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Reflecting on the Past, Being Grateful for the Present, And Excited for The Future.....

Dear Students, Alumni, and Colleagues:

Over forty years ago, Liberty University School of Nursing (LUSON) was founded to train nurse champions for Christ as we align with the mission of Liberty University. As I reflect on the growth and changes that have happened over the decades, I am in awe and grateful to God. LUSON has truly trained Champions for Christ who minister to hurting people with wisdom and compassion across the world.



The initial program was the RN-BSN completion program, which was started in 1983. Thereafter, the full generic BSN program began in 1989. The first class consisted of 40 students and three faculty members in one classroom and a small learning laboratory. While LUSON started off with a mustard seed crew of students and faculty, that mustard seed grew and continues to flourish under God's provision. We now offer undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degrees in nursing, with over 2600 students. We've also increased our offerings to several specialties, and the online programs have grown stronger. Since I started here in 2007, I have seen exponential growth, and we can attest that the favorable hand of God is upon us.

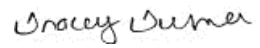
And now, a new step—*Wisdom & Compassion: The LUSON Journal* is a major milestone in the growth of our school. Jesus told us to bear much fruit, "He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). Our students and faculty are bearing fruit, and collectively, we will let others enjoy it through the publication in this journal. Such a journal from LUSON is even more essential since there are not many Christian nursing journals.

We're starting this journal because we see the need for strong educators and practitioners who can provide evidence-based care, generate new knowledge, and further the field of nursing. Our students, alumni, and faculty are continually learning more about health promotion, disease prevention, and optimal management of diseases by conducting research studies, integrative literature reviews, Evidence-based practice (EBP) projects, and more. I'm overjoyed to see how we continue to learn and incorporate what we learn into practice to better care for our community. And this journal will allow us to share what we learn and develop to a broader audience.

I encourage faculty and students alike to contribute to this journal to demonstrate your scholarly work. Jesus said, "You are the light of the world, and no one keeps it under a bushel, but keep it for others to see (Mathew 5:16-16). In the same way, this is your opportunity to shine your light so that you, LUSON, and our community can grow together in that light.

Thanks to the editorial board for their courage to embark on the new venture!

Blessings!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tracey M. Turner".

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