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"We are delighted to welcome Rev. Ayana Teter to the administrative staff of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary," said the Rev. Dr. John Welch, vice president for student services and community engagement and dean of students. "Rev. Teter has numerous gifts that will lend themselves to her success in this position and to the life of our community."

Most recently Teter served as associate church consultant with The Board of Pensions of the PC(U.S.A.). Prior to her work there, Teter was associate executive presbyter for Pittsburgh Presbytery, co-pastor and head of staff at South-Broadland Presbyterian Church (Kansas City, Mo.), and co-associate pastor at Mattituck Presbyterian Church (Mattituck, N.Y.).

She has an expansive list of Board leadership. Her current service includes the Seminary's **Metro-Urban Institute** and **World Mission Initiative**, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre Company, Austin Seminary Association, Jack and Jill of America Inc., and Made to Flourish Network. Teter's past board work includes Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute plus Heartland and Long Island presbyteries.

Teter is a graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary (M.Div.) and Arizona State University (B.A.). Additionally, she completed extensive clinical and coursework at University of Nebraska-Lincoln in family and consumer sciences. Beyond that, Teter has participated in a plethora of continuing education in various areas, including new church development, urban leadership, religious fundraising, anti-racism training, and clinical pastoral education. Over the years, Teter has led a number of retreats and presented on such topics as community in the way of Jesus, self-care, and planting churches in multiethnic contexts.

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