

May 2022



Cheers to the Class of 2022!

“This is an incredibly exciting time to enter ordained life,” the Rt. Rev. Glenda S. Curry shared as she addressed the School of Theology’s [28 graduating students](#) on May 6. Noting how the pandemic has motivated changes in the Church’s operations, she observed, “We no longer think we can’t do technology in church, record worship, or *change the schedule*.” Curry, who is the first woman elected bishop in the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, delivered the sermon and received an honorary degree at the ceremony. If you missed Commencement, you can view it [here](#). The conclusion of the academic year means that the end of our fiscal year is rapidly approaching—on June 30. [Please give and help us continue to form Church leaders.](#)

Register Now: 2022 Alumni

Lectures and Homecoming

Miss the Mountain? Start planning your return trip! [Registration is open](#) for our 2022 Alumni Lectures and Homecoming, to be held Sept. 27-29. Guest lecturer Mark D. Jordan, who is a noted scholar of Christian theology, European philosophy, and gender studies, will present on “The Word After Babel: Styles, Power, and Silence in Theology.” Attendees can also participate in multiple workshops led by School of Theology faculty and alumni; take part in the installation of a new Crucifix in the Chapel of the Apostles and meet artist Laura James; and catch up with friends and classmates during Reunion dinners. View event details [here](#), and register [here](#).



Remembering Susanna Metz

The School of Theology mourns the loss of the Rev. Dr. Susanna Metz, who passed away on April 30. Susanna filled multiple roles in our community—from 2001 through 2011, she was Director of Field Education, and in 1996 she earned an M.Div. from Sewanee. She also achieved a D.Min. in 2003. Beyond being a teacher and student, Susanna served as a mentor and beloved friend to many across the University. A webcast of the cremation service, which was held in Barnstable, United Kingdom earlier this month, can be viewed at [this link](#) through June 20. Log in with username: nera9665, password: 296326.

Job Opportunities

*To submit an opening for a future newsletter, reply to this newsletter with the link and/or any additional information.

- [Rector, The Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea, Palm Beach, FL](#)
- [Rector, Church of the Holy Nativity, Weymouth, MA](#)
- [Associate for Christian Formation, Christ Church \(Episcopal\), Grosse Pointe Farms, MI](#)
- [Assistant to the Rector, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, High Point, NC](#)

Notable

- [Alternate Clergy Training at Sewanee \(ACTS\) student Sister Monica Clare was recently featured in The New York Times for her savvy social media presence. Her TikTok account, on which she covers convent life and teaches about Episcopalian values, has over 160,000 followers.](#)
- [The Rev. Claire Brown, T'20, has co-authored New Directions for Holy Questions \(Morehouse Publishing\), a guide to progressive Christian theology for families.](#)
- [The Rev. Pamela Dolan, T'16, explores the intersection of gardening and faith in Contemplative Gardening \(Morehouse Publishing\), which includes a foreword from Peter H. Raven, President Emeritus of Missouri Botanical Garden.](#)

Transitions

*Click the photo to learn more.



The Rev. Joseph "Gray" Hodsdon, T'20, has been invited to serve as Associate Rector of St. James Parish in Wilmington, NC. He and his wife Catie will move to Wilmington in late June.



The Rev. Abi Moon, T'11, recently shared that she has accepted the call to serve as the Senior Associate at Trinity Church in Boston, MA.



The Rev. Hannah Pommersheim, T'19, will be moving to Connecticut in June to serve as Associate Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Darien, CT.

*Please let us know if you have recently made a transition by replying to this email or completing our [Update form!](#)

In Memoriam

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

*Click the photos to view obituaries.



The Rt. Rev. Alex Dockery
Dickson, Jr., T'58



The Rev. David Loide
Dodge, T'87



Edward W. "Eddy"
English, Sr., T'57



The Rev. Carol "Deedie" Phillips
Marshall, T'99



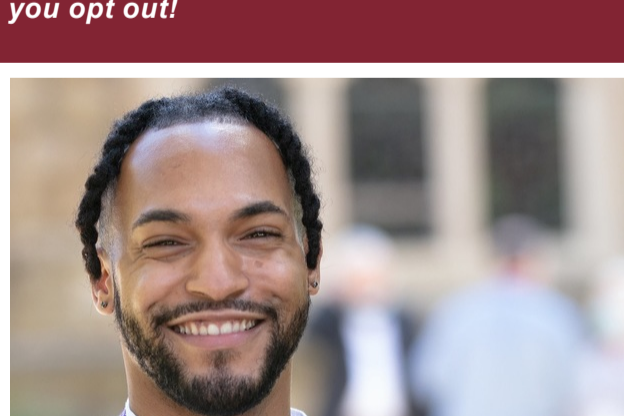
The Rev. Robert L. "Bob"
Ross, Jr., T'66



The Rev. Irvin Dale
West, Jr., T'74

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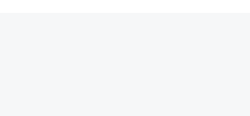
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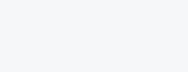
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