



## **Stay up to date with the happenings at Eden**

The fall season is fast approaching. Asynchronous classes opened this week and students from four different countries have moved or are in the process of moving onto Eden's beautiful campus. If you follow Eden on social media ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) [Linkedin](#)), [Eden's website](#), or the "Friends of Eden" newsletter, you know how excited we are about the upcoming "2024 Opening Convocation!" All are invited to join the Eden community and welcome new and returning students at this special event. (Of course, the ice cream truck will be in the parking lot after the event)! And this year is special...Eden begins its 175th academic year! We give thanks to God for 175 years of transforming lives to transform the world. And we give thanks for you, who joins us on this journey. Read on to stay up to date with the happenings at Eden!

**Eden's 175th "Opening Convocation," takes place September 3rd, from 5:30-7:00 pm CT.** Eden is thrilled to welcome Rev. Traci Blackmon, regionally, nationally, and globally connected leader who has served as pastor-in-residence and lecturer at Eden, as preacher for this special 2024-2025 academic year event. On campus and Zoom options are available. [Click here for more information and registration!](#)

**"NEXT Steps" program. If you are retired or planning for retirement, this Cohort is for you. Attention UCC clergy and clergy**

**spouses, take advantage of available scholarships.** "NEXT Steps" is a partnership of Eden Theological Seminary and the "Parker Center for Abundant Aging" of "United Church Homes." Full cohort gatherings begin August 26th. Or plan ahead and register for the next Cohort that begins January 2025. [Click here for questions, registration and scholarship inquiries!](#)

**Eden's "Ministry Cohorts" are catching on!** Seven "Ministry Cohort" themes recently announced range from "Church Leadership" to "Trauma Informed Spiritual Care." "Ministry Cohorts" support life-long learning and are open for anyone to join - authorized clergy, chaplains, Christian educators, lay leaders, and people just interested in the cohort theme. You will gain access to digital content as well as meet with your cohort group and facilitator on a monthly basis. [Click here to learn more about these incredible offerings.](#)

**Subscribe now, to Eden's "Walker Leadership Institute's," "Praxis Conversations!"** This year, the "Walker Leadership Institute," in partnership with "Bridge Alliance," launched the "Praxis Conversations," which feature lay and clergy faith leaders committed to justice, mercy, and humility, as they lead in this contentious election season. Subscribe now and gain access to all conversations, past, present and future! (Ask about our special alum discounts). [Click here for more information.](#)

**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! [Click here](#) to find out why Rev. Aaron Roberts and Rev. John Will (both Eden graduates) made the decision to support Eden through planned giving. Want to know more? Contact us at [advancement@eden.edu](mailto:advancement@eden.edu).

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