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Greetings from CTS!

In the complexity of post-election emotions, what are we called to do as Leaders for the Next? How do we care for ourselves, our congregants, our community? How do we come to understand our own biases? How do we move forward in unity and compassion? How do we channel our grief and our anger?

On behalf of CTS, I invite you to share your stories and experience from the last couple weeks, as well as your suggestion for ways in which CTS can continue to support alumni and students and their ministry, activism, and education.

Sincerely,

Chad Schwickerath, *Manager of Annual Fund & Alumni Relations*

MAKE AN IMPACT



The need for progressive religious leaders had never been greater. Tuesday or not, the time to support CTS has never been better. Thanks to a matching donor, your gift is worth 50% more until the year end. So if you're ever going to give, give now.

WHY WAIT? DONATE TODAY

ALUMNI PROFILES

Every CONNECTS Quarterly will bring you the profile of an alum. If there is a CTS alum you would like to see profiled, please send your suggestions to me at chad.schwickerath@cts-chicago.edu.

"While in seminary I had to decide whether or not to remain a Christian, or whether or not the Church had any good news for women, or good news for anyone who wants to be sexual, or anyone who wants to enjoy sexual freedom. And I decided

that I can, and I do,
and that's what I teach."

The Rev. Dr. Beverly Dale is a Christian clergy who is a feminist and straight ally and talks about God and sex...a lot! She teaches an inclusive, science-friendly and sex positive Christianity that focuses on sexual diversity, pleasure, and freedom to help people be responsible and ethical in their sexual decision-making. Ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and currently serving as minister-in-residence at United Christian in Levittown PA, she has published several articles and poems and has spent most of her thirty years of ministry helping people reconnect their spirits and their bodies and confronting sex-negativity in the church and culture.



[READ BEVERLY'S FULL STORY HERE](#)

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

NOMINATIONS



Who deserves some recognition? The CTS and the CONNECTS Alumni Advisory Committee is currently accepting nominations for the **2017 Distinguished Alumni Award**.

Recipients will be honored in Chicago during the May 2017 Commencement Weekend. Fill out the nomination form at the link below or contact Chad Schwickerath for more information. Read about the 2016 recipients—Rev. Dr. Camilla Scott Tanner (MDiv 2000) and Rev. Dr. William Craig Rennebohm (BD 1970)—[HERE](#).

NOMINATE AN ALUM

RENEW YOUR CONNECTS MEMBERSHIP

**THIS HOLIDAY SEASON,
CONNECT WITH OLD FRIENDS**



Stay engaged and renew your CONNECTS membership before December 31, 2016. All members who renew will receive a special gift including a recording of the President's Chapel with a special message from President Alice Hunt.

RENEW

AUDIT A CTS CLASS

Fall Term is coming to a close, but new classes will be starting soon. Don't forget to register for J-Term and Spring courses! To see a list of course offerings, click on the links below.

[Winter "J" Term](#)

[Spring Term](#)

Questions? Contact Elena Jimenez at ejimenez@cts-chicago.edu.

EXPLORE CTS (AGAIN)



Announcement from Jason Frey, Director of Recruitment and Admission:

"I invite you to explore our new online view book, check out the videos and photos, learn about our thought leadership, and finally to share it widely. It is designed primarily for prospective students, but this is also an excellent resource for alumni/ae and friends who want to share the vision and mission of CTS with others (especially prospective students!). Our alumni/ae, current students, and friends still remain the top recruitment sources our incoming students list when they begin their studies at CTS. You are one of the main reasons the CTS student body remains so vibrant and bold."

EXPLORE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Alums are always welcomed at CTS events. Join us in person or online for these upcoming events. More information about upcoming events can be found [HERE](#).

CTS "ON THE ROAD" EVENTS

- AAR/SBL CTS MEET-UP**
Sunday, November 20th from 6:30 - 10:00pm
The Esquire Tavern, 155 E Commerce St, San Antonio, TX 78205
- INTERRELIGIOUS AND INTERFAITH STUDIES GROUP RECEPTION**, co-hosted by CTS
Sunday, November 20th from 7:00 – 9:00pm
Hyatt Regency-Live Oak (Hill Country Level), 123 Losoya St, San Antonio, TX 78205

ON-SITE EVENTS

- FIRESIDE CHAT WITH REV. DR. OZZIE SMITH, JR.** [\[LIVE STREAMED\]](#)
Tuesday, November 29, 2016
- FIRESIDE CHAT WITH RABBI HERMAN E. SCHAALMAN** [\[LIVE STREAMED\]](#)
Tuesday, December 6, 2016
- COMMUNITY CHAPEL:** Rev. Tim Rhodes [\[LIVE STREAMED\]](#)
Wednesday, December 7, 2016 12:00 pm Chapel, 1:00 pm Lunch
- AIDS/VIOLENCE PLAY [CHAPEL]** [\[LIVE STREAMED\]](#)
Wednesday, December 14, 2016, 12:00 pm

FALL SNAPSHOTS



Alumni and Friends Event, Flint MI. The Flint Water Crisis!

Michigan Conference UCC Annual meeting, Woodside Church has been a leader in the struggle for clean water.



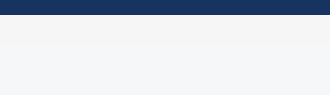
Iowa Conference UCC Annual Meeting, Jason Frey, Director of Recruitment and Admissions



Rev. David Stout, pastor Pilgrim Congregation UCC of Saint Joseph, MI; Juan Olivares, director of the Genesee County Hispanic Latino Collaborative; Rev. Deb Conrad, pastor of Woodside Church of Flint, MI

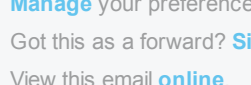


Just Conversation: Israel Palestine, Can there be peace? Union Church of Hinsdale of Hinsdale Illinois, (left to right) Amanda Nagy (MDiv 2016), Rev. James Scheiff (MDiv 2016), Tamera Keller-Love (MDiv 2016), Carol Wroble (Trustee)



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