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reflections FROM CTS ALUMNI/AE

The Alumni/ae of Chicago Theological Seminary—among them teachers, ministers, organizers, and administrators—embody in their lives and their work the vision of CTS: to transform society toward greater justice and mercy.



Ministry for me is paying attention—to each other, and to God.

The Rev. Mark Winters (M.Div. '09)

Co-Pastor at First Congregational UCC Naperville



Ministry, for me, is about service. It is service to the Sovereign God and service to, with, and on behalf of God's people.

The Rev. Dr. Edward S. Davis (M.Div. '05)

Pastor at St. Mark UCC Chicago Heights



For us, ministry occurs in the moment when an opportunity arises, or when we create the space for ministry to happen.

The Rev. Roger Dart (M.Div. '03) and Mrs. Harriet Dart (M.Div. '04)

Associate Pastor and Active Ministerial Leader at the Congregational Church Deerfield



Ministry for me is sharing that Christianity and an abundant life are not mutually exclusive.

The Rev. Dr. Beverly Dale (D.Min. '88)

Consultant for Body Justice and Sexuality Ministries in Philadelphia, PA

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mission statement
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.

vision statement
Chicago Theological Seminary shall be an international force in the development of religious leadership to transform society toward greater justice and mercy.

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Eileen Gebbie

My name is Eileen Gebbie and I am a Master of Divinity student preparing for parish ministry. I knew CTS would be a place that would deepen my understanding of faith. I also knew from its mission that transformation towards mercy and justice would be an important part of my journey here. As a gay woman of God, I am inspired by the teaching and theological work of our faculty and of the commitment to discovering healing and justice around issues of sexuality in the Church.

I am also the 2010/11 recipient of The Rev. Robert G. Kemper Scholarship and after graduating from CTS, I hope to serve in a local church. Through ministry, I seek to facilitate worship, education, and community organizing that will create safe space for personal understanding of one's faith. I hope to build a congregation willing to speak out and work on issues of racism, white privilege and poverty. I continue to be challenged, fed and healed by my CTS seminary community.

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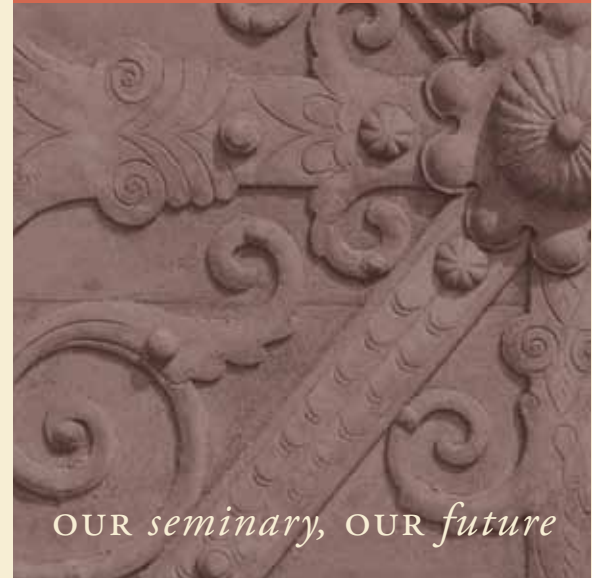
- The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, and
- The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Chicago Theological Seminar is a seminary of the United Church of Christ. CTS is committed to ecumenism with more than twenty faith traditions represented in the community.

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Merlyn Lawrence

My name is Merlyn Lawrence and I am a Master of Divinity student at CTS. I came to CTS to receive relevant, cutting-edge education, as well as exposure to theologies and worldviews that would challenge my faith and understanding. Already my faith has grown as I continue to experience God in new ways. I have not been disappointed.

I seek to eradicate the “isms” and all forms of oppression, especially by facilitating truth, reconciliation and healing among individuals, groups, and communities. My time at CTS has refined my skills for ministry. As I prepare for ordained ministry, whether in a local church or in more global settings, I look forward to seeing what God has in store for me.

Your giving to the Annual Fund at CTS helps to support Merlyn, an emerging religious leader and pastor in the Christian tradition and the wider world.