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College Selects Rev. Jeff Falter to be its New Chaplain

KEUKA PARK, N.Y.—Keuka College has selected Rev. Jeff Falter to be its new chaplain.



Falter will begin his transition to Keuka this spring and assume full-time duties Aug. 15.

“We are pleased that Jeff has accepted our offer to head our Campus Ministries Program,” said Dean of Students Jim Blackburn. “I think the campus community will find Jeff to be an engaging, thoughtful and highly motivated person who will fit well into the Keuka culture.

“The position of chaplain is important to the achievement of our goal to develop the whole person—academically, socially and spiritually. We are fortunate to have attracted an individual who has interacted with college students and ministered to their needs, planned and delivered worship experiences that were many and varied, delivered college baccalaureate addresses, and taught successfully at the college level.”

Falter served as pastor of Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church in Elkins, W.Va., from 2001-05 and was an adjunct faculty member at Davis & Elkins College from 2001-03. He also served as pastor of First Presbyterian Church (1996-2001) in Cullman, Ala., and Dogwood Acres Presbyterian Church (1994-96) in Asheboro, N.C.

A community activist, Falter is chaplain of Hands and Hearts for Christ (Buckhannon, W.Va.), a surgical mission team that travels to Dangriga, Belize each year. Formerly, he served on the Randolph County (W.Va.) Children’s Advocacy Center Board of Directors and the Mountain Hospice (Belington, W.Va.) Board of Directors.

His sermons and articles have been published in *The Inter-Mountain*, the local newspaper in Elkins, W Va.

Falter earned a master of divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary and a bachelor of science in mathematics from George Mason University.

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According to Blackburn, the search process for the chaplain position was comprehensive and resulted in more than 50 applications from across the nation.

“This response is a testament to the College's commitment to the spiritual development of its students and to the diligent work of the selection committee,” he said.