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Christian Theological Seminary Announces 255 Congregations Awarded Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program Grants for 2026

Christian Theological Seminary, an ecumenical seminary based in Indianapolis, today announces 255 congregations from across the United States have been selected to receive grants through the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program for Indiana Congregations and the Lilly Endowment National Clergy Renewal Program. The grants help congregations honor and support their pastors by enabling them to experience either one extended period or multiple shorter periods of renewal and revitalization. The clergy who benefit from these grants pursue activities unique to their interests that encourage them to refresh and experience deep joy through travel, scholarly research, or immersive experiences with different cultures and traditions.

“The pastors who lead congregations throughout the nation play important roles in guiding the ministries of their faith communities and in nurturing the spiritual lives of individuals and families, but the demands of ministry can seem never ending,” said Christopher L. Coble, Lilly Endowment’s vice president for religion. “We hope that these grants to congregations will help them honor their pastors for exemplary service and provide them with the time and other resources for renewal and rest so they can come home to their congregations reenergized.”

Congregations in the 2026 programs represent the broad spectrum of Christian traditions, including Roman Catholic and Orthodox parishes, congregations from 28 Protestant denominations, as well as independent and non-denominational congregations. In harmony with the spirit of these programs, congregations and their pastors collaborated to craft plans designed to renew pastors physically and spiritually and energize them in their ministry.

Pastors plan to use grant funds in support of domestic and international travel. For example, one pastor will hike and cycle with family in Denali National Park as well as in Japan. Another pastor will travel with family to a parent’s country of origin in Argentina, visiting with extended family, connecting with heritage, and participating in a language immersion camp. Yet another pastor will

take family camping in some of the United States' national parks, disconnecting from distractions and reconnecting with each other.

In addition to travel as a form of renewal, some pastors will use time away from their congregations to engage in new spiritual disciplines, focus on time with loved ones, begin exercise and other new health regimens, engage in creative work, and explore topics that spark excitement for preaching, worship, and congregational life. Grants will also fund renewal activities for congregations while their pastors are away. These include opportunities to deepen practices of shared leadership and mutual care, participate in intentional community engagement experiences along the Tijuana/San Diego border, and craft activities exploring spiritual heritage and supporting intergenerational connection.

Dr. Robert Saler, Director of the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Programs at Christian Theological Seminary, noted that interest in the grant programs has grown significantly in recent years, with higher numbers of proposals leading to increased competitiveness.

"We are deeply aware that every application we receive not only represents a pastor seeking renewal, but a congregation ready to support its pastor in this way. We find that very encouraging," Saler said.

Since Lilly Endowment introduced the Clergy Renewal Program for Indiana Congregations and the National Clergy Renewal Program in 1999 and 2000 respectively, more than 4,781 congregations throughout the United States and in Puerto Rico have received grants in support of renewal experiences for their pastors.

In 2026, the combined Clergy Renewal Programs awarded grants totaling more than \$14 million. Congregations were invited to propose grants of up to \$60,000. The application process encourages active engagement between congregations and their pastors in designing and developing the renewal experiences. As part of the programs, pastors can include their families in the renewal experience. Congregations may budget up to \$20,000 of the maximum grant toward expenses for interim pastoral leadership, send-off and return celebrations, as well as activities designed for congregational renewal.

Christian Theological Seminary has administered the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Programs since 2012. "Amidst all the rigors of ministry in a changing world, these grants enable pastors and their congregations to actively partake in the gifts of renewal and revitalization that are so needed today," Saler said.

Award Recipients in the National Clergy Renewal Program:

Alabama

Montgomery, AL—Church of the Ascension (Episcopal), the Rev. Candice Frazer
Tuscaloosa, AL—Trinity United Methodist Church, the Rev. Penny Ford

Alaska

Anchorage, AK—Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church, the Rev. Vasili Hillhouse
Eagle River, AK—St. Andrew Catholic Church, the Rev. Arthur Roraff

Arizona

Phoenix, AZ—First Free Methodist Church of Phoenix, the Rev. Julie Gray
Tucson, AZ—First Christian Church Tucson (Disciples of Christ), the Rev. Ailsa Guardiola González
Tucson, AZ—First United Methodist Church of Tucson, the Rev. Eun Young Ko
Tucson, AZ—Saguaro Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Rev. Kelley Dick
Tucson, AZ—St. John on the Desert United Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Elizabeth Smith

Arkansas

Little Rock, AR—Mosaic Church of Central Arkansas, the Rev. Mark DeYmaz

California

Anaheim, CA—Grace Hill, the Rev. Samuel Bay
Brea, CA—Heaven Dream Church, the Rev. In Seok Jeong
Chico, CA—North State Community Church (NSCC), the Rev. David Montoya
Cypress, CA—GOND Community Church, the Rev. Byung Kyu Chung
Downey, CA—Downey Iglesia del Nazareno, the Rev. Carlos Rodrigo Pena
El Cajon, CA—First Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Kimberly Dawsey-Richardson
Fremont, CA—St. James' Episcopal Church, the Rev. Lori Walton
Fullerton, CA—Orange Hope Church, the Rev. Daniel Yi
Los Angeles, CA—Somang Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Joseph Sung
Monrovia, CA—Mountainside Communion, the Rev. Joshua Smith
Northridge, CA—Emmanuel Covenant Church, the Rev. Abraham Bejarano
Oakland, CA—Resurrection Oakland Church, the Rev. David Lee
Palm Springs, CA—The Church of St. Paul in the Desert (Episcopal), the Rev. Jessica Rae Thompson
Palo Alto, CA—New Beginnings Community Church of the Bay Area, the Rev. Tilden Fang
Pasadena, CA—Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Rev. Sharon Mead Ruff Richter
Sacramento, CA—Genesis Missionary Baptist Church, the Rev. Tecoy Porter, Sr.
San Diego, CA—First United Methodist Church, the Rev. Hannah Ka
San Diego, CA—St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, the Rev. Sarah Sumner-Eisenbraun
San Francisco, CA—Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin, the Rev. Kira Austin-Young
San Leandro, CA—Bethel Community Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Erina Kim-Eubanks
Santa Maria, CA—Santa Maria Foursquare Church, the Rev. Tim Mossholder
Santa Monica, CA—First Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Tim Vance
Santa Monica, CA—Renew Church LA, the Rev. Dihan Lee
Sebastopol, CA—St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Christy Laborda Harris
Tracy, CA—Mountain's Hope Community Worship Center, the Rev. Cynthia Chess
Upland, CA—St. Mark's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Keith Yamamoto
Woodland, CA—Woodland United Methodist Church, the Rev. Thomas Widlund

Colorado

Colorado Springs, CO—First Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), the Rev. Lee Ann Bryce
Denver, CO—Centro Cristiano Amistad, the Rev. Arturo Vargas
Fort Collins, CO—Christ Fellowship Church, the Rev. Matt Graham
Fort Collins, CO—Christ Our Hope Anglican Church, the Rev. Jeromie Rand
Greeley, CO—First Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), the Rev. Tamara Torres McGovern
Pagosa Springs, CO—St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Wren Blessing

Connecticut

Old Saybrook, CT—Grace Episcopal Church, the Rev. Charles Hamill
Woodbury, CT—St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Tuesday Rupp

Florida

Gainesville, FL—Bartley Temple United Methodist Church, the Rev. Mary Mitchell
Jacksonville, FL—City Church Multiplication Network, the Rev. Walter Angelica Seffner, FL—Bahia Vida Community Church, the Rev. Josue Colon
West Palm Beach, FL—Korean Presbyterian Church of Palm Beach, the Rev. Sung Joo

Georgia

Atlanta, GA—Church of the Incarnation (Episcopal), the Rev. Lynne Washington
Atlanta, GA—New Life Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Hodari Williams
Cleveland, GA—First Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Burnetta Armour
Lithonia, GA—New Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Rev. Wiliam Thomas
Macon, GA—Saint Innocent Orthodox Christian Church, the Rev. William Buck
Stone Mountain, GA—Shalom International Ministry (PCUSA), the Rev. Gad Mpoyo
Suwanee, GA—Atlanta Korean Baptist Church, the Rev. Barnabas Choi

Illinois

Batavia, IL—The Congregational Church of Batavia (United Church of Christ), the Rev. Paige Wolfanger
Chicago, IL—Hyde Park Vineyard Church, the Rev. Aimee Tucker
Chicago, IL—New Community Covenant Church, the Rev. Leslie Xavier Sanders
Chicago, IL—North Shore Baptist Church, the Rev. Kathryn Ray
Chicago, IL—Rehoboth Apostolic Worship Center, the Rev. Yolanda Hunt
Chicago, IL—Trinity United Church of Christ, the Rev. Otis Moss III
Crete, IL—First African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Rev. Virgil Woods
Des Plaines, IL—Christ Church United Church of Christ, the Rev. Jon Martinez
Edwards, IL—Korean Presbyterian Church of Peoria, the Rev. Hyaekwang Kim
Elgin, IL—First United Methodist Church, the Rev. Felicia LaBoy
Freeport, IL—Park Hills Evangelical Free Church, the Rev. Chris Stukenberg
Indian Creek, IL—St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church, the Rev. Ignatius Anaele

Naperville, IL—Knox Presbyterian Church, the Rev. David Bruner
Naperville, IL—Naperville Evangelical Covenant Church, the Rev. Josiah Cheng
Naperville, IL—Naperville Korean Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Changmin An
Park Ridge, IL—Mary Seat of Wisdom Catholic Church, the Rev. Derek Ho
Peoria, IL—Richwoods Christian Church, the Rev. Chad Manbeck
Peoria, IL—United Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Debra Avery
South Holland, IL—New Life Alive Church, the Rev. Jerome Cook

Iowa

Dubuque, IA—Bread of Life Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Stephanie Ells
Dubuque, IA—St. Luke's United Methodist Church, the Rev. Stephanie Schlimm
Osage, IA—Rock Creek Lutheran Church, the Rev. Sarah Nye

Kansas

Buhler, KS—Buhler Mennonite Church, the Rev. Willmar Harder
Olathe, KS—Advent Lutheran Church, the Rev. Anteneh Gebre-Selassie

Kentucky

Louisville, KY—Buechel Park Baptist Church, the Rev. Sara Turpin
Midway, KY—Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Rev. Heather McColl
Radcliff, KY—Full Gospel Kentucky Korean Church Assemblies of God, the Rev. Stephen Song
Versailles, KY—Pisgah Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Hannah McIntyre

Louisiana

Baton Rouge, LA—Elm Grove Baptist Church, the Rev. Errol Domingue

Maine

Auburn, ME—High Street Congregational Church, the Rev. Deborah Duval
Portland, ME—The State Street Congregational Church, the Rev. Bryan Breault
South Freeport, ME—South Freeport Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), the Rev. Sean Patrick Coady

Maryland

Annapolis, MD—First Presbyterian Church, the Rev. R. Mihee Kim-Kort
Bel Air, MD—First Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Melissa Lopez
Glen Arm, MD—Trinity Episcopal Church, the Rev. Jessica Sexton
Hagerstown, MD—Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren, the Rev. Gabriel Dodd
Highland, MD—Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, the Rev. Daniel Mejia

Silver Spring, MD—New Covenant Baptist Church, the Rev. James Choi

Massachusetts

Abington, MA—United Church of Christ in Abington, the Rev. Kristy Coburn

Belmont, MA—First Church Belmont, the Rev. Christopher Jablonski

Gloucester, MA—West Gloucester Trinitarian Congregational Church, the Rev. Rona McLean Tyndall

Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA—Cornerstone Church, the Rev. Ryan Ackerman

Medway, MA—The Evangelical Congregational Society, the Rev. Funwayo Mafuleka

Milton, MA—United Congregational Church, the Rev. R.G. Wilson-Lyons

Natick, MA—St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Becky Binns

Michigan

Ann Arbor, MI—First Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers

Ann Arbor, MI—New Life Church, the Rev. Gaia Stanley

Burr Oak, MI—Locust Grove Church, the Rev. Matthew Yoder

Burton, MI—St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, the Rev. Matthew-Peter Butrie

Detroit, MI—Bethel Baptist Church, East, the Rev. Stephen Herrod

Grand Rapids, MI—Madison Square Christian Reformed Church, the Rev. Brad Knetsch

Holt, MI—Riverview Church, the Rev. Noel Heikkinen

Wyoming, MI—Iglesia Vida Plena, the Rev. Julián Guzmán

Minnesota

Brooklyn Park, MN—Clarity Church, the Rev. Phillip Santillan

Brooklyn Park, MN—Grace Fellowship, the Rev. Joe Boyd

Cottage Grove, MN—Cottage Grove United Church of Christ, the Rev. Bryan Olson

Hibbing, MN—First Lutheran Church, the Rev. John Dietz

Howard Lake, MN—St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Rev. Paul Koch

Minneapolis, MN—Zion Missionary Baptist Church, the Rev. Brian Herron

Scandia, MN—Scandia Elim Lutheran Church, the Rev. Seth Perry

St. Cloud, MN—Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Rev. Kirsten Nelson Roenfeldt

Sunfish Lake, MN—Saint Anne's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Jennifer McNally

Mississippi

Hattiesburg, MS—Westminster Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), the Rev. Christopher Crotwell

Missouri

Carthage, MO—Grace Episcopal Church, the Rev. Joseph Pierjok

Kansas City, MO—Independence Boulevard Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Rev. Mindy Fugarino

Nebraska

Atkinson, NE—Faith Wesleyan Church, the Rev. Richard Wolgemuth

New Jersey

Asbury Park, NJ—Trinity Episcopal Church, the Rev. Nicholas Chase Danford

Bay Head, NJ—All Saints Episcopal Church, the Rev. Kathryn King

Willingboro, NJ—The Church of the Good Shepherd (United Methodist), the Rev. Vanessa Wilson

New York

Bronx, NY—Hope Presbyterian Church of NY, the Rev. Yale Park

Elmhurst, NY—New Life Fellowship Iglesia Nueva Vida Christian Missionary Alliance, the Rev. Helen Nowalk

Fairport, NY—Perinton Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Laura Fry

Lindenhurst, NY—Love Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Jinsik Kang

New York, NY—Exilic Church, the Rev. Joshua Oh

New York, NY—The First Baptist Church, the Rev. Haruhiko Fujiwara

Penfield, NY, Penfield Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Twyla Boyer

Spring Valley, NY—First Timothy Christian Church, the Rev. Nathaniel Demosthene

Syosset, NY—Good Shepherd Joun Mokcha Church, the Rev. Shin Young Kim

Walton, NY—United Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Paul Huh

North Carolina

Charlotte, NC—Saint Paul Baptist Church, the Rev. Robert Scott

Durham, NC—Refuge Home Church, the Rev. Megan Pardue

Fayetteville, NC—Frontline Church, the Rev. Blake Burrough

Grifton NC—First Christian Church Grifton (Disciples of Christ), the Rev. Jamie Haddock

Morganton, NC—St. Mary's and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Logan Lovelace

Raleigh, NC—Calvary Presbyterian Church in America, the Rev. Nate Wilks

Raleigh, NC—Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, the Rev. Chalice Overy

Raleigh, NC—Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Thomas Watkins

Rocky Mount, NC—In His Way Ministry, the Rev. Angela King

Weaverville, NC—Reems Creek-Beech Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Rebecca Gurney

Wilmington, NC—St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Katie Harrington

Winston-Salem, NC—Redeemer Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Giorgio Hiatt

North Dakota

Fargo, ND—Madison Neighborhood Ministry, the Rev. Jessica Miller

Ohio

Berlin, OH—Berlin Mennonite Church, the Rev. Jeff Hochstetler
Huron, OH—First Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Sara Hodsden
Kent, OH—United Church of Christ of Kent, the Rev. Amy Gopp
Martin, OH—St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church (Blackberry), the Rev. Matthew Musteric
Springfield, OH—First Baptist Church, the Rev. Adam Banks
Toledo, OH—Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Rev. Kristin Hunsinger
West Liberty, OH—Oak Grove Mennonite Church, the Rev. Alex Dye
Wooster, OH—Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Rev. Martin Jacobson
Youngstown, OH—First Covenant Church, the Rev. Kendall Churchill

Oklahoma

Tulsa, OK—Southminster Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Olivia Lane

Oregon

Eugene, OR—Westminster Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Marta Ukropina
Milwaukie, OR—St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, the Rev. Jeanne Kaliszewski

Pennsylvania

Akron, PA—Akron Mennonite Church, the Rev. Matt Carlson
Erie, PA—The Cathedral of Saint Paul, the Rev. Melinda Hall
Hershey, PA—All Saints Episcopal Church, the Rev. Anjel Scarborough
Huntingdon, PA—Stone Church of the Brethren, the Rev. Cindy Lattimer
Philadelphia, PA—St. Clement's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Justin Lanier
Pittsburgh, PA—Mosaic Community Church, the Rev. Joshua Fisher
Pittsburgh, PA—Sunset Hills United Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Laura Strauss
Swarthmore, PA—Swarthmore Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Joyce Shin
Williamsport, PA—City Church, the Rev. Raphael Mnkandhla

Puerto Rico

Guaynabo, PR—Iglesia Evangélica Luterana San Marcos, the Rev. Leonardo Gabriel Ñanco

South Carolina

Fort Mill, SC—Unity Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Matthew Rich
Greenville, SC—St. John of the Ladder Orthodox Church, the Rev. Marcus Burch
Rock Hill, SC—First Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Kara Wheeler
Spartanburg, SC—Grace Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Justin Kendrick

South Dakota

Sioux Falls, SD—Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, the Rev. Amy Martinell

Tennessee

Franklin, TN—Christ United Methodist Church, the Rev. Paul Bonner

Texas

Austin, TX—St. George's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Matt Boulter

Brownsville, TX—Mujeres en Victoria, the Rev. Sandra Martha Gonzalez

Fort Worth, TX—St. Luke's in the Meadow Episcopal Church, the Rev. Karen Calafat

Houston, TX—Iglesia Bautista La Tierra Prometida, the Rev. Jose Manuel Cruz Martinez

Houston, TX—Iglesia Bautista Vida en Cristo, the Rev. Livan Quintana Poveda

Houston, TX—New Community Baptist Church, the Rev. In Goong

Humble, TX—First Baptist Church, the Rev. Chris Kouba

Marshall, TX—First Baptist Church, the Rev. Ryan Berryhill

McAllen, TX—La Promesa Iglesia Bautista, Salvador Bahena

Plano, TX—Preston Meadow Lutheran Church, the Rev. Erin Swenson-Reinhold

Plano, TX—The Korean Young Nak Presbyterian Church of Dallas, the Rev. Jin Seong Lee

Seguin, TX—Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church Seguin, the Rev. Megan Elliott

Texas City, TX—Mem1, the Rev. Chon Pugh

Virginia

Annandale, VA—St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, the Rev. John Shellito

Clifton, VA—Clifton Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Diane W Hendricks

Fredericksburg, VA—Praise The Lord Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Wonho Chang

Hampton, VA—Freedom Life Church International, the Rev. Federico Villarreal

Herndon, VA—Community of Faith United Methodist Church, the Rev. Abi Foerster

Louisa, VA—St. James Episcopal Church, the Rev. Jennifer Lazzuri

Mechanicsville, VA—First Shiloh Baptist Church, the Rev. Proctor Beard

North Chesterfield, VA—Huguenot Road Baptist Church, the Rev. Robert Lee

Vienna, VA—Oakton Church of the Brethren, the Rev. Timothy Hollenberg-Duffey

Vienna, VA—Wesley United Methodist Church, the Rev. Jiyeon Kim

Virginia Beach, VA—First Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Dee Dee Carson

Woodford, VA—Praise Temple Apostolic Faith Church, the Rev. Terrence Brown

Washington

Bellingham, WA—Hillcrest Chapel, the Rev. Timothy Knipp

Marysville, WA—Marysville United Methodist Church, the Rev. Meredith Gudger-Raines

Sammanish, WA—Sammanish Hills Lutheran Church, the Rev. Nyla Schoeld
Shoreline, WA—The Practicing Church, the Rev. Jessica Ketola

West Virginia

Morgantown, WV—First Presbyterian Church of Morgantown, the Rev. Zachary Morton

Wisconsin

Fort Atkinson, WI—First Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), the Rev. Sara Rabe
Green Bay, WI—Union Congregational United Church of Christ, the Rev. Bridget Flad Daniels
Lake Geneva, WI—Anchor Covenant Church, the Rev. Melissa Wall
Madison, WI—Lake Edge Lutheran Church, the Rev. Justin Dittrich
Rubicon, WI—St. Olaf Lutheran Church, the Rev. Tom Pietz

Award Recipients in the Clergy Renewal Program for Indiana Congregations:

Angola—First Congregational United Church of Christ, the Rev. Nikki Shaw
Bloomington—Woodhaven Christian Church, the Rev. LuWanna Scott
Carmel—Carmel Friends Church, the Rev. Ben Snyder
Columbus—Community Church of Columbus, the Rev. Michael Mantooth
Columbus—Ogilville Christian Church, the Rev. Zechariah John Riggs
Elkhart—Living Faith Fellowship and Outreach Ministries, the Rev. Eric von Atzigen
Evansville—First Southern Baptist Church, the Rev. Jackson Van Dyke
Evansville—Northeast Park Baptist Church, the Rev. Steven Taylor
Evansville—Oak Hill Christian Center Assembly of God, the Rev. Jeremy Faughn
Evansville—Renew Christian Church, the Rev. Kelli Ward
Fort Wayne—Aboite Missionary Church/Life Community Church, the Rev. Stephen Cresse
Fort Wayne—Agape Church of the Brethren, the Rev. Todd Hammond
Fort Wayne—Northeast Christian Church, the Rev. Anthony Opliger
Fort Wayne—Plymouth Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), the Rev. Sara Ofner-Seals
Fort Wayne—Southwest Lutheran Church, the Rev. Joseph Ferry
Gas City—Exit 59 Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, the Rev. Forrest Daniel Brown
Goshen—Assembly Mennonite Church, the Rev. Anna Yoder Schlabach
Goshen—Silverwood Mennonite Church, the Rev. Clayton Gladish
Greenwood—Greenwood United Methodist Church, the Rev. Joshua Lemons
Hope—Hope 1st Baptist Church, the Rev. Dennis Chasteen
Indianapolis—Englewood Christian Church, the Rev. Katy Lines
Indianapolis—New Circle Church, the Rev. Jonathan Groves
Indianapolis—Resurrection Lutheran Church, the Rev. Ryan Bailey
Indianapolis—St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, the Rev. John Kamwendo
Indianapolis—St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church, the Rev. Dragan Petrovic
Indianapolis—St. Pius Catholic Church, the Rev. Francis Joseph Kalapurackal
Indianapolis—The New Baptist Church, the Rev. David Page

Indianapolis—Victory Alliance Tabernacle Church, the Rev. Adam Tallent
Kokomo—Kokomo Korean Church, the Rev. Paul Cho
Lafayette—Evangelical Covenant Church of Lafayette, the Rev. Kurt Kincanon
Lebanon—Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Rev. Nathan Kibler
Merrillville—Protection of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church, the Rev. Jacob Van Sickle
Michigan City—Mary Mother of Mercy Catholic Parish, the Rev. David Kime
New Castle—New Castle First Baptist Church, the Rev. Jerry Ingalls
New Castle—New Castle Foursquare Gospel Church, the Rev. James Becker
Plainfield—Plainfield Christian Church, the Rev. Luke Proctor
Plainfield—St. Mark's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Kirsteen Wilkinson
Roann—Olive Branch Church, the Rev. Jeffrey Sumner
Saint John—Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, the Rev. Eric Schlichting
South Bend—Sunnyside Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Joel Moody
South Bend—Covenant Community Church, the Rev. Theo Williams
Valparaiso—Christ Lutheran Church, the Rev. Tim Knauff Jr.
Valparaiso—First Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Kimber-lee Adams
Vincennes—Indiana Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Frank Harmon

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About Christian Theological Seminary

Christian Theological Seminary (CTS), a fully accredited ecumenical graduate school open to all with historic roots in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), celebrated its 100th anniversary during the 2024-2025 academic year. CTS offers masters and doctoral degree programs through its School of Theology and School of Counseling, accessible mental health services through the Counseling Center, and collaboration to address systemic social justice issues through the Faith & Action Project.