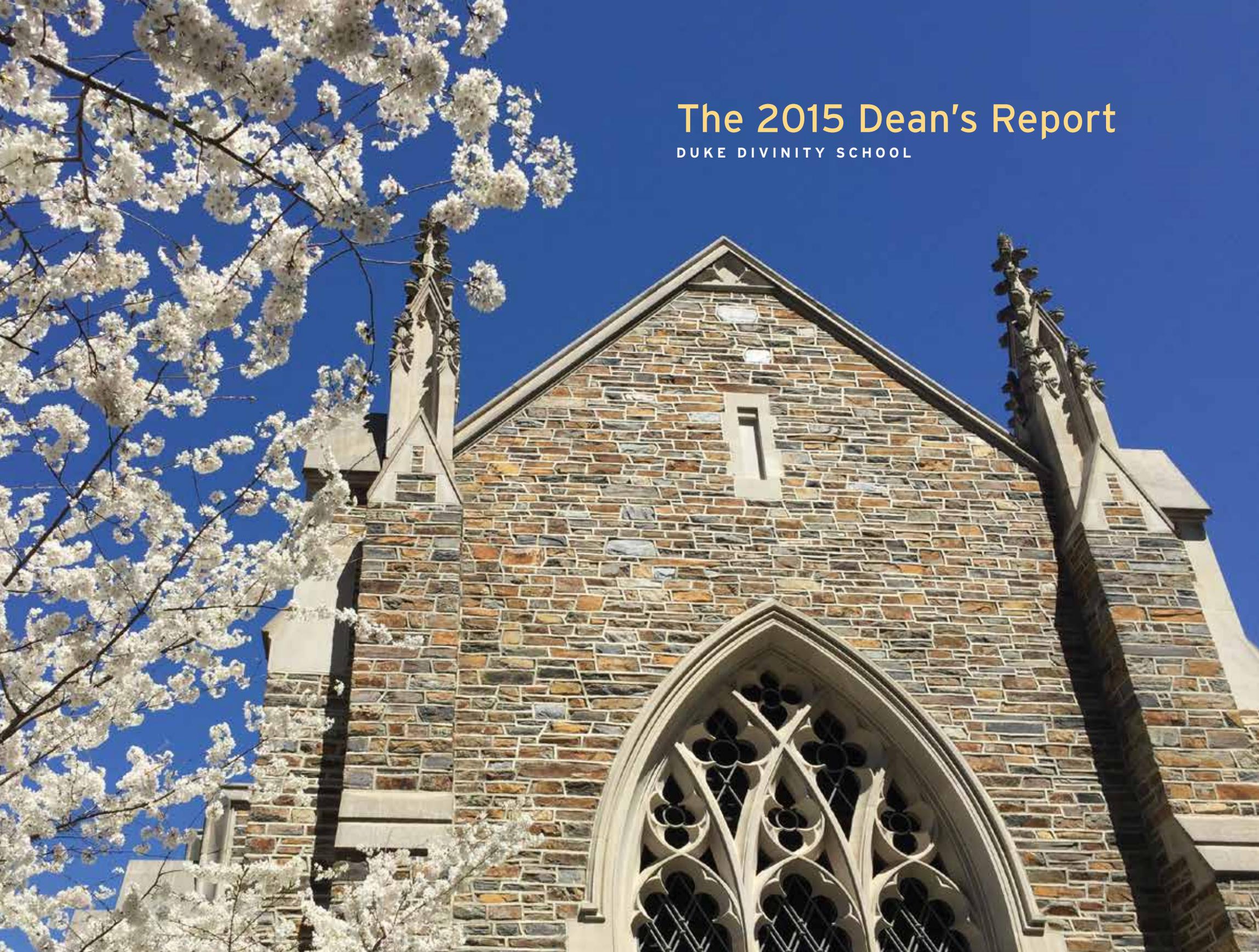


# The 2015 Dean's Report

DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL





*“You shall love the Lord your God with  
all your heart, and with all your soul,  
and with all your mind.” – Matthew 22:37*

These years at Duke are your best opportunity to learn to love God with all your intellectual capacity. This is the time for the sanctification of your intellect. Don't miss this opportunity. It is a privilege to take our place among Christians through the centuries—and there are not so many of them—who are called to love God through the sanctification of our intellects. That is the chief purpose for which you were called here ... Study as a witness of faith.

*– Excerpted from the Opening Convocation sermon preached by Interim Dean Ellen F. Davis on August 25, 2015*

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# A Year of Transition

## Gratitude for Our Gifts and a Focus on the Future

*Ellen F. Davis*

Interim Dean and Amos Ragan Kearns Distinguished Professor of Bible and Practical Theology

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; yes, God's faithfulness is boundless.*

PSALM 118:29, TRANSLATION BY ELLEN DAVIS

**W**hen 2015 began, Richard Hays was serving as dean of Duke Divinity School. He announced that this would be the final year of his deanship, as he was intending to step down in July 2016 and return to the classroom. But midway through the year, we were faced with the need for an emergency transition in the dean's office. In early July, he received a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer, and I agreed to Duke University President Richard Brodhead's request to serve an 11-month term as interim dean, beginning August 1. A few weeks later a second blow befell the community when Kate Bowler, assistant professor of the history of Christianity in North America, was diagnosed with colon cancer and immediately began treatment.

### LIVING IN CONVERSATION

Beginning a Dean's Report by highlighting these saddening events may be unusual, yet it seems necessary. They have shaped the character of our life in community during these months, and I expect that all of us at Duke Divinity School will have certain impressions and memories that distinguish this year from more "ordinary time." I will remember this as a sobering yet grace-filled period, when we are more conscious than usual that it is our privilege and responsibility to be a community of prayer and therefore of boundless hope. It is a year of looking for and treasuring the signs of God's actions in our midst, and in this we receive excellent guidance from both Richard and Kate. Following their example, perhaps



Interim Dean Ellen Davis addresses the incoming class of Divinity School students at Opening Convocation.

others of us are taking more care to consider what is important in our common life, what has the potential for being life-giving and godly.

My understanding of my own role during this transitional year is shaped in large part by what I have learned about interim ministries in congregational settings. An interim minister does not expend much energy on trying to envision the long-range future; she attends to the community's ongoing business and to the relatively few new matters that cannot be deferred. I entered this temporary role after 14 years on the faculty, and that has been helpful to me in setting priorities when the timeframe for their realization is short. This role requires, however, that I develop

new patterns of working with staff and faculty colleagues I have known in other ways, and that is time-intensive for us all. This has therefore become a year of "living in conversation"—a phrase Brad Thie, director of the Thriving Rural Communities initiative, uses to describe the life of a rural pastor. I hope that the culture of conversation we are developing together will prove productive enough to last beyond this year. That may be my best service to the next dean.

#### **SERVING STUDENTS**

The Divinity School exists in order to serve our students and through them the church, and my first priority has been to ensure the high quality

of their experience both in this year and for the future. One new appointment in student services was already in place: following the retirement of Divinity School Chaplain Sally Bates, the Rev. Meghan Feldmeyer Benson D'02 assumed that role on July 1. In October, I appointed the Rev. Todd Maberry D'06 to the newly created post of senior director of admissions, recruitment, and student finance; we expect this to improve coordination and effectiveness in these key areas. The Divinity School Board of Visitors has commissioned the United Methodist Recruitment Task Force, chaired by Larry Coates. An early outcome of their work is an agreement with Huntingdon College (Montgomery, Ala.) so that students from that United Methodist college may receive expedited consideration of applications and early notice of admissions.

Responding to a need that Richard Hays had already identified, I established an African-American Field Education Task Force with the aim of increasing opportunities for students to serve in black church settings. Directed by Divinity School alumni and members of our Board of Visitors the Revs. Cynthia Hale (D'79) and Bill Lee (D'78), the task force will work with our offices of Field Education and Black Church Studies to cultivate fruitful congregational partnerships and to raise funds to provide stable support for new placements.

#### **RELATIONSHIPS WITH CHURCH, ACADEMY, AND THE WORLD**

A second priority is to integrate the work of our Center for Reconciliation (CFR) more fully into the academic program. One step toward such integration was my new course, "How Do You Read?": African Biblical Interpretation, which culminated in a week of study with African colleagues at the Great Lakes Initiative (GLI) in Kampala, Uganda. The Center for Reconciliation is one of the founding sponsors of the GLI.

A third priority is maintaining strong relationships with our closest colleagues within Duke University and in the church as well as in our wider community of support. The presence of Duke Chapel next door reminds us that religious matters are in various ways central to the life

of the university. Within the university, we bear a special (though not unique) responsibility to articulate what it is to be people of faith and of intellectual integrity in a society that tends to polarize those two elements of identity. For all of us, faculty and staff and students, part of our ongoing education must be learning how to engage thoughtfully and respectfully with people who do not share our Christian faith. Increasingly, our students are eager to become competent practitioners of interfaith conversation, and this has become a focus or component of numerous courses and events at the Divinity School.

The Divinity School has long been engaged in educational programs beyond its own walls, especially for the United Methodist Church. This year several members of the faculty and staff have initiated fresh and creative work. Lacey Warner, associate professor of the practice of evangelism and Methodist studies, has also assumed the role of senior strategist for United Methodist collaborations. Along with Associate Deans Jeff Conklin-Miller and Dave Odom and congregational leaders, Prof. Warner is working to shape new approaches to theological education, Christian formation, and mission for leaders in the local church and community. The Divinity School will be cooperating with the two North Carolina Conferences of the United Methodist Church, The Duke Endowment, and the Parish Ministry Fund to initiate continuing education programs for clergy and lay leaders in North Carolina.

The Hispanic House of Studies and the Thriving Rural Communities initiative enable students to work with United Methodist populations that are large yet underserved. Under the leadership of Prof. Edgardo Colón-Emeric and the Rev. Ismael Ruiz-Millán, the Hispanic House strengthens Hispanic and Latino/a ministries through its Caminantes and apprenticeship programs, active in three United Methodist conferences. In May, the Hispanic House of Studies, the Duke Youth Academy for Christian Formation, and the North Carolina Conference Missioner Training program collaborated on an institute for young people. Through the Thriving Rural Communities initiative, the Divinity School partners

with The Duke Endowment and the two North Carolina conferences of the United Methodist Church to cultivate leadership in rural churches and communities.

### GRATITUDE FOR ALL OUR GIFTS

Finally, a priority of my deanship is to maintain the financial stability of the school. Everywhere in higher education, costs continue to grow at a rate faster than individual and family incomes, and Duke Divinity School is now affected by the nationwide downturn in seminary enrollments. We must continue to increase scholarship funds, and this is a high priority of the current university-wide comprehensive campaign, Duke Forward. Under the leadership of Dan Struble, associate dean of external relations, 2015 proved to be the single most successful fundraising

year in the Divinity School's history; our total giving was a record \$21.8 million. This is an enormous achievement that will strengthen our work for years to come. At the same time, we need to increase giving through the Divinity Annual Fund in order to provide scholarship funds for immediate use.

The year of our Lord 2015 has been a time of transition—which means it has been a time of recognizing the gifts we have received and enjoyed in years past and celebrating them with deep gratitude. It is a time of careful planning for new work that is already unfolding while also anticipating a new period of the school's history under the leadership of a new dean. We cannot yet see its dimensions clearly, but we wait with eagerness and hope. ■



The arched bridge in the Culberson Asiatic Arboretum of the Sarah P. Duke Gardens

# A Process of Discernment

## Report from the Dean Search Committee

*Randy Maddox*

William Kellon Quick Professor of Wesleyan and Methodist Studies and Chair of the 2015 Dean Search Committee

**T**his past year has been a time of significant discernment about the future of the dean's office. In April 2015 Richard Hays informed the Duke Divinity School community that 2015–16 would be his last year of service as dean. He purposefully announced early enough to allow the search for his replacement to be organized by early May, before most of the campus disperses to summer activities. This considerate timing proved providential, with Dean Hays' unanticipated medical diagnosis in July. We were able to focus on the challenges of organizing an interim deanship without the added task of initiating a search for the next full-term successor.

The outcome of the search for the next dean is obviously of vital importance to the Divinity School, our alumni, our church constituencies, and many others. It is equally of concern to the larger university in

which we are a school. The dean is the primary representative both of the Divinity School to Duke University and of the university administration to the school. This is why dean searches are not run internally by any school within Duke University. All searches are set up by the office of the provost, representing the president of the university.

Thus, following Dean Hays' announcement, the first step in our process was the constitution of the search committee for the next dean. After consultations within the Divinity School and the larger university, Provost Sally Kornbluth announced the composition of the committee in late April.

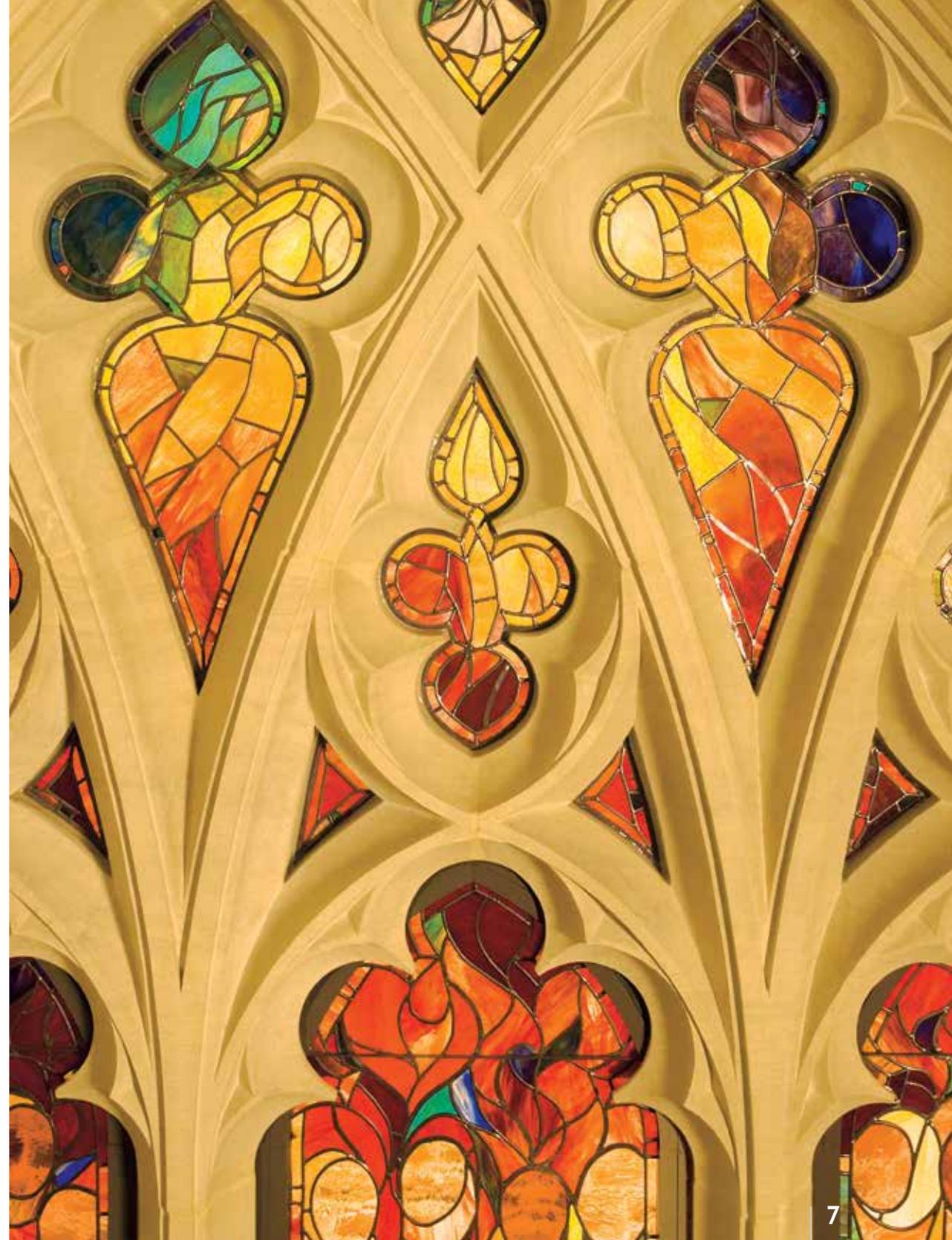
The committee represents the entire university, but it is noteworthy that Divinity School faculty, both tenured and non-tenure-track, from

all four academic divisions have been included, along with members from our largest church constituencies. One third of the committee members are United Methodist, in recognition of both our historic connection to the United Methodist Church and its ongoing support of Duke Divinity School.

At our first meeting, Provost Kornbluth charged the search committee to seek the best possible candidates for the Divinity School and Duke University. Specifically, since the final selection is made by President Brodhead and Provost Kornbluth, we were given the task of conducting an extensive national search aimed at identifying three candidates to commend to them as our potential new dean. The deadline for presenting this list was set as Feb. 1, 2016.

The committee began working immediately to develop a job description that was posted on the Duke Divinity website and circulated among our constituencies as well as an advertisement of the position placed in a range of print and online settings. We solicited nominations and applications from our own faculty, staff, and students (encouraging them to extend the solicitation through their networks); then we reached out to our Board of Visitors, deans of United Methodist seminaries and other university-related divinity schools, United Methodist bishops, and other key groups. To help ensure the strongest possible pool of candidates, we engaged the services of a search firm, Jerry Baker and Associates, which has expertise in searches for leaders in higher education generally and theological education in particular. The fruit of these various efforts was an initial pool of 25 candidates who were qualified and willing to be considered. The pool included a number of United Methodists and a more diverse group of candidates than previous searches.

Before beginning evaluation of the candidates, the committee sought input from Divinity School faculty and staff, both in public meetings and by email, about which qualifications, skills, gifts, and



characteristics were most important for our next dean. Reflecting on this input, together with emphases in the provost's charge and conversations with broader constituencies, the search committee developed a profile of an "ideal candidate." We gathered all these criteria under the following headings. (The headings are *not* in ranked order; all were considered important.)

- *The Dean needs to understand and be able to lead an institution that is both a professional school (training persons for ministry in Christian churches and other institutional settings) and a first-rank graduate school of theology (as well sharing in a graduate program in religion) within a leading research university.*
- *The Dean must be able to represent the Divinity School effectively to the larger university and serve as our lead advocate/facilitator of collaborative work in the university.*
- *The Dean must also be an effective representative of the Divinity School in the church (and particularly the United Methodist Church) as our leading constituency as a professional school.*
- *The Dean should be an effective proponent of a renewed vision for theological education within a university setting.*
- *The Dean must appreciate the fiscal dimensions of Duke Divinity School and be a strong champion of the school in development of greater financial resources for our work.*
- *The Dean must be able to lead a complex organization, with demonstrated ability to delegate leadership as appropriate.*
- *The Dean must share Duke University's commitment to increasing diversity and inclusiveness among our faculty, administrative staff, and student body and be able to work appreciatively, supportively, and well with people of a wide range of racial, ethnic, cultural, national, gender, sexual orientation, and religious backgrounds, characteristics, and communities.*
- *The Dean should be able to lead in nurturing a collegial culture among faculty, staff, and the school more broadly.*



With this profile in mind, in late August the search committee began considering the pool of candidates. A consensus emerged about the most promising potential candidates. We solicited more materials from this group and arranged in-person interviews off campus in October. Based on these interviews and our own additional reflection, we invited several candidates for a public campus visit. In addition to a presentation to the Divinity School community, the candidates met with select groups of faculty and staff. Part of the purpose of these visits is to provide the committee with more input for our pending decisions, which will include feedback solicited from the Divinity School community. The visits also help candidates gain a more detailed sense of

this community, the wider university, and the role of the dean of Duke Divinity School as they consider this opportunity.

The search committee then turned to the decision of which three candidates to commend (unranked) to President Brodhead and Provost Kornbluth. The president and provost will make the final decision about who will serve as the next dean of Duke Divinity School. We have every reason to hope that this selection will be finalized early in 2016, providing ample time for a smooth transition to new leadership over the spring and summer. ■

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—Dean Search Committee

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# New Leadership Appointments

## Lacey Warner Leads United Methodist Collaborations

In 2014, Lacey Warner stepped down from her role as executive dean of Duke Divinity School, but she remains an integral part of the leadership team. Warner is an associate professor of the practice of evangelism and Methodist studies and, in conversation with both former dean Richard Hays and Interim Dean Ellen Davis, Warner serves as senior strategist for United Methodist Collaborations. This key position creates a stronger connection between Duke Divinity School and United Methodist churches and initiatives; and Warner provides oversight, guidance, and new ideas about ways for the Divinity School

to share resources and experience with United Methodist partners in their work of serving local churches and local pastors.

### **COURSE OF STUDY**

Duke Divinity School has a long commitment to training local pastors, especially through its extensive Course of Study program. Warner has been named interim regional director and head of Course of Study at Duke. She brings insight as both an ordained elder in the Texas Conference and an evangelism professor, and her years of experience

in academic and administrative leadership equip her to guide Course of Study to even greater effectiveness in supporting local pastors and local churches.

As part of her work for Course of Study, Warner will build on the strong existing curriculum in order to explore new forms of pastoral formation for emerging congregations who are multiethnic or non-native English speakers. In recognition of the growing numbers of Hispanic/Latino(a) churches and pastors in the United Methodist conferences, Warner will focus on how Course of Study can best prepare these churches and pastors for greater effectiveness in their communities.

Warner will also develop more formal assessments of the Course of Study program at Duke Divinity School. Within the United Methodist Church, there is wide consensus about the importance of local pastors and the value of the Course of Study for preparing and supporting these pastors in their ministries. Warner's assessments will explore how effectively Course of Study is delivering the best outcomes for local pastors and churches.

#### CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Duke Divinity School recognizes that in a new millennium, new opportunities for ministry need to be explored and supported. Warner has been part of a dynamic new initiative in partnership with Alamo Heights UMC in San Antonio, Texas, to develop a certificate program that is hosted by the church and approved by Duke Divinity School. Senior Pastor David McNitzky recognized that people in his church were interested in studying theology, church history, and biblical studies in order to be equipped for greater service in their church and community. These people were not necessarily discerning a call into full-time vocational ministry, and they weren't able to relocate to attend divinity school as full-time students. The church began offering courses, and, with the help of Warner, Duke Divinity School now recognizes this training with an approved certificate. The program has been

transformational in their congregation and community, and Warner will be exploring the possibility of other such partnerships to support local churches in the coming year.

"This program, the Quarry, is an intentional community of learning and discipleship that seeks to build confidence in answering the call to Christian leadership through education and conversation toward developing an awareness of the story of God, the presence and movement of the Holy Spirit, the freedom to fail, and the identity of belonging and trust," said McNitzky. "The conversation and community found in the Quarry have resulted in both a stimulating engagement with the text and a creative engagement with the world."

#### OTHER UMC WORK

Warner will continue to expand the scope of UMC collaborations with Duke Divinity School in the year ahead. Plans are already underway for a Wesleyan Witness Leadership Institute, and she has begun discussions with Truett Seminary in Waco, Texas, to discover how United Methodists and Duke Divinity School might partner with them to offer greater options for training and supporting ministers and churches. And Warner will serve as a delegate to the United Methodist General Conference in 2016, where she will share her experience and perspective and bear witness to the important decisions that will be undertaken there as part of leadership for the global United Methodist Church. Her leadership at Duke Divinity School continues to strengthen our commitment to our United Methodist constituents and to encourage our creative thinking and growth in supporting the ways that local pastors and churches are sharing the message of God's transforming gospel to the world. ■



*The Course of Study at Duke Divinity School is among the largest, training hundreds of pastors each year, and the numbers continue to grow. I am excited for the opportunity to learn more about this influential program and to participate in continuing to build it to strengthen the UMC.*

— Lacey Warner

# Administrators Devote Attention to Key Areas

## Continuing Strong Academic Programs and Student Support

The leadership of Duke Divinity School have continued to assess how we can best ensure that key priorities for the school are met, including strengthening our important connections to the United Methodist Church, building on our strong academic programs, and expanding our creative endeavors in student recruitment and financial aid. New administrative appointments in 2015 position the school well to devote attention to these key areas.

### JEFF CONKLIN-MILLER NAMED ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS



After serving as the associate dean for admissions, Jeff Conklin-Miller D'12 has accepted the position of associate dean for academic programs. Conklin-Miller, the E. Stanley Jones Assistant Professor of the Practice of Evangelism and Christian Formation and Royce and Jane Reynolds Teaching Fellow, is also the director of the Master of Arts in Christian Practice (M.A.C.P.) program.

Conklin-Miller earned his M.Div. from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and his Th.D. from Duke Divinity School. He teaches courses in Christian formation, mission, evangelism, and ministry in the Wesleyan/Methodist tradition, and his research considers the theological

relationship of the church and the world, especially the connections between ecclesial practices of formation and faithful witness. He is an ordained elder in the California-Pacific Conference of the United Methodist Church and has served local churches in Southern California as associate pastor, co-pastor, and senior pastor.

In his role as associate dean for academic programs, Conklin-Miller is responsible for overseeing the planning and implementation of the curriculum, facilitating the work of the houses of study and the writing center, and leading the student life and ministerial formation group. "Someone once suggested that after more than a decade of ministry in United Methodist congregations, I had begun a 'second career' in my service at the Divinity School. I've always resisted that identification; the work I do now with students, faculty, and staff is best understood as a continuation of that ministry, the formation of theological imagination for the sake of serving God's mission in the church and in the world," said Conklin-Miller. "I'm thankful for the opportunities to have pursued that work in the pulpit, in the classroom, and now in my role as associate dean." With his ministerial, academic, and administrative experience, Conklin-Miller is poised to build on the strengths of the academic program development and delivery at Duke Divinity School.

### TODD MABERRY APPOINTED TO NEW SENIOR DIRECTOR ROLE

The landscape in seminary and divinity school education is changing. Fewer people express interest in pursuing theological degrees, and the costs of that education continue to rise. For several years Duke Divinity School has sought to address these challenges in both recruitment and financial aid. As part of strengthening our commitment to these important priorities, Todd Maberry D'06 has been appointed to the new position of senior director of admissions, recruitment, and student finance.

“It is an honor to be able to serve Duke Divinity School, a community that I love,” said Maberry. “Together with my teams, I get to engage interesting challenges such as identifying and recruiting the best prospective students in a shifting theological landscape and discovering ways to make theological education more affordable.”

Maberry earned his M.Div. from Duke Divinity School and a Master of Public Administration from North Carolina State University. He previously served as director of academic formation for five years at Duke Divinity School and since 2012 has been the community pastor at the Church of the Resurrection (Downtown) in Kansas City, Mo. He is ordained in the Church of the Nazarene and comes to Duke Divinity School under the appointment of Bishop Scott Jones in the Great Plains Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Maberry will guide and supervise the efforts of staff directors, programs, and activities in the areas of recruitment, admissions operations and financial aid, with the goal of increasing enrollment in curricular and co-curricular programs at the School. He joins Director of Admissions Operations Paige Anderson, Director of Financial Aid Cassandra Pettigrew, and other staff members in the areas of admissions and financial aid. He will also work with staff and faculty to maintain and strengthen the connections between Duke Divinity School and the United Methodist Church.

### MEGHAN BENSON NAMED NEW DIVINITY SCHOOL CHAPLAIN



With the retirement of longtime chaplain Sally Bates in June 2015, former dean Richard Hays announced the appointment of Meghan Feldmeyer Benson D'02 to fill the position of chaplain of Duke Divinity School. She has served as director of worship for Duke Chapel since 2006, where she planned and led worship, counseled students, and provided spiritual guidance for many members of the Duke University community.

In her new position at the Divinity School, Benson will be responsible for overseeing all worship services in Goodson Chapel, organizing and directing spiritual formation groups, and providing pastoral care for students, faculty, and staff. She is an ordained elder in the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Benson began her chaplain duties in July and within just a few weeks faced the responsibility of providing spiritual comfort and direction to the Divinity School after the cancer diagnoses of Richard Hays and Kate Bowler. Her gifts for leading worship have been apparent through special services of prayer for healing, and her pastoral care has blessed many students and staff who have shared special needs with her. “I am thrilled to be the chaplain of the Divinity School—a place dear to my heart since I was a student,” said Benson. “I am energized by the opportunity of working closely with students, planning and envisioning the worship life, and giving deeper thought to spiritual formation at Duke. I will confess it has been a bit of a baptism by fire to come into a community days before Richard Hays’ cancer diagnosis, followed so quickly by Kate Bowler’s, but it’s also been a privilege to see the groundswell of love and support from the Divinity community. In the midst of unsettling news about beloved colleagues, people have responded with tears, grace, prayer, food, laughter, and steadfast faith. What a gift to share life with so many people who live out the gospel in thought, word, and deed—I am so grateful to be part of the Divinity community.” ■



# The Empathetic, Embodied Scholar

## American Church History Professor Grant Wacker Retires

*Wen Reagan and Aaron Griffith*

**A**fter 15 years at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and 23 years at Duke Divinity School, Grant Wacker, Gilbert T. Rowe Professor Emeritus of Church History, retired this year. He guided dozens of graduate students through the gantlet of doctoral education, and his legacy of mentorship lives on in scholars across the country, from freelance writers to college faculty to academic deans. In honor of their mentor, they call themselves “Wackerites,” and, though they are diverse in their scholarship and practice, they all shared formative training under their advisor’s tutelage.

For each, it started with, “Call me Grant,” never Dr. or Professor Wacker. Grant’s immediate casualness was disarming, an unexpected change from the hierarchy typical of the academy. It hinted at what he would become for most of his protégés: a pastor under the academic gown. Though

he could strike fear with his editing pen, Grant’s pastoral approach to academic advising meant students sought him for counsel beyond their papers and found friendship in the midst of academic rigor. When it came to his students, Grant cared as much about their well-being, spouses, children—even dogs—as he did about their scholarship.

Elesha Coffman, assistant professor of church history at the University of Dubuque, explained that Grant was first and foremost a mentor to her. She described his intentional act of reassurance after noticing her struggle to find confidence as a scholar in her first doctoral seminar: “One day Grant called me at home to tell me I had made a valuable comment in class,” Coffman said. “Who makes that kind of effort to encourage a student? He was exceptional in his care for his students and their success.”

In a paper presented at the American Society of Church History Annual Meeting, Laurie Maffly-Kipp, Archer Alexander Distinguished Professor at Washington University, notes the importance of a mentor who refuses to put up walls between his personal and professional life. “I see Grant as someone who has worked steadily to resist moves toward the compartmentalization of scholarly work as something separable from the relationships and practices that constitute and support it,” Maffly-Kipp says. “Over every cup of coffee, through every interaction over email, and through every sharing of the latest pictures of children, dogs, and grandchildren, Grant has modeled what younger scholars might call an ‘embodied’ mode of scholarly communication.” Embodied scholars like Grant “draw others into relationships and provide space for conversations that easily traverse the personal, the social, the professional, and the intellectual.”

Heather Vacek, associate dean of academics and assistant professor of church history at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, shared another example of Grant’s embodied scholarship and personal relationships: “Grant cherishes and nourishes relationships and made clear that academia is most productive and most enjoyable when scholarship and friendship intersect,” Vacek said. “Grant’s model of friendship among his cohort of scholars inspired what will be lifelong friendships among his doctoral students. My favorite example of the value Grant placed on friendship in academia took place the week his longtime colleague David Steinmetz returned to the classroom after recovering from a stroke. As Dr. Steinmetz began to lecture, Grant silently slipped into a chair in the back of the lecture hall filled with 150 master’s students. Seventy-five minutes later, Grant left as unobtrusively as he arrived. His presence, however, demonstrated his deep care for his colleague and the value he places on friendship.”

Grant’s embodied approach to mentoring combined the professional and personal. He also instilled in his students his approach to scholarship: a proper historical account should reveal the messy humanity of the

historical subject, a blurry truth that noted both the good and the bad. In a conference paper “The Wackerites: An Ethnographic Account of a North Carolina Sect,” Kate Bowler, assistant professor of the history of Christianity in North America at Duke Divinity School, argues that this practice of historical honesty rooted Wackerite scholarship; she summarizes this scholarly approach as *in charitate, veritas*.

Grant taught his students that empathy was the critical component of good historical scholarship and, more than anything else, it required humility. “At the center of Wackerite belief lay a hermeneutic of charity, a deep and unyielding respect for the humanity of historical actors,” Bowler says. Grant made this clear at the beginning of each academic year, declaring to each incoming seminary class that “the great heresy of the modern age is the assumption that we created ourselves.” To do good history was to reveal and respect the moral complexity of the past, not reduce it to simplistic binaries of good or evil that could be too easily adored or ignored.

With his retirement, Grant leaves a legacy of mentorship that has blossomed into his Wackerite clan, who will continue to champion their mentor’s pursuits of scholarly friendship and historical empathy.

Most Duke Divinity students know Grant Wacker best for his compelling teaching and selfless mentoring. Grant’s remarkable scholarly work might be easily obscured by his own professional modesty. Many a student has asked about Grant’s latest writing project only to have him skillfully steer the conversation to the student’s family or vocational goals.

But scholar he is. Grant is one of the foremost historians of American religion, author of three important monographs and dozens of articles, chapters, and book reviews. Grant’s first book, *Augustus Strong and the Dilemma of Historical Consciousness*, examines the intellectual life of Augustus Strong, a theologian enmeshed in doctrinal disputes between liberals and conservatives at the turn of the 20th century. In this book,

Grant analyzes historicism, which asserts the cultural mediation of religious truth and thereby challenges notions of the divine origin of Scripture and doctrine. Grant demonstrates how Strong grappled with this problem and remained committed to orthodoxy, even as he modified its seemingly timeless qualities. The book provides a fresh lens through which to view battles between fundamentalists and modernists by telling the story of one Christian who chose neither side.

In his next book, *Heaven Below: Early Pentecostals and American Culture*, Grant explores the lives and beliefs of American Pentecostals in the early 20th century. Other scholars tended to view Pentecostals as a people focused entirely on the supernatural world in order to compensate for their alienation from mainstream American life. Grant shows, however, that early Pentecostals were also pragmatists, as realistic as they were radical. They did focus on the supernatural, but they thrived because they channeled spiritual concerns through the cultural conventions of middle-class America.

Grant's most recent book, *America's Pastor: Billy Graham and the Shaping of a Nation*, is an interpretive history focused on Graham's public career. This expansive work places the famed evangelist within the context of American life after World War II and shows how Graham's six-decade span of influence was the result of his intersection with important social developments such as the growth of celebrity culture and the rise of media-savvy evangelicalism. Grant explains why so many Americans from all walks of life appreciated the traveling evangelist.

Each of Grant's works displays unique historiographical virtues, but they all reveal a historian who writes with a remarkable sense of empathy for his subjects. Grant plays by a simple methodological golden rule, one he frequently impresses upon his students: treat your subjects like you would want them to treat you. Though historians should never be afraid to speak the truth, they should always try to assume the best of those who came before.

Grant's proficient practice of the golden rule produced writing consistently infused (though never overwhelmed) by autobiographical concern. His work reveals his effort to work out problems that matter to him personally. He wrote about Augustus Strong because "the questions that troubled him are pretty much the same questions that trouble me," and he opened *America's Pastor* with his own childhood account of Graham's 1957 New York crusade. Details like these draw readers in. Readers begin to care about obscure theologians, backwoods revivals, and gangly evangelical preachers if for no other reason than that their trusted, empathetic scholarly guide cared about them first.

And Grant cares because important matters of faith are at stake. Many of Grant's subjects in his books and articles were, in their own ways, attempting to make sense of faith in a changing, hostile, distinctly modern world. Strong found his convictions rocked by shifting intellectual tides, and Pearl Buck had her faith upended by encounters with other religions on the mission field. Others faced more personal challenges, like the Pentecostals whose confidence in divine healing was threatened by the death of loved ones. Some of Grant's subjects made peace with their challenges; others did not. But all had a story worth telling, and Grant did so with grace.

Grant has shaped the field of American religion through his writing, offering new historical knowledge and forging intellectual tools for how to handle it well. In doing so, Grant the scholar turns out to look a lot like Grant the teacher and Grant the mentor. In each role he has been deeply empathetic, always opening himself to the stories of others. ■

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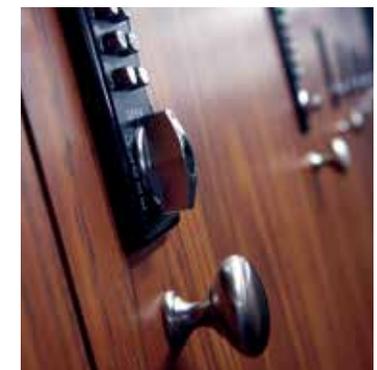
Aaron Griffith D'13 is a Th.D. student at Duke Divinity School, studying the history of American Christianity. His dissertation research focuses on the history of American evangelical prison ministry and reform in the 20th century.



REFERENCE ROOM

## Library Enhancements

This past year the Divinity School Library was able to complete a significant refurbishment of several spaces. Connected in part to the renovations at the adjoining Perkins Library and the David M. Rubinstein Rare Book and Manuscript Library (made possible by a gift from David Rubinstein T'70), the project brought much-needed enhancements to the space where the Divinity School community gathers to study, research, and learn. The upgrades are only the beginning of the renovations needed at the Divinity School Library. If you would like to be part of renovating and sustaining this important theological library, contact Dan Struble, associate dean for external relations, at (919) 660-3456. ■



DOCTORAL SUITE LOCKERS



### READING LOUNGE

(left) A former library staff kitchen and cataloging room were combined into a bright reading lounge featuring leaded glass windows and casual reading areas favored by some students.

### DOCTORAL SUITE

(right) The doctoral suite features 24 work spaces, lockers, and a comfortable seating area.



### SEMINAR CLASSROOM

The seminar classroom replaces an old computer lab. The renovation sealed the foundation and uncovered two window wells to bring in light. Videoconferencing software provides additional functionality. Outside the seminar room is a small gallery space for art exhibitions by students and local artists.



# A Record-Setting Year for Giving

## Progress Toward Supporting Funding Priorities

**D**uke Divinity School hit a new record for gifts during the 2014–15 fiscal year, with total receipts of \$21.8 million. The school relies on partnerships and financial support from individuals, foundations, churches, and others in order to continue the mission of preparing men and women to advance the gospel through leadership and service in the church, academy, and the world. (For specific information, see page 35.) As a preeminent university divinity school, Duke Divinity takes seriously the need to offer students the finest academic training along with intentional spiritual formation, while engaging with interdisciplinary

perspectives from other university departments and the wider community. This preparation requires consistently strong financial support, and we are grateful to build on the history of generosity that has sustained us as we look forward to continued growth. Every gift matters, and every gift helps us reach the goals of Duke Forward, the comprehensive fundraising campaign for Duke University slated to conclude in 2017. We are grateful for every donor, friend, and gift—all help to make Duke Divinity School one of the best places in the world for theological education.

### ROYCE AND JANE REYNOLDS SUPPORT EVANGELISM PRIORITIES

Royce and Jane Reynolds have for years demonstrated their commitment to the United Methodist commission “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” In 2015, they built on their legacy of support for Duke Divinity School with a gift to establish the Royce and Jane Reynolds Associate/Assistant Professorship, which will provide outstanding teaching, research, and emphasis on evangelism in the Divinity School, extending to the university, the church, and the world.

Now retired, Royce Reynolds was the founder of Crown Automotive, a chain of automobile dealerships throughout the Southeast. He and Jane live in Greensboro, N.C., and have been generous donors to community organizations and United Methodist institutions for decades. At Duke Divinity School, they have provided a lecture hall in the Westbrook building, financial assistance for students, faculty in evangelism, and support for

programs in parish ministry, Christian leadership, and the Reynolds Fellows program. Stephen Gunter, associate dean for Methodist Studies and research professor of evangelism and Wesleyan studies, noted: “For more than 20 years, it has been my privilege to be partners with Royce and Jane Reynolds in the cause of the gospel through the Foundation for Evangelism. Endowed chairs in evangelism make a difference by ensuring the formation of evangelistic leaders among our clergy. I am rather confident that in the history of American Methodism no other benefactor has been more generous than Royce and Jane with gifts specifically intended to have a multiplying effect for the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

All of the Reynolds’ investments at Duke—in classroom teaching, continuing education, leadership formation—seek to help the church to be more effective in its witness and more faithful in its service to Christ.



### SALLY BATES ESTABLISHES SCHOLARSHIP

Sally Bates D’95 of Raleigh, N.C., retired from Duke Divinity School this year after more than a decade of dedicated service as chaplain. She will be long remembered for her thoughtful planning of Divinity School chapel services, her pastoral care and support for students and staff, her passion for the people of Haiti, and her wit and humor that infused joy into the spirit of preparation for ministry.

She will also leave a legacy of financial support for Divinity School students. Bates has established the Sally Glenn Bates Scholarship, a permanent resource to support students that she has cared about deeply over the years. “In my role as Divinity School chaplain, I was blessed to be a part of a gifted faculty and staff team who embraced the task of preparing women and men for servant ministry in the church and the academy,” Bates says. “My own gifts for mentoring and training

were engaged every day as I worked closely with students and invested deeply in their personal growth. For 13 years, I reveled in this day-to-day involvement with our students. As I began planning for my retirement from Duke and anticipated the shift in my own pastoral work, I sensed that a key question that had always helped to guide me, ‘How, then, shall I live?’ was taking on a new meaning—‘How, then, shall I give?’ After retiring from Duke, I wanted to continue to support our students especially at the point of their greatest financial need.”

The Sally Glenn Bates Scholarship also provides a way for others to give in order to honor the ministry she provided to the school. To designate a gift in honor of Sally Bates for this scholarship, contact the Office of External Relations at (919) 660-3456.





### RENIE AND BILL MCCUTCHEN SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Renie (WC'62) and Bill (E'62) McCutchen of Westport, Conn., have a long history of generous partnership with Duke Divinity School. With a particular passion for the work of reconciliation and ministries in East Africa, the McCutchens have created several endowed scholarship funds. They have also given their time and influence in faithful service on several key Divinity boards.

In 2015, the McCutchens continued their support of the Indiana/Kenya Field Education Partnership, which enables Divinity School students to complete their field education placements in Kenya (in cooperation with the Global Interfaith Partnership in Indianapolis). Duke Divinity School partners with the UMOJA Project to create a network of churches and schools to serve vulnerable children and households in Kenya. That network now includes more than 20 congregations, 18 schools, and 2,700 students. As part of their internship, Duke Divinity School students are also connected with congregations in Indianapolis, this past year specifically North United Methodist Church and Northminster Presbyterian Church.

Students are selected by application and interviews for the opportunity. Kadeisha Kilgore and Elizabeth Styron, both second-year M.Div. students, were selected and trained for a summer internship in Kenya. "This was an absolutely wonderful placement for me," Styron said. "It was beautifully structured and has had a lasting impact on me. I have

been transformed in several ways and have learned how ministry and social work intersect in a culture and environment that is different from mine. I am truly thankful for the experience and connections that I've made."

Other gifts this year from the McCutchens were designated for the Divinity Annual Fund, which provides financial aid for Divinity School students, and for the Summer Institute, a five-day intensive conference in reconciliation for scholars and practitioners. As a result of the McCutchens' support, a number of people from ministries including the YMCA and rescue missions around the country were able to attend Summer Institute at a reduced cost. This in turn allows the work of the Center for Reconciliation and Duke Divinity School to extend to ministries that grapple with social justice and reconciliation issues and to empower those practitioners with the theological foundation and practical encouragement for their work.

Through the Ruth Lilly Philanthropic Foundation, established by Renie's late aunt, the McCutchens have also supported scholarships for Th.D. students at Duke Divinity School and provided operational support for the Center for Reconciliation. The effects of their generosity can be seen throughout East Africa, the ongoing work of the Center for Reconciliation, and the formation provided for Divinity School students who will become the next generation of scholars and ministry leaders.



Graduating students at the top of Duke Chapel in May 2015

### DIVINITY ANNUAL FUND 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

The Divinity Annual Fund exceeded its goal and set a new record for donations in 2015. We are pleased with this milestone and grateful to everyone who gave to support the annual fund, especially because this represents a significant step forward in providing financial assistance to Divinity School students. All gifts to the Divinity Annual Fund support the ministry of preparing men and women for leadership in churches, seminaries, and nonprofit organizations. Increasing our ability to offer financial aid to students continues to be a top priority for Duke Divinity School as we seek to alleviate the burden of student debt on the future ministries of Divinity School students.

**Divinity Annual Fund Goal:**        **\$700,000**  
**Divinity Annual Fund Receipts:**   **\$763,211**  
*2,318 total donors*

In 2014–15 we were in the second year of a three-year Leadership Challenge for Divinity Annual Fund. An anonymous donor has pledged \$50,000 for each year that we hit our target number of leadership donors who give \$1,000 or more to the Divinity Annual Fund. All gifts to the Divinity Annual Fund directly support the training of men and women for leadership and service through financial aid, field education, and formation programs. You can make this Leadership Challenge a success with your gift of \$1,000 or more to Divinity Annual Fund this year! ■

**2014:** 184 Leadership Donors [*Goal met!*]  
**2015:** 222 Leadership Donors [*Goal met!*]  
**2016:** **Goal of 234 Leadership Donors**

### GROWTH IN ANNUAL FUND GIVING



**FOR MORE INFORMATION** on how you can support students through the Divinity Annual Fund, contact the Office of External Relations at (919) 660-3456. Every gift of every size helps to make a seminary education possible for our wonderful students. We'd love for you to join us!

# 2015 Highlights from Duke Divinity School

## News, Events, Speakers, and Notable Achievements

### SPIRITED LIFE PROGRAM IMPROVES CLERGY HEALTH

Spirited Life, a holistic wellness program and behavioral health study conducted by the Clergy Health Initiative, has wrapped up direct services to pastors after working with more than 1,100 United Methodist clergy in North Carolina since 2010. The program provided resources for improving mental, spiritual, and physical health through evidence-based programs, coaching, and support. Factors in the lives of clergy, such as internal pressure to live up to one's call and the external demands of ministry, make it challenging to remain healthy. Research indicates that clergy experience higher than average rates of obesity, Type 2 diabetes, and hypertension, and they report high rates of depression. At the end of the two years of Spirited Life services, the percentage of clergy with metabolic syndrome (a condition that raises a person's risk of heart disease, diabetes, and stroke) dropped from 33 to 27 percent, and many clergy sustained these improvements up to two years after the intervention. Funded by The Duke Endowment, the Clergy Health Initiative is a 10-year program to improve the health and well-being

of United Methodist clergy in North Carolina. The initiative will continue to conduct and publish research.

### AFRICAN LEADERS GATHER FOR 2015 GLI

More than 130 African leaders—more than half of them first-time attendees—gathered in Kampala, Uganda, Jan. 11–17 for the ninth Great Lakes Initiative (GLI) gathering and fourth Leadership Institute. Participants from Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and other African countries gathered for a week of theological study, ecumenical worship, and opportunities to collaborate with leaders of ministries of reconciliation throughout East Africa and other parts of Africa. The GLI is a partnership between Duke Divinity School's Center for Reconciliation (CFR), African Leadership and Reconciliation Ministries, Mennonite Central Committee, and World Vision. African leaders continued to take on a greater leadership role in governing the GLI, and an African board of directors was elected and commissioned. This year's program featured 15 East African scholars and practitioners and two Duke Divinity faculty members, Esther Acolatse and Ellen

Davis, who taught at plenaries and seminars. In the fall of 2015, Davis, professor of Bible and practical theology, co-taught a class on African biblical interpretation at Duke Divinity School. The class will culminate when nine students, receiving partial scholarships from the CFR and other donors, travel to the GLI Institute in Uganda in January 2016.

### DIVINITY SCHOOL HOSTS ALL THINGS NEW CONFERENCE

In March, the Divinity School hosted the All Things New conference. The event, which was organized by the Divinity School's Office of Field Education and a student planning group, offered a forum for students, practitioners, and others interested in the future of the church to exchange ideas and build relationships. The conference featured lectures, seminars, and opportunities to share information. Seminars topics included church planting, intentional incarnation, and missional faith communities. Conference speakers included Jerry Hersh, founder of AfterHours Denver, a faith-in-action community that meets at Denver bars; Gannon Sims, communications director at Fresh

Expressions, an initiative to generate new expressions of Christian community; Audrey B. Warren, pastor of Branches United Methodist Mission; Edgardo Colón-Emeric, assistant professor of Christian theology at Duke Divinity School; and Valerie Cooper, associate professor of Black Church studies.

### LILLY ENDOWMENT GRANT TO SUPPORT PREACHING INITIATIVE

Duke Divinity School received a five-year, \$500,000 grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. The grant will support the Duke Preaching Initiative, which includes several projects that explore new homiletical pedagogies to engage with the changing contexts in which preaching is learned. The first project is a peer-learning program designed for Hispanic-Latino/a preachers in North Carolina. Offered in Spanish, the program will provide homiletical training for groups of pastors through monthly peer-group meetings. In addition, full tuition for a Hispanic-Latino/a Th.D. student in homiletics will be available beginning in the fall of 2016. The second project will enable the digitization of over 1,000 recordings of Duke Chapel sermons from the 1950s to early 2000s. They will be added to the existing digital collection, Duke Chapel Recordings, which launched

last year, and each recording will receive an enhanced description. In addition, the project will ensure the digitization of older sermon manuscripts. A website will also be developed to make the digitized sermons available for homiletical education. The website will provide pedagogical resources for using the sermons both in and beyond the classroom. The grant will enhance the availability and preservation of preaching resources through a partnership between Duke Divinity School, Duke Chapel, and Duke University Archives, and is part of Lilly Endowment's Initiative to Strengthen the Quality of Preaching.

### LILLY ENDOWMENT GRANT FOR LEADERSHIP EDUCATION

Lilly Endowment Inc. awarded Duke University a \$6 million grant to support Leadership Education at Duke Divinity (LEADD), a program focused on professional development opportunities for leaders in church and nonprofit ministries. LEADD encourages a theological vision of leadership and supports Christian institutions—including seminaries, denominations, and other nonprofit organizations—as they develop current and future leaders. The grant will also fund the expansion of effective programs,

including Foundations of Christian Leadership, a two-week intensive seminar for institutional leaders. LEADD was created in 2008 with a \$14 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. This latest grant will help advance Duke Forward, the seven-year, university-wide fundraising campaign that aims to raise \$3.25 billion by June 30, 2017.

### RESPONSIBLE OUTREACH CONFERENCE

Duke Divinity School hosted a conference Feb. 20–21 on Responsible Outreach: The Church in Mission. The conference, which was aimed at pastors and students, addressed how local churches can approach outreach efforts in a theologically and ethically responsible way. The conference featured experts in missions and outreach including United Methodist Bishop Hope Morgan Ward of North Carolina; Bishop Peter Witbooi and the Rev. Sikawu Makubalo, both of Johannesburg, South Africa; and Joseph Mann, adjunct professor of parish work at the Divinity School. Speakers discussed how churches can navigate the complexities of race, socioeconomics, culture, and community histories to fulfill their mission of transforming the world for the sake of Jesus Christ. The conference was co-sponsored by Thriving Rural Communities, the Center for

### NOTABLE SPEAKERS, VISITORS, AND HONORED GUESTS

**The Rev. Dr. Joseph Wandera** of St. Paul's University in Limuru, Kenya, led a discussion on practical interfaith work in Kenya for the Center for Reconciliation and the Anglican-Episcopal House of Studies. • American Catholic singer-songwriter **John Michael Talbot** performed and led a discussion session as part of the Dean's Songwriter Series. • **David Jeffrey**, Distinguished Professor of Literature and the Humanities at Baylor University and one of the pioneering scholars at the interface between theology and literature, spoke on "Bathsheba in the Eye of the Beholder: Rubens vs. Rembrandt" as part of the DITA Distinguished Lecture Series. • **Kwok Pui Lan**, William F. Cole Professor of Christian Theology & Spirituality at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass., lectured on "My Journey into Postcolonial Feminist Theology" for the annual Jill Raitt Lecture. • **Carl Holladay**, Charles Howard Candler Professor of New Testament at Emory University's Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, spoke on "Acts as Gospel: The Familiar and the Foreign" for the annual Kenneth W. Clark Lecture Series. • The 16th Annual McPherson Lectureship featured the **Rev. Ron Cole-Turner**, H. Parker Sharp Professor of Theology and Ethics at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, speaking on "Enhancing Ourselves Through Technology and Why It Matters for

Reconciliation, the Office of Student Life, the Divinity Student Council, Duke Chapel, and the Western North Carolina Conference of the UMC.

#### AEHS STUDY DAY WITH LUKE BRETHERTON

The seventh annual AEHS Study Day, “Faith and Politics: Poverty, Power, and Privilege,” was led by Luke Bretherton, professor of theological ethics at Duke Divinity School and senior fellow at Duke’s Kenan Institute for Ethics. The event for clergy and laity focused on developing a scriptural and theological framework for negotiating life in our “secular” age; rethinking the “preferential option for the poor” and gaining greater understanding of the inter-relationship between poverty and privilege; and reflecting on faithful, hopeful, and loving practices of social, political, and economic engagement in the contemporary context.

#### RETREAT FOR PASTORS SERVING THE HISPANIC AND LATINO COMMUNITY

The Hispanic House of Studies hosted a retreat for pastors serving the Hispanic and Latino/a community April 13–15 in Lake Junaluska, N.C. The fourth annual retreat, “Immersed in the Heart of the Good Shepherd: Small Groups Creating Spaces for Transformative

Discipleship,” featured praise, worship, and theological reflection. The Rev. Adrian Garcia, pastor of H/L Ministry and Outreach at First UMC in Peoria, Ill., led sessions that explored how small groups can become the space where transformative discipleship happens. Roberto Rada Jr., worship director for Iglesia Fiesta Cristiana in Apex, N.C., led worship. The retreat received funding from The Duke Endowment and the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences of the United Methodist Church.

#### 2015 SANKOFA BLACK ALUMNI SPEAKING SERIES

Every Tuesday in February, the Divinity School featured the Sankofa Black Alumni Preaching Series in order to celebrate the distinct contributions of the school’s alumni of African descent. Alumni preached during the 11:25 a.m. worship service in Goodson Chapel. The series was established in 2014 during Black History Month. The word *sankofa* derives from the Akan language of Ghana and translates as “reach back and get it,” and was chosen by the Office of Black Church Studies and the Black Seminarians Union to demonstrate how they are inspired and humbled by the prophetic and transformative ministries of so many of Duke Divinity School’s African-American alumni.

Alumni preachers included Kiki Barnes D’12, Ken Walden D’02, Chalice Overy D’06, and Romal Tune D’00.

#### “FAN THE FLAME” SMALL MEMBERSHIP CHURCH REVITALIZATION EVENT

The Thriving Rural Communities initiative at Duke Divinity School hosted a weekend retreat May 1–3 on growth and sustainability for small membership churches. The event, Fan the Flame, was for pastors and laity and focused on the unique testimony of growth and sustainability at the Bladen Charge, a Thriving Rural Communities partner church that is made up of three United Methodist churches in North Carolina: Bethlehem, Live Oak, and Windsor. The retreat included worship services and workshops on topics ranging from the dynamics of small membership churches to outreach ministries.

#### SECOND ANNUAL CHRISTIAN FORUM FOR RECONCILIATION—NORTHEAST ASIA

The Center for Reconciliation at Duke Divinity School and the Mennonite Central Committee sponsored the second annual Christian Forum for Reconciliation—Northeast Asia. Approximately 60 educators, practitioners, and church leaders from China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, and the United States attended

Christians.” • **Richard Muller**, P.J. Zondervan Professor of Historical Theology at Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, Mich., gave a lecture on “Was It Really Viral? Natural Theology in the Early Modern Reformed Tradition.” • Internationally-known theater artist **Karin Coonrod** gave a presentation on the theological and artistic implications of adapting Flannery O’Connor’s stories for theater. • The Office of Black Church Studies at Duke Divinity School hosted the Murray and Burroughs Lecture on Women and Religion with guest lecturer **Katie G. Cannon**, Annie Scales Rogers Professor of Christian Ethics at Union Presbyterian Seminary, on “A Womanist Trajectory of Justice-Making.” • **The Rev. Osagyefo Sekou**, community pastor and activist; **Leah Gunning Francis**, associate dean for contextual education and assistant professor of Christian education at Eden Theological Seminary; **Frank Roberts**, a faculty member at New York University; and **Brittany Cooper**, assistant professor of women’s and gender studies and Africana studies at Rutgers University, came to the Divinity School for a discussion on “Black Lives Matter—Discussing Race and Anti-Black Violence.” • **Father Robert Barron**, the rector and president of the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary, lectured on “Biblical Interpretation and Theology: A Meditation on Irenaeus, Modernity, and Vatican II” and “Faithful and Intelligent? The Catholic Intellectual Tradition and You.” • **Bishop Peggy Johnson**, the episcopal leader of the Philadelphia

the forum, which was held April 20–25 in Nagasaki, Japan, during the 70th anniversary year of the dropping of U.S. atomic bombs in the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The forum brings together Christian leaders from countries in conflict and from different denominations, both Protestant and Catholic, as well as from the academy, church, and nonprofit organizations. Two Duke Divinity students, Janet Xiao M.T.S.'15 and Matthew Ponder M.Div.'16, also attended. The forum is designed to support Christian leaders in the ministry of reconciliation with a learning environment grounded in theological reflection. Participants worshipped together, discussed a scriptural framework for reconciliation, and talked about challenging problems—from a rising climate of nationalism and militarization to the complexities of historical wounds, repentance, and forgiveness.

#### 2015 CONVOCATION ON THE RURAL CHURCH

The 2015 Convocation on the Rural Church, “Living into Community,” took place Aug. 10–12 in Myrtle Beach, S.C. The annual event is an opportunity for pastors from the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences of the United Methodist Church to join with Duke Divinity School and The Duke Endowment to discuss issues that are important in

transforming rural churches and communities and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. Participants joined together for worship, plenary sessions, workshops, conversation and Sabbath. Christine D. Pohl, author of *Living into Community: Cultivating Practices That Sustain Us*, was the featured speaker.

#### CLERGY HEALTH INITIATIVE RELEASES 2014 SURVEY FINDINGS

A new report from the Duke Clergy Health Initiative explores the state of health of North Carolina’s United Methodist clergy. Data from the initiative’s 2014 statewide survey of 1,788 clergy suggest that most clergy have a vital relationship with God, and this spiritual health may have a buoying effect on clergy’s mental well-being: 68 percent of clergy are flourishing, a measure of positive mental health. Though still high, rates of moderate to severe depression symptoms among currently appointed clergy declined from 11 percent in 2008, when the survey was first conducted, to 9 percent in 2014. Maintaining a healthy weight is a challenge for many currently appointed clergy, with 41 percent of men and 38 percent of women qualifying as obese. Many clergy are also at risk for other metabolic risk factors, including diabetes, high cholesterol, and high blood pressure. The roles

and actions of many people within the church have a bearing on clergy health, so alongside the data are suggested actions clergy, congregants, and denominational officials can take to support the well-being of pastors. Every other year since 2008, the Duke Clergy Health Initiative has conducted a survey of all United Methodist clergy across the state. Participation in each wave of the study has ranged from 75 to 95 percent of clergy. The next survey will take place in 2016. The Duke Clergy Health Initiative is funded by a grant from The Duke Endowment, a private nonprofit foundation located in Charlotte, N.C.

#### SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR RECONCILIATION

The Center for Reconciliation at Duke Divinity School held the eighth annual Summer Institute for Reconciliation, a five-day intensive institute to nourish, renew, and deepen the capacities of Christian leaders in the ministry of reconciliation, justice, and peace. The theme of this year’s conference was “The Ministry of Reconciliation in a Divided World.” Participants experienced in-depth teaching by world-class theologians, including Duke Divinity School faculty and ministry practitioners on a variety of topics, including Faith-Rooted Community Organizing, Mission Among the Poor, Theology of Reconciliation, and Racial

Area of the United Methodist Church, led a discussion on “Listening to the Silent Church,” about the relationship between the deaf and hard of hearing community and the church. • The Theology, Medicine, and Culture initiative at Duke Divinity School co-sponsored a public panel discussion on “Bioethics in the Abrahamic Traditions” with **Aasim Padela**, director of the Initiative on Islam and Medicine and assistant professor of medicine at the University of Chicago; **Laurie Zoloth**, professor of religious studies and professor of bioethics and medical humanities at Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University; and **Stanley Hauerwas**, Gilbert T. Rowe Professor Emeritus of Divinity and Law at Duke University. • **Sarah Snyder**, the summer school director and scriptural reasoning field worker at the Cambridge Inter-faith Programme, was interviewed by Ellen Davis, the Amos Ragan Kearns Distinguished Professor of Bible and Practical Theology at the Divinity School, for a discussion exploring how Jews, Muslims, Christians, and others can deepen their mutual understanding and appreciation by probing the sacred texts of those faith traditions in company and friendship with each other. • **James Cone**, the Charles A. Briggs Distinguished Professor of Systematic Theology at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, gave the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Lecture, and **Raphael Warnock**, senior pastor of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga., where King was co-pastor, led worship services. •

Reconciliation in the Church. Richard B. Hays was the plenary speaker. The institute also included prayer and worship, shared meals, vibrant conversations, and opportunities for participants to reflect on their own vocations and ministries.

### BAPTISTS SIGN PARTNERSHIP

The Baptist House of Studies at Duke Divinity School and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) entered into a mission partnership to share resources and build relationships with a goal of developing healthy and vital congregations and pastors. Baptist House Director Curtis Freeman joined BGAV Executive Secretary John Upton and President Ann Brown in signing the partnership covenant on Nov. 10 after it was approved by messengers (representatives from Virginia Baptist churches in the association) at the BGAV's 192nd annual meeting held at the Second Baptist Church in Richmond, Va. The agreement of shared values, mission, and vision will encourage greater collaboration and cooperation between the Divinity School and the BGAV, and its member churches, through field education, leadership development, networking opportunities, and ministry positions. With over 1,400 member congregations in Virginia, numerous other states, and several countries, the BGAV is one of the

largest and most diverse denominational bodies within Baptist life. Through its mission and ministry partners, the BGAV is strategically committed to mobilizing Christians to “engage the whole world with the whole gospel.” The Baptist House of Studies was established in 1988 for the formation and care of Baptist students at Duke Divinity School. There are 119 Baptist students from across the denominational spectrum currently enrolled in different degree programs, comprising the second largest denominational body in the school.

### CFR ANNOUNCES WORLD VISION JUSTICE FELLOWS

The Center for Reconciliation has announced that Jarred White D'16 and Brett Stuvland D'16 have been named 2015–16 World Vision Justice Fellows. The World Vision Justice Fellowship provides a \$2,000 scholarship, mentorship, and funding to complete a small-scale project that engages the wider Duke University community in a contemporary justice issue of global concern. Both White and Stuvland are interested in the theological groundings of the Creator and how they can inform practical environmental justice efforts along racial and gender lines. As fellows, they will complete independent research projects under the mentorship of Luke Bretherton.

### EXECUTIVE CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS FUNDRAISING

Leadership Education at Duke Divinity hosted a four-day retreat on faith-based fundraising Nov. 7–10. The Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising, designed by the Lake Institute on Faith & Giving, will explore how to cultivate a spirit of generosity within a faith community. The certificate program is designed for pastors, judicatory executives, clergy, development leaders of faith-based organizations, and all people of faith who want to gain expertise in fundraising principles and practices in order to train development personnel serving faith-based organizations. The program includes an intensive four-day retreat, an online peer community, and a final project designed to fit participants' needs.

### 2015 CONVOCATION & PASTORS' SCHOOL

Duke Divinity School hosted the 2015 Convocation & Pastors' School, an annual intensive two-day conference that offers lectures, worship, and seminars for Christian leaders of all traditions, as well as alumni gatherings. This year's conference, “Body and Belonging: Nurturing Wholeness in Christian Community,” examined the questions: How might the church serve as a place of welcome and belonging,

**R.R. Reno**, editor of the *First Things* journal on religion and public life, lectured on “The Myth of Public Reason.” • Thriving Rural Communities sponsored an event on cultivating community at Oak Church in Durham, N.C., featuring **C. Christopher Smith**, co-author of *Slow Church: Cultivating Community in the Patient Way of Jesus* and editor of *The Englewood Review of Books*. • **Yamina Bouguenaya Mermier**, writer and Quran scholar; **Jayakumar Christian**, national director of World Vision India; **Curtiss Paul DeYoung**, executive director of the Community Renewal Society in Chicago, Ill.; **Erin Dufault-Hunter**, assistant professor of Christian ethics at Fuller Theological Seminary; **Peter Goodwin Heltzel**, associate professor of systematic theology and director of the Micah Institute at New York Theological Seminary; **Rick Love**, an expert in Christian-Muslim relations and president of Peace Catalyst International; and ordained pastor **Alexia Salvatierra** joined the Center for Reconciliation as seminar leaders for the Duke Summer Institute for Reconciliation. • The Anglican Episcopal House of Studies at Duke Divinity School held a discussion on spiritual direction with **the Rev. Helen Marshall**, coordinator of spiritual direction for the Diocese of Carlisle in the Church of England. • The Theology, Medicine, and Culture initiative at Duke Divinity School and the Trent Center for Bioethics, Humanities & History of Medicine at Duke held seminars by **Don Taylor**, professor in the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke; **Paul Scherz**,

nurturing wholeness in every possible sense? How does the church, as Christ's body, walk with those whose bodies or minds act and respond differently? How might Christians helpfully engage in practices of modern health care? Speakers at this year's conference included John Swinton, chair in divinity and religious studies at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland; Claire Wimbush, chaplain at Westminster Canterbury Retirement Community in Richmond, Va.; Debra Richardson-Moore, author; and William Lee, pastor at Loudon Avenue Christian Church in Roanoke, Va. Convocation & Pastors' School is a collaboration with the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences of the United Methodist Church.

#### FAITH & LEADERSHIP WINS ACP AWARDS

*Faith & Leadership*, an offering of Leadership Education at Duke Divinity, won five Associated Church Press (ACP) awards, including the top overall award for best independent website. Two individual pieces also won first-place awards. Jessamyn Rubio, *Faith & Leadership's* interactive media manager, won an Award of Excellence for the informational graphic created for the story "More than a meal," about the Nashville Food Project. Jeffrey MacDonald, a freelance writer, was recognized with an Award of Excellence for

"From funding loss to sustainability," about the Amachi Pittsburgh ministry. Pastor and writer Ken Evers-Hood received an Award of Merit for his series on how game theory can be applied to the church context. Alaina Kleinbeck also won an Award of Merit for her first-person reflection "The non-attending faithful." The ACP, founded in 1916, is the oldest interdenominational religious press association in North America.

#### CHURCHES RAISE \$70,000 FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Churches partnering with Duke Divinity School to limit clergy debt have raised more than \$70,000 for student scholarships. The 55 churches, which are located across the U.S., are part of the school's Celebrating God's Call program to expand student scholarships. The program asks all master of divinity students to encourage their home congregations to support them with prayers and financial assistance. The program is part of a larger initiative funded by a Lilly Endowment Inc. grant to address economic issues facing future ministers. Personal financial pressures are limiting the ability of seminary graduates to accept calls to Christian ministry and undermining the effectiveness of many clergy members, according to the initiative, which encourages theological schools to work to improve the financial

well-being of future pastors. In addition, the No Debt Challenge program offered two May 2015 graduates \$2,000 transition-to-ministry awards for their efforts to finish school debt-free, bringing the total to four students who have now received transition-to-ministry grants. The program will continue for current students through 2017.

#### GARDNER C. TAYLOR LECTURE SERIES AND AFRICAN AMERICAN ALUMNI REUNION

The Office of Black Church Studies at Duke Divinity School hosted the annual African American Alumni Day reunion and Gardner C. Taylor Lecture Series. The theme for this year was "This Far by Faith: Memory, Ministry, and Mission," and the guest preacher and lecturer was the Rev. Dr. Renita J. Weems, vice president, academic dean, and professor of biblical studies at American Baptist College in Nashville, Tenn. The events included an address by the Rev. Prince Rivers D'99, senior pastor of United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church in Winston Salem, N.C., and a banquet for students, faculty, and staff with the Rev. Michael A. Walrond Jr., senior pastor of First Corinthian Baptist Church in Harlem, N.Y., preaching. The lecture is named in honor of the Rev. Dr. Gardner C. Taylor (1918–2015), known as "the dean of preaching."

assistant professor of moral theology and ethics at the School of Theology and Religious Studies at the Catholic University of America; and **Jim Rawlings**, director of Duke University Hospital Pastoral Services. • **The Most Rev. Foley Beach**, archbishop of the Anglican Church of North America, preached in Goodson Chapel. • The Office of Ministerial Formation at Duke Divinity School invited **the Rev. Dr. Allan Poole**, pastor of Blacknall Memorial Presbyterian Church in Durham, N.C.; **the Rev. Dr. John Yates**, rector of Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Raleigh, N.C.; and **Bishop Clarence Laney Jr.**, pastor of Monument of Faith Church in Durham, for a panel discussion on the Holy Spirit in ministry. • The Hispanic House of Studies and student group Manos Unidas hosted a discussion on "Cuba Today and the Role of the Church" with the **Rev. Daniel Izquierdo**, secretary general of the National Synod of the Presbyterian-Reformed Church in Cuba. • **The Rev. Anne Gidion**, scholar-in-residence from Germany, presented a workshop "Homiletics: Making It Plain, A New Approach to Worship Language That Is Accessible to All," part of Mentoring for Ministry presented by the Office of Ministerial Formation. • **Jennifer Harvey**, professor of religion at Drake University, gave the inaugural Race & Faith Dialogues lecture titled "Dear White Christians ... So Now What?"; hosted by the Office of Black Church Studies, the Center for Reconciliation, and Duke Chapel. • The Hispanic House of Studies and student group Manos Unidas hosted the

### DITA PARTNERS WITH CAMBRIDGE FOR HOLY WEEK FESTIVAL

For Holy Week in 2015, Duke Initiatives in Theology and the Arts (DITA) partnered with King's College Chapel, Cambridge for an annual Easter at King's. The event was the third festival DITA has participated in through the Duke-Cambridge Collaboration, which began in 2009. Featured were DITA collaborations with composer James MacMillan, theologian and author Lord Rowan Williams, pianist Cordelia Williams, poet Micheal O'Siadhail, and painters Makoto Fujimura and Bruce Herman. The "Engaging Eliot" exhibition kicked off the festival with paintings by Fujimura and Herman inspired by T.S. Eliot's *Four Quartets*. Lord Williams, former archbishop of Canterbury, delivered a series of meditations on each movement of Eliot's poem, and acclaimed actress Juliet Stevenson and cellist Guy Johnston accompanied him with readings and selections from Bach respectively. A two-piano concert of Olivier Messiaen's *Visions de l'Amen*, played by DITA director Jeremy Begbie and concert pianist Cordelia Williams, followed a lecture, "Messiaen and New Creation," given by Lord Williams. Award-winning Irish poet Micheal O'Siadhail gave a reading from *Quintets*, a DITA-supported work that explores how faith has responded to modernity. Jeremy Begbie

composed a series of piano pieces to interweave with the readings, played by Cordelia Williams before a packed audience in the university's Fitzwilliam Museum. The week culminated on Good Friday with the U.K. premiere of James MacMillan's *St. Luke Passion*, a work commissioned by Duke Divinity School and arising from a series of conversations between scholars and artists from both sides of the Atlantic.

### DITA HOSTS FILM AND THEOLOGY EVENTS

Duke Initiatives in Theology and the Arts (DITA) hosted two events on storytelling, faith, and the art of filmmaking with writer, editor, and film director T.J. Volgare. The series began Oct. 28 with a conversation between Volgare and theologian Peter Candler on the theological and formal dimensions of Terrence Malick's film *The Tree of Life*. On Nov. 5, DITA screened Volgare's first short film, *Abattoir*. After the film, Volgare talked about his experience writing and directing, as well as the aesthetic and theological vision that informs his work. Volgare worked closely with Malick as a directing apprentice and contributing editor for *The Tree of Life*, and he currently heads a production team in Durham while writing screenplays and fiction. Most recently, Volgare produced and directed a 40-hour video series for a new initiative of

the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs that seeks to integrate chaplaincy work and mental-health services. Candler lives in Asheville, N.C., and has written extensively about Malick's films. When he isn't writing fiction, he lectures regularly on theological aesthetics as a fellow for the Fujimura Institute. Before moving to North Carolina, he was a professor of philosophy and theology at Baylor University.

### NEW VOLUME ON JOHN WESLEY PUBLISHED

The Wesley Works Editorial Project, hosted by the Center for Studies in the Wesleyan Tradition at Duke Divinity School, published a new volume of the works of John Wesley in conjunction with launching a website for the project. The new volume, *The Works of John Wesley Volume 27: Letters III (1756-1765)*, published in October by Abingdon Press, was edited by Ted A. Campbell, a professor of church history at the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. This is the third of seven volumes devoted to Wesley's correspondence. In conjunction with the volume's publication, the Wesley Works Editorial Project also has launched a website that provides information on the 20 volumes of *The Bicentennial Edition of the Works of John Wesley* already in print, and provides a growing set of other resources for the study of his

presentation "The Struggle Against Forced Disappearances in Mexico" with **Nadín Reyes Maldonado**, a Mexican human rights defender who founded the Committee of Family Members of the Disappeared and Detained "Until We Find Them" in 2007 after her father and his friend disappeared. • **The Rev. Canon George Sumner**, bishop-elect of the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas, Texas, preached at a Service of Word and Table in Goodson Chapel. • The Theology, Medicine, and Culture initiative at Duke Divinity School and the Trent Center for Bioethics, Humanities & History of Medicine at Duke University hosted **Philip Lorish**, director of research and New City Commons fellow at the Institute of Advanced Studies in Culture at the University of Virginia, and **Dr. John Yoon**, scholar in the Program on Medicine and Religion and assistant professor of medicine at the University of Chicago, for a seminar, "Affirmation and Antithesis: Striving for Faithful Presence in Medicine." • **Hope Morgan Ward**, bishop of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, spoke on being an LGBTQ ally in the United Methodist Church at an event sponsored by Methodist House of Studies and student organization Sacred Worth.

writings. The new volume adds nearly 50 letters to those available in previous editions and provides more scholarly annotation for each of the letters included. Other sponsoring institutions of the Wesley Works

Editorial Project, in addition to Duke and Southern Methodist University are Drew Theological School at Drew University, Candler School of Theology at Emory University, Boston University School of Theology,

the General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry, and the World Methodist Council.

### FORMER DEAN RICHARD HAYS HONORED

Former Duke Divinity School dean Richard B. Hays was honored on Oct. 23 with a celebration of his deanship and the unveiling of his official portrait. Hays, who was installed as the 12th dean of the Divinity School on Aug. 31, 2010, stepped down from the deanship in August of this year to begin treatment for pancreatic cancer. He had originally intended to step down in June 2016 and return to teaching as a professor. At the celebration, Interim Dean Ellen Davis read a message from Duke University President Richard Brodhead, who wrote that he most admired the former dean's "temper as a scholar," saying that for Hays, "scholarship has been not a profession but a calling, a consecrated life's work." Other speakers included Duke University Provost Sally Kornbluth; Bishop Hope Morgan Ward, a trustee of the University; Dr. Dan Blazer, chair of the Divinity School's Board of Visitors; Jeremy Begbie, Thomas A. Langford Research Professor of Theology; Kavin Rowe, associate professor of New Testament; and Lester Ruth, research professor of Christian worship. Hays also spoke.

Davis unveiled the former dean's portrait, which was painted in 2012 by Whittier Wright. The 30" x 28" oil on canvas work shows Hays seated at a table in front of an open Bible and will hang in the Alumni Memorial Common Room. Davis shared a message from Wright, who worked with Hays and his wife, Judy, on the composition: "When I asked Judy if she had a favorite photo of Richard, she said she rather had a favorite experience with him. She described their time at the end of a working day when the two of them would relax and talk around their supper table on the back porch.



(left-right): Judy Hays, Richard Hays, Ellen Davis, and Randy Maddox

Later in the conversation I learned that Richard considered his primary gift was that of a teacher. So joining those two concepts seemed to me a good approach to his portrait—that is, meeting at table, with the meal composed of the Word of God." The Bible in the painting is open to Romans 8:31–39, which Hays named as being closest to the heart of his faith.

**The Hayses have established two endowments: the Richard and Judith Hays Theology and the Arts Endowment Fund and the Richard and Judith Hays New Testament Scholarship Endowment Fund, the latter of which will fund student scholarships. All are welcome to contribute to the endowments in their honor.**

## 2015 Faculty Awards and Accomplishments

### RICHARD PAYNE WINS AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP IN HEALTHCARE

Richard Payne, the Esther Colliflower Professor of Medicine and Divinity at Duke Divinity School, has been awarded the Pioneer Medal for Outstanding Leadership in Health Care by the HealthCare Chaplaincy Network (HCCN). Dr. Payne is an internationally known expert in the areas of pain relief, palliative care, oncology, and neurology. HCCN, a national nonprofit organization focused on spiritual care, gave the award during its May 12 Annual Convocation Ceremony in New York, at which chaplains from around the world renewed their commitment to spiritual care. In presenting the medal, Rev. Eric J. Hall, HCCN's president and CEO, called Payne "an iconic figure" in health care and spiritual care. "He has a profound commitment to science and, moreover, to patients during vital points in their health care," Hall said. "As such, he has made both enormous contributions to the field and an enormous difference in people's lives." Payne is also the John B. Francis Chair in Bioethics at the Center for Practical Bioethics in Kansas City, Mo.

### J. KAMERON CARTER AND XI LIAN NAMED LUCE FELLOWS

Duke Divinity School Professors J. Kameron Carter and Xi Lian have been named Henry Luce III Fellows in Theology for 2015–16. The two were selected for a year-long fellowship to conduct creative and innovative theological research. Carter, associate professor of theology and black church studies, and

Lian, professor of world Christianity, were among the six scholars chosen by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) in the United States and Canada and The Henry Luce Foundation, Inc. The Henry Luce III Fellows in Theology program funds research that contributes to theological inquiry and provides leadership in theological scholarship. It emphasizes the interdisciplinary character of theological scholarship and education, and addresses the needs of the academy, faith communities, and society. Fellows present their findings at an annual conference, and in scholarly and popular journals. During the fellowship, Carter will research Christianity's "postracial blues" in a project exploring the new terms of entanglement between race and theology, terms made most visible recently in connection with current events of racial violence and injustice. Lian will produce a critical biography of Lin Zhao (1932–1968), a Dietrich Bonhoeffer-like figure in Chinese Christianity whose faith led her to publicly oppose what she called the slavery of Chinese communism during the most radical phase of Mao's rule.

### MARIA DOERFLER NAMED DIRECTOR OF CENTER FOR LATE ANCIENT STUDIES

Maria Doerfler, assistant professor of the history of Christianity in Late Antiquity, has been named the director of the Duke/UNC Center for Late Ancient Studies (CLAS). CLAS seeks to promote the interdisciplinary study of late antiquity from the second to the eighth century C.E. and was formally established as a collaboration between Duke and UNC in 2000. It acts

as a focal point for graduate students and faculty from a variety of departments at both institutions, including Classics, Religious Studies, Art History & Archaeology, and Duke Divinity School. The center sponsors public lectures by leading scholars of late antiquity, an annual symposium, and the Late Ancient Studies Reading Group.

### ROSS WAGNER AWARDED FELLOWSHIP

J. Ross Wagner, associate professor of New Testament at Duke Divinity School, has been awarded a fellowship from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation for his current book project, *A Commentary on Old Greek Isaiah 1–12*. The grant will support three months of research at the University of Göttingen in Germany and the nearby Septuagint Institute of the Göttingen Academy of Sciences and Humanities. The Humboldt Foundation, established in 1953 by the Federal Republic of Germany, sponsors academic cooperation between international scholars and their German hosts. An independent selection committee, comprising academics from all fields of specialization, makes awards based solely on the excellence of the applicant's academic record.

### KATE BOWLER RECEIVES RESEARCH GRANT

Kate Bowler, assistant professor of the history of Christianity in North America at Duke Divinity School, received a 2015 sabbatical grant for researchers from The Louisville Institute to write a book on the cultural history of the wife "co-pastor" as a modern American

icon. The grant program assists research and writing projects that advance religious and theological scholarship in ways that also address practical issues of Christian faith and life, pastoral leadership, or religious institutions. The grant will provide up to \$40,000 to assist Bowler in writing the book, *Co-Pastor: A History of a Modern American Icon*, during a year-long academic leave. Using ethnographic fieldwork of “women’s conferences,” interviews with co-pastors, and an analysis of all 1,600 Canadian and American megachurch websites, the book will recount the history of the rise of these conservative women to the heights of spiritual stardom.

#### **ABDULLAH ANTEPLI JOINS DUKE OFFICE OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

Imam Abdullah Antepli, an adjunct faculty member at the Divinity School, will serve as a senior fellow for the Duke Office of Civic Engagement (DOCE) and play a key role in fostering civic engagement conversations at Duke among students, staff, and faculty. Antepli will continue his primary work as Duke’s first chief representative for Muslim affairs alongside his new role with the DOCE.

#### **JENNIE GRILLO RECEIVES FELLOWSHIPS**

Jennie Grillo, assistant professor of Old Testament at Duke Divinity School, was awarded two fellowships—one for a book project on the biblical book of Daniel and the other to train in conducting advanced research in bibliographical studies within the humanities. Grillo received a 2015–16 fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies

for her book project, *The Additions to Daniel in the History of Interpretation: Martyrdom, Idolatry, Liturgy*. A federation of 72 national scholarly organizations, the council is the preeminent representative of American scholarship in the humanities and related social sciences. Last year, the council granted 65 awards out of 1,121 fellowship applications nationwide to fund a leave from teaching to produce a major piece of scholarly work. In addition, Grillo was selected for the 2015–17 Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship of Scholars in Critical Bibliography, a three-year program at the Rare Book School at the University of Virginia. The fellowship aims to reinvigorate bibliographical studies within the humanities by introducing junior scholars to specialized skills, methods, and professional networks for conducting advanced research with material texts, through summer seminars in the history of the book, bibliographical field schools, and symposia at fellows’ home institutions.

#### **WILLIE JENNINGS RECEIVES 2015 GRAWEMEYER AWARD**

Willie James Jennings, associate professor of theology and black church studies at Duke Divinity School, was awarded the prestigious 2015 Louisville Grawemeyer Award in Religion for his book, *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race*. The Grawemeyer Award in Religion is an annual \$100,000 prize that honors and promotes insights into the study of religion, specifically into the relationships between human beings and the divine, and the ways that this relationship may empower humans to attain

wholeness, integrity, or meaning. The award is given jointly by the University of Louisville and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. In 2015, Jennings accepted a position at Yale Divinity School.

#### **DAVID STEINMETZ DIES AT 79**

David Steinmetz, the Amos Ragan Kearns Distinguished Professor Emeritus of the History of Christianity at Duke Divinity School, died Nov. 26 at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill, N.C. He was 79. Steinmetz retired from Duke Divinity School in 2009 after more than 35 years of teaching. He studied with Heiko Oberman at Harvard University and was a specialist in the history of Christianity in late medieval and early modern Europe. Oxford University Press released his book *Calvin in Context* in a revised and expanded edition in 2010, and in 2011 he published a collection of theological essays titled *Taking the Long View*. In 2006 Steinmetz was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He was a United Methodist minister and a former president of the American Society of Church History. He was a visiting professor at Harvard and Notre Dame universities as well as the Alonzo L. McDonald Distinguished Professor at Emory University. Additionally he served as a Guggenheim Fellow at Cambridge University and a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow at the Duke August Library in Wolfenbüttel, Germany. His widow, Virginia Steinmetz, requests that memorial gifts be made to the Duke Divinity School Annual Fund, to be used for student scholarships. Checks and online donations should be marked “David Steinmetz Memorial Gift.” ■

### STUDENT ENROLLMENT SUMMARY

449	Master of Divinity
36	Master of Theological Studies
19	Master of Theology
44	Doctor of Theology
71	Doctor of Ministry
33	Master of Arts in Christian Practice
16	Master of Arts in Christian Studies
12	Special Students*
10	Auditors†
<b>690</b>	<b>Total Enrollment</b>

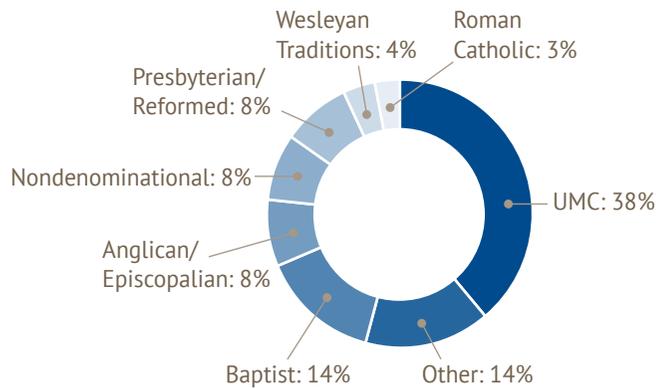
\* Special students are taking courses for credit but are not enrolled in a specific degree program.

† Auditors attend classes but do not receive course credits.

### STUDENTS ENTERING IN 2015

626	Applicants	60%	Male
485	Admitted	40%	Female
223	Matriculated	70%	White
25	Median Age	18%	Black
3.52	Median UG GPA	5%	Asian
		2%	Hispanic
		1%	American Indian
		0%	Hawaiian
		4%	Not specified

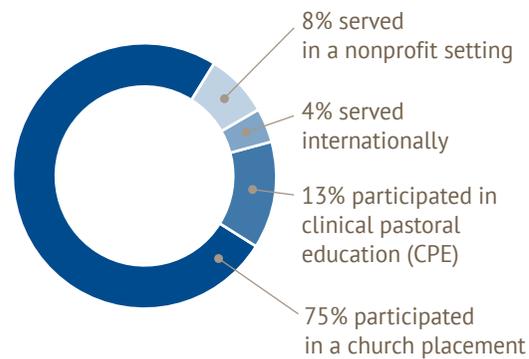
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[22 other denominations are also represented.]

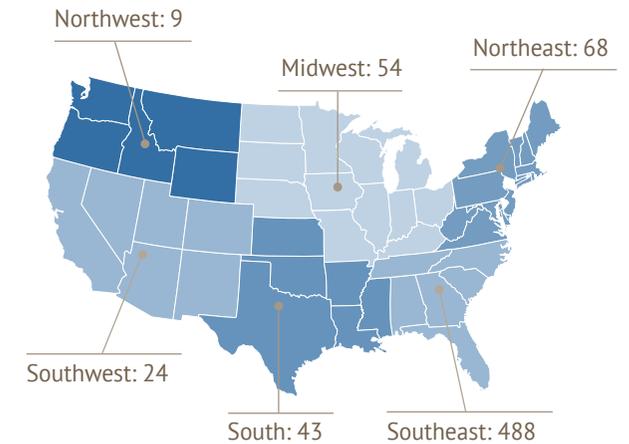
### FIELD EDUCATION

In 2015, 391 students participated in a field education placement.



Field Education provided stipends to students in excess of \$2.75 million. International field education opportunities in 2014 included placements in Mexico, El Salvador, Kenya, Uganda, South Sudan and South Africa.

### STUDENTS BY REGION



42 states and the countries of Canada, the Netherlands, Hong Kong, Kenya, Korea, Germany, Puerto Rico, and South Africa are represented.

**EXPENSES**

\$14,715,233	Compensation & Benefits
8,723,981	Financial Aid
6,888,898	General Operations
4,415,136	Other
<b>\$34,743,248</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>

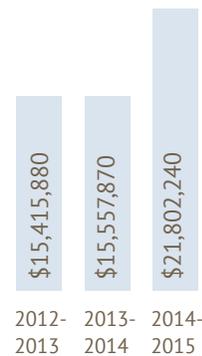
**REVENUES**

\$11,915,790	Student Tuition & Fees
6,269,057	Endowment & Investment Income
4,079,153	Gifts
11,437,009	Grants
1,191,650	Other Revenue
<b>\$34,892,659</b>	<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>
\$5,757,237	Nonexpendable Endowment Gifts Received
17,531	Gifts Received to Fund Capital Projects
<b>\$5,774,768</b>	<b>Total Nonoperating Revenue</b>

**DEVELOPMENT SUMMARY**

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$15,415,880</b>	<b>\$15,557,870</b>	<b>\$21,802,240</b>
	2,678 donors	3,102 donors	3,159 donors
Individuals	\$1,574,324	\$4,022,533	\$3,457,928
Divinity School Alumni	1,398 donors	1,434 donors (\$1,161,566)	1,480 donors (\$1,374,366)
Other Duke Alumni	313 donors	317 donors (\$2,174,337)	317 donors (\$1,435,607)
Friends	842 donors	1,210 donors (\$668,255)	1,216 donors (\$647,955)
Foundations	\$10,644,678	\$8,458,695	\$14,729,406
	51 donors	53 donors	61 donors (The Duke Endowment: \$5,052,678)
Corporate	\$78,023	\$29,040	\$84,848
	16 donors	23 donors	25 donors
Church	\$2,490,566	\$2,659,250	\$2,485,921
	6 donors	50 donors	41 donors (The Ministerial Education Fund of the UMC contributed \$2,366,041)
Other Groups	\$628,289	\$388,352	\$1,044,136
	12 donors	15 donors	19 donors

**TOTAL GIFTS AND PLEDGES RECEIVED**



**PURPOSE**

\$3,505,483	Unrestricted
11,654,129	Restricted
6,616,977	Endowment
25,650	Facilities
<b>\$21,802,240</b>	<b>Total</b>

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*Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,  
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness.*

*We will bless the Lord from this time on and forevermore.*

*Praise the Lord!*

— Psalm 115:1, 18



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