

To: ACTS Community

From: Bill Taylor, ACTS Chairman

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Greetings sisters and brothers in the ACTS community. I trust you are finding time to meditate on our Lord and his redemptive plan during this Easter season.

As you know, ACTS leaders, faculty, and staff are committed to providing the best possible theological education to our students so they can serve and provide transformative ministry in the workplaces, church, and mission outposts of God's world. ACTS was founded as a kingdom-minded consortium, with a heart to serve students and produce graduates who would excel in redemptive ministry.

Much has changed in the world and in theological education since ACTS was birthed in 1989. These past few years, the ACTS board has deliberated over what structure will best serve students today and in years to come and ensure the flourishing of their education. The ACTS board has agreed on a plan that will allow our students to continue to receive quality theological education in a vibrant, sustainable seminary. In short, we plan to ask ATS to move the governance and control of ACTS to TWU and TWU will open a TWU School of Theology. The ACTS partner seminaries and affiliate schools will continue to serve their denominations and constituencies, providing quality theological education in a variety of forms that may include continued partnership with TWU in some programs.

Here are the next steps you can anticipate:

1. **Change in Governance:** ACTS will file a Petition for Change in Control or Legal Status to ATS (our accrediting agency) by April 1, 2024. This will request a move of governance from the ACTS Society to Trinity Western University.
2. **Transition Planning:** The ACTS board has set up a task force of member presidents, CFOs, and the Executive Committee to outline a transition plan by June 24, 2024.
3. **Site Visit:** ATS will do a site visit in the fall of 2024 to ensure that the ACTS board is committed to smooth transition and care of students to the new TWU School of Theology.
4. **ATS Approval:** In February 2025, ATS will vote regarding transferring governance and control of ACTS to the TWU School of Theology.
5. **Launch:** If ATS grants the Petition for Change in Control or Legal Status to ATS and the ACTS Board approves the Transition Plan, on May 1, 2026, TWU will launch the TWU School of Theology.

While this news will spark both discussion and questions, please rest assured of our enduring support for your call to ministry. To facilitate fruitful conversation and provide insight into the process and its implications for you as a student, faculty member or staff member, you will receive invitations in future weeks to provide input and ask questions through various means, including a "Town Hall" style discussion and online survey. We will work hard to ensure a clear, smooth and positive transition for existing ACTS students to the new TWU School.

We are grateful to continue to provide quality theological education to students who will be a redemptive presence in this world. Please pray for us as we move forward on this plan.

Serving with you,

Bill Taylor

Chairman, ACTS board