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We'd like to offer you a special provision to join the Fuller community—without having to leave yours.

As you consider your ministry or vocational call, I invite you to take a moment to think about the community you may already be part of. Whether you're a lawyer in a London law firm, a musician in a Los Angeles jazz band, or a pastor in an Ethiopian church—in whatever context you're serving—the redeeming, supportive community you're in right now may be the very place God wants you to prepare for your vocation.

Today we are pleased to announce that for the remainder of 2018, every new student who is admitted into Fuller's Certificate in Christian Studies program will automatically be offered the Grace Fuller scholarship, reducing the cost of the program by one-third. This short certificate offers the option of 100% online learning so you can stay in your community while you learn, with the flexibility to customize the program to your needs—studying topics such as biblical justice, pastoral care, or any set of six graduate-level courses.

This scholarship offers you a new degree of financial support from Fuller. Whereas our merit scholarships are achievement-based, the Grace Fuller Scholarship, named after the wife of Fuller's founder Charles E. Fuller, is given freely to all who start a Certificate in Christian Studies in 2018, and serves as a testimony of God's grace to Fuller and its students around the world.

Last week Fuller welcomed the Right Reverend Rowan Williams, the 104th Archbishop of Canterbury, for our annual Payton Lecture series. In his introductory session, Williams reminded us that relationships are a foundational element of creation, not something added on after the fact. This truth is especially poignant for me, as God has recently revealed to me in difficult but life-giving ways how relationships in a Christ-centered and redeeming community are a powerful means of God's grace.

The Grace Fuller scholarship can enable you to remain in your own redeeming community as you strengthen your leadership with a Certificate in Christian Studies. For those who have been sensing God's call to theological studies but not to an entire graduate degree, this is a wonderful place and time to start. May God's wisdom be yours as you consider this invitation to join the Fuller community—and as you prepare for your call here, there, or wherever the Spirit leads.

Grace and peace,

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