

## **OUR MISSION**

The University of Sioux Falls, a Christian university in the liberal arts tradition, educates students in the humanities, sciences and professions. We seek to foster academic excellence and the development of mature Christian persons for service to God and humankind in the world.

Through programs in the humanities, sciences and professions, the University helps persons grow intellectually, discern truth and develop a Christian worldview. As a Christian institution, the University of Sioux Falls fosters in all members of its community the development of emotional maturity, physical well-being, interpersonal skills and values which reflect the character and teaching of Christ.

The University of Sioux Falls is committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and to the integration of biblical faith and learning; it affirms that Christians are called to share their faith with others through lives of service.

The University is affiliated with the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A. and welcomes students of any faith or denomination.

## **ON THIS WE STAND**

The University of Sioux Falls affirms the historic Christian commitment to Jesus Christ as Prophet, Priest and King. As Christ, Jesus of Nazareth was God Incarnate in truly human form. As Prophet, He provided, through His life and teachings, the definitive revelations of God's nature and the normative model for all human life. As Priest, Jesus overcame, through His death and resurrection, the separation between humanity and God resulting from sin. As King, He reigns in resurrected glory over the restoration of God's peace and justice to creation.

We affirm the authority of the Bible as God's written Word. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given to God's people by the Holy Spirit through human witness. Their purpose is to point us to Christ. Though they were written long ago, they speak to us and to the world in the present, calling us to peace with God and to reconciliation with each other.

As a Christian institution, we are an academic community that seeks greater understanding in the light of our faith. Never content with our current knowledge of God or creation, we search openly and actively for new insights—in the humanities, the sciences, the professions—by which to advance human understanding and to serve God more effectively in the world.

## **A CARING COMMUNITY**

The University of Sioux Falls seeks to be a Christian community of caring people. We want relationships among students, faculty and staff to reflect the love, trust, forgiveness and patience that are gifts of life in the Spirit of Jesus.

This caring is seen in our support of each other as we study, teach and serve in God's name. It is also evident in the way we challenge each other to excellence; we see our daily work as service to Christ and for God's glory. Therefore, we seek to treat each person with love and our work with devotion.

This campus community is open to people of different backgrounds, cultures and viewpoints. We are enriched by all the diversity that God has created in the world. We need to learn to

listen to each other and be alert for new insight, to respect each other without prejudging and to encourage each other to grow intellectually and spiritually.