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Christian Theological Seminary Announces 197 Congregations Awarded Lilly Endowment 2022 Clergy Renewal Program Grants

Christian Theological Seminary, an ecumenical seminary based in Indianapolis, today announces 197 U.S. congregations have been selected to receive grants through the Lilly Endowment National Clergy Renewal Program and the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program for Indiana Congregations. The grants help congregations honor and support their pastors by funding a respite from ministerial duties and enabling pastors to engage in a period of extended reflection and renewal. Recipients may use the respite for activities that allow them to reflect and renew while engaging in activities such a travel, scholarly research or immersive experiences with different cultures and traditions.

"Pastors play such an important role in nurturing our spiritual lives and guiding the ministries of our congregations," said Christopher Coble, Lilly Endowment's vice president for religion. "The past two years have been exceptionally challenging for pastoral leaders as they have helped their congregations navigate the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. We hope that these clergy renewal grants will help congregations celebrate the extraordinary service of their pastors and honor them by giving them opportunities to step away from the daily demands of ministry for rest and renewal."

Congregations in the 2022 programs represent diverse Christian traditions, including Roman Catholic and Orthodox parishes and congregations from more than 24 Protestant denominations. Reflecting the collaborative nature of the grant programs, congregations and their pastors worked together to determine how the pastors will use the grants to replenish, restore and renew their ministries.

Pastors also plan to use the awards to fund domestic and international travel. For example, one pastor will travel with family to South Korea, his country of birth, and to Japan, his country of ancestry, to hike and make pilgrimages to mountain summits. Other pastors' plans include: a pilgrimage in the United Kingdom exploring Anglican roots by bicycle; a tour of civil rights museums across the southern United States; a journey to France to experience the rhythms and spiritual exercises of the Taizé community; and travel to Costa Rica to study Spanish via a language immersion program.

In addition to travel as a form of renewal, some pastors will use time away from their congregations to engage in new spiritual disciplines, focus on time with loved ones, and study topics

that renew their excitement for preaching and congregational life. Activities for congregations include engaging intercultural faith narratives, seeking insight into the history of racism and race relations in the life of the church, exploring the meaning and application of Sabbath rest, and equipping lay leaders.

Dr. Robert Saler, director of the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Programs at Christian Theological Seminary, noted that the grant programs integrate elements of support, trust and encouragement, which are all indicators of healthy congregations. "The programs are engineered to honor an innate human need to balance active service to others with periods of reflection and renewal. Animated by a spirit of gratitude and generosity, the programs provide a means for congregations to show appreciation for their leaders and actively invest in their pastors' health and energy for continued ministry," Saler says.

Since Lilly Endowment introduced the Clergy Renewal Program for Indiana Congregations and the National Clergy Renewal Program in 1999 and 2000 respectively, more than 3,400 congregations across the nation have received funds to support their pastors' renewal experiences.

In 2022, congregations have received grants totaling nearly \$9 million. Congregations were invited to apply for program grants of up to \$50,000. The application process encourages congregations to be actively engaged in designing and developing their pastors' proposed renewal experiences. Pastors' families can also participate in the renewal activities. Congregations can allocate up to \$15,000 of the grant to fund interim pastoral leadership, as well as renewal activities within the congregation.

Christian Theological Seminary has administered the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Programs since 2012. "As our nation and our world navigate complex health, environmental and geopolitical threats, these grants enable pastors and their congregations to actively partake in the gifts of retreat and renewal that are so needed today," Saler says.

Award Recipients in the National Clergy Renewal Program:

Alaska

Skagway, AK - First Presbyterian Church of Skagway, the Rev. Ryan Mandeville

Alabama

Mobile, AL – Central Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Chris Bullock

Montgomery, AL - Saint Paul AME Church, the Rev. Agnes Maria Lover

Arizona

Peoria, AZ – Antioch Church of God in Christ, the Rev. Jonathan Earl Logan

Tempe, AZ – First United Methodist Church of Tempe, the Rev. Paul Hyung Cho

Tucson, AZ – Lord of Grace Lutheran Church, the Rev. Lars Hammar

California

Castro Valley, CA - Castro Valley United Methodist Church, the Rev. Dr. Shijung Shim

Claremont, CA - Claremont United Church of Christ, Congregational, the Rev. Dr. Jennifer Strickland

Fairfield, CA – Mount Calvary Baptist Church Corporation, the Rev. Claybon Lea, Jr. Hanford, CA – Iglesia La Gran Comision, the Rev. Xavier Pina La Puente, CA – Vida Church, the Rev. Silvia Carrizo Loomis, CA – Loomis Basin Congregational United Church of Christ, the Rev. Casey Brian Tinnin Los Angeles, CA – Holy Mountain Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Ohgueon Paul Kwon Los Angeles, CA - St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Rev. Matthew Keadle Los Angeles, CA – Transformados En Cristo, the Rev. Darmaris Lopez Malave Oakland, CA - St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Rev. Holly Christene Jolly McHale-Larsen Oakland, CA - City of Refuge Community Church, Inc., the Rev. Yvette Adrienne Flunder Palo Alto, CA – University African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, the Rev. Kaloma A. Smith Pasadena, CA – La Fuente Ministries, the Rev. Marcos Canales Ripon, CA – Almond Valley Christian Reformed Church, the Rev. Mark VanDyke Sacramento, CA – St. John's Lutheran Church of Sacramento, the Rev. Jon Thomas Haug San Francisco, CA – Radiance Christian Church, the Rev. Mark Chun Santa Clara, CA - Santa Clara First Baptist Church, the Rev. Dr. Wungreiso Valui Visalia, CA – Nehemiah Project-The House, the Rev. Rogelio Ovalle Santa Monica, CA - Church in Ocean Park, United Methodist Church, the Rev. Gollery McKeithen Walnut Creek, CA – St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Krista Fregoso West Covina, CA - Iglesia Cristiana Ebenezer, the Rev. Josue Gustavo Jordan Mejia Whittier, CA - First United Methodist Church of Whittier, the Rev. Dr. Angela Galanis Price Colorado Boulder, CO – St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Jacqueline Decker Vanderpol Centennial, CO – Lord of the Hills Lutheran Church ELCA, the Rev. Margot Faith Wright Durango, CO – St. Mark's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Debra Ann Metzgar Shew Englewood, CO - The Sacred Grace, the Rev. Nathan Hoag New Castle, CO - Iglesia Cristo La Roca, the Rev. Robin Vega Wheat Ridge, CO – Wheat Ridge Congregational Church UCC, the Rev. Claudia Carolyn Schmitt Connecticut Fairfield, CT – St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Curtis Andrew Farr Fairfield, CT – Trinity Baptist Church Fairfield, the Rev. Dan Van Horne Manchester, CT – Center Congregational Church, UCC, the Rev. Joyce Olive Crutchfield Mystic, CT – Mystic Congregational Church, the Rev. Christa D. Swenson Florida Brandon, FL – Iglesia Hispana de Brandon, the Rev. Alain Lopez Jacksonville, FL – Episcopal Church of Our Saviour, the Rev. Joseph A. Gibbes Jacksonville, FL – The Well at Springfield, the Rev. Susan Rogers Miami, FL – New Jerusalem Primitive Baptist Church, the Rev. Kenneth A. Duke

Oakland Park, FL – Body of Christ Church of Broward County, the Rev. Winifred E. Adams Pembroke Pines, FL – The Passion Center, the Rev. Elizabeth Rios Sarasota, FL – Church of the Palms Presbyterian (U.S.A.), the Rev. Laurie Goodwin Haas Tampa, FL – Metropolitan Community Church of Tampa, the Rev. Jakob Hero-Shaw Winter Park, FL – St. Richard's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Alison P. Harrity Georgia Decatur, GA – North Decatur Presbyterian Church, the Rev. David T. Lewicki Decatur, GA – Ray of Hope Christian Church, the Rev. Cynthia Hale Hawaii Honolulu, HI -- International Baptist Church of Honolulu, the Rev. Scottland Custer Honolulu, HI – Korean Presbyterian Church of Honolulu, the Rev. Dr. Andrew Cho Kailua, HI – St. John Lutheran Church Kailua, the Rev. Kathryn Zurcher Iowa Wayland, IA - Wayland Mennonite Church, the Rev. Michael Miller Mast Swartzendruber Idaho McCall, ID – McCall Church of the Nazarene, the Rev. Michael Adam Curry Illinois Chicago, IL – Grace Episcopal Church of Chicago, the Rev. Amity Carrubba Chicago, IL - Resurrection Lutheran Church, the Rev. Dr. Kelly Kathleen Faulstich Deerfield, IL – St. Gregory's Episcopal Church Deerfield, the Rev. Anne B. Jolly Elmhurst, IL - Episcopal Church of Our Saviour, the Rev. Shireen Ruth Baker Jacksonville, IL – First Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville, the Rev. Jonathan Allen Warren Niles, IL – Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church, the Rev. Matthew Ronald Bozovsky Prospect Heights, IL – One In Christ Episcopal Church, the Rev. Indon Paul Joo Rockford, IL – Northeast Christian Church, the Rev. Dr. Michael Leitz Streamwood, IL – Immanuel United Church of Christ of Streamwood, the Rev. Jeanne Santucci Murawski Waukegan, IL – Journey Church, the Rev. Carlos Herrera Kentucky Anchorage, KY – Anchorage Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Tara Nicholas Reck Mt. Sterling, KY - First Christian Church Mt. Sterling, the Rev. Michelle Ballard **Massachusetts** Boston, MA – Old West United Methodist Church, the Rev. Dr. Sara Taylor Garrard Cambridge, MA – Reservoir Church, the Rev. Steve Watson Dedham, MA – St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Melanie Leigh McCarley Lexington, MA – Hancock United Church of Christ, the Rev. Barbara Lea Callaghan Worcester, MA – The First Baptist Church of Worcester, the Rev. Brent Andrew Newberry Maryland

Bethesda, MD – North Bethesda United Methodist Church, the Rev. Kara June Scroggins Bethesda, MD – Saint Luke's Episcopal Church, Trinity Parish, the Rev. Jessica Katherine Hitchcock Fulton, MD – Grace Community Church, the Rev. Mitchel Lee Prince Frederick, MD – St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Rev. R. Matthew Humm Westminster, MD – Westminster Church of the Brethren, the Rev. Glenn Anthony McCrickard **Maine**

Portland, ME - South Portland Church of the Nazarene, the Rev. Abhyudaya Ajay Vyas

Michigan

Ann Arbor, MI - First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor, the Rev. Nancy Sophia Lynn

Grand Rapids, MI - St. Nicholas Orthodox Church of Grand Rapids, the Rev. Michael Nasser

Hazel Park, MI – Serenity Christian Church, the Rev. John C. Harvey

Holland, MI – Faith Christian Reformed Church, the Rev. Dr. Chad T. Pierce

Minnesota

Cottage Grove, MN – St. Luke Lutheran Church, the Rev. Keith Adam Long Maple Grove, MN – Advent Lutheran Church, the Rev. Elizabeth Anne Felt Marine on Saint Croix, MN – Christ Lutheran Church, the Rev. Hannah Gerry Bartos Wayzata, MN – Wayzata Community Church, the Rev. Danielle Hample Jones Woodbury, MN – Trinity Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Dr. April M Davis Campbell **Missouri**

Kansas City, MO - Colonial Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Greg Ealey

Kansas City, MO - River Market Community Church, the Rev. James Hayes

Maplewood, MO - Christ Church United Church of Christ, the Rev. Rebecca Turner

Saint Robert, MO – Shekinah Tabernacle Ministries, the Rev. Willie J. Curry

St. Louis, MO – Webster Groves Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Todd Moore North Carolina

North Carolina

Boone, NC – Alliance Bible Fellowship of the CMA, the Rev. Michael Bradsher Talley

Castle Hayne, NC – Hope Community Church of Wilmington, the Rev. Nathan Hall Stratman

Chapel Hill, NC - Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Andrew Stephen Taylor-Troutman

Charlotte, NC - St. Peter's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Jacob E. Pierce

Durham, NC - Pleasant Green United Methodist Church, the Rev. Laura Keith Thompson

Durham, NC - Westminster Presbyterian Church of Durham, the Rev. Dr. Chris Tuttle

Goldsboro, NC - St. Mark Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ, the Rev. Dr. Alton A. Smith

Raleigh, NC – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, the Rev. Marsha Kate Anderson

Raleigh, NC – Saint Ambrose Episcopal Church, the Rev. Robert Jemonde Taylor

Wake Forest, NC - Centro Cristiano de Vida, the Rev. Raul Colon

Waynesville, NC - Grace Church in the Mountains, the Rev. Joslyn Eleanor Ogden Schaefer

Wilmington, NC - First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Rev. Robert Bradley McDowell

New Hampshire

Hanover, NH - Our Savior Lutheran Church, the Rev. Kyle Seibert

New Jersey

- Chatham, NJ The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township, the Rev. Thomas A. Brown
- Denville, NJ Iglesia Bautista Familia de Dios Inc., the Rev. Daniel Alberto Cali
- East Orange, NJ Rivers of Living Water Ministries NJ Inc., the Rev. Vanessa Motoka Brown
- Gladstone, NJ St. Luke's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Kent Walley
- Jersey City, NJ Iglesia Fuente de Salvacion Jersey City, the Rev. Lipe Fernandez
- Montclair, NJ First Congregational Church at Montclair, the Rev. John Joseph Rogers

New Mexico

Santa Fe, NM – The Open Circle: A Disciples of Christ Community, the Rev. Tiffany Curtis

New York

Buffalo, NY - ELIM Christian Fellowship Inc., the Rev. Troy Bronner

Eggertsville, NY - St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the Rev. Steve Biegner

Jamaica, NY - First Presbyterian Church in Jamaica, the Rev. Patrick Hugh O'Connor

- New York, NY Iglesia Alianza Oasis de la Alianza Cristiana y Misionera, the Rev. Angel Daniel Villa-Ventura
- New York, NY Metro Baptist Church of New York City, the Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
- New York, NY St. Paul and St. Andrew United Methodist Church, the Rev. Dr. James F. "K" Karpen
- Rochester, NY First Presbyterian Church of Chili, the Rev. Brandi Wooten

Ohio

Columbus, OH - Sanctuary Columbus Church, the Rev. Richard Johnson

Columbus, OH - Gospel Lighthouse Church, the Rev. Jerry Delendo Fryar

Elyria OH – St. Andrew's Episcopal, the Rev. Martha June Hardy Dorsey

Harrison, OH - Legacy Christian Church, the Rev. Mark Garrett

Liberty Twp, OH - Living Hope PCA, the Rev. Chad Grindstaff

Loveland, OH - Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, the Rev. Jonathan L. Eilert

Oklahoma

Oklahoma City, OK – 8th Street Church - A Church of the Nazarene, the Rev. Dr. Christopher Mark Pollock

Yukon, OK - Grace Church - Episcopal of Yukon, the Rev. Timothy C. Baer

Oregon

Eugene, OR - Central Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Jennifer Diane Martin

Hood River, OR – Hood River Valley Christian Church, the Rev. Alicia Speidel

Portland, OR - Metropolitan Community Church of Portland, the Rev. Nathan Meckley

Portland, OR - Peace Church of the Brethren, the Rev. Sarah Kinsel

Pennsylvania

Butler, PA – First English Lutheran Church, the Rev. Kimberly Miller van Driel Harrisburg, PA – The Cathedral Church of St. Stephen, the Rev. Dr. Amy D. Welin Malvern, PA – Church of St. Francis-in-the-Fields, Sugartown, the Rev. Kevin Dellaria Mountville, PA - Mountville Mennonite Church, the Rev. James Finley Laverty Paoli, PA – Paoli Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Jonathan Andre Mikesell Philadelphia, PA – Oxford Circle Mennonite Church, the Rev. Lynn S. Parks South Carolina Charleston, SC – First Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Dr. Lanneau Holton Siegling, Jr. Columbia, SC – Riverside Community Church, the Rev. James B. Walden Greenville, SC - Augusta Heights Baptist Church, the Rev. Dr. Greg Dover Lancaster, SC – Van Wyck Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Carson M. Overstreet Rock Hill, SC - Neely's Creek Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Matthew J Joldersma South Dakota Huron, SD – Grace Episcopal Church, the Rev. Jean Elisabeth Mornard Tennessee Franklin, TN – The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, the Rev. Stephen Chad Jones Hendersonville, TN - New Creation Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Keith Maxwell Gunter Texas Austin, TX – The Vine Covenant Church, the Rev. Mark Charbonneau Dallas, TX - The Gathering Experience DFW, the Rev. Dr. Irie Lynne Session Denton, TX - St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Dr. Lisa Patterson McAllen, TX – Iglesia Bautista Tierra Prometida – McAllen, the Rev. Caleb Jonathan Garcia Pharr, TX – Iglesia Cristiana Alianza, the Rev. Dr. Armando Vera Pharr, TX – McAllen International Missionary Church, the Rev. Chulsu Jo Richardson, TX - Binnerri Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Ki Joong Ahn Utah Bountiful, UT – Flourishing Grace Church, the Rev. Joshua Knight Virginia Annandale, VA – Ravensworth Baptist Church, the Rev. Dr. Leah Grundset Davis Fairlawn, VA - Fairlawn Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Allison Unroe Manassas, VA - First Baptist Church of Manassas, the Rev. Keith Savage McLean, VA – Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Dr. Harmon Scott Ramsey Newport News, VA – St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Anne Ruth Kirchmier Norfolk, VA – Abyssinia Baptist Church Inc., the Rev. Sheridan D. Nelson Richmond, VA – Anointed New Life Baptist Church, the Rev. Dr. Catherine Diane Mosby Richmond, VA – The Light Community Church, the Rev. Dr. Kimberly A. Ridley Toano, VA - Hickory Neck Episcopal Church, the Rev. Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly

Washington

Bellingham, WA – First Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Kerrie Bauer
Renton, WA – Radiant Covenant Church, the Rev. Michael D. Thomas
Seattle, WA – University Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Aaron Williams
Washington D.C.
Washington, D.C. – Jones Memorial United Methodist Church, the Rev. Cary James
Wisconsin
Madison, WI – Madison Mennonite Church, the Rev. Valerie Showalter
Wyoming
Riverton, WY – St. Margaret's Catholic Church, the Rev. Louis Shea

Award Recipients in the Clergy Renewal Program for Indiana Congregations:

Avon, IN – Branches Community Church, the Rev. Alex Hershey Beech Grove, IN - First Christian Church of Beech Grove, the Rev. Paul Hartig Bloomington, IN - St. Mark's United Methodist Church, the Rev. James R. (Jimmy) Moore Columbus, IN - New Hope Christian Church of Columbus, the Rev. John Mark Sichting Elkhart, IN – Southside Fellowship, the Rev. David Moser Goshen, IN - Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship, the Rev. Mark R. Schloneger Greenfield, IN – St. Michael Catholic Church, the Rev. Aaron Jenkins Greensburg, IN - Community Church of Greensburg, the Rev. Seth Michael Bartal Greenwood, IN – First Baptist Church of Greenwood, the Rev. Sean D. Holloway Indianapolis, IN – Church of the Master, the Rev. Brenda Darmelio Indianapolis, IN – East 91st Street Christian Church, the Rev. Dr. David Michael Faust Indianapolis, IN - Eden Missionary Baptist Church, the Rev. Adrienne Overton Indianapolis, IN – First Congregational Church of Indianapolis, the Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund Indianapolis, IN – Mount Zion Baptist Church of Indianapolis, the Rev. Dr. Phillip Karl James Indianapolis, IN – Northside New Era Missionary Baptist Church, the Rev. Dr. Clarence Moore Indianapolis, IN – St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Frank S. Impicciche Indianapolis, IN – St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Rebecca Jo Nickel Indianapolis, IN – Trinity Episcopal Church, the Rev. Julia E. Whitworth Indianapolis, IN – Trinity Church, the Rev. Melissa Millis Indianapolis, IN – University Heights United Methodist Church, the Rev. David Wyatt Neuen Muncie, IN – Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Muncie, the Rev. Dr. Jerome O'Neal Munster, IN - Ridge United Methodist Church, the Rev. Jared M. Kendall New Albany, IN – Trinity New Albany United Methodist Church, the Rev. Christopher Dale Neikirk

New Haven, IN - St. James Lutheran Church, the Rev. Martha Jean Hampton

New Palestine, IN – Cross of Grace Lutheran Church, the Rev. Mark R. Havel Roann, IN – Olive Branch Church, the Rev. Ashley Haupert Tell City, IN – Saint Paul Catholic Church, the Rev. Anthony Paul Hollowell Valparaiso, IN – Christ Lutheran Church, the Rev. Erica Gibson-Even Wabash, IN – The Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of Wabash, the Rev. Todd D. Render

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