

Report to the 2014 Synod Moravian Theological Seminary

1. Presidential Transition

Following the retirement of Christopher Thomforde in June 2013, Bryon L. Grigsby began his service as the 16th president of Moravian College and Moravian Theological Seminary in July 2013. Dr. Grigsby is a graduate of Moravian College, received a masters in English literature from Wake Forest University, and a Ph.D. from Loyola University Chicago, specializing in medieval literature, early modern literature, and the history of medicine. He grew up as a Methodist and recently became a member of Central Moravian Church in Bethlehem, PA. Most immediately before coming to Moravian, he served as senior vice president and vice president for academic affairs at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia, where he had been since 2008. For both College and Seminary programs, Dr. Grigsby's leadership focuses on combining academic rigor with experiential learning, enabling students to use technology in their vocations, and developing students' passion for life-long learning and faithful, ethical, excellent leadership and service in both local and global contexts.

2. Moravian Theological Seminary

Highlights since last Synod:

- Created a new faculty Chair, the first full time faculty position explicitly dedicated to the history, theology, life, and ministry of the Moravian Church: the Charles Couch Chair in Moravian Theology and Ministry. Inaugural appointment to fill that chair: The Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood, fall 2010.
- Appointed the Rev. Dr. Jane Williams as new Director of the Master of Arts in Pastoral Counseling position, fall 2010, following the retirement of The Rev. Dr. Glenn Asquith. New focus on clinical excellence and spiritual formation.
- Participated in the Consultation for Moravian Educators in Surinam, fall 2010. One result: the Center for Moravian Studies worked with Interprovincial Board of Communications and Consultation members (funded by Moravian Church Foundation) to select a core library of the most significant books and articles on Moravian history and theology. These were shipped to eleven theological libraries to strengthen education of Moravians preparing to serve the church throughout the Unity.
- Completed a comprehensive campaign, *A Mission that Matters*, approved by Synod, that endowed the new faculty chair, significantly increased endowment for student financial aid and academic programs, and enabled renovations that addressed deferred maintenance and created academic and community spaces that better serve current students and programs.
- Worked with a Task Force on the Seminary and the Church, comprised of Seminary faculty, PEC members, and a bishop (1) to work on revisions to the MDiv program, particularly as it affects preparation and residency of Moravian candidates for ministry and (2) to seek to discern the ways God is calling the church to traditional and new forms of ministry.
- At the same time, faculty and administration are working with the Board of Trustees and with Moravian Church leadership to develop programs that meet the needs of fewer "traditional" Moravian full time MDiv students, more part time students from all faith traditions and in all programs, and an increased number of people expressing a call to ministries that call for new models of preparation. This work is ongoing and addresses possibilities of 1, 2, or 3 year, for-credit graduate programs, certificate programs, and lay ministry training.
- Under President Grigsby's leadership, the Board of Trustees approved a significantly improved technology infrastructure that opens new possibilities for distance learning and new forms of technology-enhanced teaching and learning. These new possibilities significantly influence the academic program developments mentioned above.

Seminary Data:

a. Enrollment Profile:

	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013
Number of Students	106	105	92
Number of New Students	31	29	17
Full-Time Students (%)	36%	23%	14%
Female Students (%)	64%	60%	60%
Moravian Students (%)	22%	21%	23%
Racial/Ethnic Diversity (%)	16%	21%	21%

b. Enrollment in Academic Programs:

Program	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013
Master of Divinity (MDiv)	36%	30%	29%
Master of Arts in Pastoral Counseling (MAPC)	24%	23%	23%
Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS)	18%	18%	15%
Formative Spirituality/Spiritual Direction Cert.	8%	9%	12%
Non-degree	14%	20%	21%

c. Tuition and Scholarship:

	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013
Annual Tuition for Full-time Enrollment	\$14,220	\$14,640	\$15,060
% of Students Receiving Financial Aid	70%	74%	60%

e. Institutional Information:

As of Fall 2013, the Seminary's operating budget totaled \$1,990,000. The endowment totaled \$22,238,518 with \$4,412,475 of the endowment restricted for scholarships.

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of President Bryon Grigsby and the Board of Trustees,
Frank Crouch