



# **SPRING CONVOCATION**

April 13, 2022

**All people**

have meaning, are **all-**

**demon**, **all-gifted**.

— Amanda Gorman

# CONVOCATION

Greetings.....Interim President Dr. Marsha Foster Boyd  
Board Chair Brian Clarke

Academic Notices.....Dr. Ken Stone  
Distinguished Service Professor & Professor of Bible, Culture, & Hermeneutics

Opening Song:  
"I Am".....Beautiful Chorus feat. India.Arie

Reading:  
"Pan" (Amanda Gorman).....Jaime Fluker  
PhD Student

Reading:  
"Oughta Be a Woman" (June Jordan).....Dr. JoAnne Marie Terrell  
Associate Professor of Theology and the Arts

Reading:  
"Administration Calls Us to Too Much" (Clarence Heller).....Olivia Tate  
MDiv Student

Reading:  
Luke 4:1-13 (NRSV).....Will Crowder  
Beloved Son of Dr. Crowder

Address.....**Dr. Stephanie Buckhanon Crowder**  
Professor of New Testament and Culture  
"MEdemic in a Pandemic: Righteous Indignation and Resistance to More"

Community Prayer.....Rev. Dr. Heesung Hwang  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Religious Education and Public Ministry

Closing Song:  
"Love Peace Happiness" .....Maurice Griffin



Rev. Dr. Stephanie Buckhanon Crowder is a noted scholar, versatile speaker, and prolific author who relishes in the worlds of theology, pop culture, and Bible. She is the first woman and first African American to hold the position of Vice President of Academic Affairs/Academic Dean at Chicago Theological Seminary.

She is also the first African American woman promoted to Full Professor at CTS. A native of Memphis, TN, she graduated in the top ten of Central High School and furthered her studies at Howard University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree, summa cum laude, in Speech Pathology/Audiology. Stephanie was the Student Commencement Speaker at her college graduation.

Following her undergraduate studies at Howard University, Stephanie entered United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH. She received a Master of Divinity degree in May 1994. In May 2000 Stephanie earned her Doctor of Philosophy degree in Religion (New Testament) from Vanderbilt University

Stephanie was licensed by Metropolitan Baptist Church (Washington, D.C.) and ordained by her home church, Friendship Baptist (Memphis, TN). She was on staff at Mississippi Blvd. Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as Asst. Minister/Christian Education. Stephanie served as the Christian Church in Tennessee (Disciples of Christ) Associate Regional Minister for Women's Ministries, and was Associate Pastor of New Covenant Christian Church (Nashville, TN) for fifteen years. She and her husband co-founded The Empowerment Church (Nashville, TN). As Project Director of MICTAN, she provided HIV/AIDS training to congregations throughout the United States.

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# WEDNESDAY

## *Gatherings*

What began as a way to connect to the outside world during an unprecedented time has become the central weekly gathering hub for the CTS family. Since its inception at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Wednesday Gatherings have been host to numerous special guests, allowing for deeper engagement with civic and social justice issues, as well as a way to be together in a world separated. These discursive and inquisitive Zoom sessions feature insightful conversations and powerful commentary from community members who share the CTS vision of a more inclusive, equitable, and just world.

Join us Wednesdays at noon. Justice Lives Here.

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<https://ctschicago-edu.zoom.us/j/97135339976>

### Upcoming Topics & Speakers:

**April 20:** Awarding of the Judith Parks Sanderson Award for Women in Leadership and G. Campbell Morgan Preaching Award

**April 27:** A Discussion on Conviction, Homelessness, and Recidivism with Laurie Jo Reynolds

**May 4:** Awarding of the Distinguished Alumni Award

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