



The Inauguration and Installation of **The Rev. Dr. Alton B. Pollard III**
as the tenth president of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

"Building Bridges; Engaging Community"

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

7:30 p.m.

Joshua Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church

PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia M. Campbell is pastor of Highland Presbyterian Church and a member of EmpowerWest (www.empowerwest.com), a coalition of Louisville area pastors and churches seeking to unleash the educational, economic, and spiritual power of West Louisville residents so that they might maximize their God-given potential and capacity. She is also president emerita of McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago (www.mccormick.edu).

The Rev. David L. Snardon is a Louisville Seminary alum (MDiv '11), pastor of Joshua Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church (www.jtbmc.org), president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Coalition, and board member of the Louisville Central Community Center (www.lcccnews.org).

Mary Ellen Wiederwohl serves on the staff of Louisville Mayor Greg Fisher as chief of Louisville Forward, the city's, integrated approach to economic and community development (www.louisvilleky.gov/government/louisville-forward).

Dr. Muhammad Babar is a local interfaith and peace advocate who strives to bring people together by breaking down human-made barriers. He serves as president of Muslim Americans for Compassion (www.macus.org) and Doctors for Healthy Communities (www.dhcus.org) and as a board member of the Center for Interfaith Relations (www.centerforinterfaithrelations.org).

Harry Pickens is an internationally recognized jazz pianist, composer, and educator who has performed with hundreds of legends, including Dizzy Gillespie, Milt Jackson, Freddie Hubbard, James Moody, and more. He currently serves as an artist-in-residence for the Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts (www.kentuckycenter.org/gsa).

Hannah L. Drake is a poet, spoken-word artist, storyteller, speaker, and activist (www.hannahdrake.com). She has served as a presenter at the Louisville Idea Festival (www.ideafestival.com) and has curated performance artists for the Festival of Faiths (www.festivaloffaiths.org).

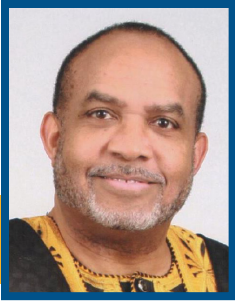
Chanelle Helm (@ChanelleHelm) is the cofounder and core organizer of Black Lives Matter Louisville (www.blackliveslouisville.org), a collective of organizers that work in a fusion for Black Louisville to build and rise up our communities from our different platforms.

The Rev. Dr. Kevin Cosby is president of Simmons College of Kentucky (www.simmonscollegeky.edu) and senior pastor of St. Stephen Church (www.ssclive.org). He is also co-founder of EmpowerWest (www.empowerwest.com) and serves on the leadership team of 1 Voice Prayer Movement (www.makethem1.org).

The Rev. Dr. Joe Phelps is the former pastor of Highland Baptist Church (www.hbclouisville.org) and co-founder of EmpowerWest (www.empowerwest.com). He serves on the staff of the Passionist Earth and Spirit Center (www.earthandspiritcenter.org).

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE INDIVIDUALS WHO MADE THIS PROGRAM POSSIBLE

Cynthia M. Campbell
Kevin Burns
Jason Crosby
Angela Johnson (MDiv '13, DMin Candidate)
Helen Jones
Megan McCarty (MDiv/MAMFT '18)
Joe Phelps



The Rev. Dr. Alton B. Pollard, III

President and Professor of Religion and Culture
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

On June 7, 2018, the Louisville Seminary Board of Trustees appointed the Rev. Dr. Alton B. Pollard, III as Louisville Seminary's tenth president. Pollard formally began his service with Louisville Seminary on September 3, 2018.

A scholar, author, consultant, and speaker on the subject of African American and U.S. religion and culture, Pollard was previously dean of the School of Divinity and professor of Religion and Culture at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Pollard said he was drawn both by the history and the current trajectory of Louisville Seminary.

"Rare is the theological institution today that innovates well in contemporary society, modeling theological education for just inclusivity in an increasingly diverse world," Pollard said. "As much of our society is focused on division, I will ensure that Louisville Seminary will continue to build bridges between people of different religious, social, and cultural perspectives, through teaching and scholarship, and the preparation of persons for lives of faithful witness and public service."

Prior to his eleven years at Howard University, Pollard served as director of Black Church Studies and chair of American Religious Cultures at Emory University, and taught at Wake Forest University and St. Olaf College. He earned degrees from Duke University, Harvard University Divinity School, and Fisk University.

Pollard is the author of *Mysticism and Social Change: The Social Witness of Howard Thurman* (1992); editor of an edition of W.E.B. DuBois's *The Negro Church* (2011); and co-author of *Helpers for a Healing Community: A Pastoral Care Manual for HIV/AIDS* (2006). He has also edited and co-edited several volumes including *How Long This Road: Race, Religion and the Legacy of C. Eric Lincoln* (2003); *The Papers of Howard Washington Thurman Volumes I and II* (2009); and *The Black Church Studies Reader* (2016). He has also written dozens of book chapters, journal articles, and op-eds.

He serves on the Board of Directors for the In Trust Center for Theological Schools and the Advisory Committee for the Luce Fund for Theological Education. He served on the Board of Commissioners for the Association of Theological Schools from 2010-2016 and was chair from 2014-2016. A native of St. Paul, Minnesota, Pollard and his wife, Jessica, have two adult children and one grandson.

