



Dr. Reno Hoff,
President

I am glad for this opportunity to introduce the Corban Story to you. As you read the news about Corban College, please remember that it is not a new college, but rather a continuation of the foundational work carried out as Western Baptist College for the past several decades.

The word “Corban” is a biblical word that means “a gift dedicated to God.” This is the reason our new motto declares we are “Dedicating Heart and Mind to God.” It defines our name and mission. We will continue to use our updated college seal which has four visual identifiers: a picture of a Bible signifying a Bible-

centered college; a lamp defining us as an institution of higher learning; a Star of David with a cross in the middle indicating our Judeo/Christian heritage; and a globe depicting our mission to make a difference in the world for Jesus Christ.

As you can see, the scope of our mission has not changed but rather enlarged. It is based upon the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:19-20. It encourages all of us to enlarge our horizons and not limit our thinking about growth. As we stage ourselves for the future, I am reminded that for several years we have had a policy titled “Our Commitment to Growth.” Some key phases that give the sense of this commitment are:

- We believe Christ has called us to a life of growth
- We must not be afraid to reach beyond where we are
- We are committed to a biblical, moral stance, and to a Christ-like beauty of lifestyle
- We are committed to neither ease nor safety. Reaching may be difficult—perhaps even dangerous—but risk is unavoidable if we are to grow.

As we venture into the future as Corban College, we wait upon the Lord with excitement and anticipation about our mission. Growth will take place in the traditional, adult degree and graduate programs, and we envision the next step of our mission to take us to university status.

Our research indicates that today’s prospective Christian students have five expectations from their college:

- Quality in the major they are interested in
- Adequate preparation for future careers
- Excellent value for the investment
- Quality of faculty
- A platform for personal spiritual growth

We believe that Corban College meets all these expectations. In the last four years, we have been ranked in the Top Ten in the West by *U. S. News & World Report* in all of these areas. We are one of the few remaining Christian colleges whose special commitment is focused on educating only Christian students. As commanded in 1 Peter 1:13, “Therefore prepare your minds for action; be self controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.” We plan to occupy this hill called Corban until He comes.

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