

COVENANT OF CONTINUING COMMITMENT . . . . . Wendy Cooper and Giseok Joo

One: Celebrating the promise of this new home, we recall it has been made possible only through the sale of buildings built for us by supporters and friends long ago. We recognize that our move also entails that we will not be able to pass on to our heirs all the resources provided by our ancestors. May we live as good stewards in this new place and build upon the inheritance we have received.

**Many: Keeper of our Yesterdays and our Tomorrows, lead us on.**

One: Celebrating the promise of this new home, we also reflect on what we leave behind on 58th Street—stones walls saturated with prayers, classrooms thick with ideas and argument, a spire of lacy inspiration. Yet, the greater part of our inheritance is our Vision and our Commitments. I ask all members of the CTS community and our supporters and friends, will you covenant together to remain steadfast as we pursue our mission in this new place with passion and compassion for all?

**Many: Yes, we so covenant.**

One: Acknowledging that this move entails leaving the heart of the campus of the University, do you commit to being a dramatically distinctive presence and witness here at the entrance to that campus?

**Many: Yes, we so covenant.**

One: Recognizing that with this move we enter a community long under siege and tirelessly engaged in a struggle for justice and opportunity on their own terms, do you covenant to join the people of Woodlawn to transform the community in ways consonant with their dreams and our Commitments?

**Many: Yes, we so covenant.**

**All: In the sight of God and all these witnesses, living, dead and yet to be born, we pledge to keep this covenant and to continue to pursue the Vision, Mission and Commitment Statements of the Chicago Theological Seminary as a guide for our present decisions as well as a path towards a promising future.**