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The following article is taken from a letter by Dr. Pipa sent last week (March 13, 2020) to Seminary supporters. Dr. Pipa made a public announcement at the Conference.

Through your support and the generosity of many friends of Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, the Lord has allowed us to do something that has been a top priority of our administration and Board of Trustees for a long time: eliminate our mortgage debt on the Seminary’s main campus building in Taylors, SC. We give praise to God for this landmark in the history of the Seminary. Thank you for praying and celebrating with us.

We made our last mortgage payment in late January, thereby fulfilling our outstanding financial obligation well ahead of schedule. This week, we made our first public announcement of the news at our



Spring Theology Conference. **Please rejoice with us** in the Lord's abundant provision! Especially give Him praise for granting us the funds needed to pay off the mortgage ahead of Dr. Jonathan Master's arrival in July. **On a personal note**, I have been looking forward to making this announcement for many years, and it is an honor to share this news with you.

Having reached this significant milestone, we will now redouble our efforts to fund our endowments, maintain a healthy reserve fund, and prepare for the possibility of campus expansion. Regardless, we continue to depend on regular support from individuals and churches to cover 75% or more of our annual *Enduring Reformation Fund*, which supplies our operating budget for day-to-day needs. Thank you for your continuing, faithful, and earnest support of our faculty, staff, and students.

PRAYING IN A PANDEMIC

In a brief essay entitled [*A Time of Pestilence, a Time of Thanksgiving*](#) published this week on the website for the [*Gospel Reformation Network*](#), Divinity student and Director of Advancement & Admissions Zachary Groff wrote of our prayer in a pandemic, *We pray with thanksgiving, knowing and believing that God will "keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next."* The quotation is of two lines from Martin Rinkart's (1586-1649) familiar hymn, *Now Thank We All Our God*.

Keep the following items in mind as you pray for the Seminary during this season of worldwide crisis and uncertainty. Above all, incorporate thanksgiving in all your prayers as we together navigate the disruption caused by the global COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, we thank God that we have strong distance learning technology in place, permitting us to recommence classes after our regularly scheduled Spring Break comes to a close at the end of this week. We also thank God that we are in a strong financial position at the moment, having paid off the mortgage and with a modest reserve in place.

By way of petition, we are pleading with God to protect the health of our professors, staff, students, trustees, and alumni, as far as such protection serves God's glory. We pray especially for the safety of our alumni who are pastoring flocks in locations experiencing outbreaks of the contagion. Please pray for our educational continuity measures, and that we would responsibly and successfully complete the spring semester using our distance learning tools. Pray as well for our continued financial stability as we weather the economic downturn that is unfolding. Finally, pray that the Holy Spirit would give much wisdom to our executive leaders and trustees as they make decisions regarding on-campus and distance protocols.

"THE CHURCH" RECAP

We are pleased with another successful GPTS Spring Theology Conference, and we pray that the Lord will continue to use the preaching, teaching, and spiritual fellowship for His glory in the weeks and months to come. We thank God that does not seem as though last week's Conference has caused any spread of COVID-19. We are moving forward with plans for next year's Spring Theology Conference on the topic of the Trinity.

