



## An update on the search for Messiah University's next president

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Dear members of the Messiah community,

As we approach October board of trustee meetings and fall break, I would like to share an update about the search for the next president of Messiah University. In September we were able to gather, with the help of our search advisory firm FaithSearch Partners (FSP), invaluable input from nearly 500 university stakeholders via multiple community engagement sessions and surveys. Together with FSP, Messiah's Presidential Search Committee has drawn from these collective findings to create a presidential position profile, which is now posted on [the Presidential Search website](#).

The presidential profile reflects the input we heard from you regarding the attributes, personal characteristics, skills and experience that you want our next president to possess, including:

- A strong affinity for Messiah's distinct Christian educational mission
- A commitment to high academic standards, student learning and spiritual formation
- A collaborative, innovative leadership style
- A proven approach to effective decision-making and community-building
- A forward-thinking vision for strengthening all aspects of the university

[Read the full presidential position profile.](#)

FSP is in process of advertising the search, cultivating a quality presidential candidate pool, and screening and interviewing applicants who meet Messiah's profile. We invite you to continue to pray for God's leading for those individuals who are seeking the opportunity to boldly lead a nationally recognized, vibrantly Christian university such as Messiah. We expect this stage of the search to culminate with the Presidential Search Committee interviewing leading candidates during the months of November and December.

I want to thank you for your commitment to Messiah University and for being part of this important process. It was clear from the listening sessions and from your survey responses that our community is deeply invested in this critical search to find the right individual to advance Messiah's promising future. We invite you to take a look at the position profile and to share it with individuals who would be excellent candidates for Messiah's next president. I also invite you to continue to pray and to follow the progress of our search at [messiah.edu/next-president](http://messiah.edu/next-president).

Sincerely,

**Dr. Craig Sider**

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