

VIRGINIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Dear Sirs:

In order to complete the STARS certification application, The Virginia Theological Seminary conducted a comprehensive research assessment of sustainability efforts on campus. The sustainability assessment included areas of academics, student life, facilities, and community engagement. The research and analysis was conducted during the Fall semester of 2018 and completed on November 15th. The research team consisted of staff, students, faculty, and administration, with each team member reporting on their respective areas of expertise or interest.

This STARS certification assessment will create a baseline on which to improve The Seminary's efforts to become a more sustainable campus as well as better stewards of creation throughout the world. The certification process has already provided the team with inspiration and resources for improving our sustainability efforts in the long and short term.

The effort to improve sustainability on campus is a part of our 2023 Strategic Plan (Outcome 6.1.4). Over the course of the next five years, we will be able to use our STARS assessment to track VTS' progress towards our own strategic outcomes.

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