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SCHOOL of RELIGION

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Season's Greetings!

I hope that you and yours are safe and healthy and able to enjoy the coming celebration of Christmas and the New Year - even if this year's celebration looks a bit different than it has in the past.

As I prepare to step down from my position at ESR, I can't help but reflect on my formative education here and the amazing and humbling opportunity to have served in leadership. As someone who has supported and invested in ESR, you know that we don't chase the latest educational fads in the hopes of increasing the net tuition revenue we can extract from students. Instead, our programs are rooted in the distinct missional identity of the only Christian graduate theological school rooted in the Quaker tradition. Our students often come from limited means, making career transitions to pursue life callings to ministries that are unlikely to be lucrative.

All of this is to say that ESR's entire "business model" is built upon the generosity of donors like you - those who recognize the need for a place like ESR and the incalculable benefit of the ministries that our graduates bring into the world. Your support means that students who otherwise could not answer their calls are able to fulfill them and prepare for ministries that truly impact the world.

If you - like me - agree that ESR's mission and its students' ministries deserve to be protected and maintained, please consider joining me in making a contribution to the school before year's end. Even as I leave, I know ESR will go on - for good...and for always.

Happy Holidays,

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