

Chicago Theological Seminary



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Chicago Theological Seminary to Dedicate New, State-of-the Art Building

October 4, 2011 -- **Chicago Theological Seminary (CTS) will dedicate its new, state-of-the-art, environmentally friendly building on Friday, October 21, at 2:00 p.m followed by a reception and tour of the new building, located at 1407 East 60th Street at Dorchester Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.** The dedication ceremony will take place in a tent adjacent to the building, while the reception and tour will take place in the new building.

In addition to the presence of faculty, staff, The Board of Trustees, alumni/ae, congregations, community members, friends and visitors, **severable notable public figures and artists will make appearances and participate in the ceremony,** including Hon. Willie Cochran, Alderman of the 20th Ward (Woodlawn) and The Rev. Geoffrey A. Black, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ. Sweet Honey In The Rock, an internationally-renowned female African American a capella group, will be performing throughout the ceremony.

Construction of the new CTS facility is a partnership between the University of Chicago and Chicago Theological Seminary. In May 2008, University of Chicago Board of Trustees Executive Committee authorized the purchase of two Chicago Theological Seminary buildings and an adjacent parking lot. Additionally, the University of Chicago agreed to construct a new seminary building at 60th Street and Dorchester Avenue.

This 80,000 square foot building is LEED-Silver certified and includes a 5,000 square foot green roof and energy saving features. The first and second floors will house faculty and staff offices, classrooms, a small chapel, and a meditation space. The third floor will house the Learning and Student Commons. A worship space and dining room are located on the fourth floor, adjacent to the green roof. CTS is scheduled to move into the new space in January 2012, following the end of the fall semester.

Chicago Theological Seminary, a seminary of the United Church of Christ, serves Christ and the churches and the wider faith community by preparing women and men in the understandings and skills needed for religious leadership and ministry to individuals, churches, and society. More information about CTS, the new building, the dedication ceremony, and the schedule of other dedication-related weekend events can be found at: www.ctschicago.edu/dedication or by calling 773-322-0261.

