

## Forum for Theological Exploration Announces 2015 Chair and Three New Trustees

ATLANTA, January 12, 2015 – The Forum for Theological Exploration (FTE) has announced the election of the Rev. Dr. Lee Hinson-Hasty to Board chair and the appointment of three new trustees. Elected by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS), Ms. Hyepin Im, Ms. Linda Kay Klein and Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart joined the FTE Board of Trustees effective January 1, 2015.

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. Hinson-Hasty, a leader committed to leadership development for the church and the academy, joined the FTE Board in 2012. Trustees Im, Klein and Lockhart will serve a three-year term, which may be renewed.

"These three trustees bring new energy, expertise, creativity, and diversity to the Board grounded in innovative and faith-filled work in the church, academy and broader community," said FTE Board Chair Lee Hinson-Hasty. "They all share a deep commitment to FTE and will help the advance our organizational mission, extend our reach and connect us to new communities."

**Lee Hinson-Hasty** is now senior director for Theological Education Funds Development for the [Committee on Theological Education](#) (COTE) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the [Presbyterian Foundation](#), a promotion in 2015 after a decade of service to COTE as the coordinator for Theological Education and Seminary Relations. He has served as a campus minister and pastor in Virginia and as director of church relations at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in North Carolina. Based in Louisville, Kentucky, Hinson-Hasty served on the "Theological Schools and the Church" project of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS), and is a member of Lectio Jubilate, the American Academy of Religion, and the Academy of Religious Leadership. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wake Forest University, a Master of Divinity degree from Louisville Seminary, and the Doctor of Ministry degree from McCormick Theological Seminary.

**Hyepin Im** is president and founder of [Korean Churches for Community Development \(KCCD\)](#) in Los Angeles, California. KCCD is a national nonprofit that empowers churches and nonprofits to leverage their resources by building their capacity, leadership and partnerships in

economic development. It also serves as a bridge between the Korean/Asian American community and the greater community at large. Im previously served as venture capitalist for Renaissance Capital Partners, sponsorship manager for California Science Center and senior auditor at Ernst & Young. Recognized nationally for her work and advocacy, Im is a U.S. Presidential Appointee on the Board of Corporation for National and Community Service. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of California, Berkeley, a Master of Business Administration from the University of Southern California, and a Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary.

**Linda Kay Klein** is the founding director of the Work on Purpose program at [Echoing Green](#) in New York, New York. Echoing Green is a global social entrepreneurship nonprofit that unleashes next generation talent to solve the world's biggest problems. Klein is an active storyteller, writer and lead author of the program curriculum, which is used by faculty and staff at over 190 colleges, university and nonprofits. She sits on the advisory boards of the New York University's Global Center for Academic and Spiritual Life and Our Inner Lives, and is a founding board member of the Ashlar Center for Narrative Arts and JumpStart Academy. Previously, Klein served as the director of communications and the program office for The Sister Fund. She earned her bachelor's degree in creative writing at Sarah Lawrence College and master's degree in creative writing and religious studies at New York University (NYU).

**Ross Lockhart** is associate professor at St. Andrew's Hall, director of ministry leadership and education and Presbyterian director of denomination formation at the [Vancouver School of Theology](#). Lockhart is an ordained minister of the Word and Sacrament in The Presbyterian Church in Canada. He currently serves as Minister-in-Association at St. Andrew's and St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church and was previously the minister at West Vancouver United Church. Lockhart is a graduate of the University of Winnipeg, Emmanuel College and University of Toronto and holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago.

"Hyepin, Linda and Ross are dynamic young leaders who offer fresh insight into FTE's work," said FTE President Stephen Lewis. "After celebrating FTE's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year, we are excited to welcome these trustees who will propel FTE boldly into the next decade to inspire young Christian leaders to shape the future."

The Forum for Theological Exploration is committed to cultivating diverse young adults to be faithful, wise and courageous leaders for the church and the academy. FTE provides resources and a forum for young adults and students to explore their purpose and call to pastoral ministry and teaching. For more information, visit [fteleaders.org](http://fteleaders.org).

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