

A Covenant Between The Synod of Living Waters and Maryville College

Introduction

Maryville College and the Synod of Living Waters – Celebrating 200 Years

On October 19, 1819, the Synod of Tennessee established the Southern and Western Theological Seminary which was later to become Maryville College. In this bicentennial year, Maryville College is grateful for the Covenant partnership with the Synod of Living Waters, our past shared accomplishments and a renewed energy and vision for the future. Together, the College and the Church continue to live out founder Rev. Dr. Isaac Anderson's call to "do good on the largest possible scale."

Purpose of the Covenant

It is the desire of the College and the Synod that Covenant commitments will both reflect and shape an authentic and dynamic partnership. The purpose of the Covenant is not only to define the nature and scope of the relationship, but also to be a living document whose real power is in articulating the shared mission of the College and the Church in the lives of students, the Church and the world.

Maryville College – Past, Present, Future

The Past

The College owes its existence to the vision and perseverance of the Reverend Isaac Anderson, a circuit riding Presbyterian minister, who believed that the southern wilderness was in dire need of trained ministers and teachers. On October 19, 1819 the Synod approved Dr. Anderson's plan and established the Southern and Western Seminary, beginning the long history of what was to become Maryville College (chartered 1842) and its close relationship with the Synod, the Presbytery and the Presbyterian Church.

For 200 years, Maryville College has had a profound impact across the region as "an instrument of liberation and growth for adults of all ages." From the beginning, access to education has been a core value of Maryville College: the first classes included Native Americans and African Americans; in 1875, Maryville College was the first college in Tennessee to award a B.A. degree to a woman; and in 1954, when state segregation laws were struck down by the United States Supreme Court, the College returned immediately to its earlier policy of admitting students of all races.

The Present

Today, approximately 1,200 students from around the country and the world can choose from more than 65 programs of study; have extensive opportunities for service and worship; explore vocation and prepare for career, entertain and be entertained in a world class performing arts center, and travel the world. Yet, even with 200 years of change and progress, the spirit and mission continue Isaac Anderson's legacy of learning, faith and service. The Maryville College mission statement shows the way.

Maryville College prepares students for lives of citizenship and leadership as we challenge each one to search for truth, grow in wisdom, work for justice and dedicate a life of creativity and service to the peoples of the world.

The Synod of Living Waters and Maryville College do so covenant and agree:

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MARYVILLE COLLEGE



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