

Daniel O. Aleshire to retire as executive director of ATS

Daniel O. Aleshire has announced his decision to retire as executive director of The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) no later than June 30, 2017.

During his 26-year tenure with ATS, Aleshire served initially as associate director for accreditation from 1990 to 1996, when he was appointed as associate executive director. He was elected executive director in December 1997.

In announcing his retirement, Aleshire said “This decision comes at both the right time in my life and a time of considerable strength and capacity in the life of ATS. The Association is on sound financial footing, with several grants from generous funding partners that will provide almost all of the financial resources needed through 2019.”

“ATS will celebrate its centennial in 2018,” he added, “which will mark a significant moment of transition into the future and provide a propitious time for a new executive director to inaugurate leadership that will guide the Association into its second century.”

ATS president James Hudnut-Beumler will appoint a search committee that will begin its work after the first of the year to assess the issues that the next executive director will need to address, identify the qualities and characteristics that person will most need to possess, and undertake the work of the search for a candidate to be elected by the ATS Board of Directors. The search committee will be broadly representative of the diverse ATS membership and provide regular communication to ATS constituencies; the membership will be given ample opportunities to provide input to the search as it proceeds.

“We are most grateful to Dr. Aleshire for his extraordinary leadership during the past 26 years,” said Hudnut-Beumler. “He has been unfailing in his insightful leadership of all those in the constellation of theological education who have looked to him for guidance, and his expertise in the field is recognized worldwide.”

Questions or comments about the search should be emailed to [James Hudnut-Beumler](#), chair of the search committee.

