

It is our prayer that this conference feeds you.

There is a hunger for depth in our world— deep spirit, deep community, deep wisdom. At the Iliff School of Theology, we continue the work of feeding the Church and the world with the depth that our established and creative theological school can offer. Our students are the heart of what we do. They are a diverse group with boundless creativity and energy. They crave the depth we offer and gratify us with their developing courageous theological imagination.

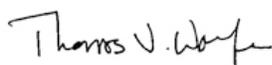
Our students live in a world where civil discourse is difficult. With our responsive and knowledgeable faculty, we prepare students to engage the issues they will face in their communities and bring healing. To do this, we have well-established ways beyond a traditional classroom that give students and the communities they serve the depth they want. Our online and hybrid programs have served our students where they are for over a decade. Cohorts of students in 44 states bring their full, lived experience to their learning. We've watched generations of our students maintain and honor their connectional commitments while they learn in deep community.

Last year we reported on our Spiritually-Integrated Financial Resiliency (SIFR) program, funded by a generous grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc. We're proud to say that this successful program is continuing to help new groups of students discover solutions to student debt and go on to create and sustain financially resilient institutions. Our next step is the *ReSource at Iliff* program, where we offer extended, lifelong learning around practical issues facing leaders today. This initiative will offer workshops at Iliff, host webinars, provide online content, and bring workshops and events to locations around the country. We're excited to offer skills-focused training to modern leaders.

While many of our initiatives take us outside the walls of our institution, we've made an investment in our 126-year-old facilities this past year. We recently completed a multiple-year building project that gives us a more accessible entrance with new green-conscious landscaping, additional parking, new classroom spaces, updated heating and cooling systems, and solar panels that offset 65% of our electric usage. Our physical campus more closely reflects our values as it offers a welcoming space to all.

Agility is thinking strategically about change. We never change for the sake of it; we make changes that are true to who we are. Our position allows us to be aware of cultural and religious changes in order to provide meaningful contemporary leadership that can transform existing faith communities. This means we engage other disciplines and look to the horizon. Our developing center for environmental justice and partnerships in technology help us continue to grow. Our healthy depth allows us to reach out to build relationships where theology informs other disciplines. We know that theology can help the world in many areas that are as-yet unexplored. Iliff School of Theology has the courage to dig deep.

Gratefully,



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