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Dear Colleagues:

Based upon feedback from the SMU community during the fall 2021 semester, and in accordance with the policy that SMU's Deans be reviewed periodically, I am pleased to announce that Dr. Craig Hill, Dean of the Perkins School of Theology, has received a five-year extension on his contract.

To inform my reappointment decision, letters requesting feedback were sent to the faculty and administrative staff of Perkins; to SMU's senior administrators (e.g., President's Executive Council, Deans); to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees' Committee on Academic Affairs; and to the Chair, and Past Chair, of the Perkins Executive Board. Those solicitations did not preclude others from providing feedback.

Faculty and staff respondents expressed appreciation for Dean Hill's leadership, particularly in improving Perkins' budget position over the past five years. His decanal peers value the collegiality and insights he brings to their deliberations – most recently with regards to workload procedures. The kindness and patience he has demonstrated during a period of extensive debate and division within the United Methodist Church have served to reassure and affirm many community members who might have otherwise been disenfranchised.

Please join me in congratulating Dean Hill on his reappointment.

Sincerely,

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