REGULATIONS CONCERNING GENERAL ADMISSION

Each prospective student should consider carefully the following regulations concerning admission before submitting any application materials:

Christian Experience and Conduct

The College at Mid-America is a Christian institution whose primary purpose is to provide training for effective service in church-related and missions vocations. Other levels of training are also offered. Examples include business administration, organizational leadership, Christian studies, and biblical counseling. Applicants must have professed Christ as Savior for at least one year before registration. Maturity of character, personal integrity, and commitment are necessary for acceptable study.

It is required that students conduct themselves in a manner deemed by the College as consistent with biblical standards of moral purity. Married students are expected to maintain marital fidelity, and single students are expected to maintain sexual abstinence. Departure from biblical standards of moral purity disqualifies individuals for admission or continued enrollment.

Regulation Regarding Divorce

Mid-America holds the position that marriage is intended to be a lifelong covenant between one woman and one man. The primary biblical passages that support this understanding are Matthew 5:32, 19:3-9; Mark 10:9, Luke 16:18, and Malachi 2:16. Therefore, Mid-America seeks to honor God's original intention of marriage and views divorce as a serious matter.

The College understands that marital situations are unique, and divorce is a reality, however certain courses within the Master of Arts, Bachelor, and Associate degree programs (Biblical Preaching 1 and 2 and Pastoral Ministry) will be reserved for those who are called and meet the qualifications of a pastor or overseer in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9 (men only, not divorced, spouse not divorced). This regulation applies without exception both to those who are innocent parties of divorce and to others. Such a policy does not judge the manner of life of any divorced person.

Regulations Regarding Female Students

The College admits women as students to study for any program except for degree programs designed to prepare students to serve as ordained pastors (Associate of Divinity). Female students are welcome to audit or to take for credit any individual course offered in the curriculum for which they are otherwise qualified. This policy accords with the College's conviction that the pastor of a church must be male. We believe that God has blessed women and has given them a position of honor and opportunities for service. However, we believe that Scripture prohibits a woman from serving as pastor of a church. The primary biblical passages that support this understanding are 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Timothy 2:9-15; and 1 Corinthians 11:3ff.