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# President's MESSAGE



Dr. William H. Jones

## Lights in the World

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Dear friend of CIU,

I recently heard one of our students, Abigail Byrd, say the atmosphere of our campus drew her to enroll at Columbia International University.

"I have not been disappointed," Abigail said. "I have constantly seen people who really love the Lord, and serve the Lord, and help each other through difficult times."

I also have seen that kind of attitude in our students, as well as our faculty and staff, especially as we experienced a number of challenges this past year. But God gave us much grace to traverse those rough spots, especially as we relied on Him and supported each other.

For example, our hearts ached at the death of CIU President Emeritus Robertson McQuilkin in June. He meant so much, to so many of us. You probably have your own story of how he touched your life whether personally or through his spoken or printed words. We miss him, but rejoice that he now resides in the presence of our Lord. Watch for next month's edition of CIU Today magazine which will be dedicated to him.

Meanwhile, we celebrate in a number of areas as the new school year gets underway. We welcome the freshman class of 2020, thank God for a fiscal year-end campaign that exceeded our CIU Fund goal, and note the latest rankings from the website Christian Universities Online. They rank CIU #2 among The Best Bible Colleges in the United States, while The Best Schools website lists CIU at #9 for the Top 20 Online Theology Master's Degree Programs. This reflects



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the high academic standards held by our faculty and their commitment to excellence. Also, the Physical Plant staff deserves congratulations for making CIU #6 among the 50 Most Beautiful Bible Colleges.

This world needs an institution like CIU, as our gracious God helps us to hold fast to His Word and committed to our mission.

So while the headlines scream of the darkness of terrorism, murder, sexual confusion and racism, a light shines brightly from the CIU campus. We remain steadfast. As the Apostle Paul stated it:

*so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain. (Philippians 2:15-16)*

Please pray for CIU's students, graduates, faculty and staff. Pray that our light shines into the darkest areas of this world, as God's Word penetrates the darkest of hearts. Send us students to be educated from a biblical worldview to impact the nations with the message of Christ.

Yours for His glory,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William H. Jones".

William H. Jones  
President



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