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Board Chair announces appointment of new President for Luther College

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The Board of Regents has approved the recommendation of the Presidential Search Committee to appoint **Rev. Dr. Marc Jerry** as the eighth President of Luther College beginning July 1, 2020.

Dr. Marc Jerry's combination of expertise in business, academics, leadership, partnership building, and religious faith makes him uniquely qualified to fulfill the role of President. He is currently a faculty member and past Lead/Co-Chair of the Business Baccalaureate Degree Development Team at the Donald School of Business at Red Deer College (now University).

Prior to this, he was Academic Dean at St. Andrew's Theological College and Seminary of Richmond, VA, and Associate Professor and Business Department Chair at the Bissett School of Business at Mount Royal University. Dr. Jerry has also served as pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Red Deer for six years and on the ELCIC National Church Council for four years.

Dr. Jerry holds a Doctorate in Theology from St. Andrew's Theological College and Seminary, a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon, as well as a Master of Arts in Economics/Econometrics from Lakehead University and Bachelor of Arts from the University of Calgary.

In addition to his formal education and profession, Dr. Jerry is currently a Board Member of the Bethany Care Society and trained in not-for-profit Board governance through the Institute of Corporate Directors.

Board of Regents Chair, Karl Tiefenbach, says, "Dr. Jerry's diverse experience immediately caught the attention of the Search Committee. His energy, openness, creativity, and engaging style convinces us that he will be a very successful leader at Luther College."

"I am looking forward to returning to Saskatchewan and the Regina area to join the Luther College Team," says Dr. Jerry. "Luther has a superb history of excellence - both at the High School and on the University Campus in providing quality education and campus experiences in a faith-based context that is second to none. I look forward to meeting and working with all of the various constituents: students, staff, faculty, college supporters, community leaders, and alumni in the days ahead."

Dr. Jerry will take office following the retirement of Dr. Bryan Hillis, who will complete his ten-year term of distinguished service as President on June 30, 2020. We thank Dr. Hillis for his decade long dedication to and leadership of Luther College, always remaining focused on high-

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quality liberal arts and sciences education and research, and an emphasis on community and service to our students.

Tiefenbach says, "It is a highlight of my lifelong association with Luther College to work with Bryan. His immense intellectual ability and relentless work ethic are only matched by his deeply rooted Lutheran faith and his unfailing dedication to Luther College."

The Board wishes to thank the members of the Presidential Search Committee for their contributions during this important 12-month search process. Their commitment to the arduous task of selecting the next President will guide and shape Luther College's future and the education of thousands of students.

We congratulate Dr. Jerry on this appointment and eagerly anticipate working with him as he assumes the Presidency in July 2020.

Who We Are

Luther College, established in 1913 and governed by an eighteen member Board of Regents, is a two-campus educational institution in Regina, Saskatchewan that operates a historical independent high school accredited by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education and a post-secondary campus federated with the University of Regina.

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