

## Dr. Mark Tew, Th.D.

### VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Dr. Mark Tew, Th.D., was named the Vice President for Academic Affairs on August 1, 2021. As the VPAA, Tew is the chief academic officer of the University, leads the academic affairs division, and serves in the President's Cabinet and executive council. He oversees the academic operations of all traditional undergraduate and graduate schools/degree programs.

Tew joins LMU from Judson College, a private women's college in Marion, Alabama, where he served as President since 2019. Before his presidency at Judson, Tew has served as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas, from 2007 to 2019, supervising academic advising, institutional research and effectiveness, library and information technology services, and enrollment management.

A native of Birmingham, Alabama, Tew earned Bachelor of Science and Master of Business Administration degrees from Samford University as well as Master of Divinity and Doctor of Theology degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. In 1987, he began his more than three decades of higher education experience as a Professor of Religion and chair of the Department of Religious Studies at Judson College in 1987. He would later move into administration, serving as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer as well as Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Senior Vice President. From 1996 to 1997, Tew departed Judson briefly to serve as Dean of the College of Christian Studies at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Missouri.

Tew is married to the former Ann Marie Ashby of Wichita Falls, Texas. The Tews are parents to three grown daughters—Elyse Weeks, Clara Owenby and Nicole Bean—and grandparents to seven grandchildren.