

SFTS Continues to Meet All Criteria for PCUSA Seminary Membership

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108. In the view of the negotiators who drafted the merger agreement, its terms satisfied the recommendations for PCUSA theological seminaries laid down by the Special Committee on Theological Institutions in 1986:

1. All theological institutions shall report to the General Assembly through the Committee on Theological Education [].
2. Presidents and trustees elected under the various charter provisions shall be presented to the General Assembly for approval.
3. Faculty members shall be elected by the governing boards of the respective institutions.
4. Changes in charters shall be reported to the General Assembly.
5. Relationships with other governing bodies which are presently in place or which may be formulated in the future may include provisions for funding from these governing bodies.

109. SFTS and Redlands also understood that the merger terms complied with the definition of a Presbyterian seminary set forth in the 1993 SCSTI Report:

- 1.1 The institution must have a historic relationship to the Presbyterian church.
- 1.2 The institution must have a continuing relationship to the Presbyterian church.
- 1.3 The institution must accede to the reporting and approval policies governing Presbyterian theological institutions. These include the following provisions adopted by the General Assembly in 1986:
 1. All theological institutions shall report to the General Assembly through the Committee on Theological Education. . . .
 2. Presidents and trustees elected under the various charter provisions shall be presented to the General Assembly for approval.
 4. [*sic*] Changes in charters shall be reported to the General Assembly.
- 1.4 The degree programs offered by the institution shall be accredited through the accredited membership procedures of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada.