



Closing of transfer of assets to Antioch College remarks by

Antioch University Chancellor Toni Murdock, Ph.D.

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Its so nice to see so many familiar faces here tonight. This is a celebration for Yellow Springs as well as Antioch.

As Chancellor of Antioch University, I can tell you that our faculty, staff, and students are the heart and soul of OUR University.

Our faculty provides the inspiration.
Our staff provide caring and support, and
Our students provide us with passion, vision, humility, and determination.

And so it will be for Antioch College. As you begin to build the new Antioch College may you be as fortunate as I am with the quality of people who comprise the heart and soul of our Antioch University.

It was about a year ago that a small group of people representing each of our campuses across the nation began to discuss the question...should an agreement be successful, what will we say to them?

Matt and Lee, they didn't know you. They didn't know this particular agreement. They didn't know tonight would happen. Early efforts to reach an agreement were fraught with difficulties and ended unsuccessfully.

But over the course of the last year as this agreement came together, our faculty, staff and students, despite the many contentious issues and bad press, began to understand the value of reaching an accord, how it could uplift both the university as well as the renewal of the college. They began to recognize the mutual benefits to this agreement.

It was the underlying belief of the Antiochian values and mission thru the university that coalesced in support for this historic agreement.

Tonight I am proud to present this letter to you. The language, the thoughts, comes from within our University, from the nearly 33,000 faculty, staff students, and alumni that comprise Antioch University.

There are 10 signatures at the bottom representing the leadership of Antioch University—
5 of us are here tonight.

A replica of this document will hang at each of our campuses across the nation.

It's been a long difficult process. More than once, failure was eminent. But
perseverance, common values, and a will to succeed culminated in our celebration here
this evening.

Thank you.