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#### EMERGING FEATURES OF THE WAKE FOREST DIVINITY SCHOOL

Wake Forest University plans to open a Divinity School with the following features, several of them distinctive if not unique on the North American scene today.

- o A standard curriculum in theology will be augmented by the addition of courses from many departments of the College and from the professional schools.
- o The course of study will be spread over three semesters per year, making full use of the summer semester.
- o A small core faculty of theologians, six to eight in number, will work with faculty colleagues from the College and the other Schools of the University to provide the course of study.
- o A student body totaling no more than 135 is anticipated, beginning with an entering class of about 45. Students will be encouraged to begin their studies either in the summer or the fall semester.
- o Groups of six to eight students will work together from the time of their enrollment, helping one another prepare for Christian ministry.
- o Wingate Hall, adjoining Wait Chapel, at the center of the campus, will provide offices for Dean and faculty and classrooms for most classes and seminars. Davis Chapel will serve as the chapel for the Divinity School as well as for other University groups.
- o The search for the Dean is expected to commence in January 1996, with appointment as soon thereafter as possible. The Dean will then take the lead in the search for core faculty members. An ideal outcome would be the appointment of two or three core faculty members during the 98-99 academic year.
- o Core faculty members might include one person for each of the following:
  - Bible
  - History of Christian life and thought
  - Systematic and constructive Christian theology
  - The Christian world mission and evangelism
  - Preaching, worship, and spirituality
  - Christian ethics and the social sciences
- o The faculty and the student groups would take turns in leading daily worship, under the overall guidance of the Dean.



- o A support staff for the School could be small:

Associate Dean for Development and Recruiting  
Assistant to the Dean  
Two secretaries  
Parttime student assistance

- o Expenses will be covered by:

Tuition at about 2/3 of the undergraduate tuition (\$5,000 per semester, which would be \$15,000 for a calendar year for students enrolled for three semesters per year).

Annual gifts and grants

Income from endowment

General University funds for startup costs

Designated annual support from general University funds

- o While open to all qualified students, the Divinity School will seek to educate pastors for Baptist congregations in particular, thereby affirming the University's Baptist heritage.
- o The School will offer a single degree, the Master of Divinity degree, underscoring the School's commitment to the education of pastors for Christian congregations. At a later time, courses of study for laity and an enlargement of the University's present program of continuing education for clergy will be inaugurated.
- o Distinctive features of this new Divinity School are worth noting:

The use of the resources from all branches of the University in the education of future ministers

The use of the entire year for study and training, which should make possible the completion of the program in fewer than three calendar years, at least for some students

Group learning on the part of all students

Unusual opportunities for students of theology to enrich their academic learning and professional training with the help of gifted scholars and teachers, both theologians and those who are not theologians

Unusual opportunity for the entire University community to benefit from the presence of a divinity school in its midst.