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The Fund for Theological Education
Announces 2013 Chair and Two New Trustees
Wendy Fletcher Elected to Lead FTE's Board

ATLANTA, January 7, 2013 – The Fund for Theological Education (FTE) has announced the election of the Rev. Dr. Wendy Fletcher to Board chair and the appointment of two new trustees. Elected by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS), Mr. Mark Constantine and Mr. Franks Sims joined the FTE Board of Trustees effective January 1, 2013.

Fletcher, a long-time leader in theological education, joined the FTE Board in 2012. Constantine and Sims are accomplished leaders in philanthropy and business and will serve a three-year term, which may be renewed. Representing a diverse cross-section of FTE stakeholders, the FTE Board has governance responsibility for advancing FTE's mission to cultivate diverse young people to be faithful, wise and courageous leaders for the church and academy.

"Mark Constantine and Frank Sims bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to our Board from their extensive work in the philanthropic, nonprofit and corporate sectors," said FTE Board Chair Wendy Fletcher. "They have a strong commitment to the work of FTE and to supporting young adults who will lead the church and the academy—and the communities they serve—into the future."

Wendy Fletcher is professor of the History of Christianity at Vancouver School of Theology (VST), a multi-denominational graduate school located on the campus of the University of British Columbia (UBC) in Canada, where she has served for over 10 years. She previously held the position of principal and dean of VST. Prior to her work at VST, Fletcher was the professor of history at the University of Western Ontario, Huron College, for 12 years. Fletcher has also worked in a variety of roles with ATS for the past two decades. She served as a commissioner on the ATS Accreditation Commission, as an accreditation visitor and as a seminar leader on the subjects of leadership, conflict resolution and women in leadership. Fletcher holds a Ph.D. from the University

of St. Michael's College, a Master of Divinity degree from Huron College, and a bachelor's degree from the University of Western Ontario.

Mark D. Constantine is senior vice president at the Jessie Ball duPont Fund in Jacksonville, FL. In this position, he directs the duPont Fund's mission, grantmaking programs, program-related investments, and research and policy work. For over a decade, he has served as a consultant to leading national nonprofit organizations and foundations on issues related to governance, strategy and learning. Constantine is a member of the Board of Directors of Grantmakers for Children, Youth and Families and of the Riverside Hospital Foundation. He holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University and a Master of Theological Studies degree from Duke Divinity School.

Frank Sims is a member of the Board of Directors of Piper Jaffray Inc., PolyMet Mining Corporation, South Jersey Industries, Inc. and United Theological Seminary. Sims retired in 2007 with over 35 years of experience in a series of senior management positions at Cargill, Inc. in Minnesota. He previously served on the board of Tennant Company, as vice chair of the U.S. Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council, as chairman of the North American Export Grain Association, and as chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. Sims earned a bachelor's degree in business administration at Paul Quinn College in Dallas, where he also received an honorary doctoral degree.

"We are grateful for the commitment of these trustees and we welcome the wisdom they bring to our work," said FTE President Stephen Lewis. "As the religious and theological landscape continues to change, the Board will help FTE navigate its way into the future to best serve and support a faithful and diverse generation of young Christian leaders."

FTE is a national, ecumenical organization dedicated to cultivating leaders who foster thriving Christian communities that join God's work in the world. For more information, visit www.fteleaders.org.

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