

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.

<i>WORSHIP NOTES</i>		
	<i>Accompanist</i>	<i>Karen Hoyt</i>
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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