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Virtual yet real
* *Public-health concerns haven't kept MTSO from embracing its role as a hub of public theology. Live online events this year have included November's Williams Institute Lectures, which*

drew an audience from across the country. Juan M. Floyd-Thomas, associate professor of African American religious history at Vanderbilt Divinity School, spoke in commemoration of the 1921 Tulsa Massacre. Archived video from Floyd-Thomas's lectures and scores of additional MTSO events is available at www.mtso.edu/theologicalcommons.

Founded in 1958, Methodist Theological School in Ohio is one of 13 seminaries formally affiliated with and funded in part by the United Methodist Church. Located in Central Ohio, MTSO offers six graduate degree programs: Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Counseling Ministries, Master of Arts in Practical Theology, Master of Arts in Social Justice, Master of Theological Studies and Doctor of Ministry. It also offers graduate-level certificate programs in Basic Theological Education, United Methodist Deacon Studies and the Advanced Course of Study in the United Methodist Church. In addition, MTSO provides courses for General Board of Higher Education and Ministry certification.

MTSO is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada and the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Its degree programs are authorized by the Ohio Board of Regents and approved by the University Senate of the United Methodist Church.

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How we teach matters; *why* matters more

By Jay Rundell
President

We reach out with this year's *Story Magazine*, reflecting on the past year and providing a glimpse of where things currently stand. I trust you will find evidence of vibrancy and purpose as they play out against a backdrop of near universal challenge and uncertainty. When I wrote a year ago amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, I shared my appreciation for how MTSO found a way to thrive in a difficult time. I didn't imagine that we would still be living with the virus and with our society's seeming inability to come together to address its impacts.

You can certainly read in the following pages about what we are doing, and how, but I hope the reasons *why* we do it stand out the most, because the *what* and *how* seem to be in a near constant state of flux these days. I suspect your life and those of your church and community are similar.

I further hope that it is clear that we endeavor to share God's love and the hope inherent to the Christian message in everything we do, from equipping nonprofit leaders to teaching pastoral care and counseling that strengthens the human experience for both individuals and communities. I hope it's obvious that we believe the world needs greater theological literacy and are driven to prepare leaders to facilitate theological growth from the pulpit and multiple emerging media.

So much of how we organize and mobilize our resources is due to our longstanding commitments to justice and building social good in the world around us. You know by now that ecological justice and sustainability are here to stay as central institutional values. We talk, perhaps ad nauseam, about what we do with

ecotheology, sustainability and Seminary Hill Farm, but I hope you also know why we do it. Perhaps no other commitment intersects the rest as completely and as fundamentally as addressing climate change and the degradation of creation.

The *what* and *how* will likely continue to change, but I pray the *why* remains clear. Thus it is in fidelity to our central purposes that we continue to shape how we teach and learn at MTSO. While residential, on-campus education – often as a stand-alone approach and sometimes augmented with hybrid online learning – has been our primary mode of education, the necessity of functioning prudently and effectively during the pandemic has required a greater reliance on remote teaching and learning.

Like many churches and schools, we've pivoted back and forth in terms of operating remotely or in person, and we've learned a lot along the way. We've

been reminded how much we value our particular campus environment and the kinds of interactions that shape a common experience in physical space. Rare is the Methesco alum who doesn't have a story about the campus and a way of sharing that story as intertwined with the spiritual and communal aspects of seminary life. That's been missed during our pivots away from campus.

At the same time, we've come to understand that there are things that happen online which, for many, are strengths unique to a remote but connected experience. Many learners thrive in the kind of equitable and accessible space that can be created in online education.

The past 20 months have taught us that we need to offer both a robust campus experience and meaningful online options. It is clear across the educational world that



the pandemic has accelerated the trend of students seeking remote-learning options. If anything, that trend is more pronounced for a graduate theological school whose students often are juggling jobs, families and classes.

We've recently received authorization to offer fully remote learning from our three accrediting bodies, the Association of Theological Schools, the Higher Learning Commission and the Ohio Department of Higher Education. We've used hybrid modalities for 10 years and have offered expanded options since the pandemic began, so we know how to do this well, as our accreditors confirmed. We are positioned to adapt and lead amid coming changes in seminary education.

The motto etched on the exterior wall of Werner Hall is "To Preach the Word." Those of you preaching over the past 20 months and those of you listening know that church has changed and likely won't be the same as it was before. Your seminary knows that as well. We will do everything possible to continue preparing students to serve in relevant ways for the transformation of the world.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay Rundell". The signature is fluid and cursive, matching the professional appearance of the man in the portrait above.

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Driven to make a difference

Members of MTSO's incoming class aren't kidding themselves. The vocations for which they're preparing will likely be challenging at best. Despite that reality, or maybe because of it, they bring energy and idealism to a place that will prepare them to make a

difference in various forms of ministry and service. Here are the profiles of six promising new students, featuring quotes from their admissions essays.

CREATING SPACE FOR THOSE AT THE MARGINS

"I often tell people that the church raised me," **Nicole Guthrie** said. "Hanging out in the church building after school and lingering on Sunday, I developed a deep love for God, missions, social justice and spiritual practices with the help of the church and my mentors."



These formational experiences spurred Guthrie to earn a Bachelor of Arts in religion and philosophy from Southwestern College in Kansas. Before coming to MTSO's campus, she worked at Urban Abbey United Methodist Church in Nebraska, near the campuses of the University of Nebraska Omaha and Creighton University.

"I served as the director of community engagement, including campus outreach," she said. "Serving as a living sanctuary in the heart of downtown Omaha, we are a hub for the community, supporting and collaborating with local nonprofits to advocate for social justice in a variety of areas."

Guthrie, the recipient of the Flo K. Gault Memorial Scholarship, is focusing on a dual degree: Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Social Justice.

"I am eager to create space for those at the margins to experience the full inclusion of their presence and gifts," she said. "I dream of a future ministry that envisions church in a new and refreshing way."

TRANSFORMING SELF IN ORDER TO SERVE OTHERS

Molly Collier was in middle school when she became active in a Methodist church in her Georgia hometown. She participated in several short mission trips with her youth group. But it was during a year-long stint with the Mission Year organization, serving an Atlanta-area elementary school and daycare near the city center, that she discovered her passion.



"That year was a pivotal moment in my life and for my faith," she said. "My eyes were opened to many injustices that plague the United States, from health care to resources and funding for public schools, public transportation and environmental justice."

Collier deepened her understanding as she began to analyze her role and responsibility to those she was sent to serve.

"I realize it is a lifelong process to unpack my whiteness and what that means for service and work toward social justice," she said. "I realized that I went into Mission Year as a 20-year-old with a white savior mentality, thinking that I knew how to help people. It has taken years to unlearn that, and I am still trying to figure out the best way to serve others."

Collier, a Bishop Hazen G. Werner Scholar, is seeking a Master of Arts in Social Justice degree.

"I am excited to know there is a seminary that is inclusive and accepting of the LGBTQIA+ community," she said. "I am excited to learn from a diverse faculty and diverse students."

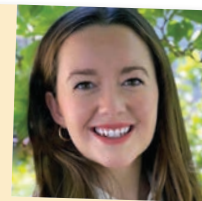
SEARCHING FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH

"I think pastoral care might just be baked into my bones," **Kate McFadden** said. "I am most alive when I'm doing the work of justice, speaking truth to power and oppression, and uplifting others."

Currently, McFadden is working on a ministry and mentoring project sponsored by a grant from the Forum for Theological Exploration: "I will conduct a listening and discovery process inviting young adults, aged 18-35, from interfaith or no faith backgrounds to explore their spirituality, reimagine how we worship, pray and cultivate spiritual community."

McFadden, the recipient of the Bishop Judith Craig Scholarship, plans

to use the data to create worship, fellowship, and educational and spiritual practice experiences with Old Stone Church in Cleveland, where she works as communications manager. The project also informs her pursuit of a Master of Divinity degree from MTSO.



"This project is deeply connected to the work I am curious about pursuing in graduate school and beyond – what is the future of the church? I have the brain of an entrepreneur and the heart of a mystic. I am excited about how the project will inform my dreams about cultivating spiritual community rooted in Christian tradition in both practical and unimagined ways."

DEVOTING LIFE TO SERVING YOUNG PEOPLE

La'Risha Gay has a deep passion for youth ministry. Although it would be easy to attribute her devotion to young people to challenges she faced as a young adult, that explanation doesn't capture the depth and breadth of her plans for her future.



While in college, she mentored young people in Dayton, inspiring a decision that charted her educational and vocational path: "My experience introducing high school youth to God was really exciting. But not knowing how to help them with trauma and internal conflict led me to change my studies to social work."

During her last semester at Eastern Michigan University, Gay lost her mother. Far from defeating her, a confluence of challenges she faced sharpened her resolve. "I got custody of my baby brother, graduated from undergrad and created a faith-based nonprofit organization for youth," she said.

Equipped with a Master of Arts in Practical Theology degree from MTSO, Gay dreams of starting her own nonprofit dedicated to helping kids ages 5-18.

"My vision is to take a child and mold them into what God created them to be," she said. "I want them to know that their mission is to find their purpose and who they are in God's eyes."

Gay believes that MTSO is the next step in her journey to a life of purpose.

"I am answering God's call," she said. "Sometimes that has been more challenging than others, but I have always stuck to my purpose. I am making sure I am making room for something new to know about myself and my purpose. And that's always exciting."

PASSIONATE TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Mark Kwiatkowski is seeking a Master of Divinity degree from MTSO after recently earning a Master of Theological Studies from Boston University School of Theology.

"My interest is rooted in a desire to help congregations, families and persons who are conflicted about sexuality, gender and faith," he said.

For the past three years, Kwiatkowski has served as lay leader of LifeLine Church, a congregation in Toledo's city center.

"Throughout my ministry to queer people both in Toledo and in Boston, it has become evident that there are large numbers of queer youth impacted by human trafficking," he said. "I believe the church has a moral obligation to respond to this crisis."

LIVING THE METHODIST TRADITION

Jaylon Tasby has spent a lifetime in the United Methodist Church. As a 4-year-old, he would curl himself around the pulpit to feel the vibrations of his pastor's voice during the weekly sermon.



"There always seemed to be a feeling of warmth and electricity flowing through my little body when the preacher spoke," he said.

Following his freshman year at Wiley College in Marshall, Texas, Tasby spent the summer of 2017 working as a staff member at Lakeview United Methodist Summer Camp. It was there that he began to feel the nudge toward pursuing youth and children's ministry: "My calling was affirmed, and my leadership skills were strengthened."

The following two summers were filled with formative Methodist experiences. In 2018 he was selected as one of five U.S. college students to travel to Israel and the Holy Land with Young People's Ministries, a part of the Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

The next summer he was chosen as an intern at the United Methodist Building on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. During this internship, he focused on social justice change and reform through the lens of the United Methodist social principles.

In addition to seeking ordination as a deacon, Tasby is pursuing two degrees: Master of Arts in Practical Theology and Master of Theological Studies.

"I am at the door of graduate school in order to study theology," he said, "because I am driven to answer the quiet but massive call of God."

"Often there are not enough resources to meet the specific needs of queer youth who are being trafficked. These victims also tend to be dealing with addiction and housing insecurity."



Studying with MTSO's Yvonne Zimmerman, associate academic dean and associate professor of Christian ethics, is the foundation Kwiatkowski wants for his ministry.

"I agree with Dr. Zimmerman that far too often Christian movements against trafficking seem too interested in preserving a puritanical ideal of human sexuality and gender," he said. "These outdated notions of sexuality and gender turn away many victims, especially queer victims, from receiving the help that they so desperately need."

News digest: Headlines from 2021

\$1 million Lilly grant creates ‘Spaces for Thriving’

MTSO began 2021 with the announcement of a \$995,731 grant to help establish “Spaces for Thriving: Cultivating Authentic Pastors for Small Membership Churches and Communities of Color.” The project is part of Lilly Endowment Inc.’s Thriving in Ministry initiative, which supports a variety of religious organizations across the nation as they create or strengthen programs that help pastors build relationships with experienced clergy who can serve as mentors and guide them through key leadership challenges in congregational ministry.



Lilly Endowment Inc.

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The central goals of MTSO’s project are to improve pastoral thriving through attention to well-being, authenticity in vocation and connections to fellow pastors. The project is led by Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling Fulgence Nyengele.

“Spaces for Thriving” will include ongoing education in areas such as trauma-informed pastoral care and a research agenda aimed at building resilient spaces for pastors serving small-membership churches and communities of color.

After several months spent talking to clergy and judicatory leaders about goals and vision, along with planning and organizing meetings and conversations with potential clergy peer mentors, Nyengele reports the project has enrolled

32 clergy across three cohort groups. The groups are led by peer mentors who are serving as facilitators and conveners of monthly gatherings. A 2022 retreat is planned.

The first participants in “Spaces for Thriving” are pastors who responded to MTSO’s summer 2020 survey regarding their ministry settings and vocational challenges. It’s a culturally diverse and ecumenical group, with United Methodist,

Lutheran, Pentecostal, Baptist, Mennonite and non-denominational participants.

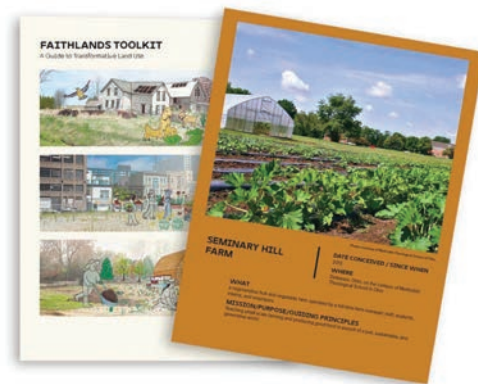
“Spaces for Thriving” will include ongoing education in areas such as trauma-informed pastoral care and a research agenda aimed at building resilient spaces for pastors serving small-membership churches and communities of color. By the end of the five-year grant period, participants will have woven deeper relationships with each other and developed skills for long-term flourishing in ministry.

“There is great interest and excitement about this program, and we look forward to journeying with our pastors as they share, learn and grow,” Nyengele said.

“Our school has longstanding commitments to racial justice and support of pastors leading small-membership congregations,” said MTSO President Jay Rundell. “Our Anti-Racism Task Force is an integral part of the institution, and our students, faculty, staff and alumni have a long history of showing up to stand with others in the midst of the hard work for justice. We also have strong institutional capacity to help pastors and churches recognize and address two particular matters facing communities in our region: food insecurity and drug addiction.”

“Leading a congregation today is multi-faceted and exceptionally demanding,” said Christopher L. Coble, Lilly Endowment’s vice president for religion. “When pastors have opportunities to build meaningful relationships with experienced colleagues, they are able to negotiate the challenges of ministry and their leadership thrives. These promising programs, including ‘Spaces for Thriving: Cultivating Authentic Pastors for Small Membership Churches and Communities of Color,’ will help pastors develop these kinds of relationships, especially when they are in the midst of significant professional transitions.”

Seminary Hill Farm profiled in Faithlands Toolkit



At the request of the Agrarian Trust, Seminary Hill Farm contributed to the “Faithlands Toolkit,” a publication fostering partnerships between farmers, faith communities and food systems. The Agrarian Trust’s mission is to support land access for next-generation farmers.

The PDF book is available at agrariantrust.org/initiatives/faithlands/toolkit. Seminary Hill Farm is featured on pages 126-128. The entry traces the history of MTSO’s farm and details its mission and sustainable methods, from organic-matter management to community engagement and social justice.

With a new grant, MTSO further engages science

In May, MTSO received a \$75,000 grant from the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion (DoSER) program for a new project, “Questioning Science with Good Faith: Shifting the Engagement of Science in Seminaries.” AAAS’s partnership with the Association of Theological Schools provides resources to integrate science into coursework and campus-wide events. The grant is funded by the John Templeton Foundation.

“Questioning Science with Good Faith: Shifting the Engagement of Science in Seminaries” enhances the Master of Divinity program by further integrating science into church history and theological studies curricula. It also contributes to the public discourse at the intersection of science and religion in areas such as remote learning, food justice and countering science disinformation online.

The project is led by MTSO’s Elonda Clay, director of the library; Tejai Beulah,

“Questioning Science with Good Faith” enhances the Master of Divinity program by further integrating science into church history and theological studies curricula.

assistant professor of history, ethics and Black church and African diaspora studies; and Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, assistant professor of theology, ecology and race. Professors are inviting scientists to address their classes on topics such as race in science and religion.



Taking discussions on the intersection of science and religion beyond individual courses, MTSO is presenting a series of virtual events, Science and Religion Digital Dialogues. Streamed live and archived for viewing after the event, the series engages scientists and scholars in conversations about their work at the science-religion nexus and how post-pandemic trends might reshape the future of seminary formation and science-religion dialogues.

The first of five events, “Pastors, Pandemics and Public Health: Building Collaborative Responses to COVID-19,” was held Sept. 16. Plans are under way for virtual panels on waste, science education in seminaries, and critical science and religion. View archived video and stay abreast of upcoming events at www.mtso.edu/science.

Classes of 2020 and 2021 belatedly celebrate graduation



MTSO had the honor of hosting a long-delayed graduation celebration for the classes of 2020 and 2021 the evening of Sept. 12. There were no caps or gowns, but plenty of smiles, stories and delicious food from our Seminary Hill Farm chefs.

Congratulations once again to two classes of distinction.

MTSO hosts team from AmeriCorps



A team of nine AmeriCorps members arrived on campus in March, their first assignment in a year of direct national service. AmeriCorps’ founding principle is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering. The group arriving at MTSO, representing home states from New York to Washington, was particularly interested in strengthening communities by addressing environmental needs.

Sponsored by Friends of the Lower Olenangy Watershed (FLOW), the team created trails at Delaware Preservation Parks, removed invasive species from Stratford Farm, pruned fruit trees in various Franklin County parks, built a footbridge across a narrow expanse of the Olenangy River and created raised beds on MTSO’s Seminary Hill Farm.

Changes necessitated by COVID-19 provided an unforeseen opportunity for FLOW to partner with MTSO. Commuter student housing became available on campus when Spring Semester classes were moved to a fully online format. All team members followed MTSO’s COVID-19 protocols in addition to the protocols required by AmeriCorps.

Fresh food and a fresh perspective

Eight years on, Seminary Hill Farm grows deeper into its mission

If you're charmed by the sight of a half-dozen deer in an open field, chances are you're not a small-scale farmer. Watching the fruits (and vegetables) of your labor diminished by a nightly cervine smorgasbord gets old.

"Like us, deer have their candy," said Jeff Dickinson, manager of MTSO's Seminary Hill Farm. And much of what the farm grows qualifies as deer candy. Dickinson, whose plainspoken approach belies his Ph.D. in entomology from Ohio State University and his three decades running the Stratford Ecological Center in Delaware, began managing Seminary Hill Farm in November 2020. It wasn't long before he was asked what to do about the deer. His response raised a few eyebrows and helped set a new tone as MTSO was refining the mission of its farm.

"My general philosophy is: The deer have as much right to eat as we do," Dickinson said. Rather than attempting to thwart the deer at every turn, he prefers smarter, cheaper, less labor-intensive approaches – for instance, planting marigolds, which they don't like, near their favorite entry points to the fields.

"You wonder about all that energy we put into having no interference whatsoever from nature, which is the antithesis of what I'm all about," he said. "What I try to teach to other aspiring farmers and gardeners is that we've got to learn to live with what nature gives us."

That learning has progressed for eight years now. It was a cold December morning in 2013 when a few hardy souls gathered on the east end of the MTSO campus to erect two 96-foot hoop houses. They were the first visible signs that the school was committed to creating and staffing a year-round farm on land where, for decades, crews had been mowing acres of grass.



"These are good people" * Farm leaders (from left) Bandy, Precise, Dickinson and Green

Seminary Hill Farm has in many ways exceeded expectations, sustainably growing and harvesting multiple tons of produce each year while symbolizing MTSO's internationally recognized leadership at the intersection of ecology and theology – *ecothology* for short. It also has evolved, both in the way food is grown and how it makes its way to dinner tables throughout Central Ohio. The past 12 months have seen that evolution accelerate, with the farm's leadership team committing to a new, concisely articulated mission:

Seminary Hill Farm teaches small-scale farming and produces good food for all in pursuit of a just, sustainable and generative world.

"It was important to define the why and the what. Why do we have this farm at this school?" said MTSO Director of Strategic Initiatives and Operations Leigh Precise,

who oversees the farm. "To talk about the fact that it exists as a place of education was important. Jeff Dickinson is continually reminding the team that the number one product we're selling is education and not vegetables."

That's not to say a lot of vegetables aren't being sold. From its earliest days, the farm has provided healthy food to shareholders in its community supported agriculture (CSA) program. As the farm has evolved, so has the nature of CSA offerings. During the 2021 season, shareholders paid a seasonal or monthly fee to pick up weekly shares of recently harvested produce that featured a new, unarguably organic feature: dirt. Unlike in past seasons, the vegetables weren't washed before pickup. "The minute you wash them, they start to deteriorate," Precise said. Farm-fresh veggies last longer "if you don't make them pretty ahead of time."

This year, CSA members have been asked to think of themselves less as grocery customers and more as true shareholders in something larger than themselves. “It’s not just shopping for what you want for the week,” Precise said. “It’s saying, ‘I’m throwing in with you guys. I believe in what you’re doing and I’m going to support the work you do.’”

The financial commitment of CSA shareholders helps the farm feed many others, starting with MTSO students, faculty and staff who enjoy fresh, delicious vegetables from the kitchen of Dunn Dining Hall. While COVID-19 protocols have kept the dining room closed for most of the year, Chef Brian Murphy prepares fresh lunches and dinners for takeout.

Of course, a mission pledging “good food for all” means extending distribution beyond campus diners and CSA shareholders. This year, Seminary Hill Farm has donated almost 3,000 pounds of produce, 14% of its total yield, through organizations such as People in Need Inc. of Delaware County, Lutheran Social Services, and Community Development for All People (CD4AP), with which MTSO and the farm have forged a strong relationship on several fronts.

MTSO’s Community Food and Wellness Initiative, with grant funding from the Harry C. Moores Foundation, has worked with CD4AP to provide food to the All People’s Fresh Market. In addition, Dunn Dining Hall Sous Chef Daejah McCormick recorded a series of seven recipe videos, each of which made use of specific food items provided in shares for Fresh Market clients. (The videos and recipes are at www.mtso.edu/goodandfresh.)

MTSO also has shared resources and know-how with Franklinton Farms in Columbus. And through Regional Ohio Action for Resilience, Seminary Hill Farm hosted a group of college students who lead their own schools’ community gardens, allowing them to experience campus farming on a heftier scale.

For MTSO Director of Vocational Discernment and Community Engagement Kathy Dickson, the knowledge sharing fits



“They really came together in a great way” * *The 2021 farm team*

hand-in-glove with the food donations. “We can help get people healthy food,” she said, “but to make that sustainable, we have to get a little more creative and practical, and that’s where these programs come in.”

When MTSO President Jay Rundell approached Jeff Dickinson about managing Seminary Hill Farm late last fall, Dickinson had a good sense of the farm’s work and its place within MTSO, but he wanted to dig deeper before committing, starting with an evaluation of the farm team. “It was a resounding ‘yes’ pretty quick for me,” he said. “I told Jay and Leigh, ‘You know, these are good people.’” Looking back almost a year later, he believes it’s an even stronger group than he had realized, starting with the leadership of Resident Farmer Taylor Green and CSA Coordinator Ruthanne Bandy. “We had high expectations for Ruthanne and Taylor, and they have exceeded them.”

Filling out the farm team is a group of interns, mostly college students looking to enhance their academic commitments to farming, ecology and food justice with practical experience. During the peak warm-weather season, the team worked

together five days a week, bonding over lunches prepared with food they grew themselves. “They really came together in a great way as a team under Taylor’s leadership,” Precise said.

Farming can be all-consuming – and over the years, it occasionally has been for the Seminary Hill Farm team – but Dickinson insisted from the start of his tenure that there was no need for constant stress: “We’re here to grow food in a sustainable way. Forty-hour weeks is all we should need. We should be able to have real lives beyond this.”

Dickinson and Green have worked to support interns while empowering them to be independent and think creatively. “If your desire is to farm, you’re not going to have anyone telling you what to do,” Dickinson said. “If you see a problem, you’re not going to always be able to go to someone to find the answer. You’re going to have to do some research yourself and take some ownership. So we basically try to empower them and make them see the joy of learning, the joy of problem-solving.”

“This farm should be seen as a place of joy.”

SCHOOLER INSTITUTE 2022

Pastors address preaching in this unique time

The world has changed dramatically – as have preaching and worship – since MTSO hosted the last Schooler Institute on Preaching in early March of 2020.

The 2022 Schooler Institute will live in that reality and explore what it means to lead meaningful worship in our current climate. Under a unique virtual format, MTSO President Jay Rundell will host a series of conversations with a cross-section of alumni serving in a variety of church contexts.

Schooler participants will be invited to gather online at 3 p.m. Eastern over four Wednesdays – March 16, 23 and 30, and April 6 – to hear Rundell and the panels discuss how the events of the past two years have shaped their sermons, their worship services and the congregations they lead. Panelists will include:

- Nathan Adams, lead pastor of Park Hill United Methodist Church in Denver.
- Andy Call, lead pastor of Church of the Saviour United Methodist Church in Cleveland.
- Emanuel Cleaver III, senior pastor of St. James United Methodist Church in Kansas City.
- Chris George, pastor of Smoke Rise Baptist Church in Stone Mountain, Georgia.
- Grace Imathiu, senior pastor of First United Methodist Church in Evanston, Illinois.
- Colleen Ogle, senior pastor of Bexley United Methodist Church.
- TaNikka Sheppard, executive pastor of the Fountain Church in Miami Gardens, Florida.

Zoom registration for Schooler Institute conversations will be shared in coming weeks, and all events will be recorded and archived for later viewing.

In serving students, a focus on resiliency

When MTSO needed a new director of student services late in the summer of 2021, it found her, in a roundabout way, working in the fields of Seminary Hill Farm.

Monique Williams spent two weeks on campus in July, working with the farm team and taking a one-week course, “Food, Land, and Faith Formation.” For Williams, a Texan, the trip to Ohio was part of her work establishing the Heir+Loom Foundation, through which she intends to use long-held family farmland to provide educational and ecotheological opportunities for members of vulnerable communities.

Searching for places doing the kind of work she envisions for the Heir+Loom Foundation, she learned from a friend about MTSO and contacted the school. Within days, she and Dean Valerie Bridgeman had made plans for Williams to spend two weeks on campus – a trip she found invigorating.

“The things that I heard were all names and concepts that I have heard in passing as I’ve done work in study in seminary, but I had never heard them in the dialogue regarding food and land,” said Williams, who holds a Doctor of Education degree from Creighton University, a Master of Divinity from Duke University and a bachelor’s from Howard University. “When I left, I was just, like, ‘OK, I don’t know what else is going to happen, but I feel connected here.’”

The “what else” came within weeks, after Director of Student Services Kris LoFrumento shared her plans to leave MTSO for a position with Xavier University. Bridgeman contacted Williams, who has held a number of positions in higher education, both as a student worker and as a recruiter and retention specialist.



“I feel connected here” * Monique Williams is MTSO’s new director of student services

But perhaps just as formative regarding a student-services role was the time she spent in foster care management, where she was struck by the ability of the children she encountered to rise above miserable circumstances: “It was this idea of resiliency, of being able to bounce back. I fell in love that concept.”

Williams eventually interviewed adults who had been in the foster-care system for her doctoral dissertation. Her research has convinced her that rather than fixing every problem for those she serves, it’s better to help them develop the capacity and independence to push through difficulties themselves.

“I think that that’s what’s required in spaces like this,” she said. “If I care about you thriving in ministry, I’m going to have to sit here really quietly. I’m here just enough to be able to eventually say, ‘Consider this. Maybe go left. Maybe go right.’ Because that is all you’re going to have when you leave: that inner voice, that discernment.”

Alum news

If you're an alum or former faculty or staff member of MTSO and have news to share about your vocational or personal milestones, please submit it via the link at www.mtso.edu/update. You also may mail your news to us at Alum News, MTSO, 3081 Columbus Pike, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

1969

Richard Morrison and his wife, Dianne, celebrated their 55th anniversary in August 2021. adosuper@aol.com

1971

Roy Hansen retired in 2011 after serving as parish pastor for 14 years and hospital chaplain for 26 years. Roy and his wife, Valerie Brown, are healthy, active and thriving in Glen Falls, New York. Roy would love to hear from fellow alumni. royhansen777@gmail.com

1972

Reg Barss retired in 2018 after 48 years of pastoral ministry in the Baltimore-Washington Conference. Reg and his wife, Jane, celebrated 50 years of marriage in 2018. They are active with the Arundel Vocal Arts Society and in local churches. They enjoy music and cultural participation. rd1barss@gmail.com

After 25 years in parish ministry and 14 years of hospice chaplaincy, **Alan Barone** officially retired from ministry in 2012. Following retirement, Alan became an Ohio certified volunteer naturalist through Ohio State University Extension and works part time at the Clifton Gorge State Nature Preserve in Greene County. Alan and his wife, Dee Dee Hardman Barone, celebrated 50 years of marriage after meeting at Methesco in October 1970. wernala62@yahoo.com

1974

Richard Vaughan retired as lead pastor from Holland United Methodist Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, and began serving as retired pastor at Lebanon

UMC in Mebane, North Carolina, July 1. deborahcvaughan@gmail.com

1975

Dee Dee Hardman Barone received a master's degree in mental health from Wright State University and a licensed professional clinical counseling certification. Dee Dee has continued to provide counseling throughout the pandemic, utilizing video and audio on her phone. Dee Dee and her husband, Alan Barone, are celebrating 50 years of marriage after meeting at Methesco in October 1970. adeliairene@aol.com

1976

R. Karl Watkins retired for the second time on April 25, 2021, after continuing his call to ministry serving the United Church of Christ in Crofton, Nebraska, for the past five years. Karl had previously retired from the United Methodist Church Iowa Annual Conference in 2014. karl.watkins@iaumc.net

1980

Dean Feldmeyer has authored four books of sermons, six mystery novels, one volume of poetry and essays, and three plays. Dean was named pastor emeritus of the Wilmington UMC on Jan. 21, 2021. dfeldmeyer@yahoo.com

Bonnie LeValley joined her husband, **Peter LeValley**, in retirement in June. They are enjoying life spending the summer time in the Adirondacks. bonlev@hotmail.com and peterlevalley@yahoo.com

1984

Elaine Clinger Sturtz published *Living in the Different*, a book focusing on grief,

and publishes a weekly blog on the topic of grief and life. Both are accessible at on her website, www.livinginthedifferent.com. Elaine is an LPCC with a private practice. ejsturtz7@gmail.com

1992

Coralee Cox retired from active ministry in July 2021 and feels blessed by her three years at MTSO as well as the three churches she served: Mayfield, Roscoe and Union Avenue UMCs.

1995

Rob Wilson was appointed director of congregational development and revitalization for the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church on July 1. He also continues in his role as director of At the Lake Ministries in Erie. He and his wife, Denise, and son, Joel, have relocated to Erie. He and Denise are also pleased to share the news of the marriage of their daughter, Anna, to Jeffrey Will on July 3.

1996

David Hoffman began a new appointment as senior pastor at Stonybrook UMC in Gahanna, effective July 1. dlhoffman70@gmail.com

1997

Sherry Parker-Lewis became senior director of church relations for the United Methodist Foundation of Michigan in July 2020. shparker01@gmail.com

1999

Bruce Smith is enjoying life as a semi-retired Episcopal priest in Columbus,

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serving as a supply priest in the Columbus area and coordinating a weekly clergy Bible Study. He serves on the board of directors of the Procter Camp and Conference Center of the Diocese of Southern Ohio and the board of directors of Bexley-Seabury Episcopal Seminary, based in Chicago. He is also one of two coordinators of the chaplaincy to retired clergy and spouses in the diocese. Bruce is a lifetime member of the Columbus Metropolitan Club and has been a member of the Columbus Torch Club since 2002. Bruce and his wife, Susan Warren Smith, a retired Presbyterian pastor, live in the Clintonville section of Columbus. revabs0630@gmail.com

2001

Matthew Wooster began serving as senior minister of Plymouth Church United Church of Christ in Shaker Heights in August 2021.

2003

M. Alton Plummer retired from parish ministry serving as rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Lexington, North Carolina, in February 2021. Alton and his wife, Kate, reside near the beach in Surf City, North Carolina.

2004

Rob Giannamore is an outpatient therapist in Erie, Pennsylvania, focusing on trauma and spiritual wounding. He and his wife, Tina, are celebrating 21 years of marriage. skipwiley77@gmail.com

2005

Fred Caldwell continues to serve in hospital ministry as chaplain with Ascension Saint Vincent's Medical Center in Florida. unorthodox1@att.net

2007

While pastoring a Free Methodist congregation from 2007 to 2019, **Ebenezer Appiagyei** was driven by a passion for advocacy to earn a JD degree from the University of Akron School of Law. In August 2021, he was appointed assistant prosecuting attorney in Mahoning County, Ohio, where he is in charge of the abuse, neglect and dependency docket. "My theological education from MTSO shaped my approach to cases and my interaction with people, especially those who may not share my religious, political or world views." ebenlaw1@gmail.com

Megan Berkebile serves as chaplain at the Holland Village retirement living community in Holland, Pennsylvania. mberkebile@hollandcenterhc.com

2008

Patrick Broz began a new appointment serving Laurel and Logan Center UMCs in northeast Nebraska, effective in July. alcaseman@yahoo.com

2009

Nathan Adams received the J. Carlton Babbs Community Service Award from the Greater Park Hill Community Inc. for his and his congregation's work around homelessness. Also, the church he serves as lead pastor, Park Hill United Methodist Church in Denver, was recognized as the Church of the Year by the Colorado Gospel Music Academy Hall of Fame. nathanpauladams@yahoo.com

2010

Abby Caseman began a new appointment in July serving three churches of the Dakota County Parish in northeast Nebraska. acaseman@greatplainsumc.org

2011

Willie Smith received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit in June 2015. Willie retired July 1 as senior pastor of Conant Avenue UMC in the Greater Detroit District.

2012

Jennifer Huff began a new appointment serving as the conference missions coordinator for the United Methodist Churches of Indiana and as the Northeast District pastoral care specialist and connecting shepherd, effective in July.

John Huff began a new appointment serving Churubusco (Indiana) UMC, effective July 1. john.huff@inumc.org

2013

Alethea Botts began a new appointment serving as lead pastor of Gaines UMC in Cincinnati, effective July 1. pastorbotts@gmail.com

Laura White is serving as superintendent of the Southern Hills District of the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. pastorlaurasue@gmail.com

2015

Mary Biedron presented "The Great Crossing, Then and Now," a Congregational Lecture keynote at the Annual Meeting and Conference of the National Association of Congregational Christians Churches on June 19. The presentation was based on Mary's doctoral work focusing on a congregation's discernment. The lecture can be found at www.nacc.org/events/annual-meeting-conference. mary.biedron@gmail.com

Whitney Bruno is serving as the new pastor of the Little Current and Sheguiandah United Church of Canada charge on Manitoulin Island, Ontario. The church is involved in environmental justice and started a local area pride parade. The church was recently featured in the local paper and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation for work seeking right relations with First Nations (Canadian Indigenous peoples). whitney.bruno2@gmail.com

Rina Shere became a board-certified chaplain through the Association of Professional Chaplains and the National Association of Veterans Affairs Chaplains in November 2020. In August 2021, she began a specialized Mental Health Integrated Chaplaincy Doctor of Ministry program at Vanderbilt Divinity School.

2016

Sarah Alexander welcomed the birth of her second child, Benjamin James, on Oct. 23, 2020. sarahbnalexander@gmail.com

2018

Emily Howard is newly installed and ordained as an associate pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Wooster. howardemilyr@gmail.com

2020

Megan Buehler began a new appointment with LeRoy UMC and Chippewa Church at the Lake. mbuehler08@gmail.com

Cassie Oliver is serving as a young adult volunteer with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in New Orleans during the 2021-22 school year. coliver1993@gmail.com

Mary Vietmeier completed a summer 2021 clinical pastoral education internship at Providence Medical Center in Anchorage, Alaska. mary.vietmeier@outlook.com

2021

Kelley Fox is serving as development coordinator at If When How. kelleyalexisfox@gmail.com

Lucy Kelly began a new appointment as the associate pastor at the Church of the Master United Methodist in Westerville. gorillajc@yahoo.com

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Students and alums ordained and commissioned

We recognize and congratulate our alumni and students who have recently been ordained and commissioned, along with those taking other significant leadership steps. The list below is organized by conferences of the United Methodist Church, followed by other denominations.

East Ohio

Commissioned as elder:

- **Sean McLeod**, serving Woodlawn UMC in Bucyrus
- **Jennifer Whitmore**, serving Nankin Community and Paradise Hill UMCs in Ashland

Ordained as elder:

- **Donald Ackerman**, serving Crossroads UMC and Canton for All People Extension Ministry in Canton
- **Marelize Bruner**, serving Columbia UMC in Columbia Station
- **Ted Buehl**, serving Fitchville UMC in New London
- **J. Harlen Rife**, serving Pearl Road UMC in Cleveland

Indiana

Commissioned as elder:

- **Ronald N. Marcoux Jr.**, serving as senior pastor of Cornerstone UMC in Chrisney

Michigan

Ordained as elder:

- **Robert Blanchard**, serving as pastor of Lansing First UMC
- **Christopher Butson**, serving Lincoln Community UMC in Ypsilanti
- **Matthew Chapman**, serving Traverse Bay UMC in Traverse City
- **Sean Kidd**, serving Westwood UMC in Kalamazoo

West Ohio

Commissioned as elder:

- **Audrey McClain**, serving as chaplain at Richland Correctional Institute in Mansfield

Ordained as elder:

- **Jennifer Leskovac Bass**, serving Crosswood and Epworth UMCs in Marion

- **Jessica Cavinee**, serving Zanesfield and Rushsylvania UMCs
- **Clara Kwon**, serving Thurston UMC
- **Ernest Ologo**, serving Westwood UMC in Cincinnati
- **Victoria Muhlenkamp Robinson**, serving Church of the Saviour UMC in Cincinnati
- **Alex Wiles**, serving Church of St. Andrew United Methodist in Toledo

West Virginia

Ordained as elder:

- **Paula Napier**, serving New Haven and Graham UMCs

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Ordained into word and sacrament:

- **Jacqui Buschor**, serving as pastor of the Church on Oakland Park in Columbus

Unitarian Universalist Association

Entered into full fellowship:

- **Rina Shere**, serving in the Cleveland VA Medical Center

Attuned to the ‘roots of who we are’

Cyndy Garn is well prepared to lead MTSO’s Board of Trustees

In a time that has seen much in our workplaces and our lives turned upside down by the pandemic, the years Cyndy Garn has spent learning as a student and serving as a trustee provided a foundation for her first year leading MTSO’s board. By the time Garn stepped into the role of chair on July 1, COVID-19 had changed the school’s approach to many aspects of campus life – classes, commencement, travel, events. What the pandemic couldn’t change, she believes, is what lies at the heart of the school.

“Those roots of who we are got us through a challenging year,” she said. “It was caring for people and moving through and still doing what needed to be done. All the while, we were focused on caring for people.”

Garn has spent her career in the West Ohio Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. She has served Lebanon UMC, Faith UMC in Middletown, Epworth UMC in Columbus and Scioto Ridge UMC in Hilliard. Additionally, she served seven years as district superintendent of the Columbus North and Capitol Area North districts. From 2009 until her retirement this year, she served as lead pastor of Worthington UMC.

Alongside her ministry, Garn has served on many boards, including the Ohio Health Board of Directors, Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio, UMCH Family Services Board, Otterbein Senior Living Corporate Board, General Board of Pension and Health Benefits (Wespath) and West Ohio Board of Trustees. She has served on the MTSO Board of Trustees for nearly 20 years.



“My time at MTSO was transformational in my understanding of the world”* Garn holds an Ohio State economics degree and an MTSO Master of Divinity

“I’ve served in a variety of ministry settings in the local church. Serving on various boards has been important in my ministry,” Garn said. “It’s taught me how to be impactful in the community and how to provide needed services for people.”

Garn, who holds a degree in economics from Ohio State University, earned her Master of Divinity degree from MTSO in 1981. She credits the school for shaping her understanding of not just theological education but also her own ministry.

“My time at MTSO was transformational in my understanding of the world, my understanding of theology, and my understanding of myself and God in the midst of all of those things,” Garn said. “It transformed the ways in which I have served since then. Each ministry setting I served had its own challenges and values. Much of what I’ve relied on to sort it all out is what MTSO gave me as a foundation.”

Garn sees great possibility in MTSO’s ability to meet the challenges of seminary education amid a complicated and often divisive political and cultural landscape.

“Theological education, if it is broad enough, has ways of feeding not just into the local pastorates,” she said. “The social justice piece and the creation of the MA in Social

Justice is extremely important to meeting the world’s challenges. The kinds of challenges we’ve seen recently – and not just the pandemic but issues of climate change and racial justice – also are going to continue to come. And we will be ready to supply the community and the world with leaders who can meet those calls.”

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Two new trustees join the board

A pastor and a force in the community

A preacher, an author and an impactful voice for social justice, **Emanuel Cleaver III** is senior pastor of St. James United Methodist Church in Kansas City, one of the largest churches in the South Central Jurisdiction of the denomination. He brings to the Board of Trustees a deep appreciation for MTSO, where he earned his Master of Divinity degree in 1999.



Cleaver, a 2013 recipient of MTSO's John and Ruth Mount Alumni Award for Distinguished Service, has fond memories of the insights he gained in classes taught by emeriti Ervin Smith and Diane Turner-Sharazz.

He has nurtured a relationship with MTSO over the years, representing the school at gatherings in the Kansas City area. "I like to stay connected with the seminary and maybe even help some Missourians find their way to Ohio," he said.

Cleaver, who earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Saint Paul School of Theology, is the author of *Pastor on Track: Reclaiming Our True Role* and *What Is The Bible and Who Is It For? A Book for Beginners, Sceptics, and Seekers*.

Among his many connections to the community beyond the church walls, Cleaver serves on the state of Missouri's Police Officer Standards and Training Commission.

"We just approved a plan to start teaching as part of police officer training the history of policing in Black communities," he said. "So when they are policing in minority communities, they have some sort of reference that 'This is why you may not be as welcomed as you would be in other neighborhoods.' We've done a lot of good work, I think, in a short amount of time."

"Dr. Cleaver is an influential leader across United Methodism," said MTSO President Jay Rundell. "We are grateful that we are among the many places he shares his gifts."

An expert in effective board governance

With the election of **Allen Proctor** to the Board of Trustees, MTSO gains a wealth of financial experience, a commitment to social justice and expertise in effective board governance. He retired in July as CEO of SocialVentures, a Columbus fund he founded in 2014 to advance businesses that integrate social impact as a non-negotiable component of their business model.



SocialVentures is the capstone of a career in which Proctor served as chief financial officer of Harvard University, a division chief with the Federal Reserve Bank in New York and deputy budget director for New York City.

A native of Wisconsin, Proctor graduated from Harvard and earned a Ph.D. in economics and forecasting from the University of Wisconsin. He moved to Columbus in 1997, when he was recruited to serve as executive director of the Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund. He attends Worthington United Methodist Church.

Proctor has written the book on board governance and management – two, actually: *Linking Mission to Money: Finance for Nonprofit Leaders* and *More Than Just Money: Practical and Provocative Steps to Nonprofit Success*.

He currently serves on five committees, including the OhioHealth Investment Subcommittee, along with the board of the Columbus Gay Men's Chorus. Conversations with MTSO President Jay Rundell and Board Chair Cyndy Garn, who recently retired as pastor of Worthington UMC, led him to become a trustee of the school.

"Jay and Cyndy said they really thought financial issues were paramount in the next few years, and they thought I could be helpful," Proctor said. As a board member, he'll be guided by principles he has developed and shared over the years: "You constantly have to revisit how you spend your money and how it relates to your priorities."

Beyond the classroom

Faculty activities 2020-21



Tejai Beulah
Assistant Professor
of History, Ethics,
and Black Church
and African Diaspora
Studies

Publications

Devotionals “When Your Kin Fall into Difficulty” and “When Women Testify, Things Change” in *We Cry Justice: Reading the Bible with the Poor People’s Campaign*, edited by Liz Theoharis; Minneapolis: Broadleaf Books, October 2021.

Church and popular presentations

“Pandemics and Black Activism.” Reading the Bible with the Poor Cohort, Kairos Center, Union Theological Seminary, Oct. 26, 2020.

“The Human King.” Hanover College, Jan. 18, 2021.

“Howard Thurman and Contemplative Activism,” the Urban Well, St. James Episcopal Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Feb. 20, 2021.

Preaching

Freedom Church of the Poor, Kairos Center, monthly.

Other activities

Continued work with Reading the Bible with the Poor, Kairos Center.

Established Radical Readers, a monthly reading group of scholars, students, and activists.

Joined the board of the Spirituality Network of Columbus, July 2020.

Accepted into Spiritual Guidance Training Institute, August 2020.



**Valerie
Bridgeman**
Dean
Vice President
for Academic Affairs
Associate Professor
of Homiletics and Hebrew Bible

Publications

“When Ordinary Time Is Anything But,” reflections on lectionary texts, “Living the Word” section, *Sojourners*, July 2020.

“A Eulogy for John Robert Lewis: The Boy from Troy,” *Church Anew*, July 27, 2020.

“Dreaming a Project of Freedom,” reflections on lectionary texts, “Living the Word” section, *Sojourners*, August 2020.

“Our Humanity is Bound Up with Others,” reflections on lectionary texts, “Living the Word” section, *Sojourners*, September/October 2020.

“When All the Safety Nets Seem Broken,” reflections on lectionary texts, “Living the Word” section, *Sojourners*, November 2020.

“Obligated to Hope: An African American Perspective.” *Journal for Preachers* Vol. XLIV, No. 1 (Advent 2020).

“Building the Commonwealth of God,” reflections on lectionary texts, “Living the Word” section, *Sojourners*, December 2020.

“May You Be Brave,” *Church Anew*, Jan. 7, 2021.

Academic lectures and presentations

Panelist, “Wisdom for the Church: Antoinette Brown Awardees Speak,” United Church of Christ, May 20, 2021.

Guest scholar, “The Use and Misuse of the Bible,” Episode 12, Can I Push It? Series, Alfred Street Baptist Church Bible Study virtual series, July 7, 2020.

Guest exegete for podcast, “The People Are Thirsty,” for First Reading: The Old Testament Lectionary Podcast,” Sept. 27, 2020, lectionary text.

Guest speaker, “Being Church Today” virtual conference, *Church Anew*, Aug. 17, 2020.

Panelist, “Conversation on Religious Freedom

Restoration Act,” *SisterReach*, Sept. 22, 2020.

Panelist, “Just Talk/Talk Just Webinar: The Bible, Theology, and Black Lives Matter,” Union Presbyterian Seminary, the Center for Social Justice and Reconciliation, and the Katie Geneva Cannon Center for Womanist Leadership, Sept. 22, 2020.

Panelist, “The Light Is Within Us!” Beyond the Gatekeepers virtual series, Rivers of Living Water United Church of Christ, New York, Sept. 30, 2020.

Panelist, “A Theology of Voter Engagement: Seminarian Convening and Training for Souls to the Polls,” Black Church Action Fund webinar, Oct. 12, 2020.

Panelist, “To Be or Not to Be? Why Pursue a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies,” Zoom luncheon sponsored by the Committee on Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession, Society for Biblical Literature, Oct. 31, 2020.

Interview, “The Case for Black Lives Matter,” *Empowerment Starts Here*, hosted by Angela Dye, Oct. 31, 2020.

Panelist, “Healing the Divide: Post-Election Reflections for Society and the Church,” Zoom meeting, Ohio Council of Churches, Nov. 9, 2020.

Panelist, “Election Impact: Chaos or Community? Where Do We Go from Here?” Facebook Live, Black Church PAC, Nov. 12, 2020.

Panelist, “Building the Beloved Community,” in conversation with Advent United Church of Christ and Westerville Community United Church of Christ, Nov. 19, 2020.

Panelist, MLK Day Panel on Religion and Racial Justice, Center for Ethics and Human Values’ Faith and Society Series: Chaos to Community, Ohio State University, Jan. 20, 2021.

“Womanist Theology: This Is Our Story,” Center for Black Church Studies, Princeton Theological Seminary, Feb. 18, 2021.

“Biblical Lament and African American Biblical Interpretation,” Making It Plain: The Sacred Tradition and Civil Discourse of African American Biblical Interpretation, Seminary of the Southwest, March 10, 2021.

“Somewhere Between the Mask and the

Mission: Managing Compassion Fatigue (A Message of Resilience and Healing),” presentation for the Fifth Annual Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board of Franklin County Faith Leaders’ Symposium, March 23, 2021.

Guest, “Something,” on being called to something greater than ourselves, *Now+Next* podcast, Capital University, April 16, 2021.

Professional and guild meetings

Privileging Blackness Among Predominantly White Students, Wabash Center, Oct. 1, 2020.

Women in Leadership, Association of Theological Schools, Oct. 14-15, 2020.

Academic Leaders’ Event, Association of Theological Schools, Oct. 20-21, 2020.

Virtual American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, November 2020.

A Discussion on Racial Bias and Institutional Racism, In Trust Center for Theological Schools, Nov. 12, 2020.

Virtual Academy of Homiletics, December 2020.

Society for the Study of Black Religion, April 23, 2021.

Committee member, Academy of Homiletics Decentering Whiteness Taskforce, 2020-21.

Church and popular presentations

“Living Holistically,” *Harmonize Your Life* podcast with Toni Alvarado, Jan. 4, 2021.

Commencement speaker, Palmer Theological Seminary, May 2021.

Preaching

“One Year Changed: Faith in Pandemic,” *Church Anew*, March 11, 2021.

Installation of Deborah Krause as president of Eden Theological Seminary, April 6, 2021.

Other activities

Charge to the faculty at the Installation of President Angela Sims at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Sept. 29, 2020.

Named to Worship Committee for West Ohio Conference to prepare for 2021 Conference Gathering.

Translation reviewer for new translation of Lamentations for the updated edition of the NRSV, Friendship Press, April 2021.

Awarded Doctor of Divinity honoris causa, conferred by the trustees, president and faculty of Palmer Theological Seminary, Eastern University, May 13, 2021.



Kyle Brooks

Assistant Professor of Homiletics, Worship, and Black Church and African Diasporic Studies

Academic lectures and presentations

Guest lecturer, Introduction to African, African American, and Diaspora Studies, James Madison University, October 2020.

Panelist, “The Black Health Agenda for the New Decade: the Intersection of Health and Religion,” Healthy Churches virtual conference, November 2020.

Guest lecturer, Introduction to Homiletics, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, California, June 2021.

Preaching

Family Fellowship Church, Columbus, September 2020.

Prairie Circle Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Grayslake, Illinois, January 2021.



Kate Common

Visiting Assistant Professor of Practical Theology
Louisville Institute Postdoctoral Scholar

Publications

Book proposal accepted by Baylor University Press for *Undoing Conquest*.

Academic lectures and presentations

Successfully defended dissertation in Practical Theology at Boston University titled “*Feminist Ecclesiology and Liberating Counterhistory: Reimagining Church for the 21st Century,” December 2020.

Professional and guild meetings

Chair of Communications for the Association of Practical Theology, September 2020.

Joined the leadership committee and serve as publications coordinator for the Association of Practical Theology.

Completed three-year term on the board of Arts, Religion and Culture, September 2020.

Other activities

Received a Louisville Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship at MTSO, September 2020.

Designed, built and launched Religion and Conflict Transformation, an EdX massive open online course at Boston University with professors Judith Oleson and Tom Porter, August 2020.

Worked with the Forum for Theological Exploration to design communication materials to support the development of a series of online courses.

Designed and launched a website for *Forging Voice: Conversations with Pioneering Feminist and Womanist Theologians*, a film she co-produced.



Jeffrey Jaynes

Professor in the Warner Chair of Church History

Publications

Review of *Remapping Travel Narratives, 1000-1700: To the East and Back Again*, edited by Montserrat Piera, in *Sixteenth Century Journal* Vol. 51, No. 2, 2020.

Review of *Reformations-Atlas: Die Reformation in Mitteleuropa*, edited by Markus Hein and Armin Kohnle, in *Lutheran Quarterly*, Spring 2021.

Academic lectures and presentations

“Luther and the Reformation,” North Coast Bible Institute, Nov. 8, 2020.

“Diocesan Territories and Their Kirchenordnungen: Osnabrück (1543), Cologne (1543), and Hildesheim (1542/1544),” North American Luther Research Forum, April 2021.

Chaired session “Politics and the Lutheran Reformation,” North American Luther Research Forum, April 2021.

Professional and guild meetings

Virtual Sixteenth Century Studies, October 2020.

Society for Reformation Research, October 2020.

Preaching

Second Presbyterian Church, Newark, Ohio, June 13, 2021.

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Paul Kim
Professor of Hebrew Bible in the Williams Chair of Biblical Studies

Publications

“The Myth of the Empty Exile: A Comparative Exploration into Ancient Biblical Exile and Modern Korean Exile,” *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* Vol. 45, 2020.

“The Oracles Against the Nations,” *The Oxford Handbook of Isaiah*, edited by Lena-Sofia Tiemeyer; Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020.

Professional and guild meetings

Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, Nov. 29-Dec. 11, 2020.

Society of Biblical Literature Eastern Great Lakes regional meeting, March 2021.

Enoch Seminar on Apocalypticism, May 2021.

Preaching

“Forgiveness 101” (Matthew 18:21-35), Condit Presbyterian Church, Condit, Ohio, Sept. 13, 2020.

“Because I Have Loved You” (Isaiah 43:1-7), Korean Presbyterian Church of Columbus, Dec. 6, 2020.

“Love One Another” (Psalms 98 and John 15:9-17), New Carlisle First United Methodist Church, New Carlisle, Ohio, May 9, 2021.

“Today’s Faithful Heroes,” Korean Presbyterian Church of Columbus, May 30, 2021).

Other activities

Elected president of the Korean Biblical Colloquium.

Editorial board member, *Journal for the Korean Society of the Old Testament Studies*.

Chair, Regional Coordinators’ Committee, Society of Biblical Literature.



Sarah Lancaster
Professor in the Werner Chair of Theology

Publications

Review of *Eighteenth-Century Women’s Writing and the Methodist Media Revolution: “Consider the Lord as Ever Present Reader,”* in *Methodist History*, October 2020.

Edited a book of papers from the 2018 Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies.

Professional and guild meetings

Planning the 2024 meeting of the Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies.



Elaine Nogueira-Godsey
Assistant Professor of Theology, Ecology and Race

Publications

“Tangible Actions Toward Solidarity: An Ecofeminist Analysis of Women’s Participation in Food Justice,” with Kelsey Ryan Simkins, in *Valuing Lives, Healing Earth Religion, Gender, and Life on Earth*, edited by Theresa A. Yugar, Sarah E. Robinson, Lilian Dube and Teresia Mbari Hinga; Louvain, Belgium: Peeters Publishers, 2021.

“Environmental Racism in the ‘True’ America: A Reflection on Race, the Earth and Moral Action after Trump,” with Trad Nogueira-Godsey, in *Faith and Reckoning After Trump*, edited by Miguel De La Torre; New York: Orbis Books, 2021.

Review of *Mulheres, Religião e Poder: Ensaios Feministas*, by Ivone Gebara, in *CrossCurrents*, July 2021.

Academic lectures and presentations

“Networking Session for Graduate Students,” International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture Conference, Feb. 20, 2021.

Design and facilitation of faculty workshop “A Conversation on Supporting Students and Faculty of Color,” Ohio Northern University, Feb. 25, 2021.

Panelist, “Book Panel on Alda Balthrop-Lewis’s *Thoreau’s Religion: Walden Woods, Social Justice, and Political Aestheticism*,” International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture Conference, Feb. 26, 2021.

“Rethinking Ecofeminism and Religion,” California State University, Chico, in the course Religion and Nature, April 22, 2021.

“A Decological Way to Dialogue: Rethinking Ecofeminism and Religion,” Theology of Liberation and Decolonial Thought Summer School, June 8-9, 2021.

Professional and guild meetings

Wabash Early Career Latinx Religion Faculty in Universities, Colleges, and Theological Schools, July 7-10, Sept. 30 and Nov. 4, 2020.

Eating Together Faithfully facilitator training, Sept. 25, 2020.

American Academy of Religion annual conference, Nov. 21-24, 2020.

Organized panel “Emerging Scholars,” American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature Women’s Caucus, Nov. 21-24, 2020.

Wabash Early Career Latinx Religion Faculty in Universities, Colleges, and Theological Schools, 2021.

“Religion and Environment: Relations and Relationality,” conference of the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture, in partnership with Arizona State University’s Julie Ann Wrigley Global Futures Laboratory, Feb. 18-28, 2021.

Webinar series organized by the Faith+Food Coalition, May and June 2021.

Co-chair, monthly meetings organizer, panel organizer, Women’s Caucus, American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature.

Steering committee member, Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit.

Treasurer, International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture.

Board of directors meeting, Creature Kind.

Assistant editor, *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*.

Wabash Early Career Workshop for Theological School Faculty, June 8-12, 2021.

Project co-leader, MTSO’s “Questioning Science with Good Faith: Shifting the Engagement of Science in Seminaries,” funded by a Sciences for Seminaries grant by the American Association

for the Advancement of Science Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion.

Church and popular presentations

Organizing team, virtual meeting of Theology of Liberation and Decolonial Thought Summer School, June 8-9, 2021.

Interviewed regarding the connections between theology and food justice for *The Footprint of the Foothills*, documentary produced by the West Ohio Conference and in association with the North Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church.

Other activities

Faculty mentor to Kathryn Common within Louisville Institute's Vocation of the Theological Educator Initiative, 2020-2022.



Paul D. Numrich
Professor in the
Snowden Chair for
the Study of Religion
and Interreligious
Relations

Professional and guild meetings

Interfaith Association of Central Ohio annual main event.

Church and popular lectures

"The Why's and How's of Space Sharing by Religious Organizations and Groups," Capital University Alumni Breakfast Briefing.

Other activities

Named project partner, "Engaging for the Common Good in Italy: Studying the Effects of Public Funding of Buddhist Organizations on Initiating Civic Engagement Activities."

Served on an Association for Clinical Pastoral Education peer review panel.

Community representative to Grady Memorial Hospital Ethics Advisory Committee meeting.

Attended "Introduction to White Supremacy/Hate Groups & a Discussion Driven Exploration of Racial Identity."

Attended "Providing Mutual Support When People Experience Mental Illness."



Fulgence Nyengele

Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling in the Chryst Chair in Pastoral Theology

Director, Master of Arts in Counseling Ministries Program and Doctor of Ministry Program

Publications

Review of *Beautiful and Terrible Things: A Christian Struggle with Suffering, Grief, and Hope*, by Christian M. M. Brady, in *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology*, July 2021.

Academic lectures and presentations

Conversation and presentation on my chapter "The Development and Spread of United Methodism in DR Congo" in *Global United*

Methodism: Telling the Stories, Living into the Realities.

"Elaine A. Robinson & Amos Nascimento (2019)," Center for Global Methodism at Claremont School of Theology, Sept. 30, 2020.

"Imagining Human Flourishing in a Globalizing World," African Methodist Intercultural Network (an international, multiracial gathering of African Methodist scholars), Nov. 19, 2020.

"Gender-Based Violence and the Church' Response, Resources for Liberationist Theological Reflection," Africa University, Mutare, Zimbabwe, Dec. 8, 2020.

Professional and guild meetings

International Association for Spiritual Care, Feb. 2, 2021.

Serving on West Ohio Anti-Racism Task Force; presented report at Annual Conference, June 7, 2021.

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EMERITUS PASSAGE

Paul Minus, 1935-2021

Paul Minus, emeritus professor of church history, died Feb. 12, 2021. He taught at MTSO from 1964 to 1988.

Minus attended Yale University, earning a doctorate from Yale Divinity School. For a year he served as chaplain at Florida State University, and then in 1964 moved with wife, Nancy, and two young sons to Ohio, where he taught church history at MTSO.

He was among a group of MTSO faculty members who were arrested in 1964 for trying to enter a white church with students of color in Mississippi.

Minus founded the Council for Ethics in Economics in Columbus to help business leaders address the ethical ramifications of their work. He wrote books on reconciling Catholics and Protestants; on Christian responsibility in the face of a hungry world; and on the life of Social Gospel pioneer Walter



Rauschenbusch.

He founded the Faith Communities Environmental Network in Cape Cod, which now includes more than 30 Cape Cod faith communities who battle the climate crisis

together. While living at Pilgrim Place, a senior community in California, he oversaw the energy retrofit of 80 of the community's individual homes.

Minus is predeceased by his first wife, Nancy, daughter Susan, son David, and second wife, Carolyn. He is survived by his sister, Betty; son, Stephen; stepchildren Andrew, Kathryn and Tim; nine grandchildren; and his wife, Jean.

A memorial service in celebration of Minus's life was held April 10.

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Society for Pastoral Theology annual conference, June 17-19, 2021.

Planned and co-chaired the Postcolonialism, Globalization and Pastoral Care Study Group, Society for Pastoral Theology annual conference, June 19, 2021.

Other activities

West Ohio Annual Conference, June 6-7, 2021.



Ryan Schellenberg
Associate Professor of New Testament

Publications

“Paul and the Praetorium,” special issue, *Journal for the Study of the New Testament*, edited with Heidi Wendt, June 2021.

“The First Semester,” *Toronto Journal of Theology* Vol. 37, 2021.

Academic lectures and presentations

“Making My Prayer with Joy: Prayer, Absence, and Emotion in the Letters of Paul,” Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, Nov. 30, 2020.

Professional and guild meetings

Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, November/December 2020.

Other activities

Doctoral thesis jury for Priscille Marschall, “Colometric Analysis of the New Testament: Methodological Foundations and Application to 2 Corinthians 10-13,” University of Lausanne, 2021.



Timothy Van Meter
Associate Professor in the Alford Chair of Christian Education and Youth Ministry
Coordinator of Ecological Initiatives

Professional and guild meetings

American Academy of Religion meeting.
Ohio State University Agroecosystems Management Steering Committee (treasurer).

Church and popular presentations

“Regenerative Farming,” Compass Conference for Tennessee and Southeast U.S., Feb. 10, 2021.
“Racism and Local Food,” Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association annual conference, Feb. 14, 2021.

Other activities

Tuscarawas Urban Action Team monthly study group leader.
Hispanic Summer Program chair, Ohio Interfaith Power and Light Multicultural Vitality Initiatives.



Robin Knowles Wallace
Professor Emerita

Publications

Review of “Rooted and Rising: Voices of Courage in a Time of Climate Crisis,” by Leah D. Schade and Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, in *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology*, January 2021.

“My Life Flows On’: A Multidimensional Study,” for David W. Music Festschrift, 2021.
Edited Autumn 2020 and Winter 2021 issues of *The Hymn: A Journal of Congregational Song*.

Professional and guild meetings

Calvin Symposium on Worship, January 2021.
Monthly discussions with the Hymn Society of the U.S. and Canada.
Discussion with the Section on Liturgical Music of the North American Academy of Liturgy, December 2020-January 2021.

Other activities

Peer reviewer, *Doxology: A Journal of Worship*.
Interim Pastor Search Committee, Just North Congregational United Church of Christ, July-December 2020.



Yvonne Zimmerman
Associate Academic Dean
Associate Professor of Christian Ethics

Academic lectures and presentations

Becoming Antiracist and Catalysts for Change Symposium, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, November 2020-June 2021.
“Human Trafficking and the Environmental Crisis,” International Society of the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture annual meeting, Tempe, Arizona, Feb. 26, 2021.

Church and popular presentations

“Anti-Human Trafficking and Black Lives Matter,” co-presented with Hannah Estabrook, Ohio Attorney General’s Human Trafficking Summit, Columbus, Jan. 14, 2021.

A Course of Study grad pays it forward

By many measures, Ron Slager was leading a good life 20 years ago. He had worked with his father to build and run a successful business in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Yet he was drawn to seek a new path: “answering what in essence had been a call that I had sidestepped 50 years ago.”

Slager enrolled in the United Methodist Church’s Course of Study, a program preparing licensed local pastors to serve congregations. While in the program at MTSO and serving a church, he endured a series of life changes.

“I sold my business, and I was terminated by the people who bought it,” he said. “Then, shortly thereafter, my father passed away, and three years after that, my wife passed away. And through it all, the support was fantastic. It wasn’t just the students. The faculty that I had during those critical times showed support and concern.”

Slager graduated from the Course of Study in 2017 and has channeled his gratitude into generous financial support of the program. To date, he has donated more

than \$120,000, much of it to an endowed fund that bears his name.

He believes the quality education of licensed local pastors, along with the preparation of elders and deacons, is critical to the denomination: “Historically, the Methodist Church seems to lag behind its lip service – looking at integration issues, looking at the inclusion of women and ordination, and now, at the LGBTQ community. We’re supposed to be inclusive, and we’re dividing our church over that.”

The prospect of helping the Course of Study grow to meet the moment energizes Slager. “There has to be an expansion of the curriculum using newer approaches to doing ministry – support for things like webcasting,” he said. “What that looks like today I don’t really know. But you don’t harvest trees the same day you plant them. It’s got to start somewhere.”

Slager is helping to spearhead an appeal on behalf of the Course of Study, one he hopes will inspire the generosity of his

fellow graduates. Those who choose to give have three funds to choose from.

The Ronald D. Slager Course of Study Endowed Fund will provide the capacity to present special MTSO educational events geared toward Course of Study students and others in ministry. “It would be helpful to have a learning conference or a homiletics festival,” Slager said.

The Course of Study Spiritual Formation Fund supports efforts to give COS students a rich and life-changing spiritual experience and enhance their spiritual leadership.

The Course of Study General Fund will be used to offset the operational needs of the program and as an emergency fund for Course of Study students’ needs.

Those who wish to support the vital service the Course of Study offers to the United Methodist Church may donate at www.mtso.edu/cosgiving or by calling 740-362-3323.

Students will benefit from five new scholarships

MTSO is offering five new endowed scholarships thanks to the generosity of donors over the past year. All named endowed scholarship funds are funded with gifts of at least \$25,000.

Many of the new funds were created by or in honor of alumni. “These scholarships demonstrate that people in ministry can create impactful legacies with their own named funds,” said MTSO President Jay Rundell. The five funds are:

Rev. Rebecca K. Barger Endowed Scholarship Fund: Barger has created the scholarship in gratitude for the financial aid she received at MTSO, one of only two seminaries that would openly welcome her as a student in 1969. It will assist a young United Methodist woman pursuing pastoral ministry as a first career.

Carolyn and Robert Bough Scholarship Fund: Carolyn Bough established the fund to honor her late husband, Robert, a loyal alumnus. (Carolyn managed the bookstore during their time at MTSO.) The scholarship will support a student who plans to work in the area of pastoral care.

Rev. Susan E. Brown Endowed Scholarship Fund for Preaching, Evangelism and Outreach: Established by Brown’s spouse, Jerry W. Krueger, the scholarship honors the memory, vocational call and far-reaching ministry of the MTSO alumna. It is intended to benefit a second-career female seeking ordination in the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Rev. King William Hanna Endowed Scholarship Fund: Anne Marie Hanna has established this scholarship in memory of

her husband, King William Hanna, a 1970 graduate of MTSO. It will be awarded to a student with the greatest financial need who does not meet the academic requirements for MTSO’s premier scholarships.

Edgar W. and Marilyn Jane McGilliard Scholarship Endowment: The McGilliard Scholarship has been funded with a gift from the estate of Marilyn Jane McGilliard. Any student pursuing graduate theological education at MTSO is eligible to benefit from the scholarship.

MTSO Director of Development Claudine Leary looks forward to working with anyone interested in creating an endowed fund. She can be reached at cleary@mtso.edu or 740-362-3323.

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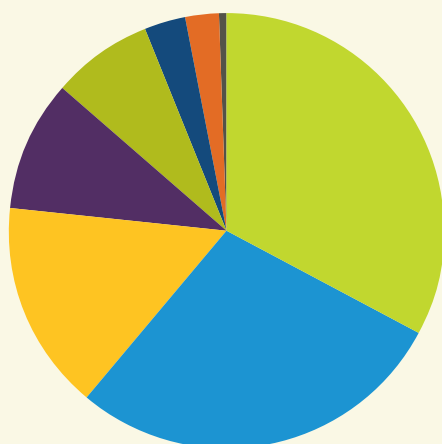
Financial information

In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, Methodist Theological School in Ohio had revenues of \$8,100,931 and expenditures of \$7,374,489.

Revenue and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2020-21 (unaudited)

Revenues

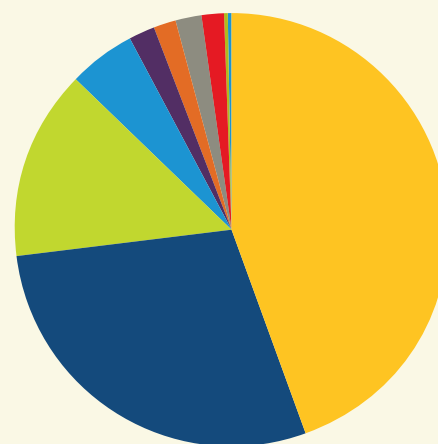
MTSO relied primarily on two sources of income: endowment earnings (33% of total revenue) and tuition and fees (28.3%). Combined gift revenue accounted for 5.9% of total revenue.



	Revenue	Percent of total
Endowment	\$2,673,205	33.0%
Tuition and fees	\$2,292,411	28.3%
Other programs and services	\$1,242,726	15.3%
Ministerial Education Fund	\$790,076	9.8%
Federal work study and grants	\$619,018	7.6%
Release of restricted gifts	\$245,857	3.0%
Methesco Fund gifts	\$197,676	2.4%
Student aid gifts	\$39,962	0.5%
Total revenue	\$8,100,931	100%

Expenditures

Compensation of faculty and staff accounted for 44.6% of expenditures, followed by student financial aid (28.4%) and other programs and services (14.2%), which include such items as the Course of Study School of Ohio.



	Expenditures	Percent of total
Compensation and benefits	\$3,289,678	44.6%
Financial aid	\$2,094,955	28.4%
Other programs and services	\$1,048,841	14.2%
Plant maintenance	\$379,712	5.1%
Business administration	\$143,420	1.9%
General administration	\$136,056	1.8%
Academic support	\$130,415	1.8%
Information systems	\$114,709	1.6%
Enrollment	\$29,363	0.4%
Institutional advancement	\$7,340	0.1%
Total expenditures	\$7,374,489	100%

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