner.edu>, and *curriculum vitae* may be sent to:

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