

# SOUTHEASTERN NEWS

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## MUTUAL SUPPORT AFFIRMED BY SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY FACULTY

Wake Forest, N.C. -- In its workshop prior to the opening of the fall semester, the 35-member faculty of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary unanimously adopted a "Statement of Mutual Support."

The statement emphasized the Lordship of Christ as central to the work and lives of the faculty. While not elaborating on its reference to "current circumstances in the Southern Baptist Convention," the statement calls attention to the faculty's "oneness of purpose and ...unity of fellowship".

The statement also expressed a feeling that the members of the faculty had been "called to discipleship and ministry under the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ..." It went on to say that the faculty members have a responsibility to freely express their understanding of God's call.

The complete text of the statement is as follows:

"In the context of current circumstances in the Southern Baptist Convention, we, the Faculty of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, affirm our encouragement and support of one another as Christian professors, administrators, and colleagues.

"As members severally of the one Body of Christ, and of this Faculty, we affirm our oneness of purpose and our unity of fellowship.

"We affirm our mutual support as we seek to be faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ and to our calling as Christian teachers, preachers, leaders, and evangelists, recognizing our individual responsibility to express freely our understanding of God's calling and respecting the integrity of our various responses to divine leadership.

"As a body individually and jointly called to discipleship and ministry under the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, we affirm our unity and mutuality in performing our corporate and specific duties and therefore pledge collegial support to each member of this Faculty accordingly."

