



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

While Eden reps are still out and about at conferences and events across the nation, the seminary is gearing up for the Fall term. Asynchronous courses opened this week - and synchronous, blended, (online and on campus) courses will begin August 28th. Eden's "Network Model of Theological Education" is gaining traction and producing partnerships and collaboration among theological schools, undergraduate colleges and universities and United Church of Christ conferences. Our efforts are already building capacity, increasing demand, and expanding access for theological education in service of congregations and ministries of the progressive Christian Movement. Read on to learn more about the seminary's expansive resources for your personal and professional enrichment!

**All are invited to participate in Eden's "Opening Convocation" on August 29, 2023, 5:30-7:00 pm CT!** This special annual service will be held in the Wehrli Chapel, on Eden's campus. You can also participate online via Zoom and through [Facebook Live](#). 1989 Eden graduate, Jeanette Mott Oxford, will be leading worship as we usher in the 174th academic year! Help us demonstrate extravagant welcome to new and returning students. Join the Eden community after the service to enjoy fellowship at the "parking lot ice cream social!" To help us plan, [please register here](#) to let us know you are coming on campus or via Zoom. See you there!

**Thinking about retirement? You still have time to register for the Fall 2023 "NEXT Steps" cohort orientation, which takes**

**place August 22nd.** Eden's *NEXT Steps* program introduces participants to theological, philosophical, and psychological concepts of vocation and aging. To learn more about this 16-week guided process of self-discovery, contact Jill Schantz at [jschantz@eden.edu](mailto:jschantz@eden.edu). Ready to register? [Read more and register here.](#)

**Do you know someone considering a theological degree? It's not too late to get started this fall!** Refer someone now to help them access outstanding vocational tools and discernment assistance. Every great opportunity begins with a first step, and this could be the first step toward fulfilling God's call! Email us at [admissions@eden.edu](mailto:admissions@eden.edu) or call (314) 918-2634 to speak with an Admissions counselor.

**Eden's "Marks Self-Assessment Tool Training" for UCC Committees on Ministry is offered as a free training for Committee on Ministry members and Conference staff.** These free trainings are included in the annual infrastructure fee for Committees. Attendees will go through the components of the tool and get an introduction to how the enneagram informs candidate responses. [Click here for more information and registration.](#) More questions before you register? Reach out to us at [marks@eden.edu](mailto:marks@eden.edu)

**Alumni and friends are invited to participate in the January 2024 International Immersion Seminar in El Salvador.** The trip is designed to educate U.S. citizens about the role of the United States in El Salvador, as well as educate participants about the significance of Latin American (Liberation) theology in response to pervasive poverty and oppression in the region. Decision time is tight. Deposits are due August 28th. [Click here for more details.](#)

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