



Stay Up to Date with the Happenings at Eden

Last week's annual Spring Convocation was just one of many celebrations to occur this year as we celebrate 175 years of the seminary's legacy, impact and vision. For 175 years the seminary has been committed to the work of equipping and sending forth servant-leaders for the church and the world. This year, Eden also celebrates 100 years on the Webster Groves campus. Laura Arnold, Webster Groves mayor, presented a proclamation to Eden, naming April 24 "Eden Seminary Day," and Eden was named "Citizen of the Year" by the Chamber of Commerce. Read on to learn more about Eden's impact and why you belong at Eden!

Thank you for joining us last week during Spring Convocation - April 24-25

We were thrilled to have so many friends, graduates and supporters of Eden gathered on campus and via Zoom for social gatherings, presentations and panels on the theme "Constructing Communities of Resistance: Complex Identities in Biblical and Historical Interpretation." Dynamic presentations featuring Eden's faculty members, Rev. Dr. Raquel Lettsome and Dr. Henry Kuo challenged us, alumni panels informed and engaged us, group break-out sessions united us, and shared meals blessed us! [Click here to see the full line up of activities.](#)

Missed worship with Senior Preacher, Kelsie Parrish? We've got you covered.

A tradition of Spring Convocation includes worship service with the year's "Senior Preacher." This year, Kelsie Parrish, 2025 MDiv graduate, inspired us as she brought the word from Acts 12:11-17. Join us in wishing Kelsie the best as she begins the next part of her theological journey while serving as a full-time pastor in Salt Lake City, Utah. [Click here to listen to this year's Senior Preacher, Kelsie Parrish.](#)

Webster Groves-Shrewsbury-Rock Hill and Brentwood Area Chamber of Commerce name Eden as the 2025 "Webster Citizen of the Year."

Eden is thoroughly enmeshed in the Webster Groves community and was honored to be named Webster's "Citizen of the Year." The Chamber recognized Eden for 175 years of equipping generations of leaders for ministry, scholarship, organizing and service. [Click here to read the story.](#)

Eden's 175th Anniversary recognized by the local community

Since 1924, Eden students, staff and faculty have influenced the local community of Webster Groves and surrounding neighborhoods. Eden graduates and learners are still influencing and transforming communities all over the globe. Find out more about the seminary's history, legacy and vision for the future by [reading this week's Webster-Kirkwood times article here.](#)

Sacred Groves Planting Day

You are invited to join the students, faculty and staff of Eden Seminary, along with neighbors, friends, local organizations and congregations for a community planting day on May 10. Eden's "Sacred Grove" will provide a sanctuary for native plants and animals, and will serve as a sanctuary for worship, meditation and learning. [Click here to learn more about this community event!](#)

Join Eden for lunch at the 35th General Synod of the UCC

The "Eden Theological Seminary Alumni, Friends, and Network Partners Lunch" takes place during the United Church of Christ's 35th General

Synod in Kansas City, MO. The luncheon is conveniently located in the Kansas City Convention Center on July 12, at 11:45 am. To add tickets to your existing GS35 registration, [log in to the UCC's 2025 General Synod website](#) using your email address and confirmation number, then click "Modify Registration" at the very bottom to access the registration pages to make updates. And remember - if you are attending General Synod this year, make certain to stop by Eden's booth to greet friends and pick up the latest merch!

Academic Spotlight

Join us for the 175th Commencement Ceremony! All are invited to congratulate and celebrate Eden Theological Seminary's 2025 graduates at the 175th commencement ceremony on campus, May 16. The ceremony begins at 5:30 pm CT and doors to the Wehrli Chapel will open at 5:00 pm CT. Please stay and join for a reception after the ceremony!

Celebrate Eden's 175 years of impact through your financial support

Eden has been forming leaders who move spirits, minds, hands, and systems to join God's love, liberation, and social transformation for 175 years! You are invited to join others celebrating this impact by belonging to the "We Are Eden" Giving Club. Through this special giving club, you help form leaders who engage congregations and communities with depth, imagination, resilience and experience! [Click here](#) to learn more about the "We Are Eden" Giving Club!



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