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Jesuit School of Theology
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Princeton Theological Seminary

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“Focusing on a transformational relationship with Jesus instead of deifying Christ allows us to throw aside what we believe and live more fulfilled, fruitful lives. It enables us to spend less time debating dogma and more time following Jesus’ lead of lovingly serving others.”

JOHN BERGER

“My faith informs my passion for service. I believe in a God who created every being with inherent dignity and worth. To me, respecting and upholding this worth means working to guarantee that the needs of all people — both spiritual and physical — are met.”

ABIGAIL CLAUHS

“For me, the ‘trick’ to living faithfully is to always remind myself that I am not the only person God invites in, and the barriers don’t end with the walls of my church.”

EVA SUAREZ
ENOCH KUO
Non-denominational
Princeton University

McKENNA LEWELLEN
United Methodist
Rhodes College

MICHAELINE MILLER
Episcopal Church
Hendrix College

WILLIAM MILLER
Roman Catholic Church
Saint Joseph’s University

WILLIAM MOORE
Brethren in Christ
Goshen College

CHIUBA OBELE
Non-denominational
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JOHN OLSON
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University of Nebraska-Lincoln

MICHAEL PRATE
Roman Catholic Church
Fordham University

AUSTIN RINEHART
United Methodist
Centenary College of Louisiana

RAVEN ROWE
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Mount Mercy University
in Cedar Rapids

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(Missouri Synod)
Westminster College

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McMurry University

KYLE SORKNESS
Lutheran Church
(Missouri Synod)
Concordia University-St. Paul

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Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
Samford University

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Columbia University

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United Church of Christ
Vassar College

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United Church of Christ
University of Kansas

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United Methodist
Bluffton University

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Duke Divinity School
Presbyterian Church (USA)
Young Adult Volunteers

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Alliance Theological Seminary
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Candler School of Theology
Presbyterian Church (USA)
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“\*I am passionate about having conversations with people about how we might do faith differently — how the Church can be a model not just of charity, but of true justice."

“Wherever I feel called, it will be with the conviction that I will move forward leveraging my experiences to actively and passionately live a faith that does justice. It is my sincere hope that wherever the currents of life carry me I will continue to use my talents and intellect to serve others and work for the greater glory of God."

“I believe that I have been called to ministry because living in what I call the struggle between God and people is the only thing that truly fills my heart.”
JOSEPH BARTLETT
Evangelical Lutheran
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Indiana University
Religious Studies

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Graduate Theological Union
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Religious History

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Duke University
Theology

COURTNEY BRYANT
National Baptist Church
Vanderbilt University
Ethics & Society

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Boston University
Practical Theology/Homiletics

“Once I obtain the doctorate degree, I am committed to publishing work that will include the narratives and experiences of a people who have much to say about religious life and political activism in the Pacific Rim.”

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“Cori Tucker

“I am committed to helping my future students, whether they are future professors or pastors, find and develop their voices.”

“Leslie Bowling-Dyer

“I am committed to the creation of educational spaces where people are empowered to critically consider issues of culture, morality and meaning and to the development of strategies that bring about liberation for those living under the weight of oppression.”

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Drew University
New Testament & Early Christianity

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Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA
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MICHAEL McCORMACK
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Vanderbilt University
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Black Religion & Cultural Studies

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Emory University
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ONAJE OFFLEY WOODBINE
“My scholarship challenges theological educators and the church-at-large to name and embrace diversity as an essential component of our Christian heritage and vision.”

SHIVELY SMITH
“My hope is that those who engage with my work through publications, presentations or courses that I teach are empowered for social change and are able to channel normal and healthy discontent through creative outlets of coordinated nonviolent direct action in classroom and community.”
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Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary  
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Assemblies of God  
Marquette University  
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“My experience as a mentor to young adults of color discerning a call to ministry has helped me to refine my call to both ministry and theological education by reaffirming my passion to help educate young ministers on issues of racism in theological and political contexts.”
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Theology

DANYEL CURRIE
Progressive National Baptist Church
Emory University
Theology

JESSICA DAVENPORT
American Baptist Church
Rice University
African American Religion

NEICHELLE GUIDRY JONES
Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Liturgal Studies

YOLANDA NORTON
National Baptist Church
Vanderbilt University Divinity School
Hebrew Bible

ANDREA PIPPINS
American Baptist Church
Princeton Theological Seminary

CLEVE TINSLEY
National Baptist Church
Rice University
Religious Studies

AARON WALTON
Baptist
University of Virginia
Theology, Ethics and Culture