

The Installation of

Lisa R. Withrow

as Dean of Methodist Theological School in Ohio



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Alford Centrum

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* *You are invited to stand as you are able.*

Gathering Music by Joshua Brodbeck, Organist, Beginning at 1:30 p.m.

<i>Fanfare</i>	-Oliphant Chuckerbutty
<i>Swing Low, Sweet Chariot</i>	-Calvin Taylor
<i>Suite Du Deuxieme Ton</i>	-Louis-Nicolas Clearambault
<i>Plein Jeu</i>	
<i>Duo</i>	
<i>Basse de Cromorne</i>	
<i>Caprice</i>	
<i>Fantasia on "Thaxted"</i>	-Joshua Brodbeck
<i>Sonata III in A Major</i>	-Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome

President Jay Rundell

* Processional Hymn

Maker in Whom We Live

UMH 88

Invocation

Paul Kim, Professor of Hebrew Bible

Leader: Bless those who travel far

People: To find each other

To hear the stories

To renew the friendships kept protected through the years.

Leader: Bless those who travel near

People: To see the changes

To sing the songs

To affirm the love that holds on through the years.

Leader: Bless those who open their doors

People: To prepare the way

To invite the traveler

To welcome all who come this way, now and through the years.

Leader: Bless this gathering

People: Bless this reunion

Bless each one

Through the years,

Through the years.

Sung Response

Holy, Holy, Holy

FWS 2007

Installation

Introduction

Jay Rundell, President

Charge on behalf of administration and staff

Sue Lamphere, Director of Academic Affairs

Charge on behalf of the faculty

Robin Knowles Wallace, Faculty Personnel Committee

Charge on behalf of students

Kenya Cummings, Black Seminarians' Network

Charge on behalf of the church

Judith Craig, Bishop in Residence

Charge on behalf of the Board of Trustees

David Wilcox, Board of Trustees Chair

Response

Lisa R. Withrow, Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Anthem

Walk in Peace

-Adam M.L. Tice

Seminary Singers

and Sally Ann Morris

Robin Knowles Wallace, Director

Scriptures

Exodus 32:1-14

Denise Lewis,

Assistant Professor,

Pastoral Care and Counseling

Philippians 4:1-9

Marco Peterson, Student

* Hymn

O God Beyond All Praising

FWS 2009

Scripture

Matthew 22:15-22

Sandy Lutz, Trustee

Address

Choices

Lisa R. Withrow

Anthem

We Are

-Sweet Honey in the Rock

Prayers of the People

Come and Fill Our Hearts

FWS 2157

(To be sung in response to each stanza of the prayer)

* Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577

* Benediction

* Choral Response

*The Lord Bless You
and Keep You*

-Iain B. Galbraith

* Recessional

You are invited to a reception honoring Dean Withrow immediately following the ceremony.

Rev. Lisa R. Withrow. Ph.D.

Lisa Withrow becomes dean of Methodist Theological School in Ohio following 15 years on the seminary's faculty. She holds the Dewire Chair of Christian Leadership and serves as MTSO's vice president for academic affairs.

Dr. Withrow previously served the school in many capacities, including associate dean, director of the Doctor of Ministry program and director of field education. Among her accomplishments as associate dean was the writing and administration of a Wabash Grant for anti-racism and intercultural development. Beyond the MTSO campus, Dr. Withrow is chair of the OhioHealth Pastoral Advisory Group, co-editor of the *Journal of Religious Leadership* and a past president of the Academy of Religious Leadership.

Ordained as a deacon and elder in the United Methodist Church, Dr. Withrow has served as pastor of Lockwood United Methodist Church in Youngstown and as associate pastor of Jordanhill Parish Church in Glasgow, Scotland, and Faith United Methodist Church in North Canton. She is currently a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Delaware.

After receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree from Bucknell University and Master of Divinity from Duke Divinity School, Dr. Withrow earned her doctorate in practical theology and feminist psychology/theology from the University of Glasgow, Scotland. Her dissertation was titled "Moving Toward *koinonia* in the Church: Reconciliation Through Group Work with Women." She has published five books to date.