



*Our vision is  
bold, but our  
faith is strong.*

*By God's  
immeasurable  
grace...*

HERE *We* STAND

*The* **CAMPAIGN** *for*  
**LIGONIER MINISTRIES**

# Please join us as we launch the most exciting ministry outreach in Ligonier's history.

**Dear Partner in Ministry:** The burning desire of my heart has been to proclaim, teach, and defend the holiness of God in all its fullness. By God's grace, that vision became a reality through Ligonier Ministries, a mission which began almost 40 years ago. Since then we have grown exponentially, now reaching millions of students worldwide with the truths of the historic Christian faith.

We are now on the threshold of expanding our reach beyond that which I could ever have imagined four decades ago. I am thrilled to announce the boldest initiative in Ligonier history – **HERE WE STAND: THE CAMPAIGN FOR LIGONIER MINISTRIES**. Our first-ever capital campaign has been launched to solidify our operations and build upon a beautiful 34+ acre lakefront property which will become home base for Ligonier international headquarters, Shadowlake Studios, and the newly instituted Ligonier Academy of Biblical and Theological Studies.

Ligonier Academy draws on our study center heritage and brings us full circle while expanding our opportunities to ground lay people and clergy alike more deeply in the faith, both in the classroom and through distance learning. I could not be more excited about what the future holds in training believers to keep the Lord and His glory at the center of their lives and ministry efforts.



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But for this to happen, I seek your help. I ask that you pray earnestly that God will be in this endeavor, but I also need and seek your financial commitment. Please prayerfully consider an investment in the kingdom that will create a legacy of faith to carry Reformation truths to future generations.

As you learn more, I hope that you will be as enthused as we are about the potential of our new campus expansion. In particular, I believe Ligonier Academy of Biblical and Theological Studies will have tremendous impact upon the Church both now and in the future. You will be hearing more about our progress in the months to come.

Please continue to stand with Ligonier as we proclaim God's glory, arm Christians to defend the faith, and help foster a new reformation. I sincerely covet your prayers at this vital time.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R.C. Sproul". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

## HERE *We* STAND

In 1521, Martin Luther faced a hostile assembly of religious leaders and stood boldly for the truths of scripture at great personal peril. His courageous words, "...here I stand," have been adapted as the banner for "HERE WE STAND: THE CAMPAIGN FOR LIGONIER MINISTRIES."



Luther's famous declaration of commitment to sound reasoning based on Scripture alone has informed the greatest ongoing revival of the gospel in human history. "Here We Stand" implies both permanence and a forward-looking commitment to help people grow in their knowledge of God and His holiness.



We stand because God enables us to stand... and we can do no other. HERE WE STAND: THE CAMPAIGN FOR LIGONIER MINISTRIES, has been launched to address the funding needs of our new campus. This is the first capital campaign in Ligonier history and by God's grace is intended to secure the future of our vital work.

## *The* CAMPAIGN *for* LIGONIER MINISTRIES



At Ligonier Ministries, we know that when men and women comprehend the holiness of God and the truths of His Word, lives are transformed. We believe that transformed lives will impact our families, our churches, our culture and the world . . . to the glory of God.

For almost four decades, Christians have trusted Ligonier Ministries for the highest level of biblical and theological instruction.

Please stand with us to create a center for learning and growth from which the historic Christian faith can spread worldwide.

### Standing in **Grace**

The most consistent message of the Gospels is grace. The reality of grace, however, is not about you or me. Grace is the glory and honor of God in all of our lives. But God's sovereign grace is not something we hoard. Rather, we are called to invest in others and help them grow in their knowledge of God and His holiness.

At Ligonier Ministries, our ardent hope is to help edify others and reveal more of the treasures of God's grace.

“Our goal remains the same: to proclaim, teach and defend God’s Holiness in all its fullness.” – R.C. Sproul



## Poised *for the* future

We are now poised to meet the future with the most ambitious initiative in our ministry’s history.

Several years ago, Ligonier purchased 34+ acres of prime lakefront property made available at a greatly reduced price by a generous ministry friend. This striking property will serve as the new integrated campus for Ligonier Ministries, including our International Headquarters; Shadow Lake Studios home to our audio, video and music production; and the launching pad for the new

Ligonier Academy of Biblical and Theological Studies – a learning center for a new generation of reformers trained to lead churches, plant mission works, and serve wherever God leads.

This venture will bring us full circle by honoring the study center heritage of our past and providing a new place for study, and ministry.

Helping people grow in their knowledge of God and His holiness is more than a mission for Ligonier Ministries. It is a reminder of what we are all called to do.

## Grounded *in the* past

The Ligonier Valley Study Center was started in 1971 in the mountains of western Pennsylvania, where students came for the clear biblical teaching of Dr. R.C. Sproul. Since then, Ligonier Ministries has grown and moved, but never wavered from its founding vision.

When Ligonier Ministries first began, it was a place. A destination of hope for passionate learners and followers of Christ. It quickly grew to become an organization with international scope, but its origin was as a place of study and fellowship centered on the teaching of R.C. Sproul.



*Ligonier must expand its base to more effectively reach students, produce resources, further our capabilities to share the messages of R.C. Sproul, and altogether foster global Reformation in the church and beyond.*



# Standing for a new generation of reformers.

Martin Luther labored to bring all of life under the rule of God, and there is no lesser task for us. We believe that to bring all of life under God's rule, a new experience of God's holiness through sound teaching is essential.

Ligonier Academy of Biblical and Theological Studies and our new campus will create an innovative home for Ligonier to proclaim God's holiness and transmit the orthodox Christian faith. It will increase our ability to fulfill our mission and grow our outreach, both now and to future generations and will directly serve clergy that are interested in ongoing education beyond their seminary. Additionally, we intend to establish a small Bible college for young adults who are preparing for Christian work or who just want to be deeply grounded in the things of God.

In this way, the teaching fellowship of Dr. R.C. Sproul will continue its impact by educating Christians, serving the church and glorifying God.

Our unwavering mission is to propagate the Reformed faith throughout the whole world.

HERE WE STAND: THE CAMPAIGN FOR LIGONIER MINISTRIES will enable us to continue to ground students in the truths of historic Christianity for generations — strengthening the church and impacting

the culture.

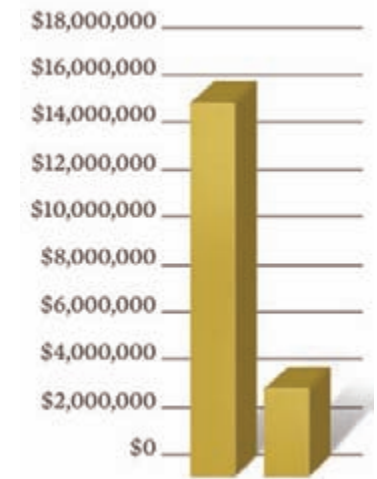
With the establishment of Ligonier Academy of Biblical and Theological Studies, we will be able to fulfill a great need that exists among Christian pastors — the need for lifelong, continuing theological and biblical education.

In addition to training laypeople, pastors of Christ's church are in desperate need of encouragement and support. Shepherds of the flock are leaving ministry at an alarming rate, with as many as 70% of seminary graduates out of ministry within five years of graduation. Through Ligonier Academy and our other ministry outreaches, we will endeavor to encourage pastors and chaplains to be faithful to their ministry and instill a rededication to biblical preaching and ministry, while filling our pulpits and educational institutions with scholars committed to orthodox Christianity.

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## Our Priorities

- ▶ Additional space for our present ministry outreaches, which will be accomplished through the renovation and commercialization of the buildings now standing on our new property.
- ▶ **Build a state-of-the art Reformed library to hold the 25,000 volumes now in Ligonier's possession, creating a place for study, and additional classroom and office space.**
- ▶ Funds to launch the first programs of Ligonier Academy of Biblical and Theological Studies by summer 2009, adding new course offerings going forward.
- ▶ **New curricula and faculty.**
- ▶ Expand to distance learning for students around the world.
- ▶ **Enhanced audio/visual production capability to keep up with the demand for teaching materials and reverent Christian music.**
- ▶ Through a new media center, digitally preserve and utilize 1,000's of hours of teaching by Dr. R.C. Sproul that will continue his ministry to future generations.
- ▶ **Retire the mortgage on the property.**
- ▶ Install the campus technology for maximum instruction and worldwide outreach.



Goal: ..... \$15,600,000  
 Received: ..... \$3,689,043  
 Left to Fund: ..... \$11,910,957



- Cost of 34.5-acre property, primary, and secondary buildings
- Campus development, building renovation and commercialization
- New Library construction and outfitting





# Stand **with Us**

We know that we exist because of, for and through God and, in part, by the giving and generosity of His people.

As we grow together and allow God to use our resources, we know that He will continue to touch lives and turn hearts. We anticipate that like-minded ministry friends will appreciate the opportunity to invest in this outreach, and many have already committed to do so. Thank you for being a part of this amazing calling as we seek to extend the treasures of God's glorious grace.

As you count your many blessings, we hope that Ligonier Ministries will remain one of them.

## Through Prayer

We believe that God hears us when we pray and that our discerning hearts will be met with truth as we seek His will. He has promised that when we ask for things that are in accordance with His will, He will give us what we ask (1 John 5:14-15). We know that prayer is not our means of getting God to do our will on earth, but rather a means of getting His will done. We covet your prayers for this bold endeavor.

## Through Financial Support

Please invest in **HERE WE STAND: THE CAMPAIGN FOR LIGONIER MINISTRIES** to help support the mission, passion and purpose of Ligonier: to help people grow in their knowledge of God and His holiness. We know that when the Bible is taught clearly, hearts are conquered, minds are renewed and communities are transformed.



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