



Media contact:

Sarah Story
Associate VP Marketing Communications
Office: 830.372.8049
Cell: 210.748.3909
sstory@tlu.edu

PRESS RELEASE
For Immediate Release

TLU Appoints Dr. Robert Vogel Interim President

SEGUIN, TX – July 19, 2010 – The Chair of the Texas Lutheran University Board of Regents announced today that Dr. Robert Vogel has agreed to serve as Interim President of TLU beginning July 26.

“Dr. Vogel’s wealth of experience in Lutheran higher education will be a tremendous asset to TLU,” said Robin A. Melvin, TLU Board Chair. “After serving in several interim positions, he understands the critical role of an interim president in moving TLU forward while we conduct a presidential search.”

Dr. Vogel served as president of Wartburg College, a Lutheran college in Waverly, Iowa, from 1980 until his retirement in 1998. Since retirement, he has served as interim president at three Lutheran colleges: Grand View College in Des Moines, Iowa; Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa; and Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas. He is currently a member of the Bethany College Board of Directors.

Dr. Vogel graduated from Wartburg College and Wartburg Theological Seminary. After graduation, he served as a pastor in Golden and Denver, Colorado, then joined the staff of the American Lutheran Church. From 1973 to 1980, he was assistant to David Preus, president of the American Lutheran Church.

Originally from Phillipsburg, Kansas, Dr. Vogel now lives in Denver, Colorado, with his wife Sally. They have two children and four grandchildren. Dr. Vogel has a personal tie to TLU’s history – his great uncle was Dr. William Kraushaar, TLU president from 1929 to 1954. Dr. Vogel will move into the TLU President’s home with his wife Sally the week of August 9.

Over the next several weeks, TLU’s Board of Regents will appoint a presidential search committee to conduct a formal search for the next president of TLU.

About TLU

Founded in 1891, Texas Lutheran is an exclusively undergraduate university of the liberal arts, sciences and professional studies located in Seguin. For more information on TLU and its 125th anniversary strategic plan, “Boldly Investing in Lives of Purpose,” visit the university’s web site at www.tlu.edu.

###