

**STATEMENT:**

Columbia Theological Seminary has been my home for the past six years and I am so honored to be a part of the work we do here. I am looking forward to building on the great legacy Laura Mendenhall has left, as well as leading the faculty, staff and students as we move into God's new chapter. I am dedicated to serving the Lord in my new role as president.

It is such a privilege to join God in any part of God's work in the world. This new role represents yet another calling for me. Now as always I want to serve with all the energy, intelligence, imagination and love that God graciously provides.

The opportunities in a rapidly changing world are great, and the challenges will include holding strongly to our foundation in biblical faith, while indentifying and joining God's new work relentlessly and creatively.

Students have been a consistent theme throughout my life, and I look forward to serving them in new ways in yet another role. I am committed to Christ, to Christ's church and to Columbia's mission as we help students to discern and to engage in vocations of service.

Joyfully,

Steve Hayner