



Stay up to date with the exciting things happening at Eden!

It's been a year! Last spring, Eden moved all classes, chapel, contextual education and community life on-line because of the global Pandemic. It's been a year of learning. The Class of 2021 is prepared and ready to graduate. New students have joined the community in degree programs. New participants have swelled Eden's non-degree programming and public events. Eden is dreaming and planning for a "blended" mode of in-person and digital interaction moving forward. It's been a year of celebration. Spring Convocation and the formal inauguration of Eden's new president, Deborah Krause, highlights the multiple ways that Eden alumni and connected people are engaged in powerful ministries. You are part of all this. We hope you continue to stay connected and engaged. This newsletter offers you lots of ways to do just that. "See" you soon.

Give StL Day is just one week away! Your opportunity to join thousands of others that ignite the spirit of giving across the region, occurs next Thursday, May 6th. Watch your email and Eden's social media pages for special

announcements. Mark your calendar to make a gift to Eden next Thursday, May 6th or join others now by [giving early here!](#)

Eden Theological Seminary is pleased to announce the 171st Commencement Ceremony, May 14th, at 7:30 pm CDT. All are welcome to join us in celebrating the Class of 2021! Join us online via Zoom or Facebook Live. [Click here to register for your Zoom link.](#)

Join us for "Coffee with the President," an Alumni Virtual Gathering, on May 4th from 9:00-10:30 am CDT. Reconnect with your classmates and join the conversation regarding "Academics, Global Partnerships, and Social Justice" at this informal gathering with President Krause. [Click here to register.](#)

Eden co-sponsors "Mothering the Earth: Peace UCC Social Justice Symposium in Memory of Rev. Marilyn Stavenger," on Saturday, May 1st, at 9:00 am CDT. Guest speakers include Rev. Jim Antal, Rev. Dr. Cassandra Gould, and Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson. [Click here for details and registration.](#)

Surveys are in, and we've been hearing many of you were blessed by a broad range of challenging and dynamic speakers, panelists, preachers and teachers during Spring Convocation earlier this month! If you missed any of the sessions you can [watch them here now.](#) (If you missed it, you will especially enjoy the [worship service and inauguration of President Deborah Krause](#)). Feel free to share these recordings with your congregation or community group!

"This Week in Eden History," presented by the [Archives at Eden](#), spotlights Bishop Joseph Gomez. Bishop Gomez was an African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME) bishop, pastor, civil-rights pioneer, and the first African American to be admitted and graduate from Eden. He was also Eden's first African American commencement speaker and the first to receive an honorary

doctorate in 1964. [Ready the full story here.](#)

All are welcome to chapel! Next week, on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:15-10:30 am CDT, and Tuesday from 6:30-7:00 pm CDT will be the last opportunity to join us before the Spring semester comes to a close. We have lots of exciting things planned for next semester! Set reminders by joining the *Eden Chapel Remind group*, to receive updates and alerts, via text, about services and events. Just text **@chplbel** to **81010**.

Leaving a meaningful legacy for you and your family while securing the future of Eden's mission does not require great wealth-just great vision! [Visit our website to find out about Heritage Society Member opportunities](#) or contact us at advancement@eden.edu for more information.

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