



## **Spring Convocation 2021 and the Inauguration Service of Rev. Dr. Deborah Krause!**

Blessings to you on this Holy Thursday. There is little doubt many of you are busy with preparations for Easter services and traditions. We are grateful for each of you. Among the traditions of the season, and immediately following Easter, marks the beginning of Eden's Spring Convocation. This year's event offers more rich content and opportunities for engagement than ever! Spring Convocation, "*This is What Theology Looks Like-Public Ministries of Resilience and Solidarity*," will be held virtually, April 5-9, 2021. The event includes an entire week of online forums, worship and gatherings. At a special service on April 6th, Dr. Krause will be inaugurated as the 14th President of Eden. We hope you will join us for any or all of the Zoom webinar events as we celebrate Eden Theological Seminary in the Progressive Christian Movement!

**You are invited to the Inauguration of Rev. Dr. Deborah Krause as the 14th President of Eden Seminary!** Please join us for this online, live worship service with guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Valerie Bridgeman, on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. [Click here for details and registration.](#)

**Find a detailed schedule of Spring Convocation events by [clicking here now to register for a Zoom webinar link](#).** Select one, or better yet, all of the events! Check out a vast range of opportunities to engage with the Eden community during this exciting, week-long event, to include focused content forums, live sessions, preaching and worship.

- **Monday, April 5th**
  - "Theological Education and the Twin Pandemics - Progressive Schools Respond. A Conversation with Seminary Presidents and Deans with ATS President Frank Yamada"
  - "#EdenPreachin' Eden Eden Black Alumni Association and Text 10:10"
- **Tuesday, April 6th**
  - Inauguration of Eden's President
  - "Building Interfaith Collegiality-Announcing the Eden Walker Leadership Institute Interfaith Collegium"
- **Wednesday, April 7th**
  - "All, Children of God: Rituals of Solidarity Among the Followers of Jesus. Live presentation with Rev. Dr. Steve Patterson"
  - "Launching into Solidarity: Community Partnerships & Congregational Purpose. Conversation with Rev. Traci Blackmon, UCC Associate General Minister and Rev. Dr. Deborah Krause"
- **Thursday, April 8th**
  - "Global partnerships for Solidarity - Eden's International Alumni"
  - "Good News vs. Info Wars - Theology in the Public Square"
- **Friday, April 9th**
  - Closing Worship, with Class of 2021 Senior Preaching Award Recipient

**Eden Alumni Virtual Social Gatherings are scheduled throughout the week of Spring Convocation.** Opportunities to gather with your classmates and colleagues occur every evening from 7:00-8:30 pm CT. [Click here for the complete schedule of events and to register.](#)

- **Monday, April 5th**
  - Graduating classes prior to 1971; 1980-1989; 2000-2009
- **Tuesday, April 6th**
  - Graduating classes 1970-1979; 1990-1999; 2010-2015
- **Wednesday, April 7th**
  - Graduating classes 2016-2020 (Herbster event)
- **Thursday, April 8th**
  - 50th Class Reunion (1971)

**Eden Seminary supports statement on Anti-Asian Violence of the Asian Descent Presidents and Deans Affinity Group of the Association of Theological Schools.** We are grateful for Interim Academic Dean Niles' leadership in developing and signing this statement. [Read the full statement here.](#)

**"This Week in Eden History,"** presented by the [Archives at Eden](#), spotlights **Rev. Dr. Carl E. Schneider, born March 24, 1890.** Dr. Schneider, one of the first church leaders recruited by the World Council of Churches to help with church relief after WWII, was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Mainz in recognition of his service to the German Church. Schneider worked in the Eden Archives until 1965. [Ready the full story here.](#)

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**We are looking forward to seeing you next week at Spring Convocation!**

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