



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

A lot is happening at Eden! In the past few weeks, new students have joined continuing students in degree and non-degree programming. In fact, if you or someone you know is preparing to launch a new career or want to enhance skills and ability to lead, Eden may be a perfect fit. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." Read about opportunities to take a step toward your own personal and spiritual growth below. Come join the Eden community of learners!

The second "Ministry Formation Cohort" begins February 15th! "Ministry Formation cohorts" feature education based on **UCC Marks for Ministry**. Cohort two is specifically for faith formation leaders, to support their work with children, youth and young adults. As a participant, you may complete digital content on your own time and meet online four times with your cohort and an experienced facilitator. Bring examples and applications from your ministerial setting while learning from your colleagues. [More information here!](#)

"Explore Eden" on February 20th, from 1:00 - 5:00 pm CT! We are committed to helping those considering a call to ministry grow their personal faith, develop critical thinking skills, and sharpen leadership skills for the sake of the church and world. Attend a class, worship in chapel, meet faculty and staff, and learn about Eden

programs. Find out if Eden is right for you! [Click here for more information and registration.](#)

Make plans to attend the "Bracke Lecture" happening February 20th, 6:30 - 8:00 pm CT! This year's "Bracke Lecture," "Spiritual Entrepreneurship: Faith Forward Social Innovation," features a panel of innovative leaders in building communities, strengthening partnerships, and creating new ways to bring equity and human flourishing to the center of mission and ministry. There is no charge for this public event. [Click here for more information and registration.](#)

Join us on Zoom or on campus for the next "Eden Amplify" event on February 21st, from 5:00 - 6:00 pm CT. "Eden Amplify" events seek to empower today for impact tomorrow! Rev. Dr. Kristen Leslie, Co-Director of Eden's *Gleaning & Garden Project*, will lead the free seminar, "Community Gardening: Ministry in the Soil." [Click here for more information and registration.](#)

Anyone interested in learning more about the United Church of Christ is invited to attend the next "United Church of Christ History and Polity" seminar, February 17th, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm CT. This intensive class will provide an overview of the predecessor denominations that shaped the United Church of Christ's history and type of congregational governance. It will also look at how General Synod functions, explore theological foundations, discuss the authorization process and review educational resources available from the denomination. [Find details and registration here.](#)

The Center for Lived Faith and Organizing at Eden offers a "Certificate for Organizing and Social Transformation." Consider attending the next course for community learning, "Organizing Eco-Justice Transformations," on Saturday, March 2nd. Join eco-organizers as they train to mobilize communities, denominations, congregations, and individuals to protect, restore, and rightly share God's creations. [Click here for details about this, and other upcoming courses through the "CFLO."](#)

Make plans to attend Spring Convocation, April 4-5, 2024! The theme this year, "Imagining Beyond White Christian Nationalism," includes guest speaker, Rev. Obery M. Hendrick, Jr., former president of Payne Theological Seminary. Discussion panels, receptions and reunions are all included! All events are held on campus and selected events can be attended online. [Click here for agenda, other details and registration!](#)

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