

## Statement of Educational Philosophy and Theological Convictions

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The information requested on this form serves as supplemental material that will be used to assess candidates. We hope that you will use this opportunity to communicate with us about important matters that are seldom addressed on a candidate's curriculum vitae. It will be very helpful to us if you would answer the following as fully as possible. Thank you.

Religious affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Church membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Please offer a detailed response to the following (use as much space as necessary):

Beeson Divinity School is a Protestant, evangelical, and interdenominational institution whose mission is to prepare ministers called by God to serve the church of Jesus Christ. We are committed to shaping students through face-to-face, relational teaching and mentoring.

Although Protestant, we are open to friendly dialogue with Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy. We are a confessional school, embracing the three great ecumenical creeds of the church (the Apostle's Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed). We are also an evangelical school that is part of a university with a Baptist heritage. Faculty come from a variety of Protestant traditions, but Beeson asks its faculty to state in writing any differences they have with the first five articles of the Baptist Faith and Message of 1963, which summarize theological principles that Baptists have in common with many other evangelicals.

In a brief essay, please describe how your own understanding of theological education meshes with Beeson's personal approach, and how your own theological convictions agree with or differ from Beeson's guiding confessional documents.