

Liberty Alumni Pastors Urge Board to 'Permanently Remove' Falwell as President

A group of pastors who graduated from Liberty University is urging the college's board of trustees to "permanently remove" Jerry Falwell, Jr., from his role as president of the Christian school founded by his late father.

On Thursday, in a letter addressed to the board of trustees and Dr. Jerry Prevo, who has chaired the board since 2003 but is now serving as acting president of the university, 50 ministers from churches around the country argued the college "is in need of new leadership that represents the heart of Liberty University's mission."

"It is because of our deep love for Liberty University and our great optimism for its future that we write to you today to urge you, the Board of Trustees, to permanently remove Mr. Falwell as president and chancellor and replace him with a new leader," the letter reads. "We do not write out of any personal vendetta against Mr. Falwell. We recognize that under his leadership, since his father's death in 2007, the school has experienced significant financial and institutional growth and added important programs that are poised to shape a generation of Christian leaders in nearly every field of study."

The call for Falwell to be sidelined for good comes just weeks after the 58-year-old lawyer was placed on an indefinite leave of absence following days of criticism over an Instagram post that included a questionable photo of himself with a young woman.

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