Forum for Theological Exploration Announces a New Trustee

ATLANTA, March 2, 2017 – Forum for Theological Exploration (FTE) announces the appointment of a new trustee. Institutional leader, pastor and former lawyer, Rev. Skip Masback, was elected by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) to serve on FTE’s Board of Trustees effective February 1, 2017. He joins a community of 10 leaders committed to advancing FTE’s mission and supporting the next generation of pastors and theological educators.

“Skip's work is essential to the flourishing of a new generation of leaders,” said FTE President Stephen Lewis. “He brings a diverse background and a wealth of knowledge to the Board, which will help FTE strengthen its work to cultivate courageous leaders who will make an impact in the world through thriving Christian communities.”

The FTE Board of Trustees 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. Trustee Masback will serve a three-year term, which may be renewed.

**Skip Masback** is the founding director of [Yale Youth Ministry Institute](http://www.yale-youth.org) and associate director of [Yale Center for Faith and Culture](http://www.yale.edu/yalecenter) at Yale Divinity School in New Haven, CT. Rev. Masback served as minister of the Congregational Church of New Canaan for 19 years prior to his current role. In addition to preaching, teaching and pastoral care, Rev. Masback’s ministry includes an emphasis on deepening and broadening youth ministries in the church and beyond. He has lectured and consulted on youth ministry issues in denominational settings and at Yale Divinity School, where he also serves on the Board of Advisors. Before Rev. Masback’s call to ministry, he practiced law for 14 years. He served at Washington, D.C. law firm Hogan & Hartson until founding Ross, Dixon & Masback, a firm which grew to include 115 lawyers in four cities across the country. Rev. Masback holds an M.Div. from Yale Divinity School.

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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