Dear Friends of Louisburg College,

What a joy it is for Mona and me to join the Louisburg family. We were impressed throughout the process with the thoroughness and commitment of the search committee, and the passion for the institution evident in the heartfelt engagement of trustees, alumni, faculty, staff, and students of Louisburg College, as well as the citizens of Louisburg and Franklin County.

Louisburg College is steeped in, and rooted by, over 220 years of tradition. What is evident about the history of the College is that it has gone through several evolutions as it sought to adapt to serve the present age. It is clear that Louisburg College will continue to evolve as it claims its mission for a new age. The roots that have anchored the College in difficulty and prosperity are best described by its mission statement: “Related by faith to the United Methodist Church, Louisburg College is committed to offering a supportive community which nurtures young men and women intellectually, culturally, socially, physically and spiritually. As a two-year residential institution, we provide a bridge for students to make a successful transition from high school to senior colleges and universities.” This mission makes Louisburg College distinctive among institutions of higher education in North Carolina and beyond. These words will be our “North Star” as we strive together for the success of every student in our care, and for those for which Louisburg would be a great fit as they begin their college studies.

I have always found inspiration and strength in the words of the prophet Isaiah found in chapter 43:19, “Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” I believe with all of my heart that God is already doing a new thing at Louisburg College. The “RIGHT NOW” theme that is emerging on campus reminds us all that today is the day of new beginnings. I hope that we can all believe this together, and that everything we communicate about the College will reflect this hope. It will be important that we all renew our commitment to the success of Louisburg College by offering our prayers, redoubling our devotion, and investing our resources, RIGHT NOW.

For the College,

Mark La Branche