



165th Commencement

GARRETT-EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

FRIDAY, THE THIRTEENTH OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY TWO
NINE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING
ALICE MILLAR CHAPEL
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THE SEMINARY

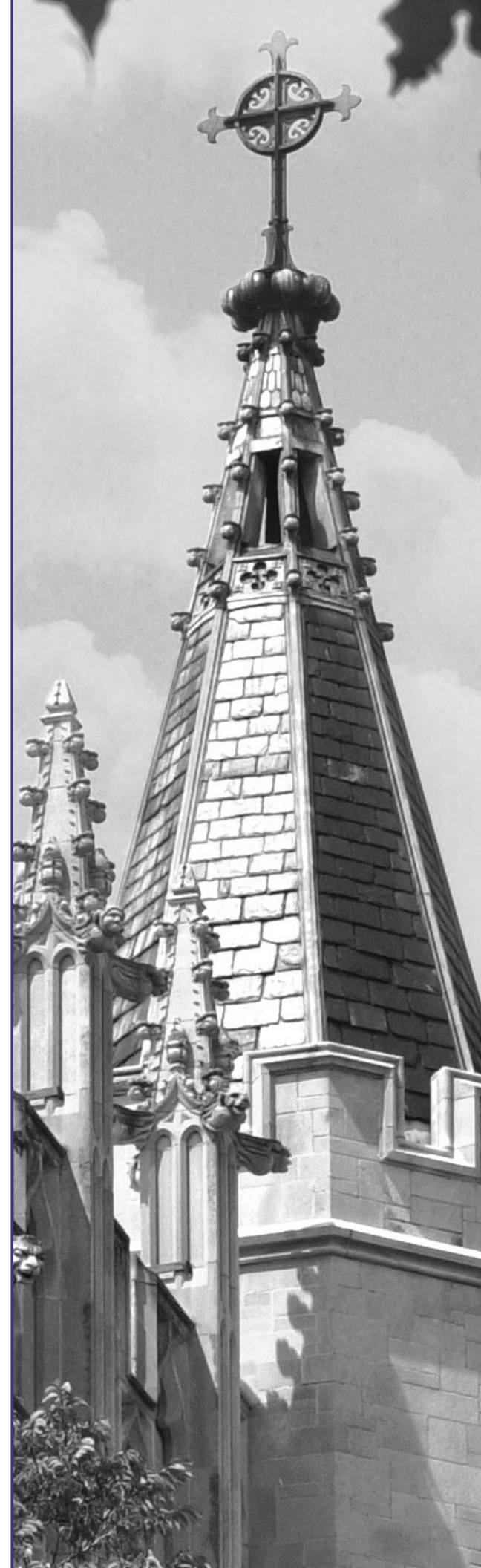
Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary is a graduate professional school of theology related to The United Methodist Church. Degree programs offered by the seminary are: master of divinity (M.Div.), four master of arts (M.A.) degrees, master of theological studies (M.T.S.), doctor of ministry (D.Min.), and doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.), as well as programs to prepare United Methodist candidates for certification and for ordination as deacons.

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary is the result of the interweaving of three institutions: Garrett Biblical Institute (established in 1853) in Evanston, Illinois; Chicago Training School (established in 1885) in Chicago, Illinois; and Evangelical Theological Seminary (established in 1873) in Naperville, Illinois.

Garrett Biblical Institute was founded by Mrs. Eliza Garrett, widow of real estate tycoon and former mayor of Chicago, Augustus Garrett. Mrs. Garrett's desire to invest her inheritance in the establishment of a theological school stemmed from her opinion that the Methodist preachers of her day were "equaled by none as to zeal, but surpassed by many as to training."

The Chicago Training School was an important force for women in ministry and for developing service agencies throughout Chicago. The school merged with Garrett Biblical Institute in 1934. The integration of the two schools meant that the scope of Garrett's vision for training Christian leaders expanded to include significant numbers of women and leaders of church-based institutions for the betterment of social conditions.

Evangelical Theological Seminary was founded by the Evangelical United Brethren Church. One of its founders, in fact, was a Garrett graduate, I. W. Heidner. As a result of the union of the Methodist Church with the Evangelical United Brethren Church by action of the United Methodist General Conference in 1968, Evangelical Theological Seminary merged with Garrett Theological Seminary (formerly Garrett Biblical Institute) in 1974. Now, as Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, it is the second oldest United Methodist seminary in the country and the oldest in the Midwest.



THE 165TH COMMENCEMENT OF GARRETT-EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

PRELUDE.....Millar Brass Ensemble

* PROCESSIONAL: *Rigaudon*.....André Campra

* INVOCATION

Alberto Ramirez-Salazar, *Master of Divinity*

Patsy A. Echols, *Master of Divinity*

* HYMN: *God, Whose Love Is Reigning O'er Us*.....LAUDA ANIMA

1. God, whose love is reigning o'er us,
source of all, the ending true;
hear the universal chorus
raised in joyful praise to you:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
worship ancient, worship new.

3. Covenant, new again in Jesus,
Starchild born to set us free;
sent to heal us, sent to teach us
how love's children we might be.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
risen Christ, our Savior he!

(Interlude)

2. Holy God of ancient glory,
choosing man and woman, too;
Abr'am's faith and Sarah's story
formed a people bound to you.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
to your covenant keep us true.

4. Lift we then our human voices
in the songs that faith would bring;
live we then in human choices
lives that, like our music, sing:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
joined in love our praises ring!

WORDS: William Boyd Grove, 1980

* COLLECT

Readers: Grace Harrison, *Master of Arts in Public Ministry* (speaking in English)

Hayoung Suh, *Master of Divinity* (speaking in Korean)

Merciful and gracious God,
by your Spirit you grace your church with diverse gifts
and in Christ you make it one body.
May your gifts to this community
make your church more fully a place of welcome and hospitality,
strengthen it in hope, patience, and perseverance,
and contribute to its unity and well-being,
that our work, our worship, and our witness
may be always holy and acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all glory and honor, now and forever.

Amen.

자비와 은혜의 하나님,
주님께서는 성령의 다채로운 선물들로 교회를 풍요롭게 하시며
그리스도 안에서 우리가 한 몸 되게 하십니다.
이 시간 우리가 기도하오니,
우리 공동체에 주신 은혜를 통하여 주님의 교회가
더욱 환영하고 대접하는 곳이 되게 하시며,
희망과 불굴의 인내로 무장하게 하시고,
하나 됨과 안녕을 이루게 하시어,
우리의 사역과, 예배, 그리고 증인된 삶이
언제나 거룩하고 주님께 합당하게 하옵소서.
성부와 성령과 함께 모든 영광과 존귀를
이제와 영원히 받으실
예수 그리스도의 이름으로 기도합니다.
아멘.

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Santísima Trinidad, compasiva y misericordiosa,
por tu Espíritu le regalas dones diversos a tu Iglesia
y en Cristo la forjas como un solo cuerpo.
Que los dones que has otorgado a esta comunidad
contribuyan a que tu Iglesia sea un espacio cada vez más acogedor y hospitalario.
Fortalécela en esperanza, paciencia y perseverancia,
y aporta a su unidad y su bienestar,
para que nuestras obras, nuestra alabanza y nuestro testimonio
siempre resulten santos y aceptables ante ti.
Por Jesucristo, a quien junto con el Padre y el Espíritu Santo
sean toda la gloria y la honra, ahora y para siempre,
Amén

Dieu miséricordieux et compatissant,
Par ton Esprit, tu remplis ton église de divers dons
Et en Christ vous en faites un seul corps.
Que vos dons à cette communauté
faites de ton église un lieu d'accueil et d'hospitalité,
Fortifie-le dans l'Espérance, la patience et la persévérance,
Et contribue à son unité et a son bien-être,
Que notre travail, nos adorations et nos témoignages
soient toujours saint et acceptable pour vous,
Par Jésus Christ, qui est avec vous et le Saint-Esprit,
Soient toute gloire et honneur, maintenant et pour toujours.
Amen.

GREETING AND INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Javier A. Viera, *President*

RECOGNITION OF ARRIVALS, LEAVE-TAKINGS, AND DISTINCTIONS

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

TiShaunda R. McPherson, *Master of Divinity*, 2015, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, presented by Darryl Franklin,
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Roger Ireson, *Master of Divinity*, 1966, Garrett Theological Seminary, presented by Philip A. Amerson, *President Emeritus*

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Jerre L. Stead, *Chair, Board of Trustees*; Javier A. Viera, *President*; and Mai-Anh Le Tran, *Vice President for Academic Affairs and Academic Dean*, presiding

Doctor of Humane Letters conferred upon Bree Newsome Bass, *Award-Winning Artist and Human Rights Activist*, presented by
Wonhee Anne Joh, *Harry R. Kendall Professor of Christian Theology and Postcolonial Studies*

THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

“Tearing Hatred From the Sky”

Bree Newsome Bass, *Award-Winning Artist and Human Rights Activist*

*HYMN: *Live Into Hope*.....TRURO

1. Live into hope of captives freed,
of sight regained, the end of greed.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Th'oppressed shall be the first to see
the year of God's own jubilee!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Live into hope! The blind shall see
with insight and with clarity,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
removing shades of pride and fear,
a vision of our God brought near.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. Live into hope of liberty,
the right to speak, the right to be,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
the right of have one's daily bread,
to hear God's word and thus be fed.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. Live into hope of captives freed
from chains of fear or want or greed.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
God now proclaims our full release
to faith and hope and joy and peace.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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* LITANY

Readers: Demetrius Davis, *Master of Arts in Public Ministry*
Samuel Coker, *Master of Divinity*

Holy one,

You call us together and gift us by your Spirit;

***unite us by your grace so that in Christ we may be one
with each other.***

You inspire our vision and order our lives through faith and
prayer;

open our eyes so that we might see you in every person.

You empower us to teach and lead with honor and mutual
affection;

***guide us so that we may care for others with love and
generosity.***

You direct our service through prophetic words of wisdom
and call us to live as the beloved community;

***move us to acts of mercy and compassion, and help us,
in our life together, and in the world, to show
hospitality to friend and stranger.***

Bless us and use us to the glory of God, in Christ's name
we pray.

Amen.

거룩하신 하나님,

주님께서는 우리를 부르시고 성령의 은혜를 통하여

우리가 하나되게 하시어 그리스도 안에서 서로 발견되게 하시나이다.

주님께서는 우리에게 영감을 주시어 소망을 품게 하시고 믿음과 기도로
우리의 삶을 이끄시나이다

우리의 눈을 열어 모든 사람 안에 거하시는 주님을 보게 하시옵소서.

주님께서는 우리에게 능력을 주시어 사람들을 상호 존중과 사랑으로
가르치고 인도하게 하시나이다

우리가 다른 사람들을 사랑과 관대함으로 섬기게 하시옵소서.

주님께서는 우리에게 예언적인 지혜의 말씀을 통하여 사역하게 하시며
우리를 진정한 사랑의 공동체로 부르시나이다.

**우리로 자비와 긍휼을 실천하게 하시고, 우리의 삶과 세상 속에서
친구와 이방인들에게 동일하게 친절을 베풀 수 있도록
도와주시옵소서.**

우리를 축복해 주시고 주님의 영광을 위하여 사용되게 하시옵소서.
그리스도의 이름으로 기도하나이다.

아멘.

Santísima Trinidad,

Nos llamas y nos colmas de dones por tu Espíritu;

Únenos por tu gracia de tal modo que en Cristo seamos como una sola persona.

Nos inspiras y diriges nuestras vidas a través de la fe y de la oración;

Ábrenos los ojos de tal modo que te podamos ver en todos nuestros prójimos.

Nos empoderas para enseñar y para liderar honorablemente y con afecto mutuo;

Guíanos para que cuidemos de los demás con amor y generosidad.

Diriges nuestro servicio a través de tus sabias palabras proféticas y nos llamas a vivir como comunidad amada;

Inspíranos a obrar con misericordia y compasión y ayúdanos, en nuestra vida conjunta y asimismo en el mundo, a mostrarles hospitalidad tanto a la gente amiga como a las personas que nos son extrañas.

Bendícenos y utilízanos para tu gloria; todo esto te lo pedimos en el nombre de Cristo,

Amén

Saint,

Tu nous appelles ensemble et nous bénisse avec ton Esprit

Unissez-nous par ta grâce, afin que dans Christ nous soyons l'un avec l'autre.

Tu inspires notre vision et ordonnes nos vies par la foi et la prière,

Ouvre nos yeux pour que nous puissions te voir dans chaque personne.

Tu nous autorises à enseigner et à diriger avec honneur et l'affection mutuelle;

Guide-nous afin que nous puissions prendre soin des autres avec amour et générosité.

Tu diriges notre service par des paroles prophétiques et tu nous appelle à vivre comme une communauté bien-aimée,

Pousse-nous vers des actes de miséricorde et de compassion et aide-nous dans notre vie d'ensemble et dans le monde, de montrer l'hospitalité à un ami et un inconnu.

Bénis-nous et utilise-nous pour la gloire de Dieu, au nom du Christ nous prions.

Amen.

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RECOGNITION OF RECORDS OF COMPLETION

Advanced Course of Study

Deacon Studies

Certificate

BLESSING OF GRADUATES

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

* RECESSIONAL HYMN: *Hope of the World*.....VICAR

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|---|---|
| 1. Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion,
speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.
Save us, thy people, from consuming passion,
who by our own false hopes and aims are spent. | 3. Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,
showing to wandering souls the path of light,
walk thou beside us lest the tempting byways
lure us away from thee to endless night. |
| 2. Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,
bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,
still let thy spirit unto us be given,
to heal earth's wounds and end all bitter strife. | 4. Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
from death and dark despair, from sin and guilt,
we render back the love thy mercy gave us;
take thou our lives, and use them as thou wilt. |

(Interlude)

5. Hope of the world, O Christ o'er death victorious,
who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain,
we would be faithful to thy gospel glorious;
thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign.

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* POSTLUDE: *Trumpet Tune*.....Henry Purcell

MARSHALS	Gennifer B. Brooks, <i>Ernest and Bernice Styberg Professor of Preaching</i> Brent Waters, <i>Jerre and Mary Joy Stead Professor of Christian Social Ethics</i> Yeo Khiok-Khng, <i>Harry R. Kendall Professor of New Testament</i>
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***A reception will follow immediately in Loder Hall and the Terrace located behind
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* Please rise in body or spirit.



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MinSun Irene Bahk

Envisioning A Sacralized World: Toward A Pneumatological Configuration of Materiality

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Gregory R. Coates

Accommodating "Execrable Villainy": War and Slavery in Early Methodism, 1774-1816

Lisa Ann Burris Dellinger

Reclaiming Indigenous and Christian Narrative Epistemologies: Refusing US Settler Colonialism's Theological Anthropology of Sin

Kathleen Elizabeth Hanch

Prophetic Humility: A Feminist Theological Account

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Two Divergent Paths: A Comparison of the Soteriologies of Augustine of Hippo and Maximus the Confessor

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Scott Eugene Carnes

Preaching in the Midst of Appointive Change in The United Methodist Church

Temaki Neacole Carr

The Legacy of Hope - Moving Beyond Boundaries

William Cato

Lives Aglow: A Study of the Vocational Lives and Testimonies of Congregational Leaders and First United Methodist Church in Arkadelphia, Arkansas

Dava Cruise Hensley

Preaching Through Grief to Wholeness

Deborah Jungmi Kang

A Korean Woman's Voice to Preach as a Transformed Shaman Through Perichoresis-Kut

Yvette Denise Massey

The Impact of Preaching on Church Growth: Black Churches in the North Georgia Conference of The United Methodist Church

Deborah Suikhinmaw

Preaching to Help Members of a Burmese-Falam Chin Congregation Overcome Their Lack of Self-Esteem

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Baptismal Covenant and Antiracist Identity: A Phenomenological Study of Christian Antiracist Formation in a United Methodist Church

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Old Testament

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Theology & Ethics

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Kaitlyn Elizabeth Frantz

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The Clue of the Crumbling Congregation

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Examining the Spiritual Growth in Korean Immigrant Christians at Holy Cross International United Methodist Church Through a Set of Spiritual Formation Retreats

Edwin Cotto Pérez
Predicación como Elemento de Transformación y Acompañamiento Pastoral en un Comunidad Multicultural en Tiempos de Pandemia

Peggy Ann Gibson
Will Training Young Adult Christians to Evangelize Using the Five Thresholds Increase Their Confidence and Comfort in Sharing Their Faith?

Rebecca J. Girrell
No Longer Servants, But Friends: Toward a Relational Approach to Spiritual Leadership Development

Andy S. Manzano
Celebrative Preaching to Increase Capacity in Service: Every Member a Worker

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La Predicación Profética ante la Crisis Socioeconómica como Instrumento de Justicia para la Mujer en Puerto Rico

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The Spirit in the Cell: Eco-Pneumatology, Carceral Affects, and the Haunted World of Solitary Confinement in the United States

Eddie Lewis Journey

#SayMyName: Black Transwomen and the Right to Recognition in Pastoral Theology and Care

Brittany Paige Meeks

Discerning the Implied Female Reader in First Corinthians: An Implied Reader Methodology for Biblical Epistles

William Novak

The Overman-god of Death

Kwang-Jin Oh

Bild-ing a Wesleyan Memory Model of the Image of God

Taurean Jamar Webb

A Liberation Feared: Transnationalism, Black Christian Radicalism and the Question of Palestine

Bryson Chester Matthew White

Racial Rapture: Mass Incarceration as Distorted Eschatology

Michelle Lynn Whitlock

Intergenerational Liturgy in The United Methodist Church: A Practical Theology

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Gwen A. Gustafson-Zook

"Doing Theology": A Phenomenological Exploration of Knitting in the Lives of Contemporary Mennonite Women

April Rae Gutierrez

Embodied Spiritual Practices for Brown and Black Bodies Exploring Sabbath Rest

Sanetta George Jackson

Theonomics for Women of Faith: Mapping a Transformative Womanist Interpretation of Black Women's Financial Preparation

Eric J. Pugh

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Pamela R. Rivera

Gospel Hospitality: A Foundational Pillar for Unifying Clergy and Laity as a Collaborative Community

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Tina Nicole Shelton

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CERTIFICATE

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Children's Ministry

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Annually, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary presents a distinguished alum award to two persons who have rendered extraordinary service in their ministries. One award is given to an alum who graduated 25 years ago or less and another is presented to one who graduated more than 25 years ago.



TISHAUNDA R. MCPHERSON
MASTER OF DIVINITY, 2015
GARRETT-EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Rev. TiShaunda McPherson serves bi-vocationally as senior vice president and chief diversity officer at the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago and as associate minister at DuPage African Methodist Episcopal Church in Lisle, Illinois. She is drawn to ministry with youth and young adults, and seeks to bring youthful energy and perspective to her preaching and teaching, making the Gospel relevant to the circumstances they face today. She uniquely connects biblical teachings and Christian doctrine with current affairs such that it is clear that God's message of love, hope, and justice are just as timely today as when written in years past.

McPherson earned her master of divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in 2015. She also holds a bachelor of science in psychology from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, a master of public policy from the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, and a juris doctor from Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law.

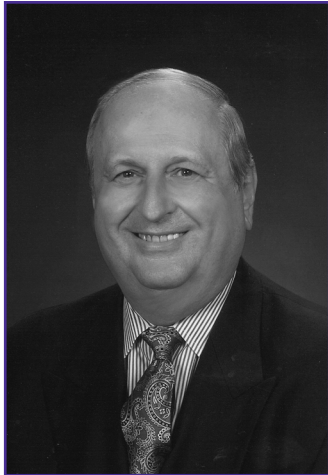
In 2022, McPherson joined NORC as senior vice president and the organization's first-ever chief diversity officer. In this role, McPherson leads NORC's efforts to build a more diverse, racially equitable, and inclusive workplace and research portfolio, and serves on NORC's Executive Council, the company's senior-most decision-making body.

Prior to joining NORC, McPherson served as senior associate vice president for equity at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. She oversaw the office of equity staff and its three priority areas: creating, reviewing, and implementing programs and policies to reinforce equitable learning and working environments; responding to reports of discrimination, harassment, and retaliation; and facilitating education and outreach initiatives to ensure individual and University-wide awareness and development of strategic processes for combating discriminatory treatment and practices.

McPherson has served in numerous civil rights positions in higher education and employment settings, including roles as a researcher, attorney, compliance professional, and equity officer, each of which strengthen her understanding of and bold leadership in the areas of equity and access.

McPherson is an ordained elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. In her role as youth minister at DuPage AME Church, McPherson serves as a youth advocate and mentor. McPherson encourages new generations of leaders to view themselves the way God sees them and to pursue their dreams with confidence.

McPherson is married to her loving husband, Michael, and they have two handsome sons, Malcolm and Isaiah. She enjoys traveling and spending time with family and friends who've become family.



ROGER W. IRESON
MASTER OF DIVINITY, 1966
GARRETT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Roger Ireson is a retired—yet still very active—United Methodist elder who has served as pastor, administrator, and professor in a variety of settings around the world.

Ireson holds a bachelor of arts from DePauw University and a master of divinity from Garrett Theological Seminary. Ireson was ordained a deacon in 1963 and an elder in 1966 with membership in the Detroit Annual Conference. Ireson earned his doctor of philosophy from Manchester University in England.

Ireson served as a pastor from 1970-1988 in both the suburbs and city of Detroit, Michigan. His appointments included: associate pastor, Franklin Community United Methodist Church, Franklin, Michigan; pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; and senior pastor, Saint Timothy United Methodist Church, Detroit, Michigan.

In 1988, Ireson was elected general secretary of The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) of The United Methodist Church, a position he held until his retirement in 2001. As general secretary, Ireson was responsible for church programs, policies, and general oversight related to 123 schools, colleges, universities, and theological seminaries; the ministries of ordained deacon and elder, local pastors, and diaconal ministers; and campus ministries, chaplains, and pastoral counselors. During Ireson's leadership and at the urging of United Methodists in Africa, GBHEM established and developed Africa University in Zimbabwe, which now has 1500 students from 26 African countries.

Ireson was also instrumental in establishing the International Association of Methodist Schools, Colleges, and Universities (IAMSCU), having served as its founding president in 1991.

Ireson has served as a trustee of American University, Africa University, Meharry Medical College, Scarritt-Bennett Center, Scarritt Foundation, and the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation. Ireson has taught religion and humanities courses at Martin Methodist College, Green Mountain College, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Lawrence Technological University, and Marygrove College. As a consultant, Ireson has aided in the development of Methodist universities in Rosario, Argentina; Montevideo, Uruguay; Colegio Ward in Buenos Aires, Argentina; and the Methodist Church in Malaysia.

Ireson has received eight honorary doctorates from universities on three continents.

Ireson is married to Judy, who is a retired school principal. They currently live in Austin, TX.

THE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



BREE NEWSOME BASS

AWARD-WINNING ARTIST AND HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST

Bree Newsome Bass is a celebrated writer and public speaker who positions her work within the tradition of liberation theology and social justice movements. she is best known for a historic act of protest when she prayed while scaling a 30-foot flagpole at South Carolina's capitol to remove a Confederate flag in the aftermath of racially motivated killings at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina. This action energized the movement to remove confederate symbols that continue to this day and has led to the removal of multiple confederate monuments around the nation.

Bass was appointed by the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court to a panel making recommendations of display of art and portraiture at the Supreme Court. Her submitted written opinion influenced the removal of Confederate art.

Her roots as an artist and activist were planted early. Her father – who served as the Dean of the Howard University School of Divinity, and the President of both Shaw University and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center – is a nationally recognized scholar of African American religious history and how it has impacted social justice movements. Her mother spent her career as an educator addressing the achievement gap and disparities of education.

Activism is one of a trio of pursuits that have driven Bass. In 2011, while an artist in residence at Saatchi and Saatchi in New York, she marched with Occupy Wall Street. In 2013, she was briefly involved with the Moral Monday movement organized by Rev. William Barber, III and the North Carolina state chapter of the NAACP. Newsome volunteered to be arrested as part of a sit-in at the North Carolina statehouse protesting legislation designed to disenfranchise Black voters. The legislation was later overturned by the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals which found that North Carolina had “target[ed] African Americans with almost surgical precision.”

Bass is a sought-after public speaker who travels the nation lecturing on the history of the civil rights movement and the role of faith in the ongoing Black freedom movement. She has led workshops with hundreds of students from middle school to graduate level on the importance of civil disobedience and student organizing. In 2016 she was the NAACP Image Award Winner and was featured in the National Museum of African American History and Culture as part of the exhibit, “Make Good the Promises: Reconstruction and Its Legacies.”

Much of Bass' activism has focused upon incidents of young black people being unjustly killed and issues related to structural racism. She traveled with a group of youth activists from North Carolina to Florida during the Dream Defenders' occupation of the statehouse as a protest against the killing of Trayvon Martin. She also participated in an 11-mile march from the Beavercreek, OH Wal-Mart where John Crawford was killed by police to the courthouse in Xenia, OH, demanding release of the footage showing the killing.

Bass' interest in the arts was fostered early in her life, and she showed promise even then. At the age of seven, she learned to play the piano, and wrote her first piece of music. Two years later, she wrote her first play. At the age of 18, she won a \$40,000 scholarship from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences as part of a short film competition.

Bass studied film at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. Her senior year short film, “Wake” won numerous accolades and was a finalist for the prestigious Wasserman Award, whose past recipients include Spike Lee.

