



40 Presbytery, need to continue praying for God to raise up men for this vital mission of our church. There  
41 are other professed Christian colleges around, but none have our Scriptural worship in their chapel  
42 programs; none have the exaltation of Christ as the Mediatorial King of all. One that I can think of, often  
43 advertising on conservative talk radio, has a prominent OPC ruling elder teaching there whose views on  
44 church and state could be understood as being “radical two kingdoms”. These distinctives of Geneva  
45 should be considered by every prospective RP student and their families. Relevant to this is the ongoing  
46 chapel program. It continues to go well. Sermons are now about 20 minutes and a testimony time is  
47 included each week. Both are appreciated by the students. Further, a Sabbath evening prayer and  
48 praise time has become popular. It is at 9 PM so as not to compete with local church evening services.

49 There are other faculty and staff positions open at the College that you can find at  
50 [geneva.edu/employment](http://geneva.edu/employment). Please pray for God’s provision of these needed people.

51 Many of you may have heard about the valuable property along the banks of the Beaver River,  
52 contiguous with College property, that has been donated to Geneva. As the property includes a very  
53 large and almost new facility, amenable to many different uses, there is much optimism about the new  
54 property’s usefulness to the College’s mission. Final decisions on its usage are not yet made, but  
55 progress is occurring.

56 Capital campaigns under the oversight of the Geneva Foundation Board continue to do well,  
57 supporting the construction of a new facility to be used for supporting enrollment and admissions, as  
58 well as outreach to schools and churches with the concepts of Biblical education. The finances of the  
59 College are not dependent on the campaign, mainly due to the aforementioned enrollment situation,  
60 but the campaign is allowing for capital improvements on campus, as well as supporting initiatives in  
61 developing the college’s focus on the integration of the Biblical faith into all areas of life, as well as  
62 increasing the strength of the endowment. In addition, there is no long-term debt, as long-term notes  
63 have been paid off several years ago. Giving is strong to the annual fund, and the campaign is  
64 progressing well.

65 A development mentioned last year is the Center for Faith and Life. You can learn further about  
66 it at <https://www.geneva.edu/cfl/>. To quote College Provost Dr. Melinda Stephens, “The Center for  
67 Faith and Life will allow us to strengthen and share the work that has long been a foundation of our  
68 academic program to prepare our students for vocations that honor God and neighbor.” There are many  
69 professedly Christian colleges and universities that claim to integrate faith with their academic  
70 disciplines and campus life, but few truly do. Most, at best, have Christianity in conjunction with  
71 academia. Geneva seeks better and better actually to integrate a Biblical foundation to all the areas of  
72 teaching and scholarship, which makes it more and more unusual in the current mix of colleges and  
73 universities. The College is seeking special relationships with Christian schools that will benefit both  
74 these high school students as they seek a college or university education, and our cCollege as well.

75 The new Welcome Center, sited near the front entrance to the College, has had groundbreaking  
76 and is proceeding. There were concerns about building according to original plans, since prices for labor  
77 and materials had jumped with inflation. With improved finances, work is now proceeding.

78 Finally, in the June meeting, the Board elected Trustees. This recent meeting took time to  
79 discuss possible candidates for new members of both Trustees and Corporators, as well as incumbents  
80 whose terms are about to expire.

81           Synod reelected me to this Board two years ago, from your nomination, so that I have this year  
82 and next in this latest term. I have served our Presbytery, our Synod, and our College this way since  
83 1998, and I thank Presbytery for its nominations. Over these years, I have served as the Board’s  
84 Secretary for a time, and I chaired the Bylaw Revision Committee that reorganized the College  
85 governance. I again thank you for your confidence in me. I continue blessed in serving you in this way. I  
86 am, however, thinking that it might be good for our Nominating Committee to be thinking about  
87 someone else to take this position. I’ll not be able to do this forever! The nominee to this Board need  
88 not be an elder, or even a man. Shana Mann Milroy of Midwest Presbytery and Bonnie Spear Weir of  
89 Atlantic Presbytery have served a number of terms in valuable roles on the Board. One need not be an  
90 alumnus or alumna. I’m not. Someone who cares for the College and its mission, who is willing to  
91 devote much prayer for the College, and who may know of potential students and/or of potential  
92 supporters of the College would be perfect.

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94           Here are some current prayer requests:

95           **PRAYER REQUESTS**—Please pray...

96           1. ...for continuing position searches.

97           2. ...for several members of our faculty and staff who are battling serious illness.

98           3. ...for the Lord to prosper our mid-cycle enrollment work to move prospective students to  
99 deposit for Fall 2026.

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101          Respectfully submitted,

102          Philip H. Pockras