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David Crawford, right, takes on the leadership role at McCormick July 1. Frank Yamada, who had been McCormick's president for six years, leaves the seminary to serve the Association of Theological Schools as executive director.

McCormick Moves Forward

David Crawford to succeed Frank Yamada as McCormick president

As announced in January, Rev. Dr. Frank M. Yamada, who has served McCormick as its president for six years, will become the new executive director of the Association of Theological Schools, ATS. Based in Pittsburgh, ATS serves as the accrediting body for more than 270 seminaries and divinity schools across North America. Frank has been an exemplary leader for McCormick, and his work with us was, no doubt, a significant factor in his selection. McCormick is indebted to Frank and his legacy of embracing change.

Now, as it has done for almost two centuries, McCormick moves forward. David H. Crawford has accepted the unanimously approved offer of the board of trustees to serve as interim president during the upcoming 2017-2018 academic year. David is a very familiar face around McCormick where he has served as a member of the board of trustees, chaired the property and facilities committee, and served on the executive committee before joining the staff as chief financial officer at the height of the financial crisis in December 2008. He currently serves as McCormick's executive vice president and chief business officer.

"David has been a leader at McCormick from the day he joined the board in 2004," said board chair designate, Dr. Melinda Krei. "We are blessed to have this continuity of leadership as we engage our community in a discussion about how we can

build on the progress we have made over the last six years. This is a time of discernment, but not a time to stand still."

Outgoing board chair, Rev. Dr. Deborah Block, said, "This is an opportune time to involve the McCormick community in a process of active discernment about our future direction. We want to engage the opportunities and challenges before us with thoughtfulness, imagination, and prayer. The concept of an 'interim' leader is familiar to Presbyterians, and those of us at McCormick. Over the last thirty years, McCormick has been very capably led by two interim presidents: Jack Stotts and Dan Little. It is our good fortune that David has agreed to follow in this great tradition. As everyone who knows him would agree, David will hit the ground running, and McCormick will move forward as we envision our next generation of mission and leadership."

Leading and embracing change

Under Rev. Dr. Frank Yamada's leadership, McCormick has:

- Maintained expense reduction discipline of approximately \$1M begun in 2009
- Reduced our exposure to millions of dollars in capital costs by selling residential properties and paying off \$9M of debt
- Launched and developed McCormick's commitment to service-oriented young adults through the Center for Faith and Service
- Reduced tuition by 35 percent over the past five years
- Rebuilt relationships with donors and church partners and increased annual giving through award dinners honoring John Buchanan, Bill Enright, and Margaret Hart
- Collaborated with denominational leaders to develop innovative cohort programs like the Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Wright, Jr. Scholars D.Min. cohort, the Korean American D.Min. cohort, and the partnership with the Apostolic Assembly to train Latino/a leaders
- Increased McCormick's student population by 40 percent, making us among the top PCUSA seminaries in terms of incoming students
- Engaged local communities through our Peacemaking in the City annual theme programs
- Recruited a strong and diverse faculty for McCormick's future that reflects our diverse student body

Go to McCormick.edu to read a parting message from Frank Yamada.



Commencement 2017

Walking humbly toward new beginnings

Nearly 60 McCormick graduates filed out of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church on the second Saturday in May, taking with them a vision and hope for the world they have been called to serve in unity with the Spirit. Hundreds more supporters—faculty, friends, and family—joined them in a joyful celebration that honored their years of study, journeys of faith, and service experiences. McCormick’s 183rd commencement services completed an academic pilgrimage that now takes these graduates down new roads of ministry, and for some, additional academic pursuits.

This year’s commencement speaker, McCormick President Frank Yamada, invited those gathered to

live out the words of the prophet Micah who charged the people of his day, “to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with their God.” “We are to do justice, not merely study it,” said Dr. Yamada, who will be leaving the seminary this summer to become the new executive director of the Association of Theological Schools, “we do that as we favor those who are not favored, take part in faithful action, and build bridges that bring people together.”

Research papers written by doctor of ministry graduates are available online from the JKM Library. These papers are valuable resources to religious leaders interested in current scholarly research.







Naury Y. Sanchez Cintron selected president of the Universidad Pentecostal Mizpa

In April, Naury Y. Sanchez Cintron (MDiv '08) was installed as president of the Universidad Pentecostal Mizpa in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Founded in 1937, the theological school of the Iglesia Pentecostal de Dios is the oldest theological school of Pentecostalism on the island. Across its four campuses and 19 extension locations, the university offers bachelor's and associate's degrees in Pastoral Theology, Biblical Studies, Christian Education, and Christian Counseling; a master's degree in Pastoral Theology; and certificate programs in Christian Education, Ministerial Arts, and Chaplaincy.

"President Sanchez Cintron's work in the church and world has always been impactful and transforming," said Felisa Roman (MDiv '98), who served as Sanchez Cintron's field instructor when Sanchez Cintron attended McCormick and represented the seminary at Sanchez Cintron's installation services. "Her spirit of collaboration and innovation were noticed at McCormick and will be evident in her new role at the university. McCormick is enlivened by her continued spiritual and intellectual contributions to theological education."

A native of Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, Sanchez Cintron received ministerial credentials in teaching ministry from Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal, MI- Puerto Rico Región and has served as a professor in Theology at Mizpa Pentecostal University for nine years. She also served the university as interim academic dean. Sanchez Cintron is presently a member of her denomination's Committee on Theological and Ethics Issues and teaches and preaches at churches and conferences in Puerto Rico, the United States, and South America.

"Being part of the McCormick community helped me broaden my vision of the church's mission," said Sanchez Cintron. "Its cultural diversity and its emphasis on social justice and equality have been the hallmark of

THE WORLEY LEGACY



Past, Present, and Future

For two days in April, McCormick remembered and honored the life of the late theologian and peacemaker Rev. Dr. Robert C. Worley, McCormick professor, dean emeritus, and architect of its Doctor of Ministry program. Dr. Worley's life was shaped by his deep commitments to ecumenism, inclusivity, and social justice. Instrumental in the formation of the seminary's cross-cultural ministry programs, he taught the value of travel and our capacity to learn from different cultures and people.

"A common thread and the subject of one of Bob Worley's most transformational works is the idea of being a gathering of strangers," said Dr. David Daniels, McCormick's Henry Winters Luce Professor of World History. The keynote speaker at the Thursday evening dinner, Dr. Daniels described Dr. Worley's design for the church. "The church, Bob believed, is a gathering of people of diverse backgrounds, united to worship God and serve Christ," Dr. Daniels said. "And, if we are all strangers, then no one is 'in' and no one is 'out'...there is no 'us' and 'them.' The church, Bob showed us, is a place where we welcome each other, respect each other, learn from each other, and embrace each other. This gathering called church becomes a place that celebrates the interplay of solidarity and diversity."

Over the two days, more than 100 individuals, including thirteen Worley family members, attended the dinner and symposium that celebrated Rev. Worley's efforts in global peacemaking and institutional disruption. Participants explored how vital dedication to this work remains today.

my educational ministry. McCormick not only offers an educational experience, but also the opportunity to create a network in the academic world which will be useful in my new role."



Embodying Our Ecumenical Commitments

A dictionary provides the definition of ecumenism. The World Mission Institute, WMI, presents the picture. For more than 40 years, faculty, staff, and students from McCormick Theological Seminary, the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC), and Catholic Theological Union (CTU) have served together to model and promote worldwide Christian cooperation.

“Even after the economic challenges which took place a few years ago that led to the closing of the Chicago Center of Global Ministries, faculty from the three schools continued to meet to support each other’s scholarly work,” said Dr. Ken Sawyer, professor of Church History and associate dean for Student Academics. “We’ve worked closely on course development, lectures and publication projects, and faculty development programs. Travel seminars, including this year’s trips to Cuba and the countries of the Reformation, reflect these cooperative commitments.”

While WMI’s core team of volunteers is comprised of twelve professors from the three schools, other faculty with a special focus on missions, history, cross-cultural studies, ethics, and systematic theology, join the cooperative effort when asked. At WMI’s annual

symposium this past March, Dr. David Daniels, McCormick’s Henry Winters Luce Professor of World Christianity, gave the keynote lecture, “Protestants of Color During the ‘Long Reformation’ 1517-1700,” part of his own scholarly project that takes a closer look at sixteenth-century reform. The Scherer Lecture, which honors the missionary parents of LSTC Professor James Scherer, has brought to campus leading scholars for public discussions on topics such as immigrant churches, prison ministries, and ecumenical dialog. These presentations encourage the involvement of area churches and ministries, providing a dynamic understanding of current church practices alongside academic models.

“Our work is interinstitutional, interdisciplinary, and intersectional,” said Dr. Sawyer. “Seminaries have always been spaces for the engagement, alignment, and coming together of the diversity of gifts and knowledge that is the Church. WMI is an important way McCormick’s centering commitments are lived out.”

For more information on the World Mission Institute and how you can become involved, contact KSawyer@mccormick.edu.



McCormick represented at 70th Ecumenical Institute cohort in Bossey, Switzerland

Thirty-five students from 21 countries and more than 20 religious denominations were part of the 70th anniversary cohort at the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Institute at the Chateau de Bossey in Switzerland. Among that group which convened during the Fall semester was McCormick's Seo Young Kim.

"This was an exceptional opportunity to study different church histories and traditions, mission trends, the history of ecumenism, leadership and worship styles and structures, and the role of gender in various faith traditions," said Kim, a 2017 masters of theological studies graduate. "A key concern of the Institute during the semester was social justice, and I was able to incorporate that learning into the work I'm doing at McCormick around eco-theology and environmental justice."

Since 1946, the Institute, an international study center, has been fulfilling its mission to provide

ecumenical education and theological formation through intensive semesters focused on academic study, diverse worship experiences, and personal exchange.

Another component of the program is travel experiences to various religious sites. During her semester at the Institute, Kim and the other students visited the Vatican; Taizé, France; the Orthodox Center in Chambessy, Switzerland; and a parish in Bern, Switzerland, where Kim delivered the day's sermon. A highlight of Kim's time in Bossey was a visit from McCormick's J-term travelers who were touring Reformation sites.

"This experience deepened my understanding and appreciation for multi-cultural and multi-religious dimensions that we can call upon for our own spiritual formation and share with others as we minister," said Kim. "I've learned to engage with people from diverse faiths in cooperative ways."

Wash and Pray

First-place winners of the McCormick Prize for Innovation use a laundry to enhance the self-esteem of homeless Seattle teens.

Pastors Eric and Beth Utto-Galarneau wanted to help the nearly 800 homeless teens in their community. Early in their married lives, the couple had worked and lived in a shelter and knew the challenges that people face without the resources of a permanent home.

On a visit to an area school, they learned that one of the greatest needs of homeless children in Seattle's North Thurston Public Schools is clean clothes. With the support and hard work of their congregation at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, the first-place winners of the McCormick Prize for Innovation converted a Sunday school classroom into Clean Kids Laundry. Homeless teens and families can use the free laundry facility, which also has a food pantry. During the harvest

season, guests of Clean Kids Laundry also receive fresh produce from the church's organic garden. "Students who are homeless often are embarrassed, get bullied, suffer from low self-esteem, and dread going to school with dirty clothes," said Eric. "Removing this obstacle is making a big difference in their educational experience and desires."

Next up? The pastors plan to use their prize to address housing challenges by building tiny houses for unaccompanied homeless teenaged women.

Learn about other innovative ministry initiatives at <http://mccormick.edu/mcprize/search.php>.



Honoring Dr. Deborah Kapp

Dr. Deborah Kapp retired from McCormick at the end of this academic year and was honored April 20 at a luncheon and panel discussion on "Teaching and Learning about Urban Ministry: Past, Present, and Future."

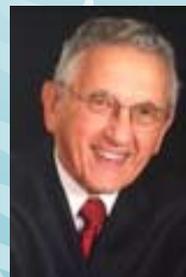
A creative researcher and teacher, Dr. Kapp came to McCormick in 1995 and was the Edward F. and Phyllis K. Campbell Professor of Urban Ministry. During her tenure with the seminary, she served twice as interim dean and contributed to numerous academic journals and authored *Worship Frames: How We Shape and Interpret Our Experience of God*.

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