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Former Andrew College president dies

CUTHBERT, GA. – Andrew College regrets to share the sad news that former President Kirk Treible passed away on January 17 while on a travel vacation in Egypt. He was 76.

Treible served as Andrew College’s nineteenth president from 1988-2002. He later served as interim president in 2014-15. Treible’s impact at Andrew College is still felt on campus and within the community today. During Treible’s presidency, the College experienced strong academic, enrollment and financial growth, which resulted in substantial physical plant and programmatic expansion. Further, he led Andrew to reinvigorate its ties with The United Methodist Church and reinforce its service-driven mission. Under his interim leadership, the College concluded the final year of its federal Title III grant and reaffirmed its accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

Treible’s leadership saw the development of three major campus facilities—Fort Hall, Hord Field and Jones Chapel—as well as a partial remodel of the Ethel McDonald Castellow Building (Old Main), which was constructed in 1892 and housed the entire campus until the mid-twentieth century. His guidance also prepared Andrew for the new millennium with the installation of a campus-wide fiber-optic communication system.

Treible’s leadership proved vital to the 1997 establishment of the AndrewServes Servant Leadership Program, a program founded through a collaborative effort with the Bradley-Turner Foundation. AndrewServes trains the next generation of Georgia’s servant leaders while providing valuable public services to the local community.

Current President Linda R. Buchanan said, “The college community has lost ties to a valuable and respected advocate for all of southwest Georgia. Kirk has served as my friend and mentor during my presidency, and I will miss him dearly.”

Treible held a bachelor of science degree from West Virginia Wesleyan College and a master of business administration from West Virginia University. He held an honorary doctorate from LaGrange College. Prior to his time at Andrew, Treible served as the vice president for finance at

Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. During the 12-year period following his retirement from Andrew, Treible worked with Hiwassee College and Chowan University, as well as the Foundation for United Methodist Communication and Steering Partners Admission Consulting.

Treible is survived by his son, Todd and granddaughter Chloe of Germantown, TN; brother Bryan of Pierceton, IN; and former wife, Carol of Macon, GA.

A service will be held later in the spring. The family requests that memorial donations in memory of Kirk be made to Andrew College.

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Established in 1854, Andrew College is related to The United Methodist Church and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Situated in the rural southwest Georgia community of Cuthbert, Andrew College offers the Associate of Art, Associate of Music, Associate of Nursing, Associate of Science and Bachelor of Business degrees.