

Westminster Theological Seminary and Professor Michael B. Kelly jointly announced today that Professor Kelly will be leaving Westminster after 17 years of teaching in the Old Testament Department at the conclusion of the 2015-16 academic year. Professor Kelly issued the following statement regarding his decision:

After much prayer and consideration I have decided to conclude my service as a tenured member of the faculty of Westminster Theological Seminary, effective June 30, 2016. While I believe the seminary has taken a direction that is not entirely aligned with my own passions and convictions, I believe the Old Testament Department will be in extremely capable hands for the next stage of the seminary's life. This is my own decision, and not the result of the Board of Trustees, the administration, or the faculty taking any action against me. While I do not agree with the November 2013 decision of the Board of Trustees regarding allowable exceptions to the "Affirmation and Denials," I respect their right to establish the confessional standards of the seminary. I continue to count it a great privilege to have served and taught as a member of the faculty for seventeen years, and I am appreciative of the efforts of Dr. Peter Lillback and Dr. Jeff Jue and the administration to work with me for a transition that sustains the strength of the OT department. This is because I believe without doubt that our students have been and will continue to be among the most capable students in the world to become pastors, counselors, college campus workers, Christians in the marketplace, and professors. Thanks be to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Westminster's Provost and Executive Vice President, Dr. Jeffrey K. Jue issued the following statement:

Professor Kelly is a valued friend and colleague. I offer him my sincere thanks for his many years of faithful service to Westminster Theological Seminary and I wish him all the best in the next stage of his career. Like Professor Kelly, I believe that the OT Department at Westminster will be in capable hands. I join Professor Kelly in grateful praise to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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