

Monday, June 8, 2020

Jerry Falwell Jr.
Office of the President
Liberty University
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Lynchburg, VA 24515

Dear President Falwell,

On behalf of the 35 African American alumni who wrote to you on June 1, thank you for listening to us and the thousands of Liberty University alumni, students, parents and staff who urged you to withdraw your racially insensitive May 27 tweet and make a public apology. We are hopeful that healing and reconciliation can now occur for our entire L.U. family. As it is written in Luke 14:11, “For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” We pray that God will bless your step of humility.

Liberty University deeply impacted us as students and we hope that you can return to a focus of training “young champions for Christ” with Biblical conviction and Christlike character, love, and compassion. We look forward to meeting with you to provide counsel on ways for Liberty to best move forward in these racially-charged and divisive times.

Thousands of alumni, students, parents, and staff want you to build on this act of humility. We all believe that Liberty deserves leadership that is Christlike in its actions and rhetoric, for you and those under your leadership. The advice, counsel, and spiritual covering of pastors was important to your father, and we believe it would also serve you and your leadership well. We implore you to surround yourselves more with ethnically diverse pastors and advisors on the Board of Trustees and your Executive leadership, and consider the creation of a President’s Advisory Council that meets with you frequently for prayer, spiritual exhortation, and accountability. We look forward to discussing this with you soon.

In His grace,

Dr. Chris Williamson (Strong Tower Bible Church, TN), Class of ‘90 & ‘92

Pastor Eric Carroll (The Ascension Church RVA, VA), Class of ‘91

Minister Maina Mwaura (author, speaker), Class of ‘97