PRESIDENTIAL INSTALLATION of the 13th President of CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

WELCOME TO THE

Rev. Dr. Stephen G. Ray Jr.

Friday, the Twelfth of October, Two Thousand & Eighteen

> TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



October 12, 2018

Welcome!

On behalf of the trustees, faculty, students, and staff of Chicago Theological Seminary, I offer you joyous greetings on this historic day in the life and legacy of our beloved institution. Today we gather to celebrate the inauguration and installation of our thirteenth president, the Reverend Dr. Stephen G. Ray Jr., and to offer thanks to the family, friends, teachers, and mentors who supported him on his journey to be called to this task, at this time.

The Reverend Dr. Stephen G. Ray Jr. comes to Chicago Theological Seminary with extraordinary gifts. He has been a scholar in five seminaries, and supported their leadership in both academic and administrative areas. Dr. Ray has experience in institutional assessment, curriculum review, and faculty support to previous boards of trustees in visioning alternative scenarios for long-range planning. He has served on a presidential search committee and finance committee to the board of trustees in his prior assignment.

Dr. Ray is a serious academic, has a deep love of teaching and the collaboration between student and teacher that causes each to share in the learning experience. He understands that learning must have purpose and intention to serve our commitment to, "Prepare religious leaders for *The Next*." His continuing role as President of the Society for the Study of Black Religion is symbolic of his understanding of the relationship of the study of theology to the world. He understands the challenges facing free-standing graduate schools of higher learning, and schools of theology in particular. He is well equipped to embrace this pivotal moment in progressive theological education.

Dr. Ray's vision will guide the seminary to a wider embracing of religious leadership in community, both within the organized church as well as outside of the church. Having served three congregations as interim pastor and co-pastor, he will bring his personal engagement in pastoral care and his knowledge of the power of music ministry to our community. His life experience with United Church of Christ and her continuing efforts to respond to God's word will help him lead the seminary in her role as a source of prophetic thought in the wider church.

With his wife Susan, Dr. Stephen G. Ray Jr. is "all in." The Board of Trustees is pleased to present the Reverend Dr. Stephen G Ray Jr. as our President to the faculty, staff, students, and community of Chicago Theological Seminary.

Sincerely,

Williams Norman J. Williams

Immediate Past Chair and Life Trustee, Chicago Theological Seminary

Order of Service

For All the Saints

GATHERING MUSIC

..... OneSoul Musicians

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O God, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou was't their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia!

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GREETINGS Lillian F. Daniel Senior Pastor, First Congregational Church, Dubuque, IA

From Chicago Theological Seminary

Stephanie Buckhanon Crowder Academic Dean, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of New Testament, Chicago Theological Seminary

From the Academy

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> Stephen Lewis President, Forum for Theological Exploration

From Community Organizations in the City of Chicago

Rami Nashashibi Executive Director, Inner-City Muslim Action Network

From Communities of Faith

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I Need You I need you (Hezekiah W You need me We're all a part of God's body Stand with me Agree with me We're all a part of God's body It is his will that every need be supplied You are important to me I need you to survive [x2] I pray for you You pray for me	I need you to survive I won't harm you With words from my mouth I love you I need you to survive
CALL TO WORSHIP	Director of Advancement and Strategic Partnerships, Chicago Theological Seminary
INVOCATION	Ozzie E. Smith Pastor, Covenant UCC, South Holland, Illinois
PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENT RAY	
CHORAL ANTHEM OneSoul Musicians Total Praise	
SCRIPTURE Susan Ray Matthew 11:2-5	
	<i>h 1:4-10</i> Navette Watkin
SERMON	National Political Director, Faith In Action, Washington, DC
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Act of Inauguration and Installation

CHARGE TO PRESIDENT RAY

Robert H. Walkup Professor of Theological Ethics Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Senior Pastor, Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago

Making of Covenant Promises

STATEMENT OF OCCASION......Brian Clarke Chair, Chicago Theological Seminary Board of Trustees

Questions of Intent, Commitment, and Responsibility to Stephen G. Ray Jr.

Rachel Mikva

Rabbi Herman E. Schaalman Chair and Associate Professor of Jewish Studies, and Senior Faculty Fellow of the InterReligious Institute, Chicago Theological Seminary

> Joey Rodil MDiv Student, Chicago Theological Seminary

Julia M. Speller Associate Professor of American Religious History and Culture, Kenneth B. Smith Professor of Public Ministry, Chicago Theological Seminary

Presentation of the Chicago Theological Seminary Medallion

Brian Clarke Chair, Chicago Theological Seminary Board of Trustees

SUNG RESPONSE

All

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me, Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Questions of Acceptance and Support to the Board, Faculty, Staff, Students, and Alumni of Chicago Theological Seminary

> Chad R. Schwickerath Manager of Alumni and Church Relations, Chicago Theological Seminary

Questions of Acceptance and Support to Representatives of the United Church of Christ and its Member Churches

Vertie Powers Minister, Chicago Metropolitan Association, Illinois Conference, United Church of Christ

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Questions of Acceptance and Support to Persons and Communities of Faith

Lewis Zeidner President, United Theological Seminary, New Brighton, Minnesota

Questions of Acceptance and Support to Representatives of Academic Institutions

> Lallene Rector President, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois

Questions of Acceptance and Support to All Who Are Present This Day

> Sharon Watson Fluker Strategic Adviser, Fellowship Programs, Center for Public Leadership, Harvard Kennedy School, and Chicago Theological Seminary Trustee

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The Laying on of Hands

Janet MacLean Director of Clinical Pastoral Education, Advocate/Aurora, and Chicago Theological Seminary Trustee

Associate Professor of Theology, Ethics, & the Arts, Chicago Theological Seminary

The Declaration

Brian Clarke Chair, Chicago Theological Seminary Board of Trustees

MUSICAL CELEBRATION OneSoul Musicians

Speak to My Heart

Response

Stephen G. Ray Jr. President, Chicago Theological Seminary

BENEDICTION Brian K. Sanders Associate Minister, Zion Hill Baptist Church, Atlanta

Ngiculela - Es Una Historia - I am Singing

Stevie Wonder

Notes

OneSoul is the alumni choir of the Soul Children of Chicago. The oldest, internationally acclaimed, Grammy award winning youth gospel choir in the nation, the Soul Children are still making a global impact with Soul Children Choirs in Norway, Sweden, Indonesia, and Germany. Celebrating 35 years as a drug-free, gang-free, academically inclined youth organization, The Soul Children and OneSoul are "still standing" as the next generation of global leaders. Under the direction of their founder, Dr. Walter W. Whitman, Jr., three generations of Soul Children are currently touring and recording new albums. You can follow The Soul Children and OneSoul on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. More information can be found on our website: www.soulchildrenchicago.org ... #sccstillstanding

Hymn credits: "For All the Saints," "I Need You To Survive," and "Spirit of the Living God," are printed within the program book for convenience. "For All the Saints" is made available for such use through the Open Hymnal Project. Lyrics for "I Need You to Survive" can be found at http://www.metrolyrics.com/i-need-youto-survive-lyrics-hezekiah-walker-lfc.html (accessed 1 October 2018). "Spirit of the Living God" appears in the African American Heritage Hymnal as number 320; permission is granted for this one time use through OneLicense #A-711304.

We also thank Rev. Ozzie Smith, Jalee Brown, and Rev. Dr. JoAnne Marie Terrell for serving today as ministers of music.

Many thanks also to the staff and congregation of Trinity UCC, our hosts, and to many other CTS students and staff, including the President's Office, the Facilities, Advancement and Marketing Departments, who assisted into today's celebration and the preparation process. They are too numerous to list. Such an event is the work of many hands, hearts, and spirits.

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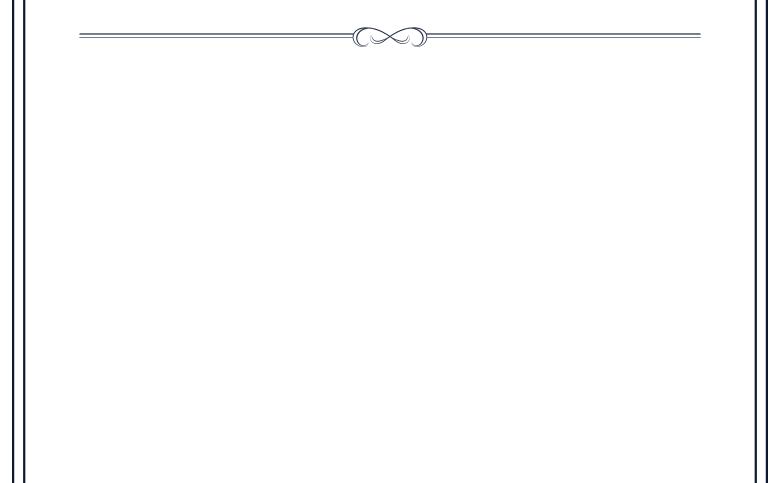
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Congratulatory Greetings on the Occasion of the Installation of Stephen G. Ray Jr., President Chicago Theological Seminary





October 1, 2018

Chicago Theological Seminary 1407 East 60th Street Chicago, IL, 60637

Dear Friends,

I am thrilled with the recent appointment of Stephen Ray to the Presidency of Chicago Theological Seminary. I have known Stephen since he was an M. Div. student at Yale (just a few years ago) and I had the honor of directing his dissertation at Yale University.

Dr. Ray is a scholar, a teacher, a pastor and a leader of truly exceptional quality. It is rare to find a person with his many abilities who is courageous enough to take "a leap of faith" into the Presidential administration. Chicago Theological Seminary and all of theological education are lucky that he chose to take this leap.

At Union Theological Seminary – a seminary whose mission and identity are very close to our sister seminary – Chicago Theological Seminary – we wish him strength for the journey, the sustenance of vision and the support that he and CTS deserve as they meet the pressing needs of the world today and in years ahead.

Peace,

The Rev. Dr. Serene Jones President and Johnston Family Professor for Religion and Democracy Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York









Divinity School

Office of the Dean

12 October 2018

The Reverend Dr. Stephen Ray President Chicago Theological Seminary 1407 East 60th Street Chicago, IL 60637

Stephen,

As you officially assume the office of president of Chicago Theological Seminary, I write to remind you of things you already know. I do so, because I have learned in my time as dean of Vanderbilt, that a reminder in writing of those things that help craft a wise leader is good to have to refer to from time to time. The list is simple:

- \Diamond lead with wisdom
- \Diamond lead with care
- \Diamond lead with compassion
- \Diamond lead by listening well and hearing what is being said
- \Diamond lead by seeking a variety of opinions and viewpoints
- \Diamond lead by attending to your spiritual life and your physical health
- \Diamond lead with love for the people
- \Diamond lead with a justice that is practiced daily
- \Diamond lead by taking time with your family and laughter

Keep your eye on the future and remain grounded in the present with an appreciation for the past that has brought the school and you to this moment. You step into a line of presidents who worked their hearts out for the school and faced challenges that you will know and some new ones that you will confront in times like these.

I would be remiss as a Baptist, if I did not remind you to remember your baptism and the powerful call to discipleship that set you on this journey to craft theological education that responds to the challenges of faithfulness in a world that needs ministers of all types to sing God's song as we do the work our souls must have.

All the best this day and the many days to come.

Sincerely,

Emilie M. Townes Dean and E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Chair Professor of Womanist Ethics and Society

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Chicago Theological Seminary, a seminary affiliated with the United Church of Christ, serves God, Christ's Church, multiple faith communities, and the larger world by educating persons theologically and cultivating the intellectual, pastoral, and spiritual capacities of lay and ordained religious leaders, scholars, and activists who contribute to the increase of justice and mercy.

Inspired by the ministry of Jesus, guided by the Spirit of the Divine, and nurtured by faith and culture, we strive to create a sacred learning community that educates for public ministry, based upon the following interwoven commitments:

- We are committed to a life of mutual teaching and learning, to academic excellence, to open inquiry, and to critical engagement of texts, contexts, and practices in all of our educational programs;
- We are committed, in a world suffering from spiritual impoverishment, which is characterized by meaninglessness, lovelessness, and hopelessness, to proclaim a message of divine purpose, compassion, and promise;
- We are committed, in a society structured by white supremacy and racism, to challenge white privilege, to combat the forces of racial division and domination, and to equip leaders who embrace and celebrate racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity;
- We are committed, in a global context of religious conflicts and a society structured by Christian privilege, to joyous embrace of religious diversity, expanding our ground-breaking work in Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Studies to advance understanding and collaboration among the rich multiplicity of spiritual traditions and lifestances;
- We are committed, in a world governed by sex and gender binaries, to advocate gender justice, to nurture movements for women's equality, and to liberate humanity from restrictive gender norms;
- We are committed, in a world governed by the presumption of heterosexual expression, to challenge homophobia, to celebrate lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and other individuals within the spectrum of human sex and sexuality, and to develop leadership to encourage faith communities to become more open and affirming;
- We are committed, in a world stratified by economic and social class, to challenge the structures that sustain poverty and economic disenfranchisement, and to join the struggle, as companions with the poor, for liberation of all from want, homelessness, hunger, and disease;
- We are committed, on a fragile planet threatened by pollution and exploitation, to interrogate ecological policies, theologies, and practices, and to challenge materialism and the devaluation of creation; and,
- We are committed, in recognition that social divisions are local, national, and global, to international collaboration among individuals and institutions with similar commitments to our own.

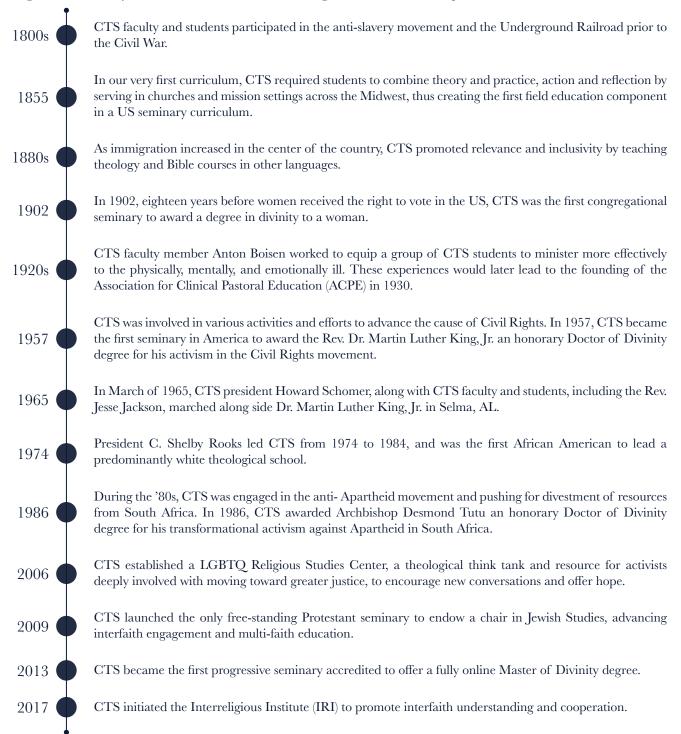
In all these ways, we embrace not only the rhetoric but the reality of diversity, and recognize the vital intersectionality of our commitments, working together to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. We invite others to join us.

About Chicago Theological Seminary

Chicago Theological Seminary is an affiliated seminary of the United Church of Christ. For over 163 years, we have educated future leaders for a multitude of ministries. Since our beginning, CTS has pushed at the growing edges of the church in order to make faith relevant and transform our society towards greater justice. Our student body now represents more than 40 different faith traditions, perspectives, and denominations.



Since its inception, CTS has lived on the edge – literally and figuratively. Established in the boomtown of Chicago in 1855, the Seminary's first mission was to train church leaders on what was then the United States' western boundary. Throughout our history CTS has been a leader in theological education, social justice, and societal transformation.



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