Dear Calvin Community,

As you now know, President Michael Le Roy has informed the board of trustees that he does not intend to renew his contract as president after June 30, 2022. The board has deeply appreciated Michael and Andrea's contributions to the Calvin community and hoped that they would continue for years to come. We respect the strong commitment that Michael and Andrea have to their family, so we also understand their desire to move west to be closer to them. We are also thankful that Calvin has a full year to make a smooth transition to the university’s next president.

On behalf of the board, I want to recognize and thank Michael for his leadership that has resulted in many significant achievements during his tenure as president. These accomplishments were achieved with and through exceptionally talented and dedicated members of the administration, staff, and faculty:

- He provided strategic focus and vision for the transition to Calvin University in 2019.
- He forged a vision for the university that expands the populations of students served by the university. This expanded vision now includes graduate students who will learn in the Calvin School of Business as well as bachelor’s degree students who are part of the Calvin Prison Initiative at Handlon Correctional Facility.
- He developed a vision, a program, and an $11 million endowment to enhance the development of Reformed Christian faculty at Calvin University and around the world through The de Vries Institute for Global Faculty Development.
- During his tenure as president, he led a substantial restructuring of the university’s finances, reducing the long-term debt by more than $45 million and bringing in more than $300 million in total fundraising.
- He also provided outstanding leadership for Calvin and for private higher education in Michigan during a global pandemic.

Michael will be remembered for his deep love and care for students and his passion for the mission of Calvin. His thoughtful and godly leadership served as a model of wisdom and grace for all that he touched. Andrea’s warm hospitality and approachable presence with students, faculty, and staff was a gift to the Calvin community. This was seen most recently when she willingly stepped in to do any task that she could during the pandemic, including helping with contact tracing and testing.

The board is very aware of the university’s need for stable, strategic leadership in the 2021/22 academic year ahead. Michael is determined to bring the same focus and energy to his work this coming academic year that has been his hallmark since he arrived.

The board has begun to plan the search and succession in accordance with well-established processes and has appointed Mary Tuuk Kuras, vice chair of the board of trustees, as the chair of the search committee. Other search committee members will be named soon, including three additional trustees, three faculty, two administrators, one alumni representative, one student, one representative of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, and three at-large members. This committee will consult widely with the Calvin community as it develops the profile for the president and will send out regular communications about the process as it unfolds.

I hope you will join with the Calvin University Board of Trustees in our prayers of gratitude for Michael and Andrea. Please also pray for our efforts to discern a call for the next president of Calvin University.

Sincerely,

Bruce Los
Chair of the Board of Trustees