

UNITED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE TWIN CITIES

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# VOICES





## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT REV. MOLLY T. MARSHALL, PhD

Dear Faithful Friends of United,

These have been fraught weeks in the Twin Cities as agents from Immigration Customs Enforcement, aka ICE, are besieging our neighborhoods, places of commerce, and schools. International students and alums feel the threats acutely, and seminary faculty and staff seek to offer support in tangible ways.

United is well represented in the larger community, as advocacy for social justice is a key part of our mission. Our alums, students, and faculty serve as chaplains, observers, and witnesses, doing such helpful things as escorting children to and from school buses, offering spiritual care to victims and law enforcement alike, and keeping vigil with those made vulnerable.

I have had several conversations with donors of late who give precisely because United cares about the dignity of all persons, and our constituents are willing to show up as a movement of righteous resistance. They tell me, "United's kind of education is needed more than ever! I will support it as long as I am able."

What kind of education do we offer? We form leaders who can meet the present moment with courage and faithful action. Whether it be showing up at corporations that employ immigrants to insist they use their power to protect them, documenting the violent means used by ICE, or checking on their neighbors, our students and alums understand that public expressions of their theological commitments matter.

An NPR religion reporter was asked why he came to our metro area rather than Chicago or Portland, and he said, "Because the faith leaders show up here." What finer affirmation of these leaders could there be? United is doing its part for the common good.

Thanks for sustaining our mission through prayer and funding. The gravity of the present horizon requires faithful partners.

Gratefully,

*Molly T. Marshall*

Rev. Molly T. Marshall, PhD  
*President*

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## ARTIST PROFILE — MELISSA MILLER ('20)

by Diane Riggs

Melissa Miller ('20) is a multimedia artist who is inspired by the natural world. Using fiber and other natural elements, she looks for ways to "interact with the environment" and asserts that "natural spaces are sanctuaries for my soul." Through the years, Melissa has also used art as a way to make physical memories. "I often create a piece of vacation

art' in lieu of buying souvenirs." She explains, "allowing myself creative freedom to paint or sculpt the way a place has instilled itself in my heart embodies that place *in* me. It becomes part of my story."

Melissa enrolled after attending United's Summer Institute in Spirituality and the Arts and receiving the Certificate in the Arts and Spirituality for Spiritual and Religious

# THE BARNABAS SOCIETY: TRANSFORMATIVE LEGACIES LEAD TO TRANSFORMED LIVES

by Nathaniel Green

Since its inception in 1962, United has been sustained by faithful supporters who believe in transformative theological education. This support—from one-time gifts, to recurring contributions, to stock designations—makes the seminary's work possible. One group of dedicated donors, members of United's Barnabas Society, views their commitment to progressive seminary education as extending for a lifetime and beyond.

The Barnabas Society recognizes those who have included United in their estate plans. This group of donors is named after Barnabas, an apostle introduced in Acts 14, who provided financial support to his fellow apostles with proceeds from the sale of his land.

These gifts typically reflect donors' values—principles that are aligned with the seminary's mission, vision, and values. Legacy gifts ensure these precepts are practiced in the classroom and realized beyond the institution's walls. Gifts can include income-return gifts and beneficiary designations—financial support that expresses the donor's philanthropic intent while providing long-term stability for United's mission—and the legacies of their generosity live on in endowed scholarships, faculty chairs, lectureships, and seminary programming.

Now in its 35th year, the Susan Draper White Lecture is a beloved annual event that draws leading feminist theologians to the seminary. It was named after the grandmother of United alum Rev. Cil (Priscilla) Braun† ('83), who, with other donors, endowed the lectureship series. Cil and her husband, Jack, also became part of

the Barnabas Society through a legacy gift that helped support the newly established Wilson Yates Chair in Theology and the Arts. Cil's legacy has spanned decades, and her generosity has informed, inspired, and continued to support United students.

In 2021, United celebrated the creation of a tenure-track faculty position. Rev. Dr. Andrea Johnson ('17, '23) and David Fry committed \$1.75 million to endow the Johnson-Fry Chair in World Religions and Intercultural Studies, held by Dr. Munjed M. Murad. As an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister, Andrea sought to strengthen the seminary's commitment to Interreligious Engagement, saying, "While we are grounded in our Christian heritage, more and more we are educating leaders in religions other than Christianity. And we need all our religious leaders to be deeply responsive to the realities of religious and spiritual diversity."

An alum and trustee, Andrea knows how United impacts its students and their communities, sharing, "I was transformed by the education I received at United, and [I] am passionate about supporting its future."

At Fall Convocation in September 2024, Dr. Demian Wheeler, director of Advanced Studies, was formally installed into the newly endowed Sophia Chair in Religious and Theological Studies. Former trustees Keith Bednarowski and Dr. Mary Farrell Bednarowski, Professor Emerita of Religious Studies (1976–2004), who funded the Chair, have been part of the United community for nearly 50 years. In an interview for the Winter 2024 Issue of *VOICES*, Mary reaffirmed her commitment to

children led art activities in nursing homes, and pop-up art appeared at a nearby park. Art developed through these means found a home on the church walls.

Melissa sees the connection between theology and the arts through the spirituality of everyday human existence and strives to "be mindful of the ways I see God reflected in myself." She adds, "Where humanity resides, the face of the Divine is reflected. Art preserves those reflections in tangible ways."

Leaders. When she learned that United offered an MA in Theology and the Arts, "I immediately signed up!" she recalls. At the time, she was the children's ministry director at River Hills UMC in Burnsville, Minnesota, so it was a good fit.

While at River Hills UMC, Melissa developed an "ArtReach" program. With art materials generously donated by the church, she was able to incorporate visual arts into many corners of the community. Art activities were promoted during Wednesday night programs at the church and school release days,



*Pin received by members of the Barnabas Society.*

United, saying, "I have a very deep faith that this full-of-life seminary will persist and flourish for many, many years. Keith and I want to be part of that flourishing."

The Barnabas Society is growing. In 2026, trustee Therese Pautz and her husband, David Graham, committed to a legacy gift. Reflecting on their decision, she writes, "We support United because it equips spiritual leaders and community healers." She continues, "Those vocations are essential to every civil society, especially in times of conflict." Therese and David will be formally welcomed into the Barnabas Society later this year.

These are just a few shining examples of the cadre of faithful supporters who have made legacy gifts and transformative commitments. Their support for the sustained life of the seminary reflects their values and belief in the importance of United's mission in our ever-evolving world.

To discuss a legacy plan, contact Rev. Dr. Cindi Beth Johnson, Vice President for Advancement, by email at [cbjohnson@unitedseminary.edu](mailto:cbjohnson@unitedseminary.edu) or by phone at 651.255.6137.

*† indicates those of blessed memory*



## LIVING INTO THE PROMISE OF THE SIMS SCHOLARS INITIATIVE

by Diane Riggs

"The Sims Scholars Initiative," recently asserted Rev. Dr. Gary F. Green II (associate professor of Pastoral Theology and Social Transformation and director for Racial Intelligence Systems), "has surpassed my expectations, and expanded my hopes for what this program can become." Launched in February 2024 and made possible through a generous donation from former trustee Dr. Frank Sims and his wife, Robyn, it is designed to address racial inequities in society and to educate and prepare leaders who wish to constructively engage issues confronting Black spiritual communities. Gary oversees the Initiative.

### SIMS SCHOLARS WEIGH IN

Elwyn Young, a scholar in the cohort that started in 2024, describes the Initiative as a "rare and precious opportunity." Though she began the program apprehensively, Elwyn's experiences in classes and with her professors have transformed her perspective and outlook. Dr. Demian Wheeler's "Invitation to Theology: Truth, Goodness, and Beauty" course and her classmates, Elwyn attests, created "the best start that I could have been exposed to coming into seminary." She is equally excited about the other professors and courses she

encountered. It is not just the kindness and support, Elwyn explains, each of her five professors has imparted "a feeling that they desire us all to succeed."

Naryn Carter, another 2024 cohort member, notes that "mentorship [in the Initiative] is genuinely multi-layered—peer mentorship within the cohort, guidance from faculty and staff, and wisdom from [alums] and doctoral students." "I've been grateful," she continues, "to connect with and learn alongside some amazing people—relationships I truly don't think I would have formed without the program."

Akwése Nkemontoh, a member of the second cohort, was drawn to the Sims Scholars Initiative due to the mentorship aspect as well as other key features. "I had been searching for a space," she recounts, "where I could be mentored and truly challenged to think more deeply, where I could show up as all of myself and engage the intersections that I'm most curious about... and where I could always come back to my faith and connection with God as the one leading it all."

### DISTANCE LEARNING OPTION ADDS VALUE

As a second cohort member, Akwése can also take advantage of the new distance learning feature (first-year scholars were local to the Twin Cities). "I'm grateful that the Sims Scholars program opened up to distance learners," she opines, "...because it makes this kind of transformative educational experience so much more accessible, making its reach and impact greater. It has already done so much to affirm where I'm at right now and where I'm hoping to go."

"After only one semester," Akwése adds, "I can say this program truly has been a gift and has helped me to honor and author my own voice in ways that feel different from academic spaces in the past." She expounds, "At its heart, this program is designed to engage multiple forms of intelligence and to create 'play space' to bring out our most imaginative, co-creative selves.... The fact that I'm surrounded by other Black leaders is also amazing and rare, especially in academia. And the fact that all these other leaders... are passionate about the intersection of faith and social transformation is just wow."

### HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

When she looks into the future, Naryn is thrilled by the ways in which the Sims Scholars Initiative provides "tools to widen the aperture of our souls and to do deeper, more impactful work in our communities and the world." In addition, she posits, "We are being compassionately equipped to lead in ways that many previous and even current leaders have not [been]. I'm excited not only about the knowledge I'm gaining, but about the embodied excellence of how this learning is happening." As Akwése phrases it, "We're here to grow, to be challenged and to challenge, to be held and to hold. We're here to develop our voices as the powerful healers, lightbearers, and agents of change we are."

For his part, Gary concludes, "Our shared learning experience was deeply transformative and clarifying for the kind of beacon United can become for Black religious scholarship. I am excited to see how things continue to develop!"



## REV. DR. GARY F. GREEN II AWARDED TENURE IN LATE 2025

by Diane Riggs

On Wednesday, November 12, 2025, United's Board of Trustees and the Faculty Tenure Committee unanimously approved Rev. Dr. Gary F. Green II for tenure. Gary's well-deserved achievement represents another milestone for United, as he is the first Black professor to receive tenure at the seminary. Gary joins Rev. Dr. Justin Sabia-Tanis as a historical tenured faculty member; in

February 2025, Justin became the first trans professor in United's history to attain tenure.

To receive tenure, faculty members must have taught for at least five years and submit evidence of teaching acuity, as well as a record of publications and instances of contributions to churches or other faith communities. External evaluations also play a role in the decision-making process.

# CALLED BEYOND THE CORPORATE WORLD: WHY REV. CATHERINE DUNCAN ('10) CHOSE CHAPLAINCY

by Diane Riggs

An ordained UCC minister, integrative spiritual consultant, author, and public speaker, Rev. Catherine Duncan found her calling through pivotal life-and-death struggles. Her cancer diagnosis around age 10, she recalls, “threw our family upside down.” It was a frightening and lonely experience; though she felt her parents’ love, they said little about her condition. “I felt like I was on a tightrope between life and death. And out of nowhere, I just started to pray.” Catherine adds, “Not long after, this profound feeling of peace, some presence, flooded my body. I knew I was going to live, and knew I wasn’t alone.”

Looking back, Catherine notes that she found faith through that early trauma, but it didn’t instantly translate into a spiritual career. Instead, the youngest of six followed her father and siblings—many of whom were attorneys and executives—into a corporate career. After college, she found an “incredible job” with *Time Magazine*. It was a position Catherine loved, but she admits, “my heart was feeling restless.”

## A CHANGE OF HEART

During a corporate trip in her mid-thirties, Catherine survived another near-death experience while whitewater rafting. A month after the harrowing episode, she began listening closely and asking herself, “Where is God calling me?” Her faith gave her the courage to walk away from her corporate career, much to everyone’s surprise. “My husband” she confides, “was really supportive.”

After more praying, journaling, and consulting work, Catherine’s girlfriend suggested

she might want to study theology. The same friend mentioned a program at St. Catherine University in St. Paul. When she received the material about St. Catherine’s theology and spiritual direction programs, Catherine recalls, “My body started physically shaking...I knew this was the right path.”

At St. Catherine’s, she earned a Master’s in Theology and became certified as a spiritual director. Catherine then worked with City House co-founders Tim Allen and alum Rev. Jim Dodge<sup>†</sup> ('79) to support people on the margins. “I was doing in-depth spiritual direction with the unhoused and in homeless shelters,” Catherine explains, “and I loved it.”

## LEADING INTO THE NEXT CHAPTER

In the early 2000s, another significant life event opened the doors to the next chapter of Catherine’s life. Her mother-in-law was diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer, and Catherine was invited to accompany her through the final days. “She had this glow about her,” Catherine shares, “as she surrendered and let go. It was so beautiful. It was life-changing to witness someone so fully.”

Catherine’s proclivity to work with people one-on-one, her burgeoning interest in chaplaincy, and a desire to become ordained in the UCC made her seek out a seminary. This time, she chose United. Catherine credits Rev. Dr. Clyde Steckel,<sup>†</sup> Professor Emeritus of Theology (1970–1995), for creating a customized degree program that didn’t negate her previous master’s degree. Steckel also supported Catherine through her ordination. “You can see how important Clyde was on my path,” she observes. She remembers other professors with



gratitude as well. Dean Richard Weis<sup>†</sup> and Rev. Dr. Jann Cather Weaver (Associate Professor Emerita of Worship and Theology and the Arts), she notes, were exemplars of faith, grace, and empowerment. Dr. Sharon Tan’s ethics course coincidentally enabled Catherine to serve more effectively as the ethics lead for Hennepin County Medical Center during her time at United.

United, Catherine asserts, “brought all of my education together in affirming I’m on the right path, and deepened my understanding of the United Church of Christ and my next steps.” She continues, “I can’t think of anything but positive things to say about every class, professor, and my experience. I just felt supported.” Fundamentally, she also believes that United’s emphasis on openness, inclusivity, CPE, and ecumenical understanding is key to effective chaplaincy.

Now, as the author of *Everyday Awakening: Five Practices for Living Fully, Feeling Deeply, and Coming into Your Heart and Soul* (2023), Catherine is using what she’s learned to support others. She has been interviewed on television and in print, hosts a podcast, and offers her valuable integrative spiritual consulting services. It’s a calling she accepts with gratitude.

The notice of tenure took place just a week before the seminary celebrated Gary’s highly anticipated book launch. *Playing the Game: Embodied Brilliance beyond the Moral Limits of Race in Sport* (Fortress Press, 2025) dives deeply into the racial politics of professional sports, lifting up the divine embodiment of several prominent Black athletes.

Dr. Demian Wheeler, as acting Dean, announced the tenure news, exclaiming, “Students, faculty, and staff celebrate Dr. Green’s sharp intellect and his boundless creativity.”

Demian added: “As a seminary community striving toward a more just society, we benefit from his innovative leadership in the fields of pastoral theology, religion and sport, and Black studies. Just as he reorients his students in the classroom, he is reorienting the culture and racial intelligence of our greater United community.”

We are blessed to have Gary, associate professor of Pastoral Theology and Social Transformation, as well as the director for Racial Intelligence Systems, as a tenured faculty member. We are enriched by his

rigorous scholarship, engaging creativity, and myriad contributions to the flourishing of United and its community.



## A LEGACY OF GENEROSITY: PRESIDENT MARSHALL ON PATRICIA SHIELD AYRES

by Molly T. Marshall

A friend of mine for more than 40 years, Patricia Shield Ayres, is known for her integrity, kindness, leadership, and generosity. Born as an only child into a Texas family with interests in oil and cattle, she prevailed upon her father to allow her to attend Wellesley College in Boston. He wanted her to go to the University of Texas, but she promised she would study economics if he allowed her to go to her preferred school. Remarkably, she has maintained friendships with six of her classmates (now all in their 90s). They called themselves the “sizzling six.” Reflecting on that title, Pat said: “We didn’t sizzle then and certainly not now.”

Though she decries the “sizzle” moniker, Pat has made an indelible impact in her community. She has been a leading voice in Texas for the support of children, a demonstration of her progressive Christian values. The Shield Ranch Foundation, founded in 1977, is based on a 6,600-acre ranch, 5,300 acres of which her parents purchased in 1938, that lies just 22 miles from the heart of Austin.

Through the foundation, now co-run by Pat’s children, Bob and Vera, the ranch hosts El Ranchito summer camp for urban children and youth. It is an opportunity for them to learn about the many forms of conservation the foundation practices, see what it’s like to be immersed in radically different environs, and experience the unique spiritual joy of what Pat calls the “tapestry of nature.” It is a generous way to use the family’s land.

I came to know Pat when the two of us were involved in voicing our opposition to the hostile takeover of the Southern Baptist Convention by fundamentalist forces. Her strong convictions about religious freedom and liberty of conscience led her to support movements that resisted the eroding of Baptist identity. Her unwavering support for the leadership of women in the Baptist ecology naturally drew us together.

Pat has become a generous donor to United. A member of the Joshua Society—a group of friends and alums who have given cumulative gifts of \$50,000 or more—she has invested in our mission with interest and joy. When I delivered the Joshua statuette to her a couple of years ago, she absolutely loved the celebratory image of the raised shofar and anticipated the walls that are tumbling down at United.

This spring, we will welcome Pat into our Esther Society for donors who have given cumulative gifts of \$100,000 or more. Her commitments to justice align with United’s

clear call to construct a beloved community here and beyond the seminary.

I am delighted at the depth and similitude of our beliefs, and having Pat’s stalwart support of this good seminary. For her abiding dedication to eco-justice and conservation, her philanthropic generosity, and her unequivocal support for religious freedom and the rightful equality of women, I give heartfelt thanks.

### SUPPORT A RIGOROUS EDUCATION FOR THE NEXT GENERATION WITH A legacy gift.

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## PUBLIC THEOLOGY ON DISPLAY IN THE TWIN CITIES

by Nathaniel Green

For months, the Twin Cities have suffered under federal occupation. A deportation campaign of astonishing cruelty has torn families apart and driven many into hiding. In broad daylight, ICE agents brutally murdered Renee Good and Alex Pretti, stirring our grief and rage. In statements following these events, President Molly T.

Marshall decried the regime’s escalating, punitive actions, joining clergy and local officials “in calling for ICE to cease its terrorizing of our communities and leave Minnesota immediately.” In the aftermath of these atrocities, we witnessed faith leaders—including United faculty, staff, students, and alums—rise to the occasion. For many, resistance meant caring for neighbors and congregants who feared for

from left to right  
Rev. Terri Burnor ('15), Rev. T. Michael Rock,  
Rev. Dr. Rebecca Voelkel ('13), and Rev. Susie Hayward

# A MESSAGE FROM ADVANCEMENT

## REV. DR. CINDI BETH JOHNSON



Dear Friends of United,

After almost every issue of *VOICES* was mailed, Rev. Roger Wentz† ('56) would make a call. Sometimes the call went to President Marshall. Other times, I was the fortunate recipient. No matter who received it, the message was the same. Roger, a perpetually generous soul, wanted to thank us for another excellent issue and reiterate his love for United.

Roger came to United via the University of Wisconsin-Madison. While studying engineering, he sensed a call to ministry and enrolled in Mission House College (now Lakeland University) in Sheboygan, following in the footsteps of his grandfather, Dr. Edward Wentz. There, he met his wife, Frances Thundercloud†, a member of the Ho Chunk Nation. After graduating, he attended Mission House Seminary

After ordination, Roger and Frances served United Church of Christ congregations in Milwaukee, Kaukauna, and Sauk City, Wisconsin, as well as in Canton, Illinois. Roger also served in other conference, association, and ecumenical positions. Throughout this time, Frances took on the role of partner in Roger's ministry. She was gracious and kind, sharing her gifts generously with everyone.

Roger would say, "I often look upon my years in seminary as some of the best years of my life." In 2022, Roger asked me to send some

information to his tax person. In the email exchange, I noted that Roger had been a very generous donor. After talking to his accountant, Roger called and told me how much he appreciated that compliment. He shared that Frances had always handled their investments, and as a result, they had a "love nest" for their old age. One day, Roger said, United would receive a gift from that "love nest."

### LEGACY GIFTS PROVIDE *significant* SUPPORT FOR OUR OPERATING BUDGET AS WELL AS OUR ENDOWMENT.

In life and in death, Frances and Roger were faithful supporters. Their first gift of \$15 came in 1973. Gifts continued over the next 53 years. Their final—and largest—gift came in the form of an estate gift received in October 2025. When I received a letter from Roger's lawyer, Dan Arndt, I called and left a

message. When we connected, Dan answered and said that his assistant was also on the line; she, too, wanted to hear what I had to say about how much we cherished Roger. It was clear that Roger and Frances were widely loved and beloved.

After receiving the gift, I reached out to his nephew, Steven, and asked him about setting up a scholarship in Roger's name. Steven said, "This would honor what Roger cared about." His lawyer said he couldn't weigh in but felt it was "a splendid idea." It was decided that a portion of their legacy gift would be used to endow a new scholarship, The Roger and Frances Wentz Scholarship.

Every message from Roger was a gift, but one of his last messages will always stay with me. He reflected, "Thank you for helping me understand more about what current United students are learning." He knew that things had changed in theological education, and he was interested in knowing that United was continuing to make a difference.

As an alum, Roger was keenly interested in the United's history, interested in our current student population, and dedicated to United's future. We give thanks for the impact of that "love nest" that Frances tended and that they both shared with us so generously. And, in the years to come, we are honored to know that scholarship recipients will not only receive financial support but also learn about the love that Frances and Roger Wentz had for United.

With gratitude,

Rev. Dr. Cindi Beth Johnson  
Vice President for Advancement

their safety. Networks of grocery shoppers and drivers willing to take children to school have emerged throughout the Twin Cities, reducing vulnerable residents' risk. Material and emotional needs are many, and we celebrate these acts of neighborly love.

Still others have taken to the streets in peaceful demonstrations of solidarity. Whether gathering at vigils or serving as legal observers, they have put their safety on the line to bear public witness to ICE agents' unlawful practices and tactics. Rev. Terri Burnor ('15), Lena K. Gardner ('15), and Rev. Dr. Rebecca Voelkel ('13) from MARCH led

the work in inviting hundreds of clergy and faith leaders to Minneapolis. Rev. Dr. Justin Sabia-Tanis, associate professor of Christian Ethics and Social Transformation, and Rev. T. Michael Rock, director of Contextual Education and Spiritual Direction and a pastor at Lyndale UCC with Rebecca, have also been involved in community organizing and public demonstrations. United trustee Rev. Elizabeth Macaulay ('99) opened the doors of Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, where she serves as lead pastor, for large community gatherings such as Singing Resistance. These actions represent a small fraction of our community's ongoing holy work.

True to United's values, ministers, chaplains, lay leaders, and artist-theologians continue to bear public witness to the common good while under direct attack. Reflecting on these efforts, President Marshall said, "Social transformation is one of United's longstanding pillars, and we are seeing the real-world witness of faith and community leaders equipped for the work of justice and peace." We give thanks for everyone safeguarding neighbors' well-being in this fraught time.

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### by Nathaniel Green

United's online presence has had a busy—and exciting—few years. In 2023, the seminary launched a comprehensive website upgrade, modernized with a responsive design alongside myriad new landing pages for degree programs, essential admissions information, and more. Through its functional and aesthetic improvements, the platform has successfully bolstered the seminary's strategic enrollment and digital marketing efforts. And, as with any website, it requires imaginative iteration.

For several years, an off-site blog, The Canvas, hosted by a third-party platform, has been the seminary's publishing space for major

## *New & Noteworthy*

## UNITED LAUNCHES NEW BLOG ON WEBSITE

announcements, statements, faculty and student contributions, and various publications. While The Canvas can host a variety of content types, it has become apparent that a change is needed to meet the demands of the ever-evolving digital marketing landscape.

In a strategic expansion of this good work, United is thrilled to announce the launch of a new blog, hosted entirely on United's upgraded website: [unitedseminary.edu/blog](https://unitedseminary.edu/blog). With a newly responsive design, searchable archive, and the benefit of primary domain authority, this updated and enhanced digital space will serve as a more capable platform for the United community's written material. From faculty updates to the latest articles from *VOICES*, this new location will allow you to stay informed about the students, alums, donors, and faculty who realize United's mission in the world.

Nathaniel Green, director of Marketing and Communications, is eager to maximize the blog's potential. "In an age of constant optimization and the rise of AI, United's digital presence is the first impression many current and prospective

students have of our seminary," he shares. "Details matter more than ever, and this new platform will make our digital marketing and advertising more efficient, capable, and accessible in the months and years to come."

United is grateful for those who made the new blog possible and looks forward to leveraging this digital tool in support of its mission.

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