



Presidential search update

Note: the below communique was sent as a mass email to all students and employees on Feb. 3, 2026

Dear Members of the Messiah Community,

I am writing to share a brief update on the progress of the search for Messiah University's next president, and to offer assurance that this important work is effectively and prayerfully moving forward.

As I shared prior to Christmas break, the Board of Trustees is partnering with DSG Storbeck, a nationally respected executive search firm, to assist us in identifying and recruiting exceptional candidates who are well prepared to lead Messiah into its next season of growth and faithful mission impact. I am encouraged to report that our search firm has cultivated a promising pool of candidates whose experience, leadership and commitments align closely with the [presidential profile developed by the university and the board](#).

This week, Trustees Lisa Wagman Glezer, Alan Robinson and Jessica Thomas, along with Emerson Powery, Dean of the School of Arts, Culture and Society, will begin working closely with our search partners to conduct an initial evaluation and prescreening of applicants. From this work, a slate of candidates will be identified for consideration by [the full search committee](#), with interviews anticipated to begin in early March.

The board is deeply grateful for the engagement, encouragement and prayers of the Messiah community throughout this process. We are approaching this responsibility with both diligence and trust—confident that God is at work as we seek the leader who will faithfully steward Messiah's distinctive Christ-centered mission and guide the University forward with vision and wisdom.

On behalf of the board of trustees, I invite your continued prayers for discernment as this work continues. We remain confident that we are on a strong and effective path toward identifying the right leader to be the ninth president of Messiah University.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rod Musser".

Rod L. Musser '83

Chair, Messiah University Board of Trustees