



Presidential Prayer Guide

To the faculty, staff, students and friends:

Thank you for taking time to pray with us as we enter the final phase of the search process for Moody's next president.

We have developed this guide to give you specific prayer requests related to the presidential search process, as well as ways to be praying for our next president and the leadership of Moody.

We are confident that God will answer our prayers, and we look forward to the day when we can announce the name of God's man for our future.

— Presidential Search Committee

Praying for the Search Process

The selection of a new president is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees. To facilitate this important process, the board has appointed a search committee comprised of four trustees and six members of the Institute community. They have also assembled an advisory committee to guarantee input and interaction from the Moody community at large. We ask that you would remember these individuals in prayer as their decisions will affect the future of Moody Bible Institute.

Please pray for the members of the Search Committee who have been meeting regularly.

Trustee members:

Berv Peterson - Search Committee Chair
Jerry Jenkins
Paul Von Tobel
Tom Fortson

Community members:

Lou Barbieri, Faculty
Lloyd Dodson, Administration
Heidy Hartley, Administration
Bonnie Ho, Alumni Association
Elizabeth Lightbody, Faculty
Greg Thornton, Administration

Also remember the Advisory Committee members as they seek to solicit input from their constituencies and provide counsel to the Search Committee, as well as encourage prayer support for the process.

Bill Barnhart, Administration
Eric Beckman, Stewardship
Dave DeWit, Moody Publishers
Andy Franklin, Administration
Dan Green, Faculty
Randy Hall, Stewardship
Doug Hastings, Broadcasting

Christian Martinsen, Graduate School Student
Elsa Mazon, Broadcasting
Jamie-Lee McNeely, Undergraduate School Student
Winfred Neely, Faculty
Roy Patterson, Broadcasting
Clarence Shuler, Alumni Association
Karen Waddles, Moody Publishers

The men and women listed above have been working on the search process over past few months. The timetable below shows that we are in the home stretch. **Please ask for God's leading in the remaining steps.**

March 2009	Recommendation of final candidate made to the Trustee Board
April 2009	Board of Trustees to meet with the recommended candidate
May 2009	Potential announcement of a new president

Praying for the God's Man

Below is the Presidential Profile that was developed to help determine the type of person Moody is looking for in its next president. We are confident that the person that God will bring to us will be the man of his choosing for this important time in Moody's history, and well suited and prepared for what God has in our future.

Pray that in the final stages of the process the trustees will continue to learn more about the candidate and his fit for this important position.

Presidential Profile

Moody Bible Institute is seeking a president who can effectively cast and passionately articulate the vision for training the next generation of Christian workers. The president must be energetic, an engaging communicator, a strategic thinker with a global perspective, and have a reputation for using exceptional wisdom to affect positive change.

Sensing God's call to the leadership of this organization, he will have a heart for Biblical training and will help to develop and implement strategies for how this can be accomplished in the future through our existing education, radio, broadcasting, and publishing ministries.

Candidates for this position must have a proven record of servant leadership and successful organizational management experience within ministries or businesses having management challenges comparable to those of MBI. An aptitude and desire to learn and grow, an ability to develop trust, and the capacity for building a cohesive executive leadership team are essential in this position.

Since the president's role requires an important balance of institutional leadership, representation of MBI in various civic, academic, and ministry communities, as well as significant interaction with donors, he must have the ability to easily engage with people at all levels, and to develop positive and productive relationships both within and outside the organization.

A candidate for Moody's presidency should be committed to the preeminence of Christ in every aspect of life and ministry, demonstrating impeccable integrity, trustworthiness, and character that is above reproach as outlined in 1 Timothy 3. He should have a commitment to the expository preaching/teaching of Scripture and to world-wide evangelism that aligns with MBI's legacy ministries of Christian higher education, radio broadcasting, and publishing. He must be in full agreement with Moody Bible Institute's doctrinal statement (and the Institutional positions related to the statement) and be able to champion/defend our theological and biblical commitments. For this reason, a candidate should have a minimum of a master's degree from a seminary or graduate school of theology, and preferably hold an earned doctorate.

Praying for our Next President

We know that God has already laid his hand on the future president of Moody Bible Institute.

Please consider the following as you **pray for him...**

- Discernment in what his future might hold
- Wisdom for the decisions he needs to make
- Protection from the evil one
- Health and strength for this journey
- Preparation of his heart and mind for leadership
- Peace during this time of uncertainty
- Extra measure of wisdom and preparation for learning all that is needed in this new role

A decision to accept this new role as Moody's president not only effects the man, but **his whole family**.

We ask that God would allow...

- His wife to be supportive of this decision
- His children, whatever their age, to be enthusiastic about this opportunity for their father
- The sale of their home and relocation to Chicago to go smoothly

A decision to accept a new role as Moody's president not only effects the man, but **his current place of ministry**.

Pray that God would ...

- Help those in his current place of ministry to accept the news and understand God's calling
- Provide a timetable for transition that would be beneficial to both groups
- Provide a new leader in due time to lead that ministry

Praying For Our Current Leadership

In the absence of a president, several members of the Institute community assume additional responsibilities. Would you also remember them in prayer during this time of transition?

Specifically, please pray for:

Leadership Team:

- Ed Cannon as he carries the responsibility for the business affairs of the Office of the President in addition to his responsibilities as Chief Operating Officer
- Dr. Charles Dyer as he offers guidance to the Education group and carries the added responsibility of the spiritual leadership and doctrinal integrity of the Institute
- Dr. Jerry Jenkins as he provides leadership to the Trustee Board, we ask for extraordinary wisdom as he interfaces with Institute leadership during a time without a president

Trustee Board, which gives oversight and guidance to the organization, will also need your prayer support as they ultimately approve the final decision regarding Moody's next President.

Executive Committee of the Board

Jerry Jenkins
Bervin C. Peterson
Paul J. Von Tobel
Thomas Fortson

Board Members

Kit Denison
Randy Fairfax
Gene Getz
Paul H. Johnson (Trustee Emeritus)
David Schipper
Richard Yook

President's Cabinet as they work together as a team to provide leadership to the ongoing work of the organization in the absence of a president. Members include:

Edward Cannon, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

Charles Dyer, Provost and Dean of Education

Ken Heulitt, Chief Financial Officer

Lloyd R. Dodson, Vice President, Corporate Projects and Human Resources

Heidy Hartley, Vice President, Corporate Communications

Marvin Beckman, Legal Counsel

MBI Officers to have wisdom in the decisions they make each day as they lead their branches.

Officers include:

Edward Cannon, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

Charles Dyer, Provost and Dean of Education

Ken Heulitt, Chief Financial Officer

Bill Blocker, Vice President, Educational Resources

Thomas H. L. Cornman, Vice President and Dean, Undergraduate School

Lloyd R. Dodson, Vice President, Corporate Projects and Human Resources

Heidy Hartley, Vice President, Corporate Communications

John Jelinek, Vice President and Dean, Moody Graduate School

Frank W. Leber Jr., Vice President, Information Systems

Thomas Shaw, Vice President, Student Services

Gregory R. Thornton, Vice President, Moody Publishers

Praying For Our President's Transition

Once a new president is named there is much work to accomplish in order to complete the presidential transition smoothly.

Please join us in praying for:

- The timing of the announcement of our new president
- The wording that will help make the introduction clear and concise
- The introduction of the new president to the students, staff, and faculty
- Preparation of key messages to our donors and radio listeners about the new president
- Effective ways to introduce the new president to the Chicago community and ministry organizations around the country
- Decisions and logistics in organizing the inauguration ceremonies
- The new president's bond with his leadership team
- Time for the new president and Trustee Board to connect
- Key positions that need to be filled once a new president is in place, such as the VP of Stewardship, VP of Radio and Legal Counsel
- The new president as he experiences the Moody "learning curve" and will need to soak in all that this organization does and stands for quickly
- The president as he determines his priorities and what areas may need immediate action

Other Prayer Requests: