

## FOUR GRADS RECEIVE AWARDS DURING ALUMNAE/I DAYS

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### THE REV. KEITH C. KAUFOLD '07/'12, FRED MCFEELY ROGERS AWARD FOR CREATIVE MINISTRY



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Keith is a graduate of California University of Pennsylvania and earned his MDiv and STM from Pittsburgh Seminary. He is married to Monica, and they have one daughter.

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Throughout her time in the church, Joan served as the director of education and minister of discipleship at Coraopolis UMC, was a church consultant in education for the Western Pennsylvania Conference, and minister of discipleship at Canonsburg UMC. She retired from church ministry in 2006.

In addition to serving in the church, Joan was also a mission ambassador to Israel/Palestine in 2006 and a jurisdictional and General Conference delegate. From 2008-2012, she served as secretary of the Division on Higher Education within the General Board on Higher Education and Ministry.

Her first career was as a business education teacher training young people for work in the business world. “I feel a special affinity toward church secretaries and the vital role they play,” she said.

Joan is married to Joseph and is the mother of two and grandmother of four.

### CHAPLAIN MOSES L. STITH, CAPT. USN (RET.) '72, SPECIALIZED MINISTRY



From 1974-2005, Captain Moses Stith served the U.S. military in various capacities around the nation. He served eight commands and was awarded two Legions of Merit, among other personal decorations.

Before entering military service, Moses served as campus minister at Eckerd College (Fla.) and University of Pittsburgh, where he also was chair of the University Chaplains Association. Moses also served as pastor of churches in Florida, Pennsylvania, and Louisiana.

While in the Navy, Moses was deputy director of the Chaplain Resource Board, served as editor of the Chaplain Corps' professional journal, and was historian and archivist for the Navy Chaplain Corps.

Following his retirement he served as the pastoral care program manager for Marine Forces, providing pastoral care and counseling to Marines and Sailors returning from deployment.

A graduate of Virginia Union University, Pittsburgh Seminary, and University of Pittsburgh, Moses is pastor of New Grace Christian Church in Marietta, Ga., and is a doctoral candidate.

Moses is married to Roxanne and has four children and one granddaughter.

## THE REV. DR. EDGAR A. TOWNE '52, ACADEMIA



New York native, Edgar Towne has dedicated his life's work to the church and academy. A graduate of the College of Wooster, Pittsburgh Seminary, and the University of Chicago, Edgar has served as a pastor and professor.

He completed pastorates in two mining camps in West Virginia and was on the staff of the Mountaineer Mining Mission, a project of the Board of National Mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Edgar also served as senior pastor of Hyde Park Union Church (American Baptist and UCC) in Chicago.

He has taught at Winebrenner Theological Seminary and Findlay College and is professor emeritus of theology at Christian Theological Seminary, where he began teaching in 1975. Edgar is a member of five academic societies and is the author of *Two Types of New Theism: Knowledge of God in the Thought of Paul Tillich and Charles Hartshore*. Also, he was twice elected president of the American Theological Society of the Midwest.

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