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## CTS to celebrate life and legacy of G. Campbell Morgan with Public Worship and Preaching Award Ceremony

**CHICAGO- April 16, 2019** - Chicago Theological Seminary will celebrate the life and legacy of evangelist, preacher, Bible teacher, author, and alumnus **Rev. Dr. G. Campbell Morgan (DD 1902)** at a public chapel service to be held at the Hyde Park seminary at noon on **Wednesday, April 24, 2019**. Master of divinity student **Annabeth Roeschley** has been selected to receive the 2019 G. Campbell Morgan preaching Award and will deliver her winning sermon, *God as the Rock and the Hard Place* at the service on the 24th. This award, made possible by an endowment gift from Dr. Morgan's grandchildren, is given annually to a CTS student who excels at the work of preaching.

"Through our mission and commitments, we are living up to the standards Dr. Morgan set for exceptional work in theology," said Dr. Emily Vogt, associate dean. "We look for students who embody all that he represented in his work and Annabeth fits that perfectly."

**The Rev. Dr. G. Campbell Morgan** was voted one of the ten greatest preachers of the twentieth century by the Christian Century. The legacy of Dr. Morgan's preaching is its emphasis on the great themes of Christian theology – creation, providence, and redemption – directed toward the great social and spiritual crises of the day with prophetic pastoral precision. He was a genius of expository preaching, unfolding the biblical text with rigor, compassion, imagination, and art.

**Annabeth Roeschley** is a master of divinity student at CTS pursuing a degree with a concentration in LGBTQ Religious Studies. She's especially interested in the queering of relationships and economies as well as in how queer theologies shape and are shaped by socio-political movements. Before moving to Chicago, she spent a decade doing community-based justice work in Washington, DC, primarily at the intersections of trauma, sexual violence, harm reduction, healing, and the empowerment of safe neighborhood space, land, and housing in late-stage gentrification.

"I am grateful to accept the G. Campbell Morgan Award," Roeschley said. "It is an honor to be selected and an affirmation of my calling as an unconventional preacher beyond church pulpits."

Roeschley holds a bachelor's in Religion and Communication from Bluffton University, where she focused on feminist Anabaptist theologies and rhetoric.

### ABOUT CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Based on Chicago's Southside, Chicago Theological Seminary is committed to creating leaders for the next generation at religious leadership...whatever that may be. A leader in social justice, CTS is committed to LGBTQ and gender issues, interreligious understanding, and racial justice.

CTS is an affiliated seminary of the United Church of Christ. Since its founding in 1855, CTS has pushed at the growing boundaries of the church in order to make faith more relevant and transform society towards greater justice and mercy. The student body now represents more than 40 different faith traditions, perspectives, and denominations.

