

PTS WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

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Kurt Carlson resides in Mars, Pa., and works at Hefren-Tillotson Inc. as executive vice president. Kurt is a Grove City College graduate and grew up in Pakistan where his parents were Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) missionaries. Kurt and his family attend Grace Community Church in Cranberry Township, Pa.



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David Greusel comes on the Board with more than 30 years of professional experience in architecture. He is the founding principal of Convergence Design in Kansas City, Mo. Greusel is best known in the Pittsburgh area for his design of PNC Park. He has also designed two church campuses for his home church, Christ Community Church (Evangelical Free) in Leawood, Kan.



The Rt. Rev. Dorsey W. M. McConnell was elected in 2012 as the eighth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh. Bishop McConnell holds a bachelor's degree from Yale College, was a Fulbright Scholar in Paris, and earned his MDiv *cum laude* from General Theological Seminary.



David L. McClenahan is a long-time trial lawyer whose practice is now focused on the mediation and arbitration of commercial disputes. He is a partner at K&L Gates. His grandfather served on the faculty at Western Seminary—a predecessor of PTS. McClenahan holds his B.A. from John Carroll University and his J.D. from Duquesne University School of Law.



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