



We are a sharing, loving fellowship of Christian believers, rooted in biblical faith, that actively seeks and celebrates God. We desire to praise, love and serve with all our hearts in our faith community and to reach out to our neighbors, continuing the work of Jesus peacefully, simply, together.

In God we find the source of all our joy. Hallelujah!

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### From our Pastor...

I am writing this pastor's page in late June, during my 37th week of pregnancy. The baby is literally kicking me as I type! It's both an exciting and daunting time. Those of who you are parents understand these dual emotions that new parents experience as you anticipate welcoming a new life into the world. And all of us, whether we are parents or not, know what it's like to both happily and nervously await the start of something new: a new job, a new season, a new opportunity.

Jason and I have been so grateful for the outpouring of love and support we have received since first announcing our pregnancy back in January. The prayers you have lifted for us, encouragement you have shared, the stories you have recounted, the gifts you have showered us with... all of these gestures have made us feel so deeply loved. You certainly have lived into the Apostle Paul's instructions to the Roman church, to "rejoice with those who rejoice" (12:5). We know that Baby Cohen will be loved beyond measure by our faith community.

However in the interest of full disclosure, I am also a little nervous about what it will look like to not only step into this new role of "mother," but also the role of "mother and pastor." Both of these experiences will be new to me! Of course women have been mothering for the entirety of human history, and women have been juggling motherhood and pastoral ministry for decades, so I will certainly be in good company. But if I could be so bold: may I ask for additional prayers during this time of personal transition? While my maternity leave will be a time of rest, bonding, and learning about parenting, my return to the church in October will be an additional time of learning and adjusting, balancing my roles and responsibilities as your pastor with my roles and responsibilities as parent to a tiny human. I pray for your patience and understanding as I step into this new and exciting chapter.

Yours in grace and peace,  
Pastor Lauren



...for those limited or  
confined for health reasons:  
**Cathy Banks, Faith  
Eikenberry, Marcheta  
Pletcher.**

We also uphold these members, friends and family  
members of our congregation who have prayer  
concerns:

**Judy Brooks  
Bill Lemon  
Rochelle Lovelace**



**Myrna Rae Roberson** expresses her deep  
appreciation for all the prayers, thoughts, and get  
well cards she has received from members of our  
congregation. She has felt very loved during her time  
of recovery and healing.

**And from Pastor Lauren's mother-in-law:**

Please convey to your congregation our deepest  
appreciation for their willingness to include us in  
their weekly service during this year of challenge and  
change. Particularly during the early stages of the  
pandemic, it was comforting to be part of a shared  
experience and for the longest time we "saw"  
members of the congregation more often than  
absolutely anyone else. Personally, I found it unique  
to experience such a small worship gathering where  
members were encouraged to participate so  
personally and I have been consistently impressed  
with their openness and willingness to share.

**-Nancy Cohen**

**District Prayer Calendar – July**

July 4 La Verne Church of the Brethren  
July 11 For the courage to join the vision of  
"Jesus in the Neighborhood"  
July 18 Laton Church of the Brethren  
July 25 Pastors and their spouses who will be on  
retreat together this week

**July Zoom Meetings**

Service & Outreach, Monday, July 5, 10:00 a.m.  
Music & Worship, Thursday, July 1, (time TBD), **in-  
person at St. Paul's**  
Music & Worship, Thursday, July 8, 11:00 a.m., **in-  
person at the office**  
Executive Committee, Thursday, July 15, 6:30 p.m.

*Banner* articles are due on July 20

**Come by the new church office!**

Of course you can come by any time, but next Friday,  
July 2, from 11:00 – 3:00, we will have an open  
house for anyone to drop by and see us:

**363 S. Park, Suite 202, Pomona**



**BIRTHDAYS**

- 2) Guila Ladwig
- 3) Jamie Herndon
- 4) Candace Cook
- 5) Gary Shappard
- 7) Ryan Deal
- 9) Rob McKellip
- 15) Ezekiel Uranga
- 22) Kelley Ladwig
- 23) Linda Hart

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 11) Richard & Natashua Uranga 2010

## **F.A.Q. About Pastor Lauren's Maternity Leave**

**From your moderator, Janet Short**

### **When does Pastor Lauren's maternity leave begin?**

The due date is July 12. Pastor Lauren plans on working until the baby arrives, but as we know, babies are on their own schedule. It is possible that the baby will come early, or that Pastor Lauren's leave may need to start earlier for medical reasons. The congregation will be informed via the prayer tree when Pastor Lauren's maternity leave begins, either due to medical reasons or because the baby has arrived.

### **How long will her leave be/when will she return?**

Executive Committee has approved a 13-week maternity leave, so in general we should expect her return to the office and pastoral responsibilities in mid-October.

### **How available will Pastor Lauren be during her maternity leave?**

This is a true leave of absence. Because Pastor Lauren will be going on short-term disability for her leave, legally she should not do anything that would be considered work (and as a pastor this means worship, preaching, checking emails, attending meetings, responding to phone calls, making visits, and leading services like funerals). Her responsibilities will be covered by either our interim pastor or members of the congregation. We should honor the true purpose of this professional leave and allow Pastor Lauren and Jason time to bond with Baby Cohen, figure out how to be parents, and enjoy this special time.

### **Who is our interim pastor?**

Our interim pastor will be Ron Faus. Ron is a lifelong member of the Church of the Brethren and has served pastorates in various districts, including interim work. He currently lives in Phoenix, AZ. Ron will be traveling to Pomona to lead our in-person services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month and will lead Zoom worship on the other Sundays. He will be responsible for worship leadership, sermons, and pastoral care in emergency situations such as funerals. Ron is available to start on an intended date of July 18, but will be available sooner if Baby Cohen arrives earlier, or will start later and go later into October if Baby Cohen arrives later than the due date. You can read more about Ron on page 4 of this newsletter.

### **What if I have a special pastoral need?**

Contact Acia Jernigan in the church office or Richard Hart, chair of our Deacons, and they will work with Pastor Ron to ensure you receive care.

### **When can I visit Pastor Lauren and meet the baby?**

They will visit us! When the Cohen family is ready, they plan to attend a worship service so we can meet and welcome Baby Cohen. But they will not be attending worship regularly during Pastor Lauren's maternity leave. If they feel up for visits at home, they will let the church office know.

### **Is Baby Cohen a girl or a boy?**

You will have to happily wait to find out, just like the new mom and dad!



### **Introducing our Interim, Ron Faus**

Rev. Ron Faus is currently working as a real estate agent in Arizona, with additional ministry responsibilities as moderator of the Papago Buttes Church of the Brethren in Scottsdale, guest preaching, and as a wedding officiant in the Phoenix area. Ron was pastor of the Charlottesville (VA) Church of the Brethren for 11 plus years and the Glendale (AZ) Church of the Brethren, now Circle of Peace, for 9 years. While serving as a part-time associate minister at Trinity Mennonite Church in Glendale, Ron also was lead elder for the Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference. Following 6 years at Trinity, Ron was an interim pastor at Sunnyslope Mennonite Church for 18 months. He is married to Carol Hanawalt of La Verne, CA. They have two children and five grandchildren. Ron enjoys riding bike, both mountain and road bikes, hiking and birdwatching.

### **July Potlucks are back!**

Hello Church Family. It will soon be July and that means your trusty Service and Outreach Commission has been busy planning our July Potlucks and Programs on Wednesday evenings again. This year we will be able to meet in person at the patio/courtyard area of St Paul's church, our temporary meeting place for this time. They have graciously given us the patio from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings. They will also provide and set up tables, chairs, and shade structures, and when we are done, put them away again. Our potlucks will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by the programs which will end about 8:00, this gives us a half hour to set up and clean up when finished. We will need to follow the Covid 19 rules that St. Paul's is following. In summary:

What: July Wed. evening Potlucks and programs  
Where: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 242 E Alvarado St., Pomona, The Courtyard.  
When: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Theme: Blessings in Transition

### **Programs**

**7/7** - Blessings of Place, a game involving a map and lots of interaction.

**7/14** - Blessings from leaving during Covid, ( really? Is that possible?) Come and find out the many blessings people received from us leaving our beloved facility on Orange Grove.

**7/21** – Blessings of new friends: We invite the people from St. Paul's to join us, we will get to know each other and share our plans. What plans did you have before Covid hit? What are they now? How has your life changed these past 16 months? What about the future?

**7/28** – Blessings in Worship: our traditional Vespers service may look a little different this year if we aren't allowed to sing (that may change) but we will gather together in worship and have a wonderful time.

Well Church Family, that's the plan. We hope you're as excited as we are to gather in fellowship again! Hope to see you there!

~~~Linda Lovelace  
Chair of S & O

## From your Service and Outreach Commission

The wagon is back! Since we get to start meeting in person again on July 4 we will begin collecting food and other items in our wagon. Our food items for the month of July will be lunch box foods (pop top) and school supplies. If you need some ideas of what children need for school supplies this year Inland Valley Hope Partners has given us a list:

|                               |                                                  |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Blue or black ink pens</b> | <b>#2 pencils</b>                                |
| <b>Spiral Notebooks</b>       | <b>Calculators</b>                               |
| <b>Folders with pockets</b>   | <b>Backpacks</b>                                 |
| <b>3-Ring Binders</b>         | <b>Loose-Leaf Notebook Paper (college ruled)</b> |
| <b>Box of Crayons</b>         | <b>Box of Colored Pencils</b>                    |
| <b>Copy Paper</b>             | <b>Planners</b>                                  |
| <b>Index Cards</b>            | <b>Box of Tissues</b>                            |
| <b>Notebook Dividers</b>      |                                                  |

This month our monetary giving will be going to a place near and dear to our hearts, Camp La Verne. Camp is open! This year they've hosted an Open House and a Family Camp. They are also offering cabin rentals throughout the summer, 2 night minimum. For details contact

[campmanager@camplaverne.org](mailto:campmanager@camplaverne.org)

or [www.camplaverne.org](http://www.camplaverne.org). To give to Camp you may give the funds to our church marked for Camp La Verne.

## From IVHP - It's Gleaning Season

It's the height of citrus season here in Southern California with grapefruits, kumquats, lemons, blood oranges, navel oranges, tangelos, and tangerines, etc. all ripening. This means it's the perfect time for Gleaning Hope, our backyard harvesting program. If you are interested in donating the fruits from the trees in your yard to IVHP food pantries, call their Development and Volunteer Relations Associate, Cirenia Cuevas, at 909-622-3806, x108 or email [CC@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org](mailto:CC@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org) and we'll send a volunteer with equipment to pick the fruits at a time of your choosing.

We wouldn't be able to do these gleans without the help of our wonderful volunteers! If you are interested in participating in a glean, contact our Development and Volunteer Relations Associate at the contact info listed above.

**Pomona Fellowship COB generously supports Pastor Lauren's participation in Bethany Fellows**, a 4-year mentoring and spiritual leadership program for young clergy in their first four years of congregational service. Supported by the Disciples of Christ denomination, Bethany Fellows is an ecumenical program that offers retreats, spiritual development, and professional growth opportunities for its Fellows and Alumni. We received this Thank You note recently and wanted to share it with the congregation:

*Dear Pomona Fellowship,*

*Thank you for your donation to Bethany Fellows! Because of your gift, Bethany can continue its vital ministry to newly ordained ministers, even in the midst of a pandemic. Our leaders have worked to adapt and create opportunities for young clergy, as well as Bethany alum, to learn, connect and pray together. We could not have done this without the support of congregations like you! Thank you for supporting Lauren in her participation with Bethany! We are grateful you are part of Bethany Fellows.*

*Grace,*

*Suzanne Mutter*

*Bethany Alum*

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### Services & Activities

|                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Sunday Worship over ZOOM     | Sunday, 10:00 a.m. |
| Bible Study over Google Meet | Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. |

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Rev. Lauren Seganos Cohen | Pastor           |
| Janet Short               | Moderator        |
| Acia Jernigan             | Admin. Assistant |

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## **Resuming In-Person Worship In a New Location and With New Practices! From your Music & Worship Commission**

On Sunday, July 4th Pomona Fellowship will gather to worship God in-person once more! On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, we will worship at 10:00am in the Parish Hall of St. Paul's Episcopal Church (242 East Alvarado Street, Pomona). Here is what we know so far about what worship will look like:

**Where exactly will we meet?** We will gather in the Parish Hall of St. Paul's. We will use the entrance along Alvarado Street that looks like this (see photo). It is the entrance by the mailbox and offices. We will also have a sign outside on the sidewalk as well as a member of our church waiting outside to greet you.



**What will worship look like?** Worship will begin at 10:00am. We will be experimenting with different elements of worship in this new location. For example, we will not have bulletins on July 4th, and instead of passing an offering plate we will have a plate available for you to drop off your tithe as you enter the worship space. However some elements will resume, such as the collecting of donations for the Beta Center (see Service & Outreach's announcement on page 5) and pennies for FINCA micro-loans.

**Are we following any COVID-19 safety protocols?** Music & Worship Commission has decided that for now we will follow the lead of St.

Paul's in terms of COVID-19 precautions for worship, seeing as they are our host. St. Paul's receives guidelines from their Diocese and as of this writing, those guidelines for indoor worship include masking, social distancing, and not singing. It also includes temperature taking and contact tracing of worshippers. Of course, this could change by July 4 and could also change from week-to-week. You will be notified via email a few days in advance of July 4 so that you know what to expect that first Sunday.

**Will our in-person worship be available to watch online, either live or recorded?** We are working on this! There are ways to include Zoom worshippers during our live in-person worship, and our Commission is exploring those possibilities. We probably won't have this set up by July 4 but the Commission hope to arrange this soon. For now, we look forward to continuing to worship over Zoom on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of each month.

**What else should I know?** St. Paul's minister, Father Mark Hallahan, leads 3 masses on Sundays at 8am, 10am, and 12pm (Spanish). They have a small parking lot where they will reserve 7 spaces for our members to use, though the parking lot is not necessarily the closest to the entrance we will use. You may prefer to park on the street (either Alvarado or Bradford). Please consider carpooling and/or driving over to St. Paul's before July 4 to familiarize yourself with the area. The congregation of St. Paul's is also looking forward to welcoming us on July 4 with a joint coffee/fellowship time in their courtyard after both of our 10 o'clock services conclude that Sunday.

**How can I be supportive?** The Commission is asking for your patience and understanding as we discern how to gather in-person in this new space in ways that are both meaningful and safe. Things will look and feel different, and will likely shift from week to week. Our congregation has been so wonderfully flexible and grace-filled during our 16 months of worshipping over Zoom and we pray that this will continue as we navigate this new chapter.

## Should We Offer Sunday School?

The Christian Education commission wants to know if we should look into starting a Sunday School class. To help us find out what people want, just click on the link below to take a short (four questions), anonymous, survey.

<https://forms.gle/fTqWhpZJ77h18cYN6>

Thank you.  
Sander Eller

## Have YOU invited Jerry to dinner??

As mentioned previously, folks in the Congregation are inviting Jerry to dinner as a Thank You for all of the “mental support” he gave us during the drawn out sale of the Church. We were especially appreciative of his knowledge and experience in the real estate field. If you haven’t spent time with Jerry for a meal, don’t let the time get away from you! He’d enjoy a home-cooked meal, spending time at your favorite restaurant or meeting at the dining room at Hillcrest. Give him a call and make a date.

### PFCOB STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

Through May 2021

|                                         |                     |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>2021 Annual Budget</b>               | <b>\$220,891.00</b> |
| Giving '21                              | \$44,011.71         |
| Interest & Other Income '21             | \$21,816.21         |
| <b>Total Budget Income thru May</b>     | <b>\$65,827.92</b>  |
| Total Budget Expense thru May           | \$(71,722.55)       |
| Plus Budget overage from 2020           | \$4,224.32          |
| <b>Budget Balance thru April</b>        | <b>\$(1,670.31)</b> |
| <b>May Special Non-Budget Offerings</b> |                     |
| Capital Fund                            | \$215.00            |
| COB Pentecost Offering                  | \$50.00             |
| Inland Valley Hope Partners Beta        | \$225.00            |
| COB Disaster Ministries                 | \$25.00             |
| Penny Offering                          | \$40.00             |

## More from the Newsletter of the New Community Project

This is a nonprofit organization founded by David Radcliff and is affiliated with the COB .Last month you learned about their efforts to plant 20,000 mangrove saplings in the Niger delta. This month I'd like to highlight their learning tours. There were learning tours last summer to Yellowstone and the Tetons then all that had to stop because of the pandemic. Things are now opening up and the learning tours are being planned again. This summer they are optimistic about Alaska (Denali and Arctic Village), Lybrook, NM. These are some of the planned learning tours: 2021-2022 Learning Tours (Go, Meet, Learn, Grow, Be renewed, Change-yourself and your world.) All COVID permitting, current info on the website.

July 9-15: Lybrook, NM, Work alongside Dine (Navajo) elders and youth on community projects.

July 29 - Aug. 6: Denali/Kenai Fjords National Parks, Alaska. Camp and hike in Denali National Park. A sea cruise to Kenai Fjords offers views of whales, puffins and a glacier.

Aug. 7-14: Arctic Village, Alaska. Visit this north of the Arctic Community, Hike and camp insight of the Brooks Range, learn about the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and efforts to protect it.

Sept 1-7: Eucadorian Amazon: Deep Jungle. Travel deep into the Rainforest, meet renowned shamans, see amazing plants and wildlife, visit preservation projects supported by NCP.

Jan. 7-19, 2022: Nepal. Experience this beautiful but impoverished Himalayan country, hosted by Shakit Samuha, an anti-trafficking supported by NCP, explore Chitwan National Park (tigers, elephants, rhinos).

Feb. 8-18, 2022: East Africa. Visit schools, women's projects, a refugee camp, reforestation programs, and a National Park in South Sudan and Rwanda. safe and comfortable accommodations.

That's quite a lot to think about. As always, more info is on the website.

[www.newcommunityproject.org](http://www.newcommunityproject.org)

Happy thinking and (perhaps) happy traveling.

~~~Linda Lovelace



## Grants, and more grants

**Grants have been given** recently from three Church of the Brethren funds: Emergency Disaster Fund (EDF), Global Food Initiative (GFI), and Brethren Faith in Action (BFIA).

### EDF

- \$5,000 for Eglise des Freres au Congo to respond to the eruption of Mount Nyiragongo.
- \$5,000 for a pandemic-related feeding program of Bittersweet Ministries in Tijuana, Mexico, that aids at-risk and migrant families.
- \$5,000 for Church World Service (CWS) to provide hygiene kits for families affected by Tropical Cyclone Seroja in Indonesia and Timor-Leste.
- \$7,500 for the Church of the Brethren in Venezuela (ASIGLEH) to aid people affected by COVID-19, particularly church members.
- \$15,000 for Eglise des Freres au Congo to support families displaced by violence.
- \$15,000 for the continuing COVID-19 response by Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria).
- \$25,000 for the worldwide coronavirus response by CWS in 2021.
- \$27,000 for the Children's Disaster

Services response with migrant families and children at the southern US border.

### GFI

- \$1,500 for a community garden associated with Springfield (Ill.) First Church of the Brethren.
- \$3,000 for the garden advocate/casual labor fund of Capstone 118, a community garden in New Orleans, La.
- \$5,000 for a maize mill project of the Church of the Brethren in Uganda that will support widows, orphan-led households, and the elderly.
- \$11,000 for a food crops project of La Fundación Brethren y Unida in Ecuador following losses caused by flooding.
- \$17,000 for EYN's Soybean Value Chain Project in Nigeria.

### BFIA

- \$1,250 for Antelope Park Church of the Brethren in Lincoln, Neb., to expand its outreach ministry to the neighborhood.
- \$5,000 for Pleasant Hill (Ohio) Church of the Brethren to purchase video equipment to enhance virtual ministries.
- \$5,000 for Dupont (Ohio) Church of the Brethren to turn a creek on the congregation's wilderness camp into a 1.5-acre pond to enhance outreach ministry.



*Mount Nyiragongo erupts near Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo.*

## Volcano response in Congo takes shape

**Brethren Disaster Ministries** has begun a disaster relief response to the May 22 volcanic eruption of Mount Nyiragongo affecting the areas of Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), and Gisenyi, Rwanda.

Members and congregations of the Brethren in the DRC and Rwanda have been affected, with damage to homes and church buildings reported from the eruption and ensuing earthquakes.

Roy Winter, executive director of Service Ministries, is working in collaboration with Congolese Brethren leader Ron Lubungo, Goma pastor Faraja Dieudonné, and Rwandan Brethren leader Etienne Nsanzimana.

*A COVID-19 handwashing station outside the EYN Ministers Conference earlier this year.*

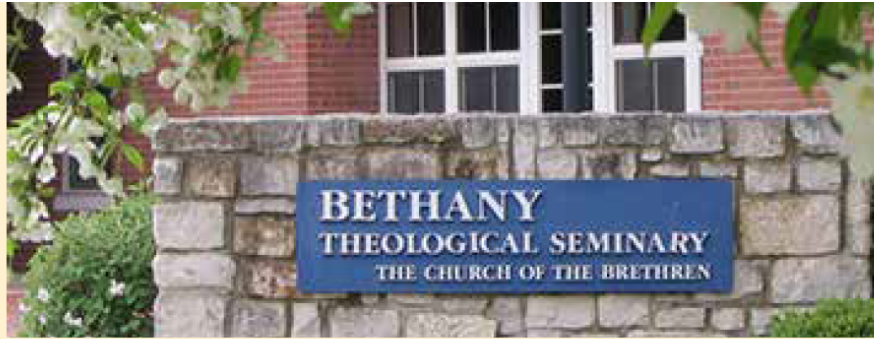


## Personnel notes

**David Shetler** retires Dec. 31 as executive of Southern Ohio and Kentucky District. During his 11-year tenure, the district sold Camp Woodland Altars, established several endowment funds, and created new commissions and task teams. He represented the Council of District Executives on the denomination's Mission and Ministry Board 2014-2018 and Leadership Team 2016-2018. He was a member of the Ministry Advisory Council that assisted with the 2014 Ministerial Leadership polity paper of Annual Conference, and he contributed to the 2017 report "Authority of Annual Conference Regarding Accountability of Ministers, Congregations, and Districts." An ordained minister of more than 40 years, he also directed Admissions and Student Development for Bethany Seminary from October 1996 to June 2003.

**Norman and Carol Spicher Waggy** concluded an interim assignment as directors of Global Mission on May 14. They served part-time starting March 2, 2020. Their accomplishments included developing country advisory teams, facilitating Zoom gatherings of the Global Church of the Brethren Communion, and speaking for a Moderator's Town Hall.

**Walt Wiltschek** begins Sept. 1 as Illinois and Wisconsin District executive, half-time. An ordained minister, he pastors Easton (Md.) Church of the Brethren, is an academic advisor at Chesapeake College, and is at-large editor for MESSENGER. He edited MESSENGER from January 2004 to Feb. 1, 2010. He worked on the denomination's communications staff for more than 10 years, beginning in August 1999. From 2010-2016 he was chaplain and director of church relations for Manchester University in North Manchester, Ind.



## Bethany celebrates classes of 2020 and 2021

**B**ethany Theological Seminary celebrated the classes of 2020 and 2021 during a hybrid in-person and online commencement on May 8. The seminary honored 13 graduates from the class of 2020, who did not have a commencement ceremony because of the pandemic, and 21 graduates in the class of 2021. This year's class included the first students to earn certificates while attending classes at the Technology Center in Jos, Nigeria.

The seminary this fall launches a new Master of Arts in Spiritual and Social Transformation for students pursuing nonprofit leadership, social services, or spiritual direction. The school also has received a \$50,000 planning grant from the Lilly Endowment to provide students with intercultural and antiracist learning opportunities.

Bethany plans face-to-face teaching and learning during the 2021-2022 academic year, at its campus in Richmond, Ind.

### Class of 2020

**Certificate in Theopoetics and Theological Imagination:** Eric William Bader (Columbia, Mo.), Amy Beth Lutes (Nashville, Tenn.), Joanna Davidson Smith (McPherson, Kan.), Rachel Elizabeth Ulrich (Richmond, Ind.)

**Master of Arts, concentration in Peace Studies:** Duane Edwin Crumrine (Martinsburg, Pa.), Paul Bala Samura (Freetown, Sierra Leone)

**Master of Divinity:** Raul Gregorio Rivera Arroyo (Vega Baja, P.R., and Kettering, Ohio), John Andrew Fillmore (Caldwell, Idaho), Susan K. Liller (New Carlisle, Ohio), Thomas Michael McMullin (Minburn, Iowa), Katherine Lynn Polzin (Defiance, Ohio), Jack Richard Roegner (Davenport, Neb.), Elizabeth Ullery Swenson (Olympia, Wash.)

### Class of 2021

**Certificate in Biblical Peacemaking:** Sanamo Kpanah (Damsa, Nigeria), Maina Pindar (Jos, Nigeria), Aimu Sunday (Jos, Nigeria), Esther Zira (Kwarhi, Nigeria)

**Certificate in Intercultural Biblical Interpretation:** Vivek Ashokbhai Solanki (New Delhi, India, and Naperville, Ill.)

**Certificate in Just Peace and Conflict Transformation:** Charles D. Jackson (Champaign, Ill.), Nolan Ryan McBride (Elkhart, Ind.)

**Certificate in Theopoetics and Theological Imagination:** Timothy Paul Harvey (Roanoke, Va.), Steven Troy Headings (Bay City, Mich.), Charles D. Jackson, Meridith Anne Owensby (Cincinnati, Ohio), Alexandra Elizabeth Thorpe Toms (Chambersburg, Pa.)

**Master of Arts, concentration in Peace Studies:** Patricia Doka Amos (Jos, Nigeria), Rachel Elizabeth Ulrich

**Master of Arts, concentration in Theological Studies:** Jack Richard Roegner

**Master of Arts: Theopoetics and Writing:** Julia Baker-Swann (Fresno, Calif.), Gene George Bradbury (Sequim, Wash.), Carol Diane Davis (Canton, Ill.), Somer Brady O'Neill Eckert (Alexandria, La.)

**Master of Divinity:** Amanda Sheree Bennett (Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.), Mary A. Garvey (Huntingdon, Pa.), Steven Troy Headings, Charles D. Jackson, Katherine Ruth Peterson (Middletown, Ohio), Vivek Ashokbhai Solanki, Alexandra Elizabeth Thorpe Toms