Berkshire Christian College Report to the Delegates of the Eastern Region Association October 21-22, 2016

It is a privilege to serve God and partner with the Eastern Region Association in training "Servant-Leaders" for God's Kingdom. As we enter Berkshire's 120 year, we can see that the places and methods of the training we offer has changed, but our God and our purpose has not. It seems that everyday brings us a new reminder of the need and importance of well equipped godly leaders.

The BCC partnership with Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary continues to provide wonderful opportunities toward training Advent Christian pastors, missionaries, counselors and church leaders. The nearly \$70,000 in scholarships BCC has to offer is enabling A.C. students to study in South Hamilton, MA, Charlotte, NC and Jacksonville, FL. Dr. Gordon Isaac continues to teach and mentor these students in their studies. Our Adventual collections at both South Hamilton, MA and The Dr. David A. Dean Collection in Charlotte, NC have enabled these important materials from Advent Christian history to be available to more students and Advent Christian people than ever before.

Through the BCC partnership with Eastern University in St. Davids, PA, we are able to offer between \$10,000 and \$14,000 in scholarships to AC students who attend Eastern for 4 years. Berkshire Board of Trustees member, Dr. Robert Price, continues to teach at Eastern University as an adjunct professor and is available for mentoring our A.C. students there.

Our online delivery system, **eBerkshire** enables students to take courses from wherever they live, in the US and overseas. Currently, there are 9 students pursuing or committing to pursue either the Leadership Certificate or the Pastoral Studies Certificate offered through Berkshire. Our new **eBerkshire** course **Christianity Through The Ages** is currently being taught for the first time and we hope to have the course **Great Doctrines** ready by the end of this year.

Our website at <u>berkshire.edu</u> is a great way to learn more about each of the BCC programs.

Rev. Nathan E. Dean is serving as Berkshire's Interim President until a new president can be identified. The search continues for qualified candidates to serve as BCC's new president. Interested parties, or those willing to recommend candidates, should contact the Chair of the Search Committee, Dr. Robert Hughes (drbobhughes2000@yahoo.com) for further information and/or questions. Please join us in praying for God's leading in selecting a new BCC president.

It is a real privilege for Berkshire to serve you and to prepare future leaders who will be equipped to effectively communicate the Gospel in word and deed. Berkshire covets your prayers and financial support as we serve the Kingdom of God and the Advent Christian Church. We join you in praying for the Spirit of God to move among the Advent Christian Church in these days before the blessed return of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand ready to assist you in leadership development and training.