

VIRGINIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

FALL 2019



Pg. 38



Pg. 11



Pg. 17



Pg. 30



Pg. 16

FOCUS ON LATINO MINISTRIES

Table of Contents

PHOTO: THE REV. SHAWN EVELYN '19



On March 12, 2019, the Rev. Robert “Bob” Prichard, Ph.D. taught his last official class at VTS. Many members of the community gathered in the rotunda of the Addison Academic Center to give him a standing ovation as he emerged from the classroom.

Features

11 A Virginia Churchman

Virginia Theological Seminary honors the retirement of the Rev. Robert W. Prichard, Ph.D.

24 Grace & Gardens

In May of this year, a group of travelers set out on the first of the VTS bicentennial pilgrimages.

20 Commencement 2019

On Thursday, May 16, VTS celebrated our 196th Commencement, awarding degrees to 57 students.

30 Latino Ministry In A Box

The TryTank’s successful experiment offers exciting possibilities for Latino communities.



PHOTO: THE REV. PETE BURGESS '19

The Rev. Ashley Mather '19, from the Diocese of Kansas, handing the Rev. J. Barney Hawkins IV, Ph.D. and the Very Rev. Ian S. Markham, Ph.D., a check representing the class of 2019 gift, which will help finance an outdoor patio that will be an extension of Cafe 1823.

20

Departments

- 4 Dean’s Message
- 6 Faculty News
- 15 On Holy Hill
- 16 Academic Affairs and Student Life
- 18 Bicentennial Celebration
- 22 Scene at VTS
- 28 Center for Anglican Communion Studies
- 33 Lifelong Learning
- 36 Advancing VTS
- 38 Alumni News & Notes
- 43 Board of Trustees



PHOTO: JOSH PAGET '21

The Rev. Ross Kane, Ph.D., and the students in the three-week 2019 Doctoral Summer Residency Program.

ON THE COVER

From new hires and new student arrivals, to the Alumni Spotlight; from designing new courses and the innovative experiments of the TryTank, to the retirement of one of the Seminary’s biggest champions of Latino Ministry; from impressive parish and alumni work to the work of Lifelong Learning—Latino Ministry is the theme of this issue of *Virginia Theological Seminary Magazine*.

Clockwise from upper right: The Rev. Bob Prichard, Ph.D.; the Rev. Altagracia Pérez-Bullard, Ph.D.; the Rev. Alex Montes-Vela '05; Omar Cisneros '22 with his wife, Karina Cisneros; and the Rev. Carlos de la Torre '15.

Virginia Theological Seminary Magazine is published three times per year (January, May, and September) for alumni and friends by the Communications Office, Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304. Editorial comments should be directed to editor@vts.edu.



Keeping the Big Tent Witness Going



“We are a big tent” was one of the favorite phrases of the Rt. Rev. Frank Griswold, 25th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church.

However, the “big tent” is increasingly out of fashion in our polarized age. We are retreating into bubbles of self-reinforcing prejudice. Searching for common ground with people who disagree with us has gone out of fashion. We no longer think the best about each other; we assume the worst. We draw firm lines that serve to exclude large numbers of people.

But not everyone has abandoned the idea of inclusivity. During this season of transitions at Virginia Theological Seminary we have used recent magazines to highlight different retiring faculty who have been leaders in this effort. Amy Dyer, Ph.D. was featured in the Spring 2018 magazine; Timothy Sedgwick, Ph.D. was featured in the Spring 2019 edition; and in this issue, we honor the Rev. Robert Prichard, Ph.D. All three are giants, and all three believe in the “big tent” witness.

Dr. Prichard has served at Virginia Theological Seminary for almost forty years. Reputations and perspectives on people change over time. Bob arrived as a young radical, committed to the ordination of women, and was willing to delay his own ordination to the priesthood until women were included. Bob leaves as a conservative, unable to see a clear biblical argument for same-sex marriage. Yet for both Bobs, the “big tent” always remained part of his theology.

Bob always recognized that friendship is possible across fundamental disagreement. He sought to honor those with whom he disagreed. He knew the Donatists were rightly considered heretical because, in the end, all are flawed human beings behind the altar, so he never flirted with the view that a particular person with whom he disagreed should not preside at the Eucharist. Bob enjoyed conversations with those on the other side of an issue. He liked to understand their worldview. And he always understood that it is a love of Jesus that is most important;

a shared faith in Christ can, quite literally, cover a multitude of sins.

The “big tent” for Bob was never just making sure that conservatives and liberals are in conversation; it was also a sense that the tent that is The Episcopal Church needs to get bigger. Recruiting students of color was always a priority for Bob. As an historian, he understood the complex way history shaped the present. He was a warm supporter of the Seminary Covenant, which is described later in this issue. In addition, while I have endlessly argued that Spanish language preaching and services are important, Bob has actually led a Spanish-speaking church. For years, Bob taught a “Spanish Liturgy” course; he hosted the “learn to speak Spanish” table at lunch. The tent needed to recognize the changing demographics of America.

We now have a faculty position to do this, held by Sharon Heaney, Ph.D., assistant professor of Theology and Latin American Studies. And there are other faculty members who continue to advocate for conservative theological positions. This is important. Virginia Theological Seminary is determined to keep the “big tent” witness going. I am grateful to Bob for his grace and presence over his many years of service.

Three giants of the Seminary have retired—Dr. Dyer, Dr. Sedgwick, and Dr. Prichard. For their service and witness, I am deeply grateful. This Seminary will continue to advocate for a “big tent” witness. This is part of their legacy.

In Christ,

The Very Rev. Ian S. Markham, Ph.D.
Dean and President



The Seminary Covenant

We the community of Virginia Theological Seminary, in response to the love of God in Christ, resolve to embody love, justice, peace, and respect for every child of God on this campus and in the world. We affirm that disciples of Jesus are called to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves.

We seek, therefore, to promote a communal life that values every member, whatever our race, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expression, biological sex, socioeconomic class, sexual orientation, primary language, denomination, physical ability, intellectual ability, nation or region of origin, age, family configuration, or religion, including no religion at all.

In order to pursue these aspirations faithfully:

We affirm that this institution must repent the sins of its past and work to repair their effects in the present, including but not limited to ongoing patterns of white supremacy, white privilege, male dominance, heterosexism, and elitism. We recognize that, in their intersecting identities, individuals may experience multiple forms of oppression and, indeed, both privilege and oppression.

We commit to ongoing engagement with our institutional and societal history, and we commit to the promotion of an intercultural ethos on campus, which means a community where no one culture or group dominates others. This institution aspires to become a leader in theological education and spiritual formation by leading in how we embrace multicultural and intercultural perspectives. An important aspect of this work is

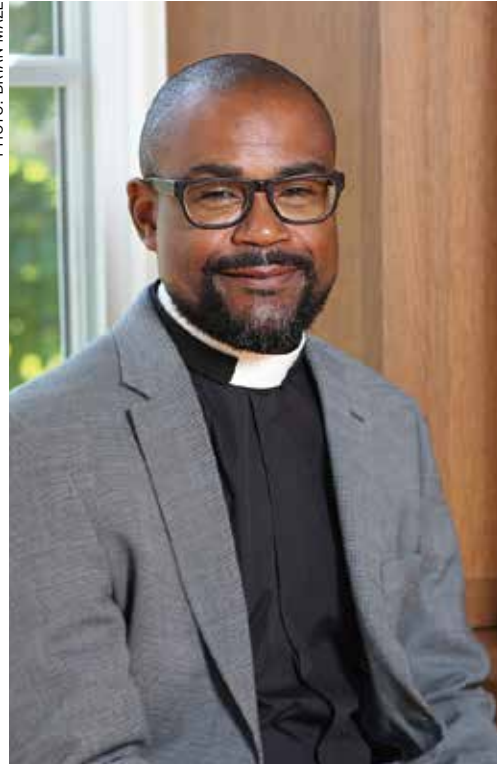
learning how to navigate conflict across our various cultural backgrounds. Vital signs of our health in this regard will be the hallmarks of grace, forgiveness, reconciliation, forbearance, and kindness.

We commit to assessing regularly the status of diversity, inclusivity, and equity on this campus, including revisiting this covenant as a living document that gives shape to our life together. The Board of Trustees and the Dean and President delegate to the Office of Multicultural Ministries the task of monitoring our progress towards the commitments made herein. As needed, Multicultural Ministries will lead the community in revising this covenant.

We ask in all these things for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to create a supportive, non-judgmental environment in which our diversity, along with the positive aspects of our history, can be celebrated and in which our biases and shortcomings can be discovered and transformed. We do not know the kinds of communities we may enter when we leave this place, but we pray that this community will shape and equip us all to practice love, understanding, and justice in our diverse world. In so doing, may we participate in the restoration of the created order, in which God shall take all nations for God’s own (Psalm 82:8).

For an extended version of this covenant that elaborates upon its scriptural, theological, and historical foundations, please visit the VTS website.

PHOTO: BRIAN MAZE



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: THE REV. JOSEPH THOMPSON, Ph.D.

By Curtis Prather, Director of Communications

In the 2018–2019 academic year the Rev. Joseph Thompson, Ph.D., director of Multicultural Ministries and assistant professor of Race and Ethnicity Studies, helped shepherd the first “Diversity Statement” for Virginia Seminary. We sat down last month, in the middle of his work for the annual intercultural competency training program, for a conversation about how this statement became the Seminary Covenant as well as his dedication in bringing people together.

THE COVENANT A few years ago the Board of Trustees passed several resolutions related to diversity, including the creation of a “Diversity Statement” that would speak to the Seminary’s desire to be a place in which all sorts of people are welcomed and affirmed. This past year, I, in conjunction with the Dean’s Task Force on Diversity Inclusion and Equity (which I chair), took up the task of creating a Diversity Statement. We decided to call it the Seminary Covenant as opposed to the Diversity Statement because we wanted to signal that this work of diversity, inclusion and equity is central to who we are as an overall institution at this moment in our history, and that this work requires an active commitment. So that is why we decided on the Seminary Covenant.

THE ROLL OUT The Seminary Covenant rolled out for the current academic year during the August term when the incoming class of 2019 arrived,

with the biggest push in September when all students and faculty returned to campus. In addition to it being introduced at this year’s intercultural competency training, the Covenant is on the VTS website, and will be introduced in innovative ways through social media in the coming months.

INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCY TRAINING Intercultural competency is the ability to maintain a level of openness, empathy, and understanding in relationship to diverse groups of people and individuals. I think this kind of competence is important for pretty much any community in the United States of America. We have people from all over the world or with heritage from all over the world, and we have all sorts of religions and backgrounds. We need to be able to relate to one another well, and intercultural competency is a big part of that. It is essential to everyday life in our society.

APPREHENSION Many people have had some form of diversity training in the past, and it can be intense emotionally for people to deal with some of the issues. I have had people express some trepidation about this. Our Intro to Intercultural Competency is fairly gentle. It gets people into the heart of the matter, but not in a way that is so overwhelming that participants want to run away from this hard work. My goal is that they will come away thirsty for more learning and growth in this area, and they generally seem to do so.

INCLUSION Intercultural competency training is not unique to VTS. What is unique is we are an Episcopal seminary that approaches this as part of fulfilling our baptismal covenant. We are to seek and serve Christ in all persons. So, our faith challenges us to pay attention to diversity and to cultivate a sense of openness and appreciation for others. Our way of thinking about this is—and I’m

PHOTO: THE REV. KRISTIN PITTS '16



The Rev. Joe Thompson '18 with the Rev. Canon Dr. Michele V. Hagans, the Rt. Rev. Phoebe Roaf '08, and the Rev. Judy Fentress-Williams, Ph.D.

borrowing something that Dean Markham has said—“we are inclusive because we believe.” That is a little different from some others who might appear to suggest that the Christian faith is about trying to draw boundaries and exclude people all the time.

INTERSECTIONALITY The notion of intersectionality is pretty standard in this kind of training, so that would mean thinking not only about race and ethnicity, but also gender, class, sexuality, age, etc. Our platform is built with the assumption of intersectionality and is trying to *model* intersectionality in a sense, because the different speakers and films generally address multiple forms of identity at once. As I look for speakers and films for our training sessions, I always look for things that have multiple layers.

ADVANTAGES Seminarians tend to have a very strong sense of mission

and purpose. They really want to be a vehicle of God’s presence and God’s grace in the world. The average VTS student, it seems to me, is well convinced that their vocation involves understanding a diverse range of the human experience. Now, they may be in wide range of places in terms of their own cultural identity development and the development of their tools to engage with diversity and inclusion. But I think the basic concept that this is important is not a particularly hard sell for most of the students that we admit. That, along with just the general sense of mission and purpose that they have around their calling, is a nice combination, because it means that they are going to take this seriously. The hardest part is working to go on to live out an intercultural mindset in their day to day lives.

BEYOND THE VTS COMMUNITY Taking this training beyond the Seminary campus is something that I have

talked and dreamed about. This year, we offered slots to about 10-15 Lifelong Learning participants. These are people from the Alexandria area who were in some way a part of the VTS community. While logistically challenging, involving community members broadens our reach for this training beyond our degree students, faculty and staff.

VTS announced on September 5, 2019 (as we were going to press for the magazine) the creation of a \$1.7 million endowment fund from which the income will fund reparation. The fund will be administered by Dr. Thompson and the Office of Multicultural Ministries. There will be more on this work in the January 2020 edition of Virginia Theological Seminary Magazine.

The Wisdom and Holy Presence of the Rev. Allison St. Louis, Ph.D. '00

By the Rt. Rev. James R. Mathes '91
Associate Dean of Students and Director of Contextual Ministry



It is said that it takes a village to raise a child. Similarly, it takes a community to form a person for ministry. Our students come from other communities which have advanced that process of formation. Individuals come from all over the country and around the planet to our community to be formed. It is a tender and vulnerable time in which fellow students, members of our staff, and the faculty each play a critical role.

In 1997, Allison St. Louis came to this campus ready to be formed. Three years later, she graduated and was ordained a deacon, and then a priest. After ministry in the mission fields of the Dioceses of Washington and Connecticut, she returned to VTS in 2009 to guide and nurture our students as director of Field Education.

Motivated by her love of Jesus Christ and her commitment to a healthy and holy ministry of the Church, she built caring relationships with students, colleagues, and field education supervisors. Formed for priestly ministry at the turn of the millennium, Allison began ministering at a moment of immense change. Her observant and ever-listening posture gave her a sense of how field education could evolve to meet the emerging needs of the church.

To that end, Allison shepherded a major change in our curriculum, introducing intensive components into fieldwork. The new department title, Contextual Ministry, was adopted last year to note this change and underscore the focus of learning in context. Now, students can spend significant blocks of time in a variety of contexts.

Embedded, our students experience more realistic and complex ministerial situations in which to grow and learn. This legacy will bless future students.

As a testament to the high regard in which the entire community holds Allison, she was asked to present on family systems theory as a part of our 2017 intercultural competency training. She later provided the keynote for Employee Appreciation Day in May 2018—helping make us a better and more healthy community.

In the fall of 2017, when I returned to VTS to serve as Associate Dean of Students, Allison became my next-door neighbor and first friend. I quickly came to appreciate her laughter and her steadiness. She won my heart with her hospitality and her affection for our dog, Hawkeye. I learned firsthand that she brings a pastor's soul into all that she does. She simply practices the spiritual discipline of loving God, loving neighbor.

And so, it is not surprising that she presides and preaches with ease and with joy. Her counsel to students and peers

alike comes from a deep place. We learned that when Allison, often quiet and attentive, spoke up, her words were words of wisdom. I am not the first person, nor will I be the last, to suggest that she has been our Yoda!

Allison left VTS in 2000 for a new life in ordained ministry. Now, she departs as a newlywed to a new life in Pennsylvania. In her new community, she will open a counseling and spiritual direction practice.

There is good news! Allison's relationship with the Seminary will continue. She will return to VTS each year to continue teaching her family systems class. In addition, she will extend her counseling and spiritual direction work on campus for members of this community. And her wisdom and holy presence will continue to be a resource for us all. As the person who will now take the reigns of the Contextual Ministry program, I am keenly aware that I have much to learn and big shoes to fill. I am grateful that she will still be there for this neighbor.

I can almost hear her say, "May the force be with you!"

To Allison, on behalf of VTS, I say, "Well done, good and faithful servant."



VTS Board of Trustees Appoints Lisa Kimball, Ph.D., to a New Chair and a New Term

Upon the vote and recommendation of the faculty, the VTS Board of Trustees unanimously appointed Lisa Kimball, Ph.D., Associate Dean of Lifelong Learning and James Maxwell Professor of Lifelong Christian Formation, to the James Maxwell Professor Chair of Lifelong Christian Formation. In addition, the Board reappointed Kimball to another seven-year term.

"The Board of Trustees is delighted with the quality of Dr. Lisa Kimball's work," said Dean Markham. "It is innovative, engaging, and deeply applied. In addition, her invaluable witness to the vocation of the layperson, by simple virtue of baptism, is a priceless gift to VTS."

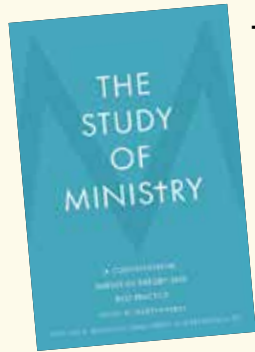
Kimball joined the VTS faculty in 2009 as the director of the Center for the Ministry for Teaching and professor of Christian Formation and Congregational Leadership. In 2016, the Seminary promoted her to Associate Dean of Lifelong Learning where she leads the development of opportunities for theological education in the service of faithful leadership. In 2017, with a generous grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., Kimball developed and continues to direct, Baptized for Life, an Episcopal discipleship initiative. In recent years, she has worked on the Confirmation Project (a "Christian Youth: Learning and Living the Faith" grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.) as well as Way of Love: Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life, an initiative unveiled during the 2018 General Convention by the Most Rev. Michael Curry, presiding bishop.

The Rev. Stacy Williams-Duncan

As we were in production of this issue of the magazine, we received word that the Rev. Stacy Williams-Duncan, interim director of Digital Learning and Trotter Visiting Professor, had accepted the call to serve as part-time rector of Little Fork Church in Rixeyville, VA, as she completes her doctoral work at The University of Virginia. VTS owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to Stacy for sharing her expertise in educational technology, as well as her experience as an educator and a priest. A more thorough piece about her time at VTS will be shared in the next issue of *Virginia Theological Seminary Magazine*.



Publications



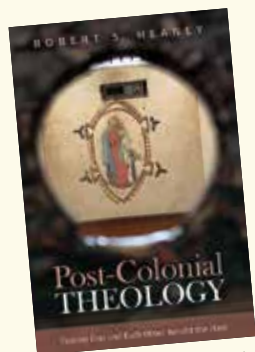
THE STUDY OF MINISTRY: A COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY OF THEORY AND BEST PRACTICE
 Edited by the Rev. Martyn Percy and the Very Rev. Ian S. Markham, Ph.D. (SPCK Publishing, 2019)

Written by an international team of leading authors from a range of relevant disciplines, this is the first comprehensive overview of the state of the art in the study of Christian ministry. Contributors include Lisa Kimball, Ph.D., the Rev. James Farwell, Ph.D., the Rev. David Gortner, Ph.D., the Rev. J. Barney Hawkins IV, Ph.D., the Rev. Robert Heaney, Ph.D., D.Phil., the Rev. Ruthanna Hooke, Ph.D., and the Rev. Allison St. Louis, Ph.D.

THE SONG OF SONGS IN THE EARLY MIDDLE AGES

Edited by Hannah W. Matis, Ph.D. (Brill Publishing, 2019)

Matis examines how the Song of Songs, the collection of Hebrew love poetry, was understood in the Latin West as an allegory of Christ and the church. This reading of the biblical text was passed down via the patristic tradition, established by the Venerable Bede, and promoted by the chief architects of the Carolingian reform. Throughout the ninth century, the Song of Songs became a text that Carolingian churchmen used to think about the nature of Christ and to conceptualize their own roles and duties within the church.



POST-COLONIAL THEOLOGY: FINDING GOD AND EACH OTHER AMIDST THE HATE

The Rev. Robert S. Heaney Ph.D., D.Phil. (Cascade Books, 2019)

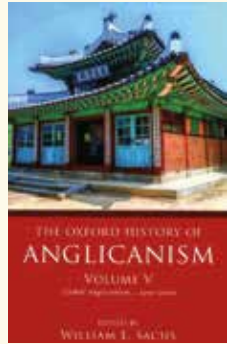
Hate is unveiled on our streets. Politics is polarized and the cohesion of communities is under stress and threat. Religious and theological leaders appear compromised or paralyzed. Beginning with his own particular context of formation

Heaney provides both vision and practice for renewed Christian witness. “The Ireland of W. B. Yeats is placed in conversation with the worlds of Kenya, Korea, and Native American writers,” said Dean Markham. “Robert Heaney has found his voice.”

THE OXFORD HISTORY OF ANGLICANISM, VOLUME V: GLOBAL ANGLICANISM, C.1910-2000

Edited by the Rev. William L. Sachs, Ph.D. (Oxford University Press, 2018)

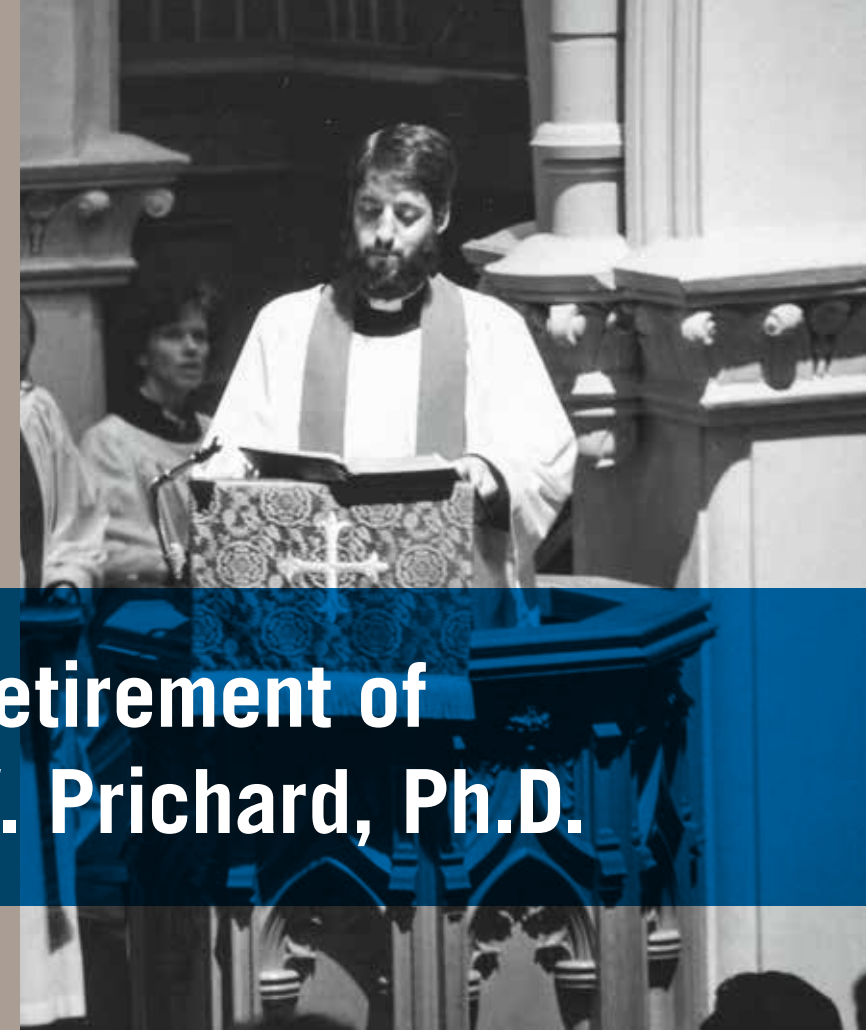
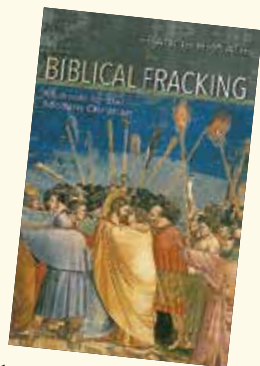
Edited by former Vice-President of the Episcopal Church Foundation and current Research Fellow for CACS, the Rev. William Sachs, Ph.D., this volume of *The Oxford History of Anglicanism* considers the global experience of the Church of England in mission and the transitions of its mission Churches toward autonomy in the twentieth century. Contributors include the Rev. Robert Heaney, Ph.D., D.Phil., and the Rev. John Yueh-Han Yieh, Ph.D. They focus on what it has meant to be Anglican in diverse contexts. What spread from England was not simply a religious institution but the religious tradition it intended to implant.



BIBLICAL FRACKING: MIDRASH FOR THE MODERN CHRISTIAN

The Rev. Francis H. Wade, D.Min. (Wipf and Stock, 2019)

Christian theology has lacked a tradition resembling Jewish midrash (“inquiring” or “expounding”) to explore beyond the literal texts of Scripture. The Rev. Francis Wade ’66, the former interim dean of the Washington National Cathedral and former interim associate dean of students at VTS, fills that gap with *Biblical Fracking: Midrash for the Modern Christian*. As he writes in the introduction, “Biblical fracking, in the spirit of its historical roots and its geological namesake, means reaching into the cracks and crevasses of the biblical narrative to extract the richness that lurks there.”



A VIRGINIA CHURCHMAN:

VTS Honors The Retirement of The Rev. Robert W. Prichard, Ph.D.

By Christopher Pote, Seminary Archivist

It’s easy to look at the antecedents of the Rev. Robert “Bob” Prichard, Ph.D.’s life and determine he would be a priest, historian, and teacher. Six generations of family members grew up on his block in Fairfax, VA, where the stories of past relatives were abundant, piquing the interest of the nascent historian. Bob’s aunt and uncle lived near the VTS campus and, when visiting them, he played on the Seminary grounds and mingled with VTS faculty attending his aunt’s New Year’s Eve parties.

At Princeton, where he majored in Spanish and Latin American Studies, Bob became interested in the social action causes of the day. He worked for the United Farm Workers, marched in opposition to apartheid in South Africa, and protested the Vietnam War. This activism followed the example set by his parents, who were both vocal supporters of civil rights. Meanwhile, Bob started the discernment process for the priesthood.

Bob earned his Master of Divinity from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University in 1974. As an intern providing translating services for New Haven Legal Services, he met future wife Marcia Joyce Cassidy. Bob described the law office as “a wonderful, sort of rough and tumble office that had idealistic lawyers.” These “idealistic lawyers” included Hillary Rodham and Clarence Thomas. After graduating

seminary in 1974, Bob and Marcia, now married, returned to Northern Virginia, where Bob served as assistant rector at St. George’s Episcopal Church, Arlington.

As part of the Diocese of Virginia’s deacon training program, Bob prepared for the priesthood. At the end of the program, the committee only approved the male deacons for ordination to the priesthood, not the female deacons. With the support of St. George’s and the Diocese of Virginia, Bob refused ordination to the priesthood until women could be ordained as well. To him, “It seemed like a reasonable and consistent thing to do. It just didn’t seem to me extraordinary to have women in leadership in the Church.”

Perhaps the biggest legacy of his priesthood began at St. George’s. Bob has supported ministering to Latin Americans and in Latin America throughout his career. Bob went on a pastoral call early in that first year at St. George’s and quickly realized that the parishioner’s limited English meant that she would be much better served if they conversed in Spanish. Bob also learned that she was only one among many locally who missed worshipping in their native language. Bob subsequently facilitated Spanish-language services in the small chapel at St. George’s.

“Bob has dedicated himself to the education and formation of future clergy and lay leaders of the Episcopal Church, helping them to appropriate the history of Christianity, with special emphasis on its Anglican heritage and liturgy. He has served the academy and the Church well, and he has reminded us, both by word and example, of the missionary charge given to us by Jesus: ‘Go Ye into all the world and preach the Gospel.’”

“In the twenty-one years that Bob and I shared at VTS, we were not always on the same side of some of the issues that came before us. Despite our differences, I never doubted the depth of Bob’s commitment to the Gospel, the Episcopal Church, our Seminary, and our students. It was a privilege not only to work with Bob, but also to participate with him in the daily rhythms of worship, study, and table fellowship that brought us together, on a regular basis, in a place we both love.”

—The Rev. Martha Horne '83, Dean and President: 1994–2007

When he returned in 1990 as the interim vicar, that Spanish-speaking congregation, now known as Iglesia San Jose, had outgrown the small worship space. Bob co-chaired a committee in the diocese that invited a group of parishioners from San Jose to create La Iglesia Episcopal de Santa Maria in Falls Church. Santa Maria is now a 1,000-member congregation. By ministering to one family, Bob helped sow the seeds for two thriving, Spanish-speaking congregations in Northern Virginia.

“There were some people in the diocese who argued it was racist to have a Spanish-language congregation,” Bob

explains. “My answer was an analogy: ethnic congregations and immigrant congregations are like college ministry. They’re rarely self-supporting, but they are a door in which you can catch people at a key moment in their life when they’re making new commitments and looking at their life in a new direction. On the other hand, it would be unjust to say that having done this you’re not welcome anywhere else.”

In 1977, as the membership of St. George’s decreased, Bob sought employment elsewhere. As he describes, “I put my name in at various places and of course at that point I looked sort of like Wild Bill Hickok. I had a big beard and long hair. I couldn’t understand why that guy with the crewcut got the job.” At that point, Bob decided to go to Emory University in Atlanta, where he earned his Ph.D. in Church History.

In 1983, after serving several parishes in the Diocese of Virginia and teaching some classes at VTS, Bob, married with two sons, moved on to campus to join the faculty full-time. This was in part due to the unanimous, yet unofficial, favorable vote of sons Daniel and Joseph, ages 5 and 9.

Bob would spend 35 years on the faculty at VTS teaching Church History, Liturgics,



Prichard with members of the 2004 steering committee for the African American Episcopal Historic Collection (AAEHC).

Canon Law, and Spanish-language Ministry. In 1989, he would be named to the Arthur Lee Kinsolving Chair of Christianity in America. Through the many changes that occurred in those 35 years at the Seminary, in the Church, and in society, Bob has tried to support what is right socially while still being a conservative within the church. Bob engages in tough discussions and may disagree philosophically or theologically, but never with animus.

“It’s a gift I covet but don’t always exercise,” Bob says. “It seems like a normative thing to get along with people who have different points of view. I’m not always successful, and sometimes I can be grumpy, but I hope I’m learning in my life that I’m not as smart as I think I am, and that life has all sorts of windows and doors that are open and lots of different ways to serve.”

“Bob is VTS at its best,” says Dean Markham. “He lives in a place where you still exchange the peace with those you disagree with, where you hold your faith with some appropriate humility, where you celebrate the truth that simplicity in worship has some power, and that in all things you seek to honor the God we worship in Christ.” Dean Markham continued, “He has a delightfully human and humorous mind. Bob is great company precisely because he has such a lovely sense of humor.”

The strength of Bob’s convictions is evident in how he teaches. His successor in Church History, Hannah Matis, Ph.D., especially appreciates that he “always had a vision of the history of the Episcopal Church that included the experience of Native Americans and African Americans,

even when it did not reflect well on our denomination, but which was fair and balanced.”

Bob’s longtime friend and colleague, the Rev. Richard Jones, Ph.D. '72, recounted tumultuous times on the faculty: “When the Episcopal Church was trying to make up its mind whether a person committed to a same-sex union could be a wholesome example to the Church, Bob labored to find a common mind among the faculty of Virginia Seminary. On women’s ordination, a majority joined Bob. On same-sex unions, a majority outvoted him. Not a bad record for a prophet.”

In addition to being priest and professor, Bob is also a historian who has written nine books, over 30 articles, and delivered 50+ lectures. His *A History of the Episcopal Church* is in its third edition, and he collaborated with then-Seminary archivist Julia Randle in 2012 on *Hail! Holy Hill*, the most recent history of VTS.

Bob has also served notably the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church (HSEC), of which he has been a member for more than 40 years, serving as president for six of them. He was one of the main founders of the African American Episcopal Historical Collection (AAEHC). Curated at VTS in the Seminary archives at Bishop Payne Library, the AAEHC is a joint project of HSEC and VTS. Bob has been invaluable in promoting and supporting the AAEHC, even helping to establish the Nancy M. Prichard Endowment, honoring his mother, to provide continual financial support of the Collection.

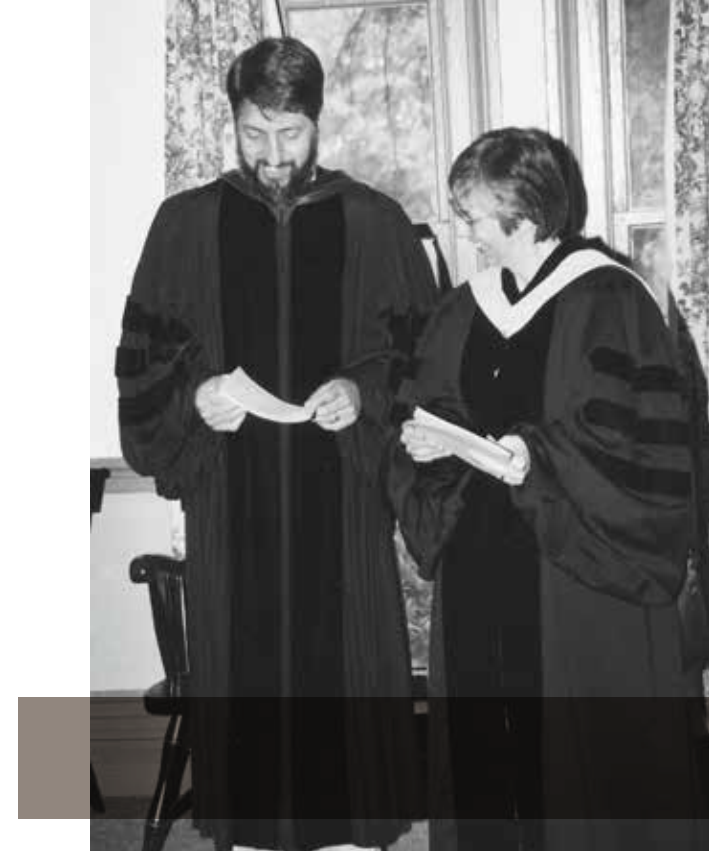
In 2019, HSEC created the Prichard Prize, for the “promotion of the preservation of the particular heritage of the Episcopal Church and its antecedents.” The \$2,000 prize was named in honor of “the Rev. Dr. Robert W. Prichard, a longtime board member and president of the Society and a noted historian and author in the discipline.”

Active in the Diocese of Virginia and at General Conventions, Bob has served on many committees for both, including General Convention’s Committee on Liturgy and Music. Russell Randle, who has worked with Bob on the diocesan level since the 1980s and at General Convention since 2006, describes Bob as “a gracious and able colleague, highly respected for his learning, his willingness to work hard, and his thoughtful and humorous approach to our work, which often involved contentious and difficult subjects. Bob never personalizes disagreement but expresses his views clearly and kindly and with respect for his colleagues and their views. We are blessed to have Bob as part of our deputation.”

Bob also serves as secretary to the Consultation on Common Texts; he is editor of the *Journal of Episcopal Church Canon Law*; on the editorial boards of *Practical Matters* and *Journal of Anglican Studies*; still serves regularly at St. George’s, San Jose, and Santa Maria; and remains on the steering committee of the AAEHC.

Beyond all, Bob’s most important role is family man. His brother, the Rev. Thomas Prichard ’78, considers Bob his lifelong hero for the example he set. He is also a great father who is always present and supportive. “Through the years, Bob has been able to balance his work at the Seminary and family life very successfully,” Bob’s wife, Marcia says. “Living on campus allowed more time for family and allowed us to have a window into his work.” Bob is also an accomplished carpenter, having built a large loom for Marcia and refurbishing an old farmhouse largely by himself.

Bob taught his last official class on Tuesday, March 12. The community gathered in the rotunda of Addison Academic Center to give him a standing ovation as he emerged from the classroom. He was left speechless by the moment, a condition Bob admits does not afflict him often. The message, from just one of the communities that he has served so faithfully and earnestly, was clear: “Thank you.”



“When after years of parish ministry Bob joined the faculty, his moderate evangelical Anglican spirit fit in beautifully with the Seminary’s evolving tradition: centered in Jesus Christ, reverent, clear, people-and-personal-faith oriented, rooted in Scripture, simple and direct in liturgy, prophetic and nurturing in preaching. He deeply values the Reformation heritage of the Episcopal Church. His generosity of spirit was openly displayed by years of team-teaching with an Anglo-Catholic colleague on the faculty. Far more than that colleague, he recognized the importance of seminary scholarship to the whole church, laity, and scholars. He is a warmly supportive teacher, advisor, and former to generations of students.”

—The Very Rev. William S. Stafford, Ph.D., D.D. ’05
Faculty: 1976–2004



Campus Construction Update

The Bicentennial Campus Construction has gathered speed as we moved through the summer. This is a very exciting chapter for VTS.

Key Hall is nearing the home stretch. Plasterwork is complete, and the ceiling has been painted, so scaffolding came down in the second half of July. Painting continued through early August, and then finally the wood flooring was put down. Meanwhile, the exhibitory and graphics are being prepared. The exhibit team is focused on an October installation of the custom display cases and the Assyrian reliefs (the original and the replica). The project should be complete by the end of November.

Refectory construction continues with the completion of below-grade plumbing lines and the replacement of the kitchen floor slab. These tasks were completed by mid-August. Exterior sewer lines were completed as of mid-July. Kitchen equipment and cabinetry have been ordered, and

installation should take most of September and October. The demolitions have uncovered some structural problems, which are being investigated.

In Addison Academic Center, work is just getting started. The general contractor, Whiting-Turner, is under contract and the subcontractors are detailing their parts of the job. Furniture and other equipment has been removed from the building. Demolition has started. We are currently targeting a spring 2020 completion, but that date will come more into focus once we get past demolition and see what surprises the building might have for us.

With Addison closed, the Flamingo—the favorite gathering place on campus—has migrated to a temporary home in the Wilderness (pictured above). That move was completed by early August. The “Flamingo-in-Exile” is comfortable and inviting. The porch of the Wilderness might become a nice place for coffee—after the final heatwave!

Finally, design work is beginning on the Welcome Center, the Bishop Payne Library, and the Deanery. If all goes well, those projects will be under construction in about a year and complete in 2021.



Deep Calls to Deep

For five years in a row VTS has hosted the Deep Calls to Deep five-day preaching residency. A VTS-sponsored, Lilly Endowment-funded program to promote excellence in preaching among working preachers, it aims to nourish the minds, bodies, and spirits of preachers.

Organized by professors the Rev. Ruthanna Hooke, Ph.D., and the Rev. Mark Jefferson, Ph.D., with coordinator, the Rev. Anne Turner, Deep Calls to Deep is oriented around four themes: cultivating the preaching imagination, developing a spirituality of preaching, engaging body and voice for authentic proclamation, and forming a community of preachers. The program begins with the residency, which focuses on these four themes and includes time for Sabbath rest, worship, and fellowship. During the year following, participants meet in small peer groups to preach and to give each other feedback on preaching. The program concludes with a second residency the following year.

This summer, participants were treated to three terrific guest lecturers: The Rt. Rev. Marian Edgar Budde ’88 ’12 (Bishop of Washington), Lisa Kimball, Ph.D. (associate dean of Lifelong Learning), and Br. David Vryhof (Society of Saint John the Evangelist).

PHOTO: JOSH PAGET '21



The program is open to all working preachers, so if you are interested, please get in touch. Further information about the program can be found on www.vts.edu/DeepCallsToDeep.

VTS' Continued Commitment to Strengthen Opportunities for Spanish-speaking Communities

By the Rev. Melody Knowles, Ph.D., Vice President of Academic Affairs

Building on the strong work done in the past, Virginia Theological Seminary continues to strengthen its educational opportunities for ministry with and for Spanish-speaking communities. For several decades, the Rev. Robert Prichard, Ph.D., Arthur Lee Kinsolving Professor Emeritus of Christianity in America and Instructor in Liturgy, taught classes in Spanish for ministry settings during which students honed their skills in the public reading of Scripture and liturgical services in Spanish. He also regularly taught a course entitled “Pastoral Care with Immigrant Communities,” and helped to shape the Spanish Language Intensive in the Dominican Republic offered every January. He and the Rev. Ruthanna Hooke, Ph.D., were also central to initiating and supporting the regular service of Holy Eucharist in Spanish on the VTS campus.

With this foundation, VTS is well-poised to offer even more opportunities in the future. The Rev.

Our goal is that our students will have more and more opportunities at VTS to strengthen their skills for ministry in and amidst Spanish-speaking communities, so that we can more robustly serve the whole Episcopal Church.

Katherine Grieb, Ph.D. '83, Meade Professor in Biblical Interpretation, has recently spent some intensive weeks refurbishing her Spanish-speaking skills. And recent hires mean that we can continue to grow in this area. The Rev. Lorenzo Lebrija, director of the TryTank initiative, is honing “Latino Ministry in a Box” as one of his TryTank experiments (page 30). Sharon Heaney, Ph.D., director of academic writing and assistant professor of Theology and Latin American Studies (who has offered significant and well-subscribed courses in Spanish language and Latin American Theology for the past several years) is looking forward to strengthening our offerings. And the Rev. Canon Altagracia Pérez-Bullard, Ph.D., assistant professor of Practical Theology (featured on the cover of this issue), is currently designing new courses to train our students to minister to Spanish-speaking congregations.



PHOTO: JOSH PAGET '21

The Annual Reinecker Lecture and the New VTS Journal

A capstone event of our three-week summer doctoral program residency was the annual Reinecker Lecture, offered by the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, Ph.D., Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Bishop Provisional of Northwestern Pennsylvania. The lecture, “Easier to Bleed than Sweat: The Institutional Church in a Post-Institutional Age,” explored how the landscape of the church has shifted dramatically in recent decades.

The lecture will be available in the first edition of the *VTS Journal*, a special print-on-demand publication which will curate lectures and sermons presented on the Holy Hill during the preceding academic year. For more information, visit our website: www.vts.edu.



By Derek Greten-Harrison, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid

Amid the predictable heat and humidity of summer in the DC metro area, Virginia Seminary welcomed to campus an extraordinary incoming class of 59 full-time students to begin theological study. This is a record number of entering students compared to recent years, with candidates from all disciplines represented: 43 students in Master in Divinity, three in Master of Arts, seven in Anglican Studies, one working towards a Diploma in Theology, and five in Pathway to Ministry, who will form the inaugural class for this new program (which was detailed in the previous issue of *Virginia Theological Seminary Magazine*). The incoming class is also one of VTS's most racially diverse, with students of color making up 27% of the population.

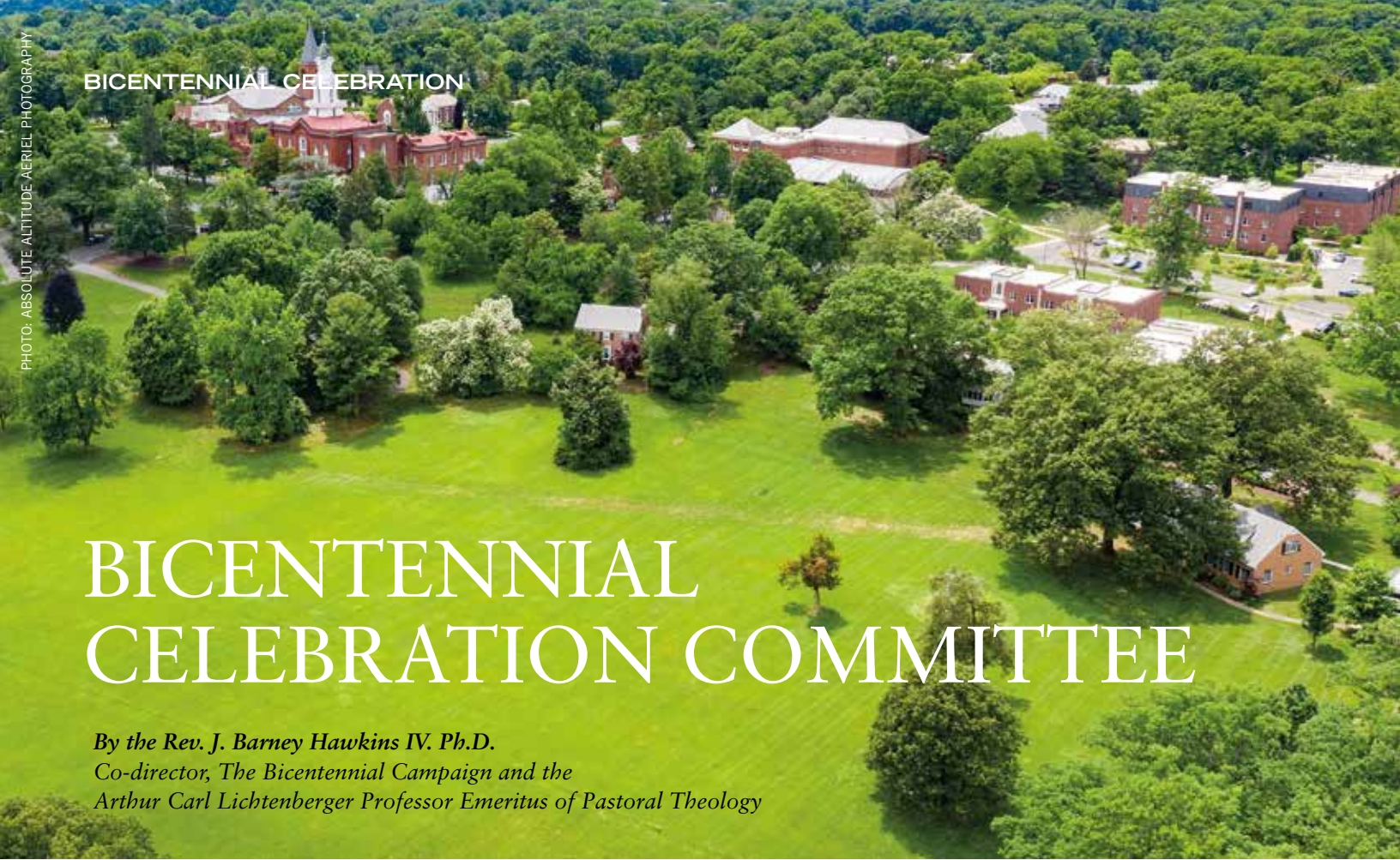
These 28 men and 31 women bring a wealth of skills and experience in numerous fields to VTS. Within this group one can find: a nurse, a curator of ceramics and glass, a pianist, a clinical psychologist, a C.S. Lewis scholar, a social services case manager, an administrative assistant, a chaplain, an attorney, a youth minister, a deacon, a construction manager, a teacher, an administrator, a communications officer, an adjunct professor, a manager of transition housing, an associate

provost, an assistant for pastoral care, a social worker, a library assistant, a commercial loan manager, a recruiter, a student affairs program coordinator, an audio engineer, an account manager, a physical therapist, a psychotherapist, and a coloring book publisher. To get a head start on community building, many of these people engaged with each other over the summer through a special Facebook group for incoming students, sharing their stories, their excitement, and their challenges as they prepared to relocate to Alexandria.

As our new students come to VTS to continue their spiritual formation and academic studies, the Seminary itself is being reformed in several important areas. As detailed on page 15 of the magazine, the most obvious of these is the renovation of the Refectory and a major overhaul of Addison Academic Center, the campus's primary classroom space. Accommodating these major physical changes demands great flexibility as the Seminary enters the 2019-20 academic year: classes have been assigned to all available alternate spaces both on- and off-campus, while the cooking and serving of daily meals for over 200 people has been creatively rethought to ensure that “Chapel, Class, Lunch” can continue with minimal disruption. Happily, the Chapel remains a stable fixture on campus that will help to anchor the community during this time of change.

With so much unfolding on campus, the usual hustle and bustle felt at the start of an academic year has been amplified as we look forward to growing as a community over the coming year. There will undoubtedly be challenges, but the many rewarding opportunities awaiting discovery will surely more than compensate for the difficult times. It is going to be a wonderful year!

PHOTO: ABSOLUTE ALTITUDE AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY



BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

By the Rev. J. Barney Hawkins IV, Ph.D.
 Co-director, The Bicentennial Campaign and the
 Arthur Carl Lichtenberger Professor Emeritus of Pastoral Theology

Virginia Theological Seminary is preparing for its bicentennial in 2023. Serving The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion for 200 years leaves us on our knees with gratitude. While there is so much for which to be thankful, our story is not without its dark chapters. We will celebrate but also remember well and not selectively. Our bicentennial celebration will remind us of the equal importance of looking to the future, living faithfully in the present, and looking with clarity at the past.

In 1987, in the midst of the “flag-waving fervor” that accompanied the celebration of the 200th birthday of the U.S. Constitution, it was Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall who said that the original “government plan” was “defective from the start” and required “two turbulent centuries” to correct. In a May 7 article by David Savage in the *Los Angeles Times*, Marshall was quoted: “The true miracle was not the birth of the Constitution, but its life.” Justice Marshall pointed out that originally, “We the People” did not include women and Black people—a majority of Americans.

Justice Marshall was a truth-teller when he referred to “two turbulent centuries.” It took the Civil War and the three

constitutional amendments which followed it—the 13th, 14th, and 15th—to abolish slavery and give all citizens “equal protection of the laws.” Let us remember that in 1857, using the debates of the original Constitutional Convention in 1787, the notorious Dred Scott case concluded that Blacks were viewed as property.

In 1987, Justice Marshall said that he hoped that the 1987 bicentennial celebration of the U.S. Constitution would not be a “blind pilgrimage to the shrine of the original document.” For him the Constitution was a living document, “a true miracle,” which should inspire “a sensitive understanding of the Constitution’s inherent defects, and its promising evolution through 200 years of history.”

“...the saints in our past and in our midst, watch over us as we take their project forward.”

The wise words of the Justice must echo in our minds as the Seminary prepares to celebrate, to remember, to plan. Prayers and deep thoughts will lead us to a sober, serious, heartfelt, and, yes, joyful celebration. It will be a season to remember with clear eyes; with wounded but thankful hearts; and with soiled but serving hands. We will acknowledge our wayward ways and the “sin which clings so closely” to us. (Hebrews 12:1)

We will also remember the other words in Hebrews 12:1, where the writer acknowledged that we are surrounded by “so great a cloud of witnesses.” The list includes the faithful and the forgotten, the frail and the fallen. These “witnesses,” the saints in our past and in our midst, watch



The Rev. J. Barney Hawkins IV, Ph.D., co-director of the Bicentennial Campaign, with Jacqueline Ballou, M.B.A., vice president for finance and operations.

over us as we take their project forward. With their defects, failings, and yes, even wickedness, they birthed a Seminary that has reached millions upon millions of people around the world—through congregations, schools and hospitals. Let us boldly claim that VTS has made a difference in Christ’s name in God’s world. Yes, there is ample reason for our bicentennial celebration—for we must “run with perseverance the race that is set before us.”

The Bicentennial Celebration Committee has been given a charge by Dean Markham, who will serve ex-officio on the Committee. Chris Pote, the seminary archivist, joins me as co-chair of the committee. There are five sub-committees:

ART COMMITTEE

Amy Curtis, Katie Glover, Barney Hawkins, Joe Thompson, and Ginny Wilder

EVENTS COMMITTEE

Katie Glover, Curtis Prather, Ann Roebuck, and Diane Wright

HISTORICAL INITIATIVES COMMITTEE

Shelagh Casey Brown, Chris Pote, Bob Prichard, and Joe Thompson

MARKING THE MOMENT COMMITTEE

Jared Grant, Dean Markham, Elizabeth Panox-Leach, Ann Roebuck, and Ginny Wilder

LANDSCAPE REDESIGN COMMITTEE

Jacqui Ballou, Amy Curtis, Barney Hawkins, and Caroline Norman

In coming editions of *Virginia Theological Seminary Magazine* you will hear from each sub-committee about what they are doing to prepare for this bicentennial season at VTS. For now, we have one request: Please share with us your ideas about how the Seminary should celebrate, remember, and live into the next century of service. Please send letters to Ann Roebuck (aroebuck@vts.edu).



COMMENCEMENT 2019

On Thursday, May 16, 2019, Virginia Theological Seminary celebrated the 196th Commencement, awarding 57 students with degrees of Master in Divinity, Master of Arts, Doctor of Ministry, Diploma in Theology, and Diploma in Anglican Studies. These graduates represent over 30 dioceses and six different countries.

“This moment is the moment when we realize the heart of our vocation is as a Seminary,” said Dean Markham. “Our graduates are going into the world to preach the Gospel. They will make a difference in countless lives. For this moment I am deeply grateful.”

The commencement address was given by the Rev. Fleming Rutledge, D.D. (H ’99), author, theologian, and priest. Ordained to the diaconate in 1975, Rutledge was one of the first women ordained to the priesthood of the Episcopal Church.

“Each and every one of you has a vocation,” said Rutledge. “You have pursued that vocation through your years here. Through much hard work, no doubt with much questioning and uncertainty, as well as success, through the final push to commencement, and now here you are! My privilege is to celebrate your achievement, and to join

with all of those who are here today who are proud of your accomplishments. But now, here is a correction to what I just said: I said that ‘you had pursued your vocation.’ That is only secondarily true. What will carry you through whatever lies before you is this primary truth: it is not you who have perused your vocation—it is your vocation that has pursued you. And in that piece of good news ... you will find your strength and your salvation.”

This year, VTS conferred the degree of Doctor in Divinity, *honoris causa*, on the Rt. Rev. Carlye J. Hughes ’05, the eleventh bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark; the Rev. Gordon W. Lathrop, Th.D., professor emeritus, United Lutheran Seminary; Gail Ramshaw, Ph.D., professor emerita La Salle University; and the Rev. Canon Charles Kevin “C.K.” Robertson, Ph.D., ’93, canon to the Presiding Bishop.

The Class of 2019’s class gift is the financial contribution to an outdoor patio that will be an extension of Café 1823. This space on campus will serve as a dedicated place to further the joy of gathering with friends, family, and guests.

Video of the ceremony is available on the VTS YouTube channel.

VTS Congratulates the Class of 2019

MASTER IN DIVINITY

Sarah Bentley Allred
 Andrew Junichi Arakawa
 Marjorie Freeouf Baker
 Brian Bechtel
 Brit Bjurstrom-Frazier
 Russell Brooks Boylan, Jr.
 Gus Paul Chrysson
 Maurice Andrew Dyer II
 Gaelyn Lei Evangreene
 Shawn André Evelyn
 Christopher Wright Exley
 Martin Richard Geiger
 Eric Keith Grubb
 Crystal Hardin
 AnnaMarie Grace Hoos
 Daniel Edward Johnson
 Sara Amanda Kotval
 John Elliott Lein
 Elisabeth Jane Malphurs
 Ashley Lauren Mather
 Valerie Joan Mayo
 Kendrah S. McDonald
 Brandon Scott McGinnis
 Elizabeth Anne Henry-McKeever
 Jeryl Arlene Mitchell
 Michael Andrew Palmisano
 Jennifer Elizabeth Pilat
 Kristin Claire Robertson
 Andrew Rutledge
 Leon Sampson
 Jean-Pierre Martin Seguin
 Randal H. Sellers
 Melesa Hope McEwan Skoglund
 Tanya Chere Losack Watt
 David F. Wyly, Jr.
 Joseph Zollickoffer

MASTER OF ARTS

Jeffri Alan Harre
 Katie L. Lawson-Hedger
 Wen-En Lin
 Nant Elizabeth Ei Hnin Phyu
 R. Paul Reeder
 Hugh Orison Frank Gordon Sandiford
 Colin Charles Taylor

POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ANGLICAN STUDIES

William O. Burgess
 Robert Harrison Dilday
 Yoimel González Hernández
 Charles Hall
 Rachelle D. Sam
 Kristin Price Robinson Wickersham

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Sandra (Sandy) Caswell Blake
 Georgia Cecile Jervis
 Xavier L. Johnson
 Sarah Rebecca Lamming



Honorary Degree recipients

Mwape Barbara Musonda
 Shelley-Ann Gaye Patrice
 Tenia Julianne Elisa Wallace
 Amy Doyle Welin

HONORARY DEGREES

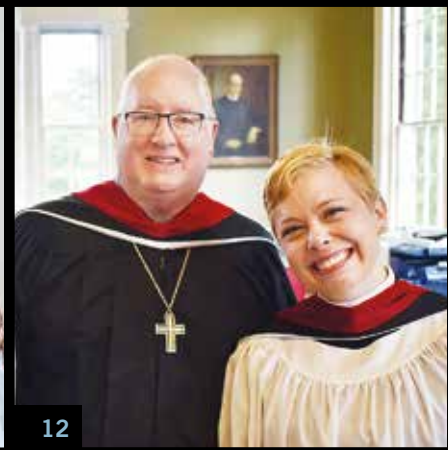
The Rt. Rev. Carlye J. Hughes
 The Rev. Gordon Lathrop, Th.D.
 Gail Ramshaw, Ph.D.
 The Rev. Canon Charles Kevin ‘C.K.’ Robertson, Ph.D.



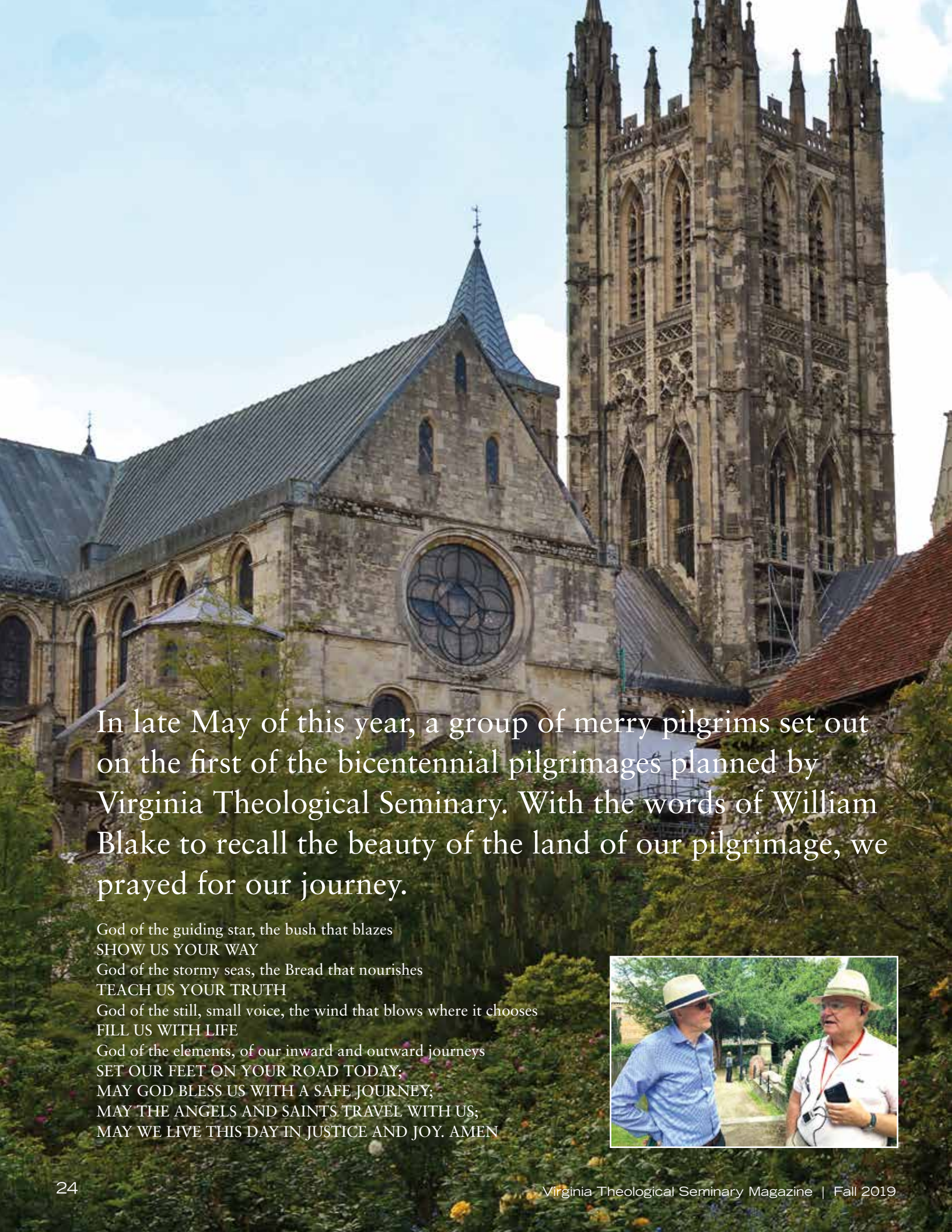
The Rev. Fleming Rutledge with Dean Markham

COMMENCEMENT 2019

COMMENCEMENT 2019



1 Graduating class of 2019 preparing to process into Immanuel Chapel. 2 The Rev. Brandon McGinnis '19 and the Rev. Joe Zollickoffer '19. 3 The Rt. Rev. Carlye Hughes '05 (Bishop of Newark), the Rt. Rev. Phoebe Roaf '08 (Bishop of West Tennessee), and the Rt. Rev. Carl Wright '90 (Bishop for Armed Forces and Federal Ministries) prior to the Service for the Mission of the Church. 4 Vanessa McCormick and the Rev. Shawn Evelyn '19 5 The Rev. Ashley Mather '19 and Allison Pace '20 6 The Rev. Leon Sampson '19, Kate Lawson-Hedger '19, Elizabeth Ei Hnin Phyu '19, and the Rev. Andrew Arakawa '19. 7 Joseph Alaak '21 and the Rev. KC Robertson '19. 8 The Rt. Rev. Jim Mathes '91, the Rev. Rachelle Sam '19, and the Rev. Kristen Wickersham '19. 9 The Rev. Gaelyn Evangreene '19 and the Rev. Maurice Dyer '19. 10 Faculty congratulating the newly graduated class. 11 The Very Rev. Ian S. Markham Ph.D. and Valerie Mayo '19. 12 Jeffri Harre '19 and the Rev. Tanya Watt '19. 13 Vijayathan Daniel '21, Sharon Heaney, Ph.D. and Wen-En Lin '19. 14 Faculty and Vice Presidents. 15 The Rev. Jean-Pierre Seguin '19.



In late May of this year, a group of merry pilgrims set out on the first of the bicentennial pilgrimages planned by Virginia Theological Seminary. With the words of William Blake to recall the beauty of the land of our pilgrimage, we prayed for our journey.

God of the guiding star, the bush that blazes
SHOW US YOUR WAY
God of the stormy seas, the Bread that nourishes
TEACH US YOUR TRUTH
God of the still, small voice, the wind that blows where it chooses
FILL US WITH LIFE
God of the elements, of our inward and outward journeys
SET OUR FEET ON YOUR ROAD TODAY;
MAY GOD BLESS US WITH A SAFE JOURNEY;
MAY THE ANGELS AND SAINTS TRAVEL WITH US;
MAY WE LIVE THIS DAY IN JUSTICE AND JOY. AMEN



“Grace and Gardens in England’s ‘green and pleasant land’”

By the Rev. J. Barney Hawkins IV, Ph.D., Co-director of the Bicentennial Campaign and the Arthur Carl Lichtenberger Professor Emeritus of Pastoral Theology

Early in our pilgrimage, one of our band received the disturbing word that her five-year-old granddaughter, Izzy, had been placed on life-support after a swimming pool accident. Sadly, the feared news arrived that there was no hope, so we bade farewell in due course to the dear and grieving grandmother and the child’s loving aunt, who was also with us. The group wept with their fellow pilgrims, and there was not a day of the pilgrimage that we did not think about the sadness which would be always part of our memories of our time in “England’s green and pleasant land.”

Our sojourn began in London with what would be the first of many glimpses “behind the scenes.” In London, we were blessed by the guiding hand of the Rev. Prebendary Rose Hudson-Wilkin, chaplain to the Queen, who participated in the celebrated nuptials of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, and also serves as a fellow to the Center for Anglican Communion Studies (CACS). After leading us through Westminster Abbey, the House of Commons, and the House of Lords, Prebendary Hudson-Wilkin offered us her riveting testimony at a pub dinner on our second night. Since our pilgrimage she has been named the first Black woman bishop in the Church of England, presiding in Dover. We will rejoice with her at her consecration in November in London, at St. Paul’s

Cathedral. There is more about her and her ministry in this issue on page 29.

We motored next to Canterbury. Our time in this ancient city was very special: drinks in the Deanery garth and dinner in the Deanery with the Very Rev. Robert Willis, and a private candle-lit tour of the Cathedral with closing prayers at the shrine of St. Thomas à Becket. A memorable evening to say the least!

From the Mother Church of Anglicanism, we went to Lavenham, a fifteenth-century village made rich by the wool trade. We enjoyed the Swan Hotel and prepared for Cambridge and Little Gidding.

Little Gidding was a pilgrimage within a pilgrimage. This rural chapel and retreat center are on holy ground, made famous by George Herbert, Nicholas Ferrar and, of course, T. S. Eliot. The Very Rev. Mark Oakley, dean of St. John’s College, Cambridge, joined us for this very rich day. Mark’s book, *A Splash of Words*, is a must read. His inspired sermon, *Little Gidding*, is part of this recollection.

Mark’s morning talks were followed by a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at which the Rev. Linda Wofford Hawkins



was the celebrant, using the 16th century Ferrar family silver. Linda followed the text of the Rite II Eucharistic Prayer B in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. When she got to the part---“In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with [-----and] all your saints...,” Linda invited us to name the holy women and men who had been lights to us in our earthly pilgrimage. Little did any of us know that Dean Oakley took Linda’s invitation quite seriously. In the evening at a festive dinner in the Wordsworth Room (the actual dorm room of the great poet) at St. John’s College, Cambridge, Dean Oakley offered an after-dinner reflection in which he shared with us the saints for whom he remains eternally grateful. It was a holy day, a day of memories.

Cambridge was special indeed. It is a city that Dean Markham knows well, having studied there. “Punting on the Cam” was a great treat.

Oxford was special because the Very Rev. Martyn Percy, the dean of Christ Church, opened his heart, his college, his cathedral, and his city to us. You do not soon forget getting to touch the pages of Queen Elizabeth’s 1603 Bible. Not your usual tourist moment! From lunch at the Deanery to tea, it was a bespoke day which none of us will ever forget.

From the crowns and grace of English academic life, we enjoyed the short drive to the Cotswold Hills, where we took up residence in a medieval coaching inn, The Lygon Arms, in picturesque Broadway. Here we took seriously the “gardens” of GRACE & GARDENS. We soaked up the history of Sudeley Castle and Gardens; and, even in the rain, we feasted on rooms in the gardens of Hidcote Manor, perhaps the finest Arts & Crafts garden in England’s “green and pleasant land.”

At our farewell dinner, there was much frivolity and fun. Yet, none of us forgot five-year-old Izzy, whose death changed us all at the very beginning of the pilgrimage. We told stories and gave thanks that God had blessed our journey and that “angels and saints” had traveled with us. Our hearts were glad for a pilgrimage of a lifetime.

In 2021, Dean Markham and I will offer GRACE & GARDENS II. We already have a waiting list. If interested, please email Ann Roebuck at aroebuck@vts.edu. As we journey to our Bicentennial in 2023, there will also likely be a journey of “holy places” in France in 2022 and a grand finale in the Holy Land in 2023. Stay tuned and join us.



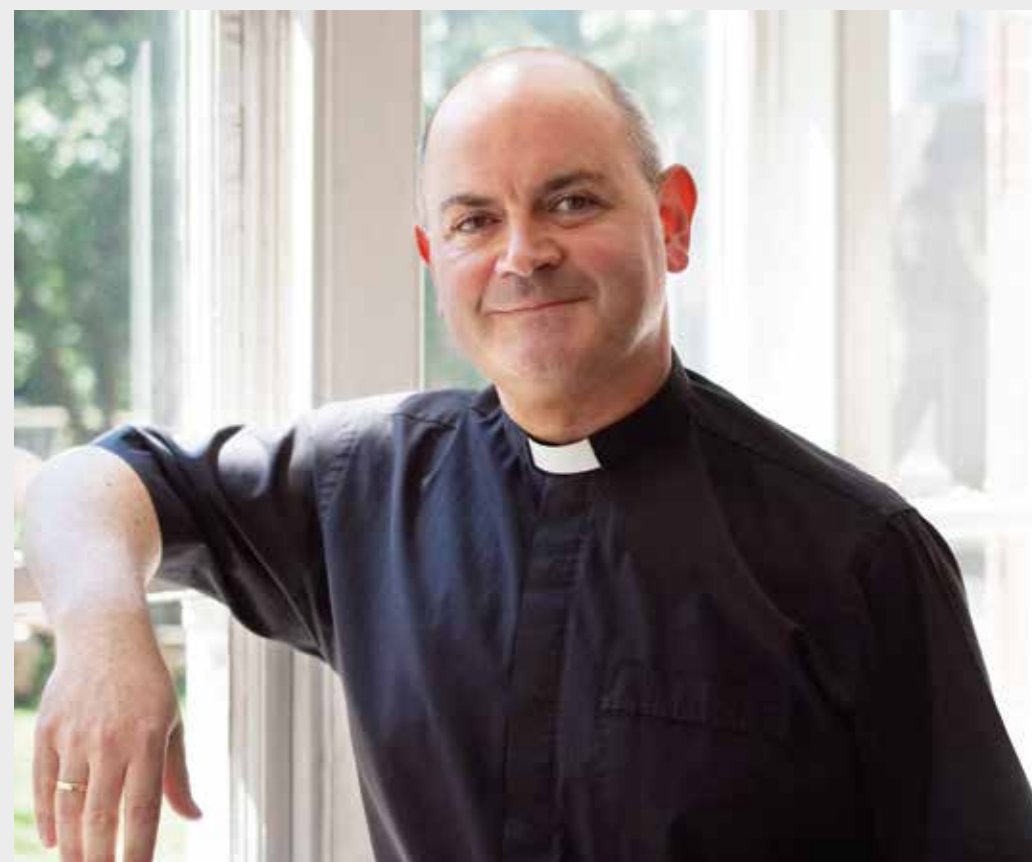
LITTLE GIDDING

*The Very Rev. Mark Oakley
Dean, St. John’s College, Cambridge*

*This sermon was given on
June 5, 2019*

You’ve been asked to preach a sermon to a lot of people on a great tour to England and you’ve been given about five minutes maximum. You’re quickly taking comfort in the words of the late Quentin Crisp that ‘if at first you don’t succeed, failure may be your style’. So, what are you going to say? You are struck by that phrase used about George Herbert’s poetry that it is ‘heart work and heaven work’. Every time you sat down to start writing the sermon your own heart started to beat quicker, and that’s a bit uncomfortable.

So, tell them why. Tell them that it wasn’t that long ago that you had chest pain going up some stairs, that you ended up in the heart hospital having a lead put in your groin up into your heart, that the doctor turned the screen round and said ‘take a look. You’re a lucky man, Mr. Oakley, you had about three months left’. Tell them how you looked at that screen, looking like a sat nav of veins and arteries and for the first time really realized you are a body, that although you live in your head, in words and ideas, you are a fragile, time-limited body, dependent on that strange



pulsing miracle on the screen over your head. Tell them how you asked the doctor if he would kindly stop talking and get on with it then. How he laughed and placed a tiny stent to open up the artery so that your blood could flow free, free and fast. Tell them how you had to look away from the monitor at that point, you wanted to live by faith and not by sight. You just hoped the doctor had the opposite view.

Tell them it was that day, after crying with relief that it looked as if you’d be ok, lying on the hospital bed, that you made some decisions. You decided to enter a civil partnership after having been fearful before of what it might do to your future ministry. That day, you didn’t really care about that anymore. You just wanted to acknowledge the love which has carried you through many years of your life, the person even now holding your hand in the recovery ward saying ‘It’s ok. We’re still here’. I asked him, there and then.

It was that day too, when he’d gone home, that I said to God in a voice I felt was actually me: ‘We are alone now. Could we start again, please?’

Herbert was said to ‘lose himself in a humble way’ at one stage in his life. I felt I was in a similar place that night. It took a hospital bed to get me to see that the things that matter most in this world - love, relationship, connection, trust, wisdom - these are the things that increase as they are shared. The more you give of these the more you have. They are unlike wealth and power, therefore, where if I win, you lose. In all the things that we know matter, more than anything else the truth is that if you win, I win too. Tell them in that sermon it puzzles you why it took you so long to see it, that you had to be distilled, that now if you understand anything these days it’s that this is the truth that Christian faith celebrates. God gives us our being. We give back our becoming, who we become in the time we have.

God from time to time changes our full-stops into commas, loving us just as we are but loving us so much he doesn’t want us to stay like that, loving so we can become more, so we can learn that the more you give, the more you get, the more everyone gets. It’s what grace means I think, receiving more than you deserve. It’s what our world at the moment seems to lack, making us a world where if you’re not at the table you are probably on the menu.

You will have reached your five minutes, so end by telling them months have passed and churchy stuff doesn’t hold the same interest it once did but tell them how that when the doctors told you that you needed some repair work in your heart, you sensed God agreed. And that it’s still true, work in progress, trying to make a life of love and courage. Being a priest still feels like I’m trying to help other people have that relationship with God I only wish I had myself. But they might be surprised to know that you’ve at last begun to go back to the teachings of the one you made promises to once. And they sound different: the blessed ones being the humbled, those with some mercy in them, those who carry and share peace, those who hunger to see what is right bring it about by facing their fears, those who mourn and have experienced loss, those who know their need of God. All this is heart work, heaven work.

Tell them you just know that when RS Thomas said that a poem is what reaches the intellect by way of the heart, you think he was speaking of God too, at least for you, that day your heart became the focus and you realized you wanted to love better, your partner, your family, your friends, even those you have yet to meet. And God. And God.



The St. Augustine Seminar: preparing scriptural resources for Lambeth 2020

By the Rev. Katherine Sonderegger, Ph.D.
William Meade Professor in Systematic Theology

Thanks to the generosity of the St. Augustine Seminars, I was able to join 35 Biblical scholars and theologians from around the Communion to prepare materials for the Lambeth Conference in 2020. Convened by the Rev. Jennifer Strawbridge, Ph.D, the Rt. Rev. Emma Inneson, Ph.D., and the Rev. Robert Heaney, Ph.D., D.Phil., we were given the task of exegeting and commenting upon 1 Peter. In our first meeting this past November, I arrived with many questions about this text, and about how a wonderfully diverse group of scholars from every corner of the globe would work together and establish useful commentaries for the Bishops and their spouses as they gather in Canterbury next year. Holy Scripture itself is the living Word, and it never fails to instruct and guide and surprise.

For me, the great instruction and surprise was the immediate depth and communion we experienced in our working groups as we read the Letter together. From a very shallow initial reading of this Letter as a testimony to the

power of the household codes and of the Roman Imperium, I came to see, through the work of my colleagues and Scripture itself, that 1 Peter offers a complex address to a persecuted and harassed young Church as it seeks to serve Christ alone as Lord. Surrounded by colleagues from across the Communion, I learned to read this text as counsel for the oppressed and slandered who live with resilience and resistance, firm in hope and faith in the suffering and risen Christ.

Throughout the week, several of the leaders of the small working groups met to edit and assemble the various reports into a collection of commentaries, questions, and Bible Studies for the Lambeth Conference. This was a smaller group, so the friendship and fellowship only deepened. As the Scriptural Reasoning project taught us all to see, reading the Bible together is a revolutionary and transforming act; it proved so once again at Lambeth and St Andrew's House this year.

2019-20 EVENTS AND GUESTS

Spirituality in the Anglican Communion

2019

TUES., SEPT. 3, 12:30 P.M., DEANERY

Lunch forum with Archbishop Justin Badi Arama, Primate of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan "Christian Witness amidst Conflict"

WED., SEPT. 18, 5:00 P.M., WELCOME CENTER

Kickoff reception for CACS yearly theme: "Spirituality in the Anglican Communion"

TUES., SEPT. 24, 12:30 P.M., CHAPEL PARLOR

Lunch Forum with Nedine Manyemba, Zimbabwe Council of Churches, "The Spirituality of Ecumenism"

2020

THURS., NOV. 7, 6:30 P.M., DEANERY

Author Talk, *A Man Called Mark* with Dr. Amy Dyer and Tom Linthicum

MON., JAN. 13–THURS., JAN. 16

Lifelong Learning course with Canon Sarah Snyder, Archbishop of Canterbury's Adviser for Reconciliation, "Reconciliation in the Midst of Conflict: Biblical and Practical Approaches"

TUES., FEB. 18, 12:30 P.M., GOODWIN BOARD ROOM.

Lunchtime forum with Dr. Joanildo Burity, Lead Researcher, Institute for

For more information on these events, visit www.vts.edu or email Molly O'Brien at mobrien@vts.edu.

Social Research, Joachim Nabuco Foundation, "Expressions of Spirituality in the Brazilian Anglican Church"

TUES., FEB. 25, 12:30 P.M., GOODWIN BOARD ROOM.

Lunch forum with Canon Sarah Snyder, Archbishop of Canterbury's Adviser for Reconciliation, "The Spiritual Elements of Peacebuilding"

TUES., APR. 28, 12:30 P.M., DEANERY

Lunch Forum with Dr. Cathy Ross, Church Mission Society, and Dr. Atola Longkumer, SAIACS (Bangalore, India). "Missional Spirituality"

A YEAR IN GOD'S TIME: VTS and the Community of St. Anselm

By the Rev. Shannon Preston '15
Chaplain, Community of St. Anselm



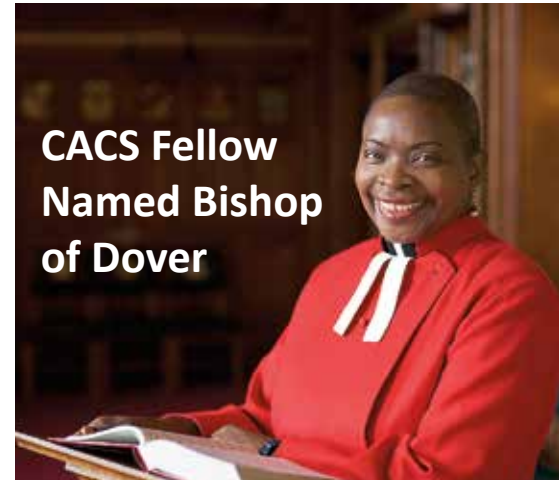
Since its inception four years ago, more than one hundred young adults from different parts of the world, Christian denominations, and professional backgrounds have journeyed through "a year in God's time" with the Community of St. Anselm (CoSA). Founded by Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, this community supports the life of prayer at Lambeth Palace. During their year of residence, members live a rhythm of prayer, service, and community and take vows based on the Christian traditional monastic vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

Archbishop Welby often quotes Cardinal Suhard, who said, "We should live in a way that would make no sense if God did not exist." After this year away, many CoSA alumni find themselves living in ways they had never imagined before: returning to careers in finance or industry with a deeply felt understanding that their job is a form of ministry or exploring entirely new ways they may be called.

Demarius Walker will be joining the VTS community in the fall as part of the Pathways to Ministry program after recently spending a year as a CoSA member. I will be returning to CoSA as the community's chaplain after three years with the Church of the Good Shepherd in Austin, Texas.

This year's community will bolster the Lambeth Palace rhythm of prayer, serve at different sites throughout London, make four retreats to deepen a felt presence of God and call, and have a presence at the Lambeth conference in 2020.

The CoSA rule of life begins by prioritizing a shared desire to follow Jesus. With rules about desire and choice, prayer, sacrifice, reconciliation, and more, it helps members during the CoSA year—and, by the grace of God, afterward—to "turn [their] hearts towards one another, maybe especially in the little things, to listen to each other's needs and learn to earn each other's trust again—and to give it."



CACS Fellow Named Bishop of Dover

By Hartley Wensing
Director of Communion Projects

At the end of June, the VTS community was thrilled to learn that the Rev. Prebendary Rose Hudson-Wilkin, CACS fellow for Public Theology, chaplain to the House of Commons, and a chaplain to the Queen, was named by the Archbishop of Canterbury as the next Bishop of Dover.

In announcing her role, Archbishop Welby praised Prebendary Hudson-Wilkin for challenging the Church of England "over its engagement with UK minority ethnic groups" and called her "one of the most effective ministers in the public square."

The Rev. Robert Heaney, Ph.D., D.Phil., director of CACS, commented "Virginia Seminary's Center for Anglican Communion Studies is an important international resource and conversation partner in World Anglicanism. We value the relationships we have all over the world and our Fellows are a vital part of this network. We greet this news with joy. This is a strategic role providing key leadership in the Diocese of Canterbury. We are delighted for Rose and wish her every blessing."

Please join us in prayer and thanksgiving for Prebendary Hudson-Wilkin and her ministry.

Latino Ministry in a Box

By the Rev. Jon Musser '17
Assistant Rector, St. Francis Episcopal Church of Potomac, MD

The TryTank has just wrapped up another successful experiment that offers some exciting possibilities for the future of congregational outreach and church planting among Latino communities across the Episcopal Church.

Called *Latino Ministry in a Box*, the experiment used multi-site technologies to launch Spanish-speaking services within congregations where such ministries have not previously existed. For many well-meaning monolingual English-speaking congregations who want to reach out to Latino communities in their context, the only option currently available in most cases is to hire a part or full time Latino missionary at an annual cost of anywhere from \$20,000 to \$50,000. By relying on a mostly lay-led structure, however, the cost of a full *Latino Ministry in a Box* kit will hopefully run around \$500 a year.

The kit, developed by the TryTank team, includes four component pieces for each week of the liturgical year: a video sermon specific to the week's lectionary readings, a leader's guide, a participants' guide, and a children's guide. By taking small systematic steps the aim of the kit is to launch and develop a sustainable Latino ministry initiative from the ground up.



At the historic St. James Episcopal Church in South Pasadena, California the Rev. Alex Montes-Vela '05 of St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church in Manor, Texas records one of the segments for the Latino Ministry in a Box experiment.

For the experimental phase of the project, eight congregations in six states agreed to participate, and seven of the congregations followed the process through to its completion. The experiment began on March 13, 2019—corresponding closely to the beginning of Lent—and culminated on Easter Sunday, April 21. Each site held six weekly Bible studies on Wednesday evenings and then organized a Sunday worship experience on Easter. In total, the eight congregations engaged 246 participants, and 100% of the congregations reported that they are “extremely likely to recommend” the program to others.

“Everybody told me that people would never show up on a weeknight, only Sunday. I was prepared for three people max. We had 13 people!” reported the Rev. Nancy Frausto, associate rector at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Long Beach, CA.

“They were newer people, and they formed a new community of newer members. They themselves told others in the congregation about the sermons and what they were learning. They were really paying attention. Of the 13–15, 11 have not missed a Sunday. And now they are becoming Lay Eucharistic Ministers and invested in the Sunday liturgy. This was a great success for my community,” she continued.

themselves told others in the congregation about the sermons and what they were learning. They were really paying attention. Of the 13–15, 11 have not missed a Sunday. And now they are becoming Lay Eucharistic Ministers and invested in the Sunday liturgy. This was a great success for my community,” she continued.



The Rev. Lorenzo Lebrija, founding director of the TryTank, takes a moment under the Rose window at St. James Episcopal Church in South Pasadena, California, to check email during a filming break of the Latino Ministry in a Box.

Mother Frausto’s observations tracked with the TryTank’s developmental process for this kind of ministry. The process is organized into a four-phase trajectory of growth and development.

In Phase 1, the emphasis is on *Building Community*. For this phase the congregation appoints a bilingual lay leader to lead the initial effort and development process. This person is provided with marketing materials (flyers, Facebook and other marketing tools) to promote a weekly Bible study to be held at the church. All members of the congregation are also encouraged to help get the word out as well.

In Phase 2, the emphasis shifts to launching and running the *Weekly Bible Study*. Each week, the lay leader, using the leader’s guide, facilitates a group reflection on the assigned reading (the following Sunday’s Gospel reading) using handouts and a video message (or homily) provided by the TryTank. The Bible studies last about an hour.

In Phase 3, the new community focuses on *Becoming a Sacramental Community*. Hopefully by this point the initial group has become a small community of 15 to 20 people (though the actual number will always depend on local circumstance and the discretion of the local congregation). At this stage, the weekly Bible study can move to a Sunday time and the group can become a worshipping community. The resources that the kit provides at this stage include worship bulletins formatted for a mostly lay-led service, the homily (using the same videos used in the Bible study), and a phonetic Spanish guide for a local priest to use in saying the Eucharistic Prayer.

“They formed a new community of newer members.



The Rev. Nancy Frausto talking to the Rev. Alex Montes-Vela '05

They themselves told others in the congregation about the sermons and what they were learning... And now they are becoming Lay Eucharistic Ministers and invested in the Sunday liturgy. This was a great success.”

THE REV. NANCY FRAUSTO
Associate Rector, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Long Beach, CA.

In Phase 4, the emphasis becomes one of maintenance and growth and becoming an *Ongoing Community*. At this point the new worshipping community continues to use the provided resources to function. They can then, when they are ready, begin to offer additional ministries, like a new Bible study, during the week and continue to grow in the Spirit.

The Rev. Rock Higgins, rector of St. James the Less Episcopal Church in Ashland, VA, reported success in his community and identified ways in which his new congregation is already looking towards growing in Phase 4 development:

“We loved the Bible studies; the speakers were fantastic. That could be a Sunday sermon. They were very impressed with the high quality and production value ... Moving forward what we heard was the felt need from the folks we connected with was ESL classes. We would try to couple this with that ministry as an entry into the church and then have this as a tag on. Maybe do a community dinner to practice English and right after inviting them to a Bible study. We need to find that felt need to get people in the door.”

Ms. Sandra Martinez, a lay leader at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Pomona, CA, also reported success with the experiment in her parish. “I thought people were going to be more on guard because it was on a screen. Only one person mentioned that it would have been better if the person was there live,” she said. Looking towards the future, she is optimistic that if the experiment were to continue, “people would still receive it well. Even the new people who came and were first timers liked the video. With more time it would totally just become a normal part of the service. It doesn’t replace the rector (we still need somebody there) but for what it does (to help start or to help an English-speaking priest) it’s awesome.”

The experiment was not without its challenges. Some site coordinators reported cross-cultural difficulties like navigating cultural standards around timeliness, while others noted difficulties in facilitating bilingual communication and the challenge of being geographically isolated from the Latino community to which the outreach effort was directed. “Not that it surprised me but connecting with new people in the community who are not already connected to the congregation [was a particular challenge],” reported the Rev. Denise Muller, assistant rector at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Prescott, AZ. “[We] went to local places where the Latino people go and gave out flyers and advertised on Facebook,” but in the end the program exclusively drew in people already



This is the view of the preachers as they record their sermons for the Latino Ministry in a Box experiment.

connected to the parish. Overall, however, the participating congregations and leaders reported that not only was the experiment a success for the participants themselves, but it was often a positive growing edge for the congregations and leaders, too.

Looking forward, the TryTank’s task now is to determine how best to hand off the program so that it will continue to thrive and develop. The key conclusion from the experiment is that the concept of a *Latino Ministry in a Box* can succeed and is repeatable in a variety of locations and contexts across the Episcopal Church. The experiment specifically showed that this ministry initiative can work both in large urban congregations that want to reach their Latino communities in a systematic way and smaller rural congregations that might not have the financial resources to do something on their own.

The key metrics for success going forward will be to sustain a large number of subscribing churches and a growing number of weekly participants. The number of subscribing churches will determine the overhead costs of production for the component pieces of the kit. A greater number of subscriptions translates to a more affordable resource. The TryTank estimates that 30 congregations each paying \$10 per week would cover the overall cost of producing the materials. The number of participants will help to monitor and gauge the continued success, quality, and relevance of the materials being produced. In the end, the experiment was by all counts a fantastic success and the possibilities for future development and implementation are numerous and exciting.

Equipping Leaders in Latino/Hispanic Contexts

By Diane Wright, Director of Continuing Education

Lifelong Learning at Virginia Theological Seminary strives to provide transformational learning and create and curate resources for courageous leadership in a changing church, including supporting Latino ministries within the Episcopal Church. Lisa Kimball, Ph.D., associate dean for Lifelong Learning, states: We are in the business of activating baptism. We exist to inspire and inform your capacity to “go into the world and preach the Gospel.” Here are some highlights in which Lifelong Learning has engaged and hopes to continue supporting Latino/Hispanic congregations.

This past year, Lifelong Learning contributed online resources for lay and clergy leaders, both in English and in Spanish, through our Digital Resources team. In partnership with Building Faith, we have hosted:



Webinars in Spanish on varied topics, including Mayordomía y Finanzas (stewardship) and Las Posadas Navideñas. Las Posadas Navideñas is a Latin American tradition that takes place on each of the nine nights leading up to Christmas as communities go from door to door reenacting Mary and Joseph’s journey seeking a “room at the inn.” Learning about and providing tools to church leaders for incorporating traditions such as these in our churches strengthens our communities as we remember that immigrants today, just as immigrants in biblical times, continue to search for shelter in order to live peacefully. We activate our baptism when we connect our contemporary narrative to the Gospel.

Webinars in English provide resources for non-Spanish speaking contexts to enhance intercultural competencies as we continue to strive to be welcoming congregations. One example is our webinar on the Day of the Dead/Día de los Muertos, where we learned more about the background of this celebration and discussed its connection to Episcopal traditions, including All Saints.

All of our webinars are supported by additional written resources on our Building Faith website. Lifelong Learning has also supported leaders in this area through our eFormation online conferences, which hold space for conversation about digital practice and ministry with Spanish-speaking leaders.

In January 2019, VTS had the privilege of hosting the popular Episcopal Latino Ministry Competency training offered in partnership with the Episcopal Church Office of

Latino/Hispanic Ministries. This innovative nine-day intensive course is designed for diocesan staff, clergy, lay leaders, and seminarians to learn cultural competency for Latino ministry. Lifelong Learning was one of several departments that collaborated in supporting this course and we hope to host this course again in 2021.

As we continue to develop and curate resources for the church, Lifelong Learning endeavors

to increase access to resources in languages other than English. Our newest partnership with the Lilly Foundation Inc., Baptized for Life/Vida en Abundancia, is a multi-year collaboration between Lifelong Learning at VTS and up to twenty-four congregations to equip people of all ages to claim their baptismal identities with confidence and joy. The leadership team for BFL/VEA includes leaders in Latino/Hispanic ministries to ensure that resources developed through this initiative are available for use and implementation in varied cultural contexts.

Lifelong Learning staff also go on the road to present at conferences supporting Latino/Hispanic ministries such as the biennial Nuevo Amanecer conference at Kanuga Conference Center in Hendersonville, North Carolina.

Lifelong Learning is ready and available to assist you in finding resources to support your multicultural ministries. We look forward to expanding our resources and connections. We welcome you into the conversation: lifelonglearning@vts.edu.

Virginia Seminary and the Digital Landscape



Lifelong Learning Digital Missioner Sarah Stonesifer hosts webinars throughout the program year to bring resources and highlight seasonal topics. She brought together the Rev. Kay Houck, the Rev. Hillary Raining, and Danielle Hendrickson to share their efforts in creating community online.

As part of its commitment to equipping learners and leaders for ministry, Lifelong Learning at VTS regularly offers resources in the digital space, cultivating a deeper understanding of how best to use “all things digital” to shift faith formation and ministry. This ongoing work has demonstrated that digital and hybrid spaces are legitimate—indeed, essential—spaces for ministry, and that religious leaders must develop fluency in new media tools and cultures to be effective 21st-century

leaders. Lifelong Learning at VTS brings the resources and insights gleaned from this engagement in digital and hybrid learning to inform the full range of its offerings — from Continuing Education programs to a Digital Literacies toolkit.

Diane Wright, director of Continuing Education, who has been experimenting with new initiatives and tweaking existing offerings to equip lay and clergy leaders with rich theological education and practical tools for ministry, heard from alumni that they want more offerings online. During the 2018-2019 program year, Continuing Education live streamed lectures and author talks, offered a hybrid teaching series on intergenerational worship, and distributed resource and discussion guides for recorded faculty lectures through its newsletter. This fall, Continuing Education is launching a new hybrid cohort learning model, with Lisa Kimball, Ph.D., associate dean of Lifelong Learning, leading the first course, “Reimagining Adult Christian Formation.”

Music, Liturgy, and the Arts has also entered the hybrid faith formation realm. This past spring, Ellen Johnston, director of Music, Liturgy and the Arts, and the Rev. Shawn Strout '12, assistant to the associate dean of Chapel for Worship Planning and Program Implementation, taught an online class, *Designing Dynamic Liturgies*, through the Stevenson School of Ministry in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. The course focused on congregations with limited resources, encouraging participants to think

creatively about their contexts. Ellen and Shawn will be offering this class through Lifelong Learning at VTS within the next academic year.

Digital Missioner Sarah Stonesifer continues to convene a vibrant eFormation learning community, gathering researchers and practitioners to learn how to use 21st-century tools to carry forward the tradition and meet the needs of people of faith. They connect through webinars, a Facebook group, Facebook Live videos and conversations, online courses, and in-person events. eFormation also hosts an annual online conference.

For faith leaders wrestling with what it means to share and offer Christian formation in person as well as digitally, Lifelong Learning and the eFormation team also offer regular trainings in hybrid faith formation (combining online and in-person engagement). In Fall 2019 and Spring 2020, Sarah Stonesifer and the Rev. Stacy Williams-Duncan will be leading Hybrid Faith Formation and Digital Literacies for Ministry cohort groups. These guided colleague groups gather via Zoom to build community, ask questions, and participate in discussion. Cohort members develop a plan and identify key resources to implement hybrid faith formation.

Working with the eFormation community taught the Lifelong Learning team that effective 21st-century church leaders need fluency in new media to navigate digital and hybrid spaces. They convened a research team who interviewed digitally innovative teachers and leaders in seminaries and other ministry formation organizations about the future of training ministers for culturally aware online communication and leadership. The research identified four types of digital literacies: building community online; behaving effectively and appropriately online; making, finding, and sharing online; and presenting oneself online. These competencies support effective ministry at a time when technology is reshaping culture and religious practice. Learn more at www.digitalliteracytoolkit.org.

Lifelong Learning at VTS is committed to transformational learning and courageous leadership in a changing church. Increasingly, this means offering programs and cultivating community in digital and hybrid spaces. Lifelong Learning will continue to explore ways to bring VTS's deep resources for theological education into the online sphere, strengthening our collective and individual witness to the Gospel in the ever-changing digital landscape of the 21st century.

LIFELONG LEARNING IS FOR YOU!

Continuing Education at VTS offers non-degree courses, retreats, workshops, and training opportunities to support your ministry, both on campus and online. Starting this fall, VTS is offering lifelong learners a 20% discount on overnight accommodation, so that you can spend more time on campus in prayer, study and fellowship.

UPCOMING FALL AND JANUARY PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

POST-COLONIAL THEOLOGY—The Rev. Robert Heaney, Ph.D., D.Phil., discusses his latest book

PRAYING THE STATIONS YEAR-ROUND—The Rev. Kate Sonderegger, Ph.D., and Peggy Parker teach a four-week evening class

REIMAGINING ADULT FORMATION—Lisa Kimball, Ph.D. leads a four-week online cohort

HYBRID FAITH FORMATION COHORT—Sarah Stonesifer and the Rev. Stacy Williams-Duncan lead an 8-week online colleague group

WRITERS RESIDENCY—January 2020 4-day on-campus writers retreat, with the option to stay overnight at VTS with a discounted rate

Learn more about our offerings and register at www.vts.edu/ConEd.



SUPPORTING MISSION AND MINISTRY

By Jennifer Greiner, Director of the Annual Fund

Gifts to the VTS Annual Fund tell stories about connection and generosity. We treasure those connections and are grateful for the generosity that allows us to do God's work. Recently, we received a call from an alum's widow who had not



connected with VTS in some time but had been reflecting on generosity in her life and wanted to honor her husband's formation and ministry. She made a distribution from a retirement account that will impact the ministries of our students and alumni. A recent graduate made a recurring gift online that allows her to stretch her impact by giving a little bit each month. A donor who likes to experiment with

new ways to give set up an account on our text-to-give platform so she can make a gift whenever she is inspired. Still others give through increasingly popular donor-advised funds, which are efficient charitable vehicles for many donors.

In whatever manner our donors choose to give, 100 percent of their Annual Fund donations goes to mission and ministry: Annual Fund donor and Dallas Roundtable member Van Sheets beautifully captures the inspiration and impact of Annual Fund giving:

VTS prepares far more people for Episcopal parish ministry than any other school. It also is a center of scholarship and creative projects that give The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion intellectual energy, social cohesion, and spiritual inspiration. VTS has a rich history but is focused on the future in many ways ranging from continuing education for clergy to helping churches to experiment with digital technology. Moreover, top-tier graduate schools in other fields can count on their alumni achieving financial success and sharing it with the schools, but that is not the case for a seminary, which needs support from those of us in the pews.

These are some of the logical reasons to support VTS, but my emotional reasons are even stronger. I appreciate the priest who provided my wife and me premarital counseling, the priests who baptized our children and mentored them through confirmation, the priest who left a dinner that he was hosting to join us in the home of a close friend who had died unexpectedly, and the priest who met me for coffee on Saturdays when I was wrestling with professional challenges.

Thousands of times today someone will receive a gift like these gifts that we have received from pastors. VTS lays the foundations for those moments and does it powerfully and in great numbers. It is God's work and I am grateful for the opportunity to support it.

WAYS TO GIVE TO VTS

WRITE A CHECK

Make your check payable to Virginia Theological Seminary and mail to:
Virginia Theological Seminary,
PMB 124
3737 Seminary Road
Alexandria, VA 22304

TEXT TO GIVE

Text the word "ministry" to
(804) 409-4958.

MAKE A SECURE GIFT ONLINE

Visit www.vts.edu/give.

HAVE YOUR GIFT MATCHED

Follow your employer's instructions or contact your HR department for help.

GIVE IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF SOMEONE SPECIAL

Include the name of your honoree on your check or credit card form online.

DONATE BUSINESS INTEREST, REAL ESTATE, OR OTHER ASSETS

Contact Linda L. Dienno, vice president for Institutional Advancement at (703) 461-1717 or ldienno@vts.edu.

MAKE A GIFT OF STOCK OR OTHER SECURITIES

Contact Olivine Pilling, comptroller, at 1 (800) 941-0083 or 703-461-1709 for transfer instructions.

INCLUDE THE SEMINARY IN YOUR WILL

Join the 2023 Legacy Society by letting VTS know of your plans. Contact Linda L. Dienno, vice president for Institutional Advancement at (703) 461-1717 or ldienno@vts.edu.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER IF YOU ARE OVER THE AGE OF 70 ½

Contact your IRA investment company and request a distribution directly to VTS.

MAKE A GIFT OF LIFE INSURANCE

Check with your insurance agent/financial planner for details on purchasing a new policy or donating a policy you own but no longer need.

EXPLORE GIFTS THAT PROVIDE INCOME FOR LIFE

Work with your insurance agent/financial planner to transfer capital and retain the income for your lifetime and/or the lifetime of another person through options including Charitable Gift Annuities and Charitable Trusts.

GIVE THROUGH A DONOR-ADVISED FUND

Work with your financial planner to create a lasting legacy, build a culture of generosity within your family, and provide funding through this increasingly popular vehicle.

We would be pleased to discuss any of these giving opportunities. For additional information, please contact Linda L. Dienno at (703) 461-1717 or at ldienno@vts.edu.



Feeding the Church with Cross-Cultural Ministry

By Linda L. Dienno, Vice President for Institutional Advancement

St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Columbia, SC, honored the Rev. Alfredo "Fr. Fred" Gonzalez by making a significant donation to Virginia Theological Seminary in his name. Fr. Fred initiated and led a Hispanic worship community at St. Mary's for many years. Reluctantly, the parish ended the Hispanic ministry, but wanted to honor Fr. Fred's work by providing seed money for others who might be interested in pursuing a similar ministry.



St. Mary's gift has been included in a cross-cultural ministry fund established by the Class of 1951. It is available to assist seminarians and faculty who wish to learn new skills or strengthen existing ones in cross-cultural ministry.

The Rev. Jill Beimdiek, St. Mary's interim rector, explained that the gift was comprised of individual donations as well as remaining ministry funds. She and the parish believed it needed to be directed where it could benefit others. Ultimately, she said they "decided simply to forward the funds to VTS, trusting that they will be used well."

Fr. Fred was delighted saying, "This is a wonderful tribute. We need people in cross-cultural ministry. Hispanic ministry is an important part of the future of the Church because there will always be first generations coming to this country. Everyone feels better worshipping in their own language. By the second or third generation, families will worship in English because English will be their first language. So cross-cultural ministry feeds the Church with new and hopeful people."

Fr. Fred currently serves as the assistant for Hispanic Ministries at Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Simpsonville, SC, and has grown their Hispanic Ministry tremendously. His work feeds the Church as well as the people that he serves.

The Rev. Carlos de la Torre with Bishop Ian Douglas on the occasion of his diaconal ordination.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

The Reverend Carlos de la Torre '15

By Shelagh Casey Brown
Director of Alumni and Church Relations

In this issue's Alumni Spotlight, we are pleased to highlight the ministry of the Rev. Carlos de la Torre '15.

How did you happen to come to VTS?

During my junior year of college, I was invited to attend a young adult discernment conference at Sewanee, called *Why Serve*. One of the speakers was Father Joseph Constant, at the time serving as director of Ethnic Ministries and Student Life at Virginia Seminary. His love for the Gospel and commitment to his seminary was contagious. As often happens at these types of conferences, I left with too many brochures, flyers, business cards, and a bunch of free stuff. When it came time for me to seriously consider attending seminary, I reached out to Father Joseph and the rest just fell into place. I visited Virginia Seminary three months before graduating from college and I knew from the moment I walked onto the Holy Hill that this was the place for me.

What has been your path since graduation?

Since May 2019, I have been serving as rector of St. John's in Bellefonte, PA. Even though I've only been on the job for a few months, it has been nothing but a blessing and joy to serve this parish. Prior to my current call, I served as curate at Christ Church, New Haven, CT, and Program Director of Saint Hilda's House, an intentional community for young adults and a member of the Episcopal Service Corps. In this call, I mentored seventeen young adults from across the Episcopal Church, who are all continuing to show the love of God in their individual communities, many of them in formation for the priesthood. Because two jobs weren't enough, I also served on staff at The Episcopal Church in Connecticut, working alongside a region of the Diocese. I learned a lot during my time in Connecticut, and I'm forever thankful for the support and mentoring I received from Bishop Ian Douglas, Canon Timothy Hodapp, and Father Stephen Holton.

Who or what was the most important influence in your formation while at VTS?

The most influential person during my time at Virginia Seminary has to be Dr. Robert Prichard. As a student of history, a lover of global Anglicanism, and a child born in Lima, Peru, there was never a shortage of topics to talk about with Dr. Prichard. My fondest memories of Dr. Prichard are of sitting at lunch and talking about all things Anglican. Those lunch table conversations etched in me the importance and power of setting aside time to talk about the Church as a living, breathing, being—not as a hierarchal structure, but as the Body of Christ. Also, during his sabbatical, while doing research in Lima, Dr. Prichard stayed at my family home in Peru. When graduation time came along, he and Marcia opened up their home for my family to stay on campus. I can't think of anyone more influential during my time at Virginia Seminary.

Do you have a favorite experience from your time on the Holy Hill?

I would say that the most important experience was my time serving as seminarian at St. Paul's, K Street. The parish has a long history of having seminarians in their midst. It has the space to be a teaching parish while also demanding a deep commitment of its seminarians. However, this commitment was more than just

allocating time for events or showing up for meetings, it was a spiritual commitment. A commitment to pray and serve alongside parishioners. This is a fundamental learning I have carried with me over the last few years, and will carry for the rest of my life. At St. Paul's, I learned that to take the Christian life seriously, one needs to take prayer seriously; after all, prayer needs to be at the heart of our journey with Christ.

What is the most important takeaway from your VTS experience?

There are two things that I will forever be thankful for from my time at Virginia Seminary—my love for the Holy Scripture and global Anglicanism. I still remember walking into my first New Testament course with Dr. Katherine Grieb and just feeling overwhelmed. In a good way, of course. I deeply value that all we did and learned, and—really in all my courses—always tied back to our call to serve God and his Church. There was no divide between the intellectual and the pastoral, it was all there. Further, being able to study with people from across the Anglican Communion was a gift I didn't expect, and it's one I didn't know would have such a great impact in my life. Simply, my time at Virginia Seminary was so rich because it grounded me in the catholic faith. There's nothing more I could have asked for from a seminary.



Carlos and Bishop James "Bud" Shand at Commencement 2015.



Carlos and fellow graduates from the Class of 2015 (l-r): The Rev. Courtney Dale, the Rev. Canon Broderick Greer, the Rev. Connor Gwinn, and the Rev. Carlos de la Torre.



Staying Connected

www.vts.edu

The official website for Virginia Theological Seminary.

Virginia Theological Seminary Magazine

The Seminary's magazine for supporters of VTS. *Published three times a year: January, May, and September.*

The Annual Report

The Seminary's annual report is published once per year for alumni and friends. *Published each December.*

The eNews

Monthly updates about happenings at VTS. *The first day of each month.*

The Dean's Commentary

Updates from Dean Markham and/or guest contributors. *Daily, Monday–Friday.*

Online Resources

www.buildfaith.org
www.eformationvts.org
www.trytank.org
www.baptizedforlife.org
www.deepcallstodeep.org
www.vts.edu/thriving

You can also find us on:



Notes from the Alumni Office

by Shelagh Casey Brown, Director of Alumni and Church Relations

Virginia Theological Seminary supports its alumni in many ways after they leave campus. From access to excellent library resources to two free nights each year in the Seminary guest house to a broad array of programs and events, VTS strives to support and stay connected with our alumni continually. Visit the alumni website pages at www.vts.edu/alumni for more information on these and other opportunities.

Mark Your Calendars For These Upcoming Events



Alumni Class Reunion Celebration

Monday, October 7, 2019: Reception and Dinner honoring the classes of 2014, 2009, 2004, 1999, 1994, 1989, 1984, 1979, 1974, 1969, 1964, 1959, and 1954. The event also honors our Class Stewards.

VTS Alumni Convocation

Tuesday, October 8: Join us for the 2019 Alumni Convocation featuring keynoter Dr. Willie Jennings, associate professor of Systematic Theology and Africana Studies at Yale Divinity School and author of *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race* (Yale 2010).



Fall 2019 Alumni Regional Chapter Programs:

Monday, September 30: Memphis, TN, featuring the Rev. Mark Jefferson, Ph.D., assistant professor of Homiletics

Tuesday, October 1: Boston, MA, featuring the Rev. James Farwell, Ph.D., professor of Theology and Liturgy

Visit www.vts.edu/alumni for future Regional Chapter programs.

VTS Presence at upcoming Diocesan Conventions:

November 14–16: Diocese of Virginia

November 15–16: Diocese of Los Angeles

November 22–23: Diocese of North Carolina

February 8, 2020: Diocese of Texas

Giving Thanks for Alumni Volunteer Leadership!

The following alumni were elected to three-year terms on the Alumni Association Executive Committee (AAEC): The Rev. Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly '09, the Rev. Theodora (Teddy) Brooks '92, the Rev. Todd Bruce '07, and the Rev. Mary Sulerud '88. The Rev. KC Robertson '19 was elected by her class to serve as their three-year representative on the AAEC. We appreciate their willingness to serve and look forward to their participation.

And we give thanks to those alumni who recently completed their three years of service on the AAEC: The Rev. Ginny Wilder '12, who served as president in 2018-19; the Rev. Charles Fischer III '09, who served as vice president in 2018-19; Beth Bojarski '08; the Rt. Rev. Carlye Hughes '05; and the Rev. Lisa Neilson '16. We give great thanks for their service to the alumni and the Seminary.

As always, with great thanks for your prayers and support of Virginia Theological Seminary!

Contact
(703) 461-1711; scbrown@vts.edu

Alumni on the Move

1993

The Rev. John T. Thomas
Rector for Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Greenwood, VA

1994

The Rev. William L. Queen, Jr.
Interim Rector for Christ Episcopal Church, Spotsylvania, VA

1999

The Rev. Charles Dupree
Rector for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Richmond, VA

2001

The Rev. Patricia Alexander
Rector for St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Bethesda, MD

2003

The Rev. Kenneth H. Brannon
Vice Rector for Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, Dallas, TX

2003

The Rev. Torrence M. Harman
Priest-In-Charge for North Farnham Episcopal Church, Farnham, VA

2004

The Rev. Mark D. Wilkinson
Rector for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Katy, TX

2005

The Rev. Anne Marie Richards
Rector for Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Baltimore, MD

2007

The Rev. Patrick M. Hall
Rector for the Church of the Epiphany, Houston, TX

2008

The Rev. Amanda Knouse
Rector for St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster, PA

2009

The Rev. Canon Dr. Mary Brennan Thorpe
Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of Virginia, Richmond, VA

2012

The Rev. Shawn Strout
Assistant for Worship and Program Implementation for the Chapel Department, Virginia Theological Seminary

2014

The Rev. Anita Braden
Canon to the Ordinary for the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona, Phoenix, AZ

2015

The Rev. Carlos de la Torre
Rector for St. John's Episcopal Church, Bellefonte, PA

2016

The Rev. Kim Baker Glenn
Rector for Grace Episcopal Church, Kilmarnock, VA

2017

The Rev. Mose (Worth) Stuart
Priest Associate for The Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, AL

The Rev. Zachary C. Harmon

Rector for St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Hampstead, NH

The Rev. Jon Musser

Assistant Rector for St. Francis Episcopal Church, Potomac, MD

2018

The Rev. Bobbi Kraft
Vicar for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Suamico, WI

2019

Sarah Bentley Allred
Director of Children and Family Ministries at St John's Episcopal Church, Wake Forest, NC

The Rev. Andrew Arakawa

Deacon for St. Mark's Cathedral, Honolulu, HI and Assistant Upper School Chaplain for Iolani School, Honolulu, HI

The Rev. Marjorie (Margie) Baker

Curate for St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford, CT

The Rev. Brian Bechtel

Curate for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Cleveland, OH

The Rev. William Burgess

Curate for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mobile, AL

The Rev. Brit Frazier

Deacon for All Saints Church, Chevy Chase, MD

The Rev. Brooks Boylan

Curate for St. Barnabas, Lafayette, LA and Chaplain for the Canterbury House, University of Louisiana, Lafayette, LA

The Rev. Gus Chrysson

Assistant to the Rector for St. Mary's Episcopal Church, High Point, NC

PLEASE SHARE YOUR NEWS!

Write 3737 Seminary Rd.
Alexandria, VA 22304

Email alumni@vts.edu

Call (703) 461-1711

Fax (703) 370-0138

Send address changes to:
alumni@vts.edu

The Rev. Maurice Dyer
Curate for St. David's Episcopal Church, Radnor, PA

The Rev. Gaelyn Evangreene
Curate, Grace Church in the Mountains, Waynesville, NC

The Rev. Shawn Evelyn
Regional Representative for Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA

The Rev. Christopher Exley
Associate Rector for St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley, Malvern, PA

The Rev. Martin Geiger
Assistant Rector for Christ Episcopal Church, Winchester, Virginia

The Rev. Eric Grubb
Assistant to the Rector for St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Waxhaw, NC

The Rev. Crystal Hardin
Assistant to the Rector for Christ Church Georgetown, Washington, DC

Jeffri Harre
Director of Hospitality Services and Operations for Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA

The Rev. Yoimel Gonzalez Hernandez
Curate for St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Washington, DC

The Rev. Daniel Johnson
Rector for Christ Episcopal Church, Spotsylvania, VA

The Rev. Amanda Kotval
Associate Rector for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Ivy, VA

The Rev. John Lein
Incoming Priest-in-Charge for St. Thomas à Becket Episcopal Church, Morgantown, WV

Wen-En Lin
Lecturer in New Testament for Nanjing Union Theological Seminary, Jiangsu Sheng, China

The Rev. Elizabeth Malphurs
Deacon-in-Charge for St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Bovina, MS

The Rev. Ashley Mather
Curate, Grace Episcopal Cathedral, Topeka, KS

Valerie Mayo
Community Life Coordinator for Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA

The Rev. Kendrah McDonald
Curate for St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Harlingen, TX

The Rev. Brandon McGinnis
Curate for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Waco, TX

The Rev. Elizabeth Henry-McKeever
Curate for St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Little Rock, AR

The Rev. Michael Palmisano
Associate Rector for Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, PA

Elizabeth Ei Hnin Phyu
Diocesan Associate for the Anglican Diocese of Myanmar, Yangon, Myanmar

The Rev. Jennifer Pilat, USNR
Chaplain
Chaplain for Seabury Active Life Community, Bloomfield, CT

The Rev. KC Robertson
Chaplain for St. Margaret's Episcopal School, San Juan Capistrano, CA

The Rev. Andrew Rutledge
Associate Rector for All Saints' Episcopal Church, Chicago, IL

The Rev. Rachelle Sam
Chaplain for St. Albans Episcopal School, Washington, DC

The Rev. Leon Sampson
Curate for Good Shepherd Mission, Fort Defiance, AZ

The Rev. Jean-Pierre Seguin
Associate for St. John's Western Run Parish, Reisterstown, MD

The Rev. Randy Sellers
Deacon-in-Charge for Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, Jackson, MS

The Rev. Melesa Skoglund
Associate Rector for St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Madison, WI

The Rev. Tanya Watt
Assisting Clergy for St. Augustine's Episcopal Parish, Tempe, AZ

The Rev. David Wily, Jr.
Assistant Rector for Family Ministry, St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, Sun City Center, FL

The Rev. Joseph Zollickoffer
Rector for Holy Trinity Episcopal, Churchville, MD



OFFICERS

Dr. David H. Charlton
Chair of the Board
The Rt. Rev. Phoebe Roaf
Vice Chair of the Board
Ms. Amy L. Curtis
Treasurer
The Very Rev. Ian S. Markham, Ph.D.
Dean and President
Ms. Linda L. Dienno
Vice President
The Rev. Melody Knowles, Ph.D.
Vice President
Ms. Kathryn A. Glover, M.P.A.
Vice President and Secretary
Ms. Jacqueline F. Ballou, M.B.A.
Vice President and Assistant Treasurer

TRUSTEES AT LARGE

Ms. Kirsten P. Adams
The Rt. Rev. J. Scott Barker
Mr. David Booth Beers
Mr. Julian M. Bivins, Jr.
The Rev. Catherine M. Campbell
The Rev. Canon Thomas G. Clarke
The Rev. Dr. Harold J. Cobb, Jr.
The Rev. Dr. Christopher D. Girata
The Rev. C. Neal Goldsborough
The Rev. Canon Dr. Michele V. Hagans

Mr. Henry Lee Stanton Hobson
The Rev. Angela S. Ifill
The Rev. Kimberly S. Jackson
Mrs. Elizabeth Cabell Jennings
The Rt. Rev. W. Michie Klusmeyer
Ms. Mary Kostel
The Rev. Susan A. Lukens, D.Min.
The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin
The Very Rev. Troy D. Mendez
The Very Rev. Andrew T.P. Mellow
Dr. Judith Newman
Mrs. Caroline Taylor Norman
The Rev. Caroline Smith Parkinson
Ms. Sissy Poland
The Rt. Rev. F. Neff Powell
The Very Rev. Dr. Stanley W. Sawyer
Dr. William G. Thomas III
The Rev. Christine R. Whittaker
The Rev. Dr. J. Douglas Wigner, Jr.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff
The Rev Canon Loren Lasch

FACULTY AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

The Rev. Mark Jefferson, Ph.D.
The Rev. Katherine Sonderegger, Ph.D.
Mr. Jared Grant

IN MEMORIAM

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord; And let light perpetual shine upon them.

1940s

The Rev. Vernon A. Jones '48
11/14/2015

1950s

The Rev. Charles H. Clark '52
3/11/2019

The Rev. Dr. Peyton G. Craighill '54
6/4/2019

The Rev. Thomas Tucker Diggs '59
3/31/2019

Mr. C. Ruel Ewing '59
6/30/2016

The Rev. William P. Parrish '59
5/12/2019

1960s

The Rev. Kenneth E. Schomaker '60
3/1/2019

The Rev. Charles L. Johnson '65
6/11/2019

The Rev. John A. Fesq '67
4/30/2019

The Rev. Arnold G. Taylor '68
3/20/2019

1990s

The Rev. Howard B. Purvis '99
11/18/2018



VIRGINIA THEOLOGICAL
SEMINARY

3737 Seminary Road
Alexandria, VA 22304

Nonprofit Org.
US Postage
PAID
Hagerstown, MD
Permit No. 93

SAVE THE DATE FOR GIVING DAY

10.15.19

VTS will celebrate our second annual Giving Day on October 15, 2019—the anniversary of our founding in 1823. This 24-hour event will raise money for the mission and ministry of VTS through the Annual Fund. Join the VTS community online and on campus as we come together to support our Seminary and the future of the Episcopal Church.

10.15.19  **GIVING DAY**  **#VTSinspires**