At the 2007 spring meeting of the board of trustees, Dr. Sandra C. Gray was elected to the presidency of **Asbury College**. She will begin her term on July 1, 2007.
Dr. Sandra C. Gray

Integrating academic excellence and spiritual vitality

As an academician and woman of faith, Dr. Sandy Gray brings more than twenty years of experience to the role of president of Asbury College.

“Asbury College has tremendous potential to increase in national and international prominence,” said Gray. “The spiritual commitment of the College provides the foundation from which programs develop and opportunities are created for graduating students to become men and women who will influence the world for Christ. It is also an environment in which administrators, faculty and staff can thrive, working together to accomplish the mission of the institution.”

Gray received her Ph.D. in public administration with a focus on international economics and a master’s in business administration from the University of Kentucky in 1997 and 1984 respectively. After earning her undergraduate degree in business and economics, she completed numerous post-secondary education courses from the University of South Carolina, the Economics University of Vienna in Austria, the University of Colorado and the University of Oklahoma.

In 1989, Dr. Gray joined the faculty of Asbury College as a professor of business management. She continued to pursue education, teaching courses on international trade and financial markets in Russia, China and Austria. Her research interests resulted in several invitations to lecture internationally. During her spring 2002 sabbatical, Dr. Gray taught at the International University of Vienna, Austria.

Other speaking engagements have included the United Nations, where she served on the Committee for Education, “Educating for a Culture of Peace.” In 1998, Dr. Gray was one of five academic persons from the West invited to speak at an international banking conference at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland.

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She has worked in the corporate, governmental and non-profit sectors, serving in leadership capacities in finance, strategic visioning, marketing and team building. Dr. Gray has developed a network of contacts with educators, churches, para-church organizations, alumni and corporations.

On the campus of Asbury College, she is actively involved with students, faculty and administration. She has been a mentor, counselor and advisor. Throughout her career Dr. Gray has served on numerous college boards and planning committees. She was vice-chair of the faculty from 2003-2005 and is currently the provost at the College. In 2005, she led the College’s first business-related mission trip, named “Kingdom Business,” to impart basic business skills to community members in Choluteca, Honduras. This opportunity has become an annual trip for students in this discipline.

“I feel that this international experience is a great opportunity to put our classroom knowledge and faith into practice. Kingdom Business enables our students to work side by side with villagers, providing solutions and establishing relationships. It is a practical way to use the gifts God has given us, resulting in an investment, not only in this village, but in our students.”

For more than 11 years, Dr. Gray has participated in and/or led women’s retreats on and off campus regarding faith and prayer. She is regularly invited to speak to institutional and community groups to discuss topics related to money management, money and marriage, and personal finance.

Prior to her appointments at Asbury College, Dr. Gray worked in the banking industry. She is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and the Christian Business Faculty Association. She also serves on the boards of Word Gospel Mission and Messiah Ministries.

Dr. Gray is actively involved in Centenary United Methodist Church in Lexington, Kentucky. She has served as chair of the church’s finance committee and she and her husband, Ken, have taught a Sunday school class for young married couples. She and Ken, an architect in Lexington, reside in Nicholasville, Kentucky.

“Dr. Sandra Gray brings great strengths to the presidency of Asbury College: an abiding faith; an unabashed commitment to Asbury’s theological and liberal arts foundations; a wealth of experience in the classroom and in the banking industry; and a vision for Asbury College that extends its tradition of service to Kentucky, the nation and the world.”

Dr. Mark R. Elliott ’69, Chair, Academic Affairs
Committee, Board of Trustees

“The goal of the Asbury College Board was to seek the Lord and discern his choice for the person to lead the College into the 21st century. After a national search, prayer and fasting, we found the person we believe to be God’s choice to lead Asbury College.”

Mr. CE Crouse ’58, chairman, Asbury College Board of Trustees

Dr. Sandra Gray’s vision for the future, strong academic background, business knowledge and interpersonal skills will allow her to lead this dynamic institution known for its academic quality.

Dorothy Bath ’54 M.D., Professor Emerita, University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center
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