

## EXPLORING THE LANDSCAPE OF HOPE

### CONVERSATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERIES

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### REGISTRATION AND CEUS



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### UPCOMING SESSION THEMES AND LEADERS

#### **FEB. 17, 2016 / MISSION AND HOPE / SCOTT HAGLEY, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MISSIONOLOGY, PTS**

We cannot discern our participation in the mission of God without robust hope in the living God. This hope is cultivated by the Holy Spirit in the life of the congregation. In this session, we will explore the cultivation of hope in the congregation for the sake of learning to participate in the mission of God for the sake of God's world.

#### **APRIL 20, 2016 / SOCIAL CHANGE MINISTRIES AND HOPE / R. DREW SMITH, PROFESSOR OF URBAN MINISTRY, PTS**

This session explores the U.S. Civil Rights Movement and the South African Anti-Apartheid Movement as historical miracles that serve as testaments to the power of collective prayer and the belief that right prevails over wrong. Contemporary contexts of social struggle will be examined as well for evidence of the confidence expressed by Martin Luther King Jr. that the "arc of the moral universe...bends toward justice" and by Allan Boesak that "prayer makes news."

### PRIOR SESSIONS

#### **OCT. 21, 2015 / ATONEMENT AND HOPE / ANDREW PURVES, JEAN AND NANCY DAVIS PROFESSOR OF HISTORICAL THEOLOGY, PTS**

Purves will offer an account of the relations between Jesus Christ, who is the incarnate Son, and the Father, the result of which is the atonement, for in the incarnate Son the relation between God and humankind is savingly established. That is to say, the atonement is to be understood primarily in filial rather than legal terms, since it involves Father-Son relations, our union with Christ and thus participation in his union with the Father. This perspective, in contrast to the western ordo salutis, will be presented in conversation with three magisterial Scottish theologians: John McLeod Campbell, Hugh Ross Mackintosh, and Thomas F. Torrance.

**NOV. 18, 2015 / PROCLAMATION AND HOPE / LISA L. THOMPSON, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF HOMILETICS, PTS**

This session will engage aspects of proclamation that make way for hope in the midst of difficult times. These aspects include providing space for a community to name, lament, and celebrate, as it determines a way forward.

**DEC. 9, 2015 / THE DIVERSITY OF HOPE / JOHN C. WELCH, VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT SERVICES AND DEAN OF STUDENTS, PTS**

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**JAN. 20, 2016 / FINDING HOPE AT LIFE'S END / SCOTT FULLER, CHAPLAIN, LIFE PITTSBURGH, PITTSBURGH, PA., AND LEANNA FULLER, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PASTORAL CARE, PTS**

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#### **April 20, 2016 / Social Change Ministries and Hope / R. Drew Smith, Professor of Urban Ministry, PTS**

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#### **Dec. 9, 2015 / The Diversity of Hope / John C. Welch, Vice President for Student Services and Dean of Students, PTS**

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#### **Jan. 20, 2016 / Finding Hope at Life's End / Scott Fuller, Chaplain, LIFE Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Leanna Fuller, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care, PTS**

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