

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

What an exciting start of the 2022-2023 academic year! Earlier this week, "Opening Convocation" demonstrated a sense of the overall spirit of Eden Theological Seminary. Rev. Rebecca Turner and Rev. Monty Jackson led a dynamic worship service, and a covenanting liturgy affirmed mutual support of students and the community for this theological education and leadership formation officially underway. The new Master of Community Leadership (MCL) launched this fall, which proves to be yet another resource for the church, and Eden's non-degree programming is also off to a great start. Read on to stay updated and involved with all that's going on at Eden Seminary!

What a celebratory start to the 2022-2023 academic year! One school – one vision – one mission – as a school of the church. The Eden community welcomed new students from15 states and 14 denominations, into multiple degree programs. <u>Click here to see photos and watch the service.</u>

The fall "*NEXT Steps*" course begins next week! 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 interested in joining the upcoming cohort, contact Director of LIFE programs, Jill Schantz, at jschantz@eden.edu or find details here.

Chapel is back! Join Eden Chapel live for services on our Facebook page, <u>Eden Seminary Chapel.</u> All are welcome to join the "Eden Chapel Remind group" to get text updates and alerts about services and events. <u>Click here for more details.</u>

"Midstream Manna: Connecting as Community in the Digital Space." Need help getting through your "hump day?" Join Dr. Lettsome for inspiration (manna) and conversation (making connections) as she ministers from Scripture and leads us in connecting with one another as we connect Scripture to life and ministry. Feel free to eat your midday meal as you chew on a spiritual one! Join via Facebook Live, Wednesdays, at 12:30 pm CT.

You know the book of *Job* to be a classic of world literature. The next *LIFE@Eden* course, "The Book of Job-Suffering, Friendship, Creation, and Transformation," begins September 16th. Instructed by Rev. Dr. Clint McCann, this course will analyze how Job was transformed by encountering the God of all creation, and is open to everyone. <u>Click here for details and registration</u>.

We are pleased to announce five recent additions to the Eden staff, who were officially welcomed during a faculty and staff gathering kicking off the new academic year! Next time you are on campus, please stop in and say "hello" to Lourie Perry, Administrative Specialist, Tamicka Bobo, Assistant Registrar and Academic Program Administration Assistant, Edgar Moore, Maintenance Team, Todd Theissen, Director of Facilities, and Gabrielle Kennedy, Educational Partner Strategist and Recruiter. We are grateful for your service to Eden!

Congregations of the *United Church of Christ,* mark Sunday, September 18th, as "*Just Peace Sunday*." You will find *#EdenLeadin*' as President Krause and Professor Damayanthi Niles have contributed worship and study resources for this all-church observance. <u>Find out more here.</u>

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. <u>Click here for more</u> <u>information</u>. This "Festival of Psalms" also will be the public performance of Eden's "Story Matters" workshops on Saturday, October 1st, with nationally known storyteller, Valerie Tutson and songwriter, Richard Bruxvoort Colligan. <u>Register here for the "Story</u> <u>Matters" workshops</u>.

"*This Week in Eden History*," is presented by the <u>Archives at</u> <u>Eden</u>. In 1994, the internet showed promise for "new and exciting avenues for extending the education mission of the seminary." Three decades later, we're still finding new avenues for extending education. <u>Find out more, here!</u>

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! <u>Visit our website to find out about</u> <u>Heritage Society Member opportunities</u> or contact us at <u>advancement@eden.edu</u> for more information.

