



Stay up to date with what's happening at Eden!

It is true-we benefit from rest and rejuvenation. For many in academia, summer is the perfect time to pause our busy schedules, if only for a few days, in order to re-energize and re-imagine a season of new growth and new beginnings. We reflect on the last academic year and give thanks to God for all that has been accomplished by our students, graduates, staff and faculty. And we are grateful for you-who join us on this journey-this mission- to combat inequalities, fight injustices, and spread the greater good. Whether you are an ordained minister, lay person, business professional, retired or rewired, we hope you will join the conversation on issues affecting the church with our community of learners seeking the heart of Christ. Read on to find out how!

If you or someone you know imagines a world inspired by Theological Imagination, and empowered for Social Transformation, Eden's newly revamped *Master of Community Leadership (MCL)* will put you on the path to being a change maker with huge impact. This full time, intensive, 15 month program combines immersive internship experience with classroom studies. [Learn more here.](#) Contact Admissions@eden.edu for find out about generous *scholarships available to you!*

Would you like a greater understanding of Biblical gleaning and practical experience of modern day forms of gleaning? If so, consider attending the next *LIFE* course, "*The Eden Gleaning Project*," on August 18th and August 19th. This

course, designed also as an *IFL* (Intensive Focused Learning), is open to everyone and engages 2 days of synchronous learning as well as advanced preparation and a final reflection. (Some travel is required). [Find out more about this course and the *Eden Gleaning and Garden Project* here.](#)

The fall "*NEXT Steps*" cohort is forming now. Hosted by the *Walker Leadership Institute* and *LIFE@Eden*, *NEXT Steps* introduces participants to theological, philosophical, and psychological concepts of vocation and aging. If you are contemplating, entering or recently retired, you will find this course invaluable as you plan a new and meaningful chapter of life. [Click here for details.](#)

The Walker Leadership Institute and *LIFE@Eden* invites you to explore hands-on, practical methods of "Leading a Missional Organization," on August 27th. [Click here for details and registration.](#)

Eden is offering *UCC History and Polity* as an asynchronous, 8-week intensive course for the Fall 2022 semester. Whether you are degree seeking or not, your Committee on Ministry may require this course. [Click here for details and registration.](#)

Check out the new online [Eden Merchandise Shop](#) - Save 20% until August 31st! Be sure to use coupon code "save20Eden" at checkout. (To access the separate, *Eden Seminary bookstore* online, [click here](#)).

SAVE THE DATE! The 11th Annual "Festival of Psalms" takes place October 2nd, 7:00-9:00 pm CT. This musical festival follows the St. Louis CROP Hunger Walk that begins with check-in at 4:30 pm CT on the Eden Seminary campus. [Click here for more information.](#)

While "*This Week in Eden History*," presented by the [Archives at Eden](#), takes a break for the summer, we know you continue to be interested in the rich history of Eden. In the next few issues of the *Friends of Eden* newsletter, your knowledge of Eden history

will be challenged! For example, you may know that in the *McCarthy Room*, located in the back of the *Luhr Reading Room*, a beautiful stained glass window depicts Martin Luther's defense at the "Diet of Worms" in 1521. What is the famous inscription on the bottom of the glass? Give up? [Find the answer here!](#)

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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