



## **FAQs for Students**

### **Q: What does this announcement mean for me as a student?**

*A: This commitment to a future partnership between Kentucky Christian University and Cincinnati Christian University will only enhance the future of both institutions. We will be stronger together. In the current academic year, programs and courses will continue in the same way, both on undergraduate and graduate levels. In future years, there may actually be increases in potential degree offerings, drawing from the unique strengths of each university's programs.*

### **Q: Does a "merger" mean that either CCU or KCU will cease to exist?**

*A: Quite the contrary. It is anticipated that the universities will each maintain their respective campuses and identities. Together, however, we would become the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest Christian university among our fellowship of Independent Christian Churches.*

### **Q: What will happen to our athletic programs?**

*A. The plan is for each school to field its own sports teams. There will still be CCU Eagles and KCU Knights. The competition will remain spirited, but between two even closer members of a same family.*

### **Q: Why not just have each school continue to operate independently?**

*A: It is growing much harder for smaller universities to remain financially strong in today's world. But together, as a united university with over 1,400 combined students, we can enjoy a far more stable future. There are even ways in which we can reduce how much it costs us to do many things by sharing resources.*

### **Q: Will anything look different next semester?**

*A: KCU will provide some added executive leadership to the CCU campus in January as we begin to get to know each other and plan toward an eventual merger. Otherwise, the experience for students at both institutions will continue to be the same.*

### **Q: If all goes as planned, when would a merger of the two schools actually happen?**

*A: It would not likely be until late 2017. It will take until then for us to achieve all the necessary organizational and legal adjustments, as well as gain all the approvals that would be required by higher education and governmental regulatory agencies. Merger is an incremental process.*

### **Q: When will we get more information about plans?**

*A. Now that this initial announcement has been made, we will continue to keep you posted and have opportunities for you to ask further questions.*

### **Q: How do the leaders of both universities feel about this new partnership?**

*A. The Trustees (the governing bodies) of both schools voted unanimously to take this course. The executive leaders of both universities have also been actively engaged in the study process. All have strong confidence that this is the wisest course for each school for a strong future.*