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plan carries, but we have been granted the thankful response that signifies that our donors and supporters are willing to stand with us in addressing and correcting a serious problem. Thank you, and certainly our seminarians and their families thank you!

On a final note, many celebrations will mark our 70th Anniversary Year (1943-2013), making the coming year an extra special one. With this annual report, we offer our annual Diamond Jubilee theme: “Engaging the world with Orthodoxy Christian since 1938.” (see page 27). The event on the Jubilee calendar is the 39th Annual Father Alexander Schmemann Memorial Lecture, Friday, January 18, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Metropolitan Philip Auditorium of the John G. Rangos Family Building. Dr. Peter Brown, Princeton University’s Philip and Dedool Bullen Professor of History, Emeritus, will deliver a free and public lecture titled “Grammar, Emphasis, and the Future of Christianity.” The last event on the calendar will be a Grand Banquet Thursday, November 7, 2013, at the Glen Island Harbour Club, New Rochelle, New York. Please watch our Website for an announcement of other events in your area.

As we continue to strive as a university to gain wisdom, purity, and light, we thank you for sharing with us over these many years. With your help, many seminaries have turned to joy, and many hurdlers have become light.

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Remarks of Dr. Chad Hatfield

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Chair of the Seminary Finance Committee

Chair of the Seminary Board’s Communications Committee

Chair of the Board of Trustees and the Seminary, Attorney Michael Bress was elected as Trustee Emeritus following 12 years of outstanding service to the Board of Trustees and the Seminary. Attorney Michael Bress was honored at a celebratory dinner in November 2013, with the delivery of the “Distinguished Trustee Award,” and presentations of a grammar acknowledging his board contributions and a beautiful cross of the Holy and Great Prince Vladimir, patron of the Seminary.

In reflecting upon his tenure as a trustee, Mr. Bress remarked, “Throughout the years I developed a great admiration for St. Vladimir’s, from my exposure to the setting, to the people who are alumni, contact with faculty and lectures, to my local parish, and especially from all I heard of its contributions to the development of the Orthodox Church in America in the last 60 or 70 years. I accepted an invitation to join the Board, hoping to make some contribution to the support of this fine institution. I have been disappointed. Seeing the institution up close and the work that has to be done to keep it going has enhanced the appreciation I had for S.V.”

Trustee Alex Machaskee Elected as New Executive Chair

After four terms of critical service as Executive Chair of the Seminary’s Board of Trustees, Anne Glow MackOul stepped down from that position at the annual meeting of the Board, held November 16-18, 2013. Alex Machaskee, past Chair of the Board’s Communications Committee, was then elected by fellow trustees as the new Executive Chair.

Mrs. Glow MackOul was the Seminary’s first-ever Executive Chair, a position created in 2006. She served as the liaison between the seminary administration and the Board of Trustees, effectively cultivating efficient and meaningful governance by the Board and supporting the leadership and management responsibilities of the Dean and Chancellor.

Remarking upon his new position, Mr. Machaskee said, “I intend to listen carefully to the various constituencies of St. Vladimir’s, for example, the students, faculty, staff, alumni, donors, and the Dean and Chancellor, in an effort to continue St. Vladimir’s as the premier Orthodox theological seminary in the world.”

“The work of the committees and support of the Board of Trustees are the constituents upon which we will build toward a glorious celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of St. Vladimir’s Seminary on November 7, 2013,” he concluded.

Mr. Machaskee—co-founder, Publisher, President, and CEO of The Plain Dealer (Ohio’s largest newspaper)—now serves as President of Alex Machaskee & Associates, LLC, a firm based in Cleveland that specializes in Media/Public Relations, Strategic Planning, International Relations, and Marketing and Event Promotion.

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closed to my own heart and involvement is our renewed attention to training in preaching and scriptural studies. Father Sergius Salihu is our newly-appointed Assistant Professor of Homiletics and Rhetoric. He is the only such position at any Orthodox seminary in North America and, after a couple of decades of teaching the Fathers of the Church and their reading of Scripture, it is a great honor for me to be able to teach the Scriptures themselves, through an introductory course in Old Testament.

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Effective for Academic Year 2012-2013, the Seminary instituted a ‘matching grant’ program for students seeking either a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) or Master of Arts (M.A.) degree in theology, the plan, which was initiated by the Board of Trustees in November 2011, is simple: the Seminary will provide 50% of total tuition costs in outright grants, and up to 25% more in dollar-for-dollar matching funds to qualifying students, that is, students who meet the need-based criteria set by the Seminary.

The other 25% of tuition will be paid through matching funds donated by ecclesial sources, such as dioceses, parishes, parish organizations, and parish aid and scholarship funds.

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“Missiology” is one of those words that your spell-checker will underline in red,” quipped The Very Rev. Dr. Chad Hilbrich, who not only is a leader in Russian church studies but also is currently appointed Assistant Professor of Missiology. His intensive courses emphasize the shrinking population of Orthodox Christians abroad today and the special challenges of reaching the pious in the 21st century.

“St. Vladimir’s Seminary,” noted Fr. Chad, “recognizes that the Church must be a living witness to the Scriptural texture of all theology, I have the wonderful opportunity to teach the Scriptures themselves.”

“Intensive Missiology Electives Offered”

In an effort to provide specialized training to seminarians regarding end-of-life pastoral care, Fr. Daniel Hinson was appointed Visiting Professor of Palliative Care in February 2012, by The Very Rev. Dr. Bohan Jusan. Dr. Hinson will be teaching a two-week intensive course on palliative care in June 2013.

Our seminary faculty is very impressed by all of Dr. Hinson’s work, nationally and internationally,” said Fr. John. Dr. Hinson is Professor of Surgery at the University of Michigan Medical School, in the Section of General Surgery. He serves as an attending consultant physician for the inpatient palliative care consultation service at the VA Ann Arbor Health Care System and provides outpatient palliative care services at the University of Michigan Veterans Center. He completed a fellowship in Palliative Medicine at Cleveland Clinic, and his clinical research interests focus on care at the end of life, spiritual distress in advanced illnesses, and the use of complementary medicine in the relief of spiritual pain.

Dr. Hinson remarked, “I am deeply honored by this appointment. It provides a wonderful opportunity to align my clinical, teaching, and scholarly work more closely with the healing mission of the Orthodox Church.”

St. Vladimir’s Seminary’s Liturgical Arts Programs make it unique among other major Orthodox Christian seminaries. The programs offer a very full calendar in “iconology,” the field of study “grounded in Christ’s Incarnation” and referring to “the material world turned into theological vision,” according to Professor Richard Schneider, visiting professor of Liturgical Arts.

Seminarians enrolled in Liturgical Arts courses are privileged to visit outstanding related exhibits in museums, public concert, “ORIENT: Sacred Song and Image,” in New York City; using the9

Music Program Includes Master Classes, Choral Concerts

The musical environment at St. Vladimir’s is one of transition,” said Assistant Professor of Liturgical Music Dr. Nicholas Reeves. “New arrangements are being sung in Three Hierarchs Chapel, and new professors are instructing courses, all of these changes result from the theological, pastoral, and musical needs of our students.”

In particular, newly designed courses in the Music Program focus on intensive technical training. Dr. Reeves is teaching “Introduction to Vocal Production,” a remedial voice-training course that introduces students to phonation, rhythm, and pitch recognition, and “Vocal Instructions,” an advanced course that combines group and private lessons and that addresses problems of diction, pedagogy, and vocal technique. Mattathias Bohm Freelien, recently appointed Lecturer in Choral Conducting, in turn, is teaching both beginning and advanced classes in choral conducting.

Additionally, special lectures are focusing on particular liturgical musical traditions. Receiving distinctive attention are students from the Byzantine and Syriac traditions. Mariam Cenna Varghese, as Lecturer in Malankara, is giving in-class instructions on the chant language of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, which is practiced by reading, chanting, and singing in the Malankara Chapel on the Seminary’s campus. Her courses familiarize students with the eight-mode music system of the West-Syriac Tradition.

“I am grateful to the Seminary for its commitment to pass orthodoxy and for providing the atmosphere for the Malankara students to grow in their faith and traditions,” said Ms. Varghese. “The Seminary has made this possible by providing the Malankara Chapel, the Malankara Curriculum, and the Malankara Scholarship program.”

The Rev. Charles Bae, as Lecturer in Liturgical Music, is teaching Byzantine Liturgical Chant Theory and subsequent intensive courses in the Arabic language for liturgical use. “Understanding the theory of Byzantine Psaltikh,” said Fr. Charles, “is essential to comprehending and practicing this ancient form of liturgical chant. Students are presented with a thorough survey of the major Byzantine musical scales, how they are incorporated in chant, and how they are interrelated and made distinct by application.”

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April 2, 2012

Throughout these years, and each of you (and several others) played a part in facilitating that transformation. It is clear to me that your presence has been uniquely important in this regard. While I certainly encourage an ongoing process of assessment in order to improve what exists, I feel that this past year has essentially been one in which SVOTS has worked, with each of you, to ensure that I was shaped into the ordination preparation for which I was called. This has been a key part of the process of growing, for me, into the role for which I was called.

As well, I can’t imagine trying to design a “program” that fits everyone; in fact, no one program can be the right program for anyone. Everyone will have some area of complaint at some point. I always complained that I was not given a clear vision of what I was supposed to be other than three years at SVOTS. What was most enriching to me was the fact that I was able to study with these men and women, with whom I was able to form relationships. Everything, from Scripture and theology to philosophy and ethics, was available to me. I truly feel as if I have been given the opportunity to be who I am, and I am very grateful.

St. Vladimir’s has challenged me in so many ways, and I am forever grateful. As a priest at the seminary; that did so much to set the stage for this institutional, untraditional ministry. I believe I am doing some good out here.

Thank you, thank you, thank you all for believing in me and for pouring your life into me and for giving me your best. And, as I continue to grow into this role, I hope I am able to spread that excitement to my fellow alumni.

Yours in Christ,
Peter Stearn

Seminary Alumnus Father John Leonard Donates Rare Books to Library

A new, rare collection donated by SVOTS Alumnus Fr. John Leonard (OKT ’72, MTh ’75) has immensely enriched the seminary’s library. Librarian Elena Silk, noting the collection’s exceptional value, said: “We have been anticipating receiving this donation for many years now. One of the greatest values of the collection is that Fr. John collected materials from a different geographic perspective during his many years in the Holy Land. His donation will bring many books from Europe and the Middle East that are not normally found in a North American library.”

Smart Advisor for Admission Services Theodosios C. Bakalakos, CFRH, as his letter of an advertisement to Fr. Leonard, wrote:

I want to express profound thanks to you for your recent and most wonderful gift of approximately 1,000 volumes of your personal library to St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary. I know your munificent collection represents over 50 years of carefully selected books that span a broad range of subjects. Your books are pungently eclectic and enrich your library’s longstanding reading in Eastern and Western theology, Christian art, literature, and biblical studies, as well as many other subjects. Over 900 titles alone comprise the Christian art and architecture section.

Your early life in the United States Foreign Service and later service as chaplain to the community of nuns in Nazareth for twenty-three years allowed you to add a rich component of books to our library on Islamic, Jewish, and biblical archaeology, and art. The collection attests to your mastery of languages. I hope our seminary’s libraries can boast that they actually have a book in the Santorini language! Your donation is an extremely important resource that will benefit the generation of students, teachers, and researchers.

MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD CHAIR
Revising Up to Celebrate 75 Years

By Gregory Abdalah

The Alumni Association of St. Vladimir’s events primarily as a link between the alumni and SVOTS, keeping its members connected to a global St. Vladimir’s community. We value and enjoy hearing from and spending time with our alumni. We hope to continue to build this community by keeping it as up-to-date with our work as possible. 

On April 2, 2012, I was honored to be a part of our new important project, first, fundraising for the mission of our women’s students’ quarterly, and second, coming up with ways to celebrate the Seminary’s 75th Anniversary while building up the global seminary community.

To update housing for our female students, we set a fundraising goal of $10,000, which will provide funding for suites for women students on the second floor of the North Dorm (formally called “the New Dorm”). Meanwhile, the former “Women’s Dorm” has now become a much-needed health and exercise facility for the entire student body. And, in celebration of the Seminary’s 75th Anniversary, we are hoping to have 75 alumni events across the country.

To that end, we are especially pleased that we need to update our means of networking, so I would ask all SVOTS alumni to help us by doing a few things:

- send in their updated contact information to alumni@svots.edu, so that a correct list may be made available in the new alumni section on the SVOTS’ website (www.svots.edu) and
- connect often to the SVOTS Facebook Page, sending photos and articles about your regional alumni events to alumni@svots.edu for Facebook posting

The Alumni Association Board cannot do this without the help of all of our alumni. So, if any of our alumni would like more information on these projects or are able to support this work in any way, please contact me, Greg Abdalah: abdalah.g@svots.edu.

My own enthusiasm for SVOTS continues every time I step onto the campus. I hope I can spread that excitement to my fellow alumni every day.

Mr. Abdalah, who succeeds The Rev. David Barr as Chair, currently serves as the Senior Advisor for Advancement Theodore C. Bazil, who has permission, to share his with your newsletter.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS
New Graduates Engage the World

By Protodeacon Joseph Mattiak

When Fr. Peter Bel was installed as our Dean in 2007, he challenged the faculty, staff, students, and alumni of St. Vladimir’s to “engage the world with Orthodox Christianity.” Our most recent graduating class (class of 2012) has taken up this challenge. Of our 46 graduating priests in May 2012, four have gone straight into the mission field, serving in existing or newly created missions in New York, South Carolina, Texas, and Florida.

Father David Wotton and his family moved his St. Vladimir’s to Florida, Holy Apostles Mission in Miami. Florida Holy Apostles is the only all Spanish language parish (outside of the Diocese of Mexico) in the Orthodox Church in America. On July 1, 2012, Fr. David chrismated more than 30 adults and children.

Father David Brennan and his family moved to Mexico City, Mexico (outside of Dallas), to found St. Nikititas Mission. The mission is presently without a permanent home; instead, Fr. David and his family and their parish community worship in participants’ homes for daily services during the week and for the full cycle of services on the weekend.

Father David Paling and his family have stayed in the Bronx area, but they travel each weekend to Queens, New York, where they serve St. Innocent Mission. St. Innocent’s is a community that has grown out of a group of faithful who have been worshiping in nearby nearby Myriobaphos Monastery. In addition to regular services Fr. David has started a book study for the faithful and for students at the State University of New York, Oraoster. Father James Rastman and his family moved to Brevard, South Carolina, seventy miles south of Charleston, to continue the work of the newly established St. James Mission. On July 1, 2012, under the leadership of Fr. James, the parish held its first Divine Liturgy at the Brevard Annual Mission. Prior to that, the community had met no in homes. While their borrowed space is only available to the community on Sunday mornings, the mission already has a full schedule of services.

Please join us in praying for all of our alumni, and especially those and their families who are serving missions throughout our Church.

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Mr. Abdalah, who succeeds The Rev. David Barr as Chair, currently serves as the Director of School and Family Ministries at St. George Orthodox Church, Wrenn, Massachusetts. The 59-member alumni board now consists of Mr. Abdalah, chair, Popodeia Michelle Jaraboski, vice-chair, Khouria Stefanie Yazge, secretary, the Very Rev. Andreas Nyeboe, The Rev. Angelo Antonius, The Rev. Abraham (Albo) Chacko, The Rev. Theodore Fanous-Pannacchio, The Rev. Christopher Bondmage, and Vasily Peremnev.

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The St. Vladimir’s Day of Prayer and Dedication was attended byParishioner (center) presided at the Divine Liturgy and celebrated the 10th anniversary on the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Dean Fr. John Behr (right). Hierodeacon Herman, Chapel Music Director, was tonsured in three functions of ministry. Enjoy the photo journey! (Jeff Shulman; Eric Tan-Langston; credit: Deborah Belonick)

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Dean Fr. John Behr presents the citation, and St. Vladimir’s/GEDI Chapel Music Director, was tonsured in three functions of ministry. Enjoy the photo journey! (Jeff Shulman; Eric Tan-Langston; credit: Deborah Belonick)

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On the feast of the Veneration of the Holy Cross, Dn. David Wootten was ordained to the Holy Priesthood, and seminarian Adam Horstman was ordained to the Holy Diaconate. Here, they and Metropolitan Jonah, Former Archbishop of Washington, their families, and Fr. Marcus Burch, Rector of St. John of the Ladder Orthodox Church, west Columbia, S.C., and Fr. Marcus Burch, Rector of St. John of the Ladder Orthodox Church, Greenville, S.C.

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On the feast of the Three Hierarchs, Fr. Chad Hatfield served and preached at St. Jacob of Alaska Mission, Montpelier, VT, where alumnus Fr. Joseph Dooley, and Richard Ajalat; (source: St. Vladimir’s Press)

On the feast of the Holy Cross, Fr. Chad Hatfield served and preached at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Greenville, S.C., where Fr. Thomas Moore, former student, and his family, Fr. Marcus Burch, Rector of St. John of the Ladder Orthodox Church, Greenville, S.C., and Fr. Marcus Burch, Rector of St. John of the Ladder Orthodox Church, Greenville, S.C.

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On the feast of the Three Hierarchs, two seminarians were ordained to the Diaconate. Among those in attendance were Fr. Anthony Chatzidakis, Metropolitan of America and Canada, the Very Rev. Oscar Moreira, the Very Rev. Basil Fritts, and the Very Rev. J. James Carroll, and the Very Rev. Walter Johnston, professor of Ecclesiology at the Orthodox Foundation in America, New York, NY (source: St. Vladimir’s Press)

On the feast of the Three Hierarchs, Fr. Chad Hatfield served and preached at St. Jacob of Alaska Mission, Montpelier, VT, where alumnus Fr. Joseph Dooley, and Richard Ajalat; (source: St. Vladimir’s Press)
The sphere of East-West relations constantly expands and the Embrace of Orthodoxy Above All is a testament to that development. In <br>the fall of 2011, St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary’s <br>annual report was translated into Spanish, marking the <br>inclusion of Spanish-speaking countries in our reach. The <br>acculturation and adoption of Eastern Orthodoxy have been <br>slow but steady, and the view that the Church is a <br>universal Church, with no one country or race <br>dominating it, is gaining traction. <br>As St. Vladimir’s Seminary continues to grow and <br>expand its reach, it is clear that the Church is a <br>universal Church, capable of embracing all cultures and <br>languages. The Embrace of Orthodoxy Above All is a <br>testament to that belief and a reminder of the <br>Church’s mission to spread the Gospel and <br>disciple all nations.
“If you build it, they will come”…and they did! St. Vladimir’s Seminary’s Lakeside Married Student Apartments

Completed in 2006, two separate 1,000 sf buildings with a total of 18 married student apartments and four common rooms for children and adults have been fully occupied since their completion. The apartment buildings are strung out on 55 acres of newly developed property, with 56 parking spaces for student residents.

The Board of Trustees and some generous donors initially contributed $5.5M to this major project (payable over 10 years), with $4M in balance coming due in November 2006. Will you follow the lead of these very generous dedicated donors and step up to do your part in relieving the Seminary of this debt? You can guarantee that 18 married students each year will be able to live in this beautiful and safe facility.

“Apartments at Lakeside” and be assured that your donation will go directly against this debt. All donations are deeply appreciated and needed. However, running opportunities for more significant gifts are available.

- One Lakeside Apartment building: $1,000,000
- One Community space: $150,000
- One Lakeside Apartment unit: $75,000

Each major donor will be honored with a permanent bronze plaque affixed to the facility, and a special visit to St. Vladimir’s Seminary.
Part of our job as Chief Financial Officer at St. Vladimir’s Seminary is to “identify” our financial statements for the Board of Trustees, administration, staff, faculty, and donors. In this annual report, I’d like to do the same for our donors and friends.

First, it’s important to know that the Seminary’s financial archives contain “audited” reports dating back to the 1990s. The most recent ten years of these reports are posted on our website (www.svots.edu, under “Support Us”). Posting financial archives for public personal signals that SVOTS values and demands financial transparency.

Second, let me explain how auditors are engaged and a bit about their content. At the end of each fiscal year (June 30th annually) our Finance Department does its books and prepares internal financial reports, with supporting “workpapers” (pivotal lists of assets and liabilities, and income and expenses). The Seminary’s Board of Trustees then engages a firm of Certified Public Accountants to “audit” (or, examine) these financial records and to issue an “Audit Report.” The “Audit Report” follows a very precise format as prescribed by the Auditing Standards Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, with these major areas included:

1. The Independent Auditors’ Report (also known as the “Audit Opinion”);
2. The Statement of Financial Position (also known as the “Balance Sheet”);
3. The Statement of Activities (also known as the “Income Statement”);
4. The Statement of Cash Flows; and
5. Notes to the Financial Statements.

So, what critical information does the “Audit Report” provide?

The Independent Auditors’ Report (or, “Audit Opinion”) is a single page letter addressed to the Board of Trustees and is critical to understanding the ensuing financial information. This report in turn is divided into four distinct paragraphs:

The introductory paragraph identifies the responsibilities of the “auditor” and the “audited” and the years covered by the report (typically the most recently completed fiscal year, with prior year information listed for comparative purposes).

The Scope of Work Paragraph generally describes the work performed by the auditor, including procedures used and any limitations faced.

The Opinion Paragraph is a key element in the report. An auditor’s opinion can be classified as unqualified, adverse, going concern, or disclaimer of opinion.

An auditor issues an Unqualified, or “clean” opinion, when the institution’s financial statements are free of material misstatements and presented fairly in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

The next section is a very critical statement about the “Basis of Accounting,” which informs the reader whether or not the accounting and reporting policies of the institution conform with generally accepted accounting principles.

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The Statement of Financial Position (or, “Balance Sheet”) lists the assets, liabilities, and net equity (or, net worth) of the organization. You can learn a lot about the financial stability of an institution by studying this section: lots of liabilities and few assets; resulting in a negative figure for net equity, indicate stress and instability. In FY2012, SVOTS showed a net equity (i.e., net assets or net worth) of $26,181,736, demonstrating a stable financial institution.

The Statement of Activities (or, “Income Statement”) contains information on the fiscal year’s revenues and expenses, noted in four major categories: unrestricted revenues, net assets released from restrictions, expenses, and change in net assets. At SVOTS, unrestricted revenues (i.e., immediately usable revenues, not earmarked for particular use) are made up of things like tuition and fees, and “auxiliary enterprises,” such as SVS Press. Restricted revenues are made up of things like gifts and grants, earmarked for student scholarships or special programs.

The difference between revenues and expenses results in either a positive or negative change in net assets for the fiscal year. In FY2012, SVOTS showed a positive change in net assets of $1,271,329, again demonstrating financial stability and fiscal responsibility.

The Statement of Cash Flows tells the story of where the institution found funds to operate for the fiscal year. Three major areas can provide cash for funding: operations, investment activities, and financing activities.

The total of these three sections informs the reader of the net increase or decrease in the institution’s cash position for the year. In FY2012, SVOTS ended its year with a balance sheet “in the black,” with $50,964 to begin FY2013.

Notes to the Financial Statements follow a prescribed format and provide additional details about each of the financial statements listed in the “Audit Report.” After a brief description of the organizational and legal structure of the institution, there is a very critical statement about the “Basis of Accounting,” which informs the reader whether or not the accounting and reporting policies of the institution conform with generally accepted accounting principles.

The “Accounting and Reporting Policies of the Seminary conforms to the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).” —D’Arcangело & Co., L.P.

Later on in the notes, there is detailed information on collection timeframes for cash pledged to the institution, on the cost and market value for each segment of the investments, on the asset composition of the institution’s endowments; a summary of the components of the fixed assets; detailed information on mortgages and notes payable; and finally a functional classification of expenses into Program Services and Support Services.

No single financial statement tells the complete story of an institution, but the “Audit Report” contains a wealth of information and insight. I hope that I’ve helped you become more comfortable with your financial transparency.
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