



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

Eden is a busy place! Students are already mid-way through the Spring Semester..."reading week" begins March 13th...another annual "Bracke Public Lecture on Leadership" drew the Eden community together via Zoom this week...plans for Spring Convocation are well under way! Amidst the busyness of life and the season of Lent for time to pause and reflect, we remain grateful for your participation in our beloved community. Read on to find the perfect opportunity to join us.

Eden Theological Seminary, in partnership with the United Church of Christ Justice & Local Ministries and the Reconciliation Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), announces the establishment of the "Center for Lived Faith and Organizing." The Center exists to educate, train, and connect communities with local and regional partners for long-term and sustainable ministry in organizing and justice work. [Click here to read more!](#)

Are you contemplating or currently retired, and considering your *Next Steps*? Consider attending the "Stepping out: Imagining Elderhood," in person retreat, taking place at *La Salle Retreat Center* in St. Louis, March 14-16. "Stepping Out" is a program full of activities designed to stimulate your individual self-discovery as you delve deeply into your personal plan and truth

and discover meaning and purpose in elderhood. [Click here for details and registration.](#)

Eden Theological Seminary and Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts at Washington University have come together to sponsor a design competition aimed at combining outdoor worship spaces with biodiversity preserves! The era of environmental crisis we have entered has thrown into stark reality the urgent need for a shift in the ways Christian congregations in the United States worship. What kind of worship environments could actually reconnect Christians with the divine in the natural world during weekly worship? [Click here to listen to Eden's Rev. Dr. Christopher Grundy, as he explores this question and more!](#)

If you missed the annual "Bracke Public Lecture on Leadership: The Future of Co-Vocational Ministry" this week, [you may watch it here!](#)

Presenters discussed latest trends from "The Hartford Institute of Religious Research." Distinguished panelists, included Eden's "Visiting Professor of New Testament and Womanist Hermeneutics," Dr. Raquel Lettsome, "Faculty Associate in Migration Studies and Congregational Life" at *Hartford International University*, Dr. Allison Norton, and passionate preacher, teacher and nonprofit leader based in St. Louis, MO., Rev. Aaron Rogers.

It's time to register for the 2023 Eden Spring Convocation, taking place on Eden's campus on April 13-14, 2023! Join the fellowship, celebrations, receptions and discussions. The "Herbster" event (for graduating classes 2018-2022) will take place Thursday, April 13th. We will be celebrating the Class of 1973 on their 50th anniversary! [Find details and registration form here!](#) If you would like to help organizing your class members for a time of reunion during Spring Convocation, we can assist you in getting connected. Please reach out to us at advancement@eden.edu.
