

**Phillips Theological Seminary**  
**Installation of Trustees**  
November 13, 2007

Prelude

Kent Smith  
PTS Student

\*Opening Litany and Prayer

Wambugu Gachungi  
PTS Student

There are different gifts,  
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,  
but it is the same God who is served.

God works through different persons in different ways,  
but it is the same God  
who works through them all.

Each person is given a gift by the Spirit to use  
for the common good.

Together we are the Body of Christ,  
and individually members of that body.

God, you have never waited for us to become  
perfect before showing us the measure of your love  
or commissioning us to serve you in our world.

We dare to believe you are always calling us  
to new ventures,  
pointing us to new horizons,  
and will never cease to do so.

Help us all to use our diverse gifts to the best of our  
abilities for the sake of all creation, the church,  
and this seminary.

Amen.

\*Hymn                    "O For a World"                    *Chalice Hymnal 683*

Scripture                    Isaiah 65:17-25                    Joseph Bessler  
                                  *Acting Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and  
                                  Associate Professor of Theology*

Homily                            Kay Northcutt  
                                  *Assistant Professor of Preaching and Worship*

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

\*Affirmation of Faith

Sheri Curry  
PTS Director of Worship

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus,  
crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.

We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

*United Church of Canada Statement of Faith, 1980*

THE INSTALLATION  
*Stephen V. Cranford, Trustee emeritus*

The PTS community is made up not only of students,  
faculty, and staff, but also of trustees whose specific  
vocation is to be responsible stewards, holding in trust  
the human and physical resources of the seminary.

Today we honor the women and men who have been  
chosen to be the trustees of Phillips Theological Seminary,  
and we install and dedicate them to their important  
ministry.

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

**CHARGE TO THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD**

*William Tabbernee, President  
and Stephen J. England Distinguished Professor of  
the History of Christianity*

I invite the chair, vice-chair, and secretary of the board  
to stand and remain standing.

You have been called by Phillips Theological Seminary  
to exercise your gifts of leadership and administration,  
to ensure that the board as a whole

functions in the most effective manner possible,  
and to represent the board at public functions.

Your signatures on important documents convey the authority  
you carry on behalf of the church and the seminary.

As you chair meetings, keep records, and transact or delegate  
business on behalf of the seminary,  
you will need to rely on God's guidance  
and remain constantly in tune with God's Spirit,  
being conscious at all times of the educational,  
spiritual, and pastoral needs of this seminary.

Will you, with God's help, carry out your duties responsibly,  
with joy, diligence, imagination, and love?

**RESPONSE:                    We will.**

**CHARGE TO RETURNING TRUSTEES**

*Chester Cadieux, Chair, Board of Trustees*

All returning trustees and returning representatives  
to the board please stand and remain standing.

You are people with many and varied gifts.

You have already utilized those gifts  
on behalf of Phillips Theological Seminary.  
The decisions you have made and the policies you have set  
will shape the future of PTS and ensure that women and  
men are well prepared to serve in varied ministries  
of church and society.

As you continue to chair meetings, participate in discussions,  
help to provide the seminary's physical and financial  
resources, and exercise the important ministry of  
governance, you will need to rely on God's guidance.  
Will you, with God's help, carry out your duties responsibly,  
with joy, diligence, imagination, and love?

**RESPONSE:                    We will.**

## CHARGE TO NEW TRUSTEES

*Donna Killen, Vice-Chair, Board of Trustees*

All new trustees and new representatives to the board  
please stand and remain standing.

You have been called by Phillips Theological Seminary  
to take on a new role of responsibility, that of trustee.  
The future of the seminary, literally, lies in your hands.  
Your experience, expertise, wisdom, and skills will guide  
the seminary's destiny as it faces the challenges  
of the twenty-first century.

Know that you have God to guide you  
and colleagues to support you  
as we to provide the best possible environment  
for theological education and ministerial formation.

Will you, with God's help, carry out your duties responsibly,  
with joy, diligence, imagination, and love?

**RESPONSE:**    We will.

## CHARGE TO ALL PRESENT

*Daniel L. Woods, Secretary, Board of Trustees*

All who are not yet standing, and able to do so, please stand.

All of us are interdependent.  
Whether we are trustees, faculty, staff,  
students, spouses, or friends,  
we have a supportive role to play in the lives of all  
who make up the Phillips Theological Seminary community.

Our complementary gifts are needed to make the  
seminary community the best it can be.

Knowing this, will you, with God's help, commit yourselves  
to support and encourage those with whom you now stand,  
and will you do so  
with joy, diligence, imagination, and love?

**RESPONSE:**    We will.

**\*Hymn**            "O For a World"    *Chalice Hymnal 683*

O for a world preparing for  
God's glorious reign of peace,  
Where time and tears will be no more,  
and all but love will cease.

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

## \*Benediction

Kay Northcutt

## Postlude

Kent Smith

*Please be seated for the Postlude*

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

## WORSHIP NOTES

*Accompanist*            *Karen Hoyt*

Next Week: No classes

Week II:

Tuesday	Dennis Smith's Galatians Class
Wednesday	Kathy Weaver, Meinders Chapel Student Series
Thursday	Don Pittman, Vice President for Academic Affairs

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