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**Forum for Theological Exploration**  
**Joins the National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity**  
*Organization Offers New Resource for Doctoral Students and Faculty*

ATLANTA, January 27, 2014 — The Forum for Theological Exploration (FTE) has become an institutional member of the National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD).

NCFDD provides professional development, mentoring and networking to help graduate students, postdoctoral students and faculty thrive in their scholarship and teaching. This growing network of over 70,000 individuals and institutions offers resources for mentoring, productivity, and maintaining a healthy work-life balance and a community of support and accountability.

“FTE is committed to cultivating rising scholars of color whose ministry and scholarship will transform our world,” said FTE Vice President of Strategic Initiatives Matthew Wesley Williams. “With theological education remaining in dire need of diverse and equipped scholars, this new partnership with NCFDD creates an exciting opportunity to advance our efforts together and prepare leaders for vital lives of teaching and theological scholarship.”

Faculty and students in FTE’s network now have access to NCFDD’s career building resources including webinars, workshops, discussion forums, writing retreats, a library of transcripts and recordings and a career center.

“With FTE’s membership, its doctoral students and faculty members have access to an effective external mentoring community and a vast array of resources designed to support academics in making successful transitions throughout their careers,” said Kerry Ann Rockquomore, president and CEO of NCFDD.

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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