



Rev. Mark Miller-McLemore Retires as DDH Dean



Mark Miller-McLemore retired as Dean of the Disciples Divinity House at Vanderbilt on June 30 after 23 years of leadership. Mark says, "I am thankful for so many people who have been supportive of this place over the years – excellent board chairs and board members, Disciple friends in middle Tennessee, our graduates all over the country, some incredible musicians

and volunteers, the larger church, former deans on whose shoulders I stood. Their belief in the House and its good ministry sustained me and our students. I am hopeful of more good at Disciples House even in the face of ongoing changes."

Mark will continue to teach at Vanderbilt and give more attention to writing projects, his family, musical pursuits, and other interests. A scholarship fund has been established in his name. We wish Mark the very best as he moves into this new phase of life, and we are thankful for his leadership.

Farewell to J. Gottman, Director of Development

As the Disciples House undergoes changes during this time of transition, the Board of Trustees made the difficult decision to eliminate the Director of Development position at this time. J. Gottman served in this role for 18 months. We appreciate J.'s work and the warmth of spirit he brought to the House.

J. expresses that he is grateful for the opportunity to serve with Dean Miller-McLemore, Mike Byrd, and Glen Stewart, and that he is humbled by the generous churches, friends of the House, trustees, and the great alumni who faithfully give to the ongoing ministry and mission at DDH. We wish J. well in his future endeavors and value him as a leader among our alumni.

Ordinations

Evan Bunch was ordained on May 11 at New Covenant Christian Church in Nashville, TN.

Daniel Lyvers was ordained on May 26 at First Christian Church in Bardstown, KY.

Teresa Pecinovsky was ordained on June 17 at Eastwood Christian Church in Nashville, TN.

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Congratulations to Our Graduates!



Back Row: Luther Young, Daniel Lyvers, Austin Dey and Evan Bunch Seated: Teresa Pecinovsky, Dean Mark Miller-McLemore and Armando Guerrero Estrada

What's next for these graduates? Luther Young will be working on his Ph.D. in sociology at Ohio State. Daniel Lyvers has been called to Heart of the Rockies Christian Church in Fort Collins, Colorado. Austin Dey will officially graduate in August and is exploring possibilities. Evan Bunch has been called to be a community organizer in Los Angeles, CA, for Dignity and Power Now. Teresa Pecinovsky and family will be moving to Louisville, Kentucky, for a year long Clinical Pastoral Education residency with Norton's Hospital. Armando Estrada will be working on his Ph.D. at Boston College.



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Beth Pattillo, Interim Dean



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Dear Friends,

As we settle into the fall semester, the Disciples Divinity House is celebrating 60 years at 1917 Adelia! It is my privilege to join the community here as the Interim Dean, and I am delighted to tell you that the unique spirit of our House continues to work in inspiring ways. In these past weeks, I have spoken with alumni from many different eras, and the one thing we all have in common is our gratitude for the opportunity to belong to this unique, life-changing community.

The transition into fall always brings changes. We have said our fond farewells to our recent graduates, and we have welcomed 8 new residents to the House. Alumni and friends of the House have given a heartfelt 'thank you' to Dean Mark Miller-McLemore as he concluded his twenty-three tenure here. We have welcomed new board members and said farewell to J. Gottman, our development director. Fall has brought a number of changes indeed.

We take comfort in the knowledge that God works through change. Our community continues to be energetic, vibrant, self-sufficient, caring, and encouraging. During this interim period, the board will be working to discern a renewed vision for the House. And we will continue to work diligently to fulfill our statement of purpose, *Preparing excellent Disciple ministers through our supportive community of faith*.

I rejoice in the generous support of alumni, friends, board members, and churches who make our unique ministry possible. Your gifts provide support for our students through scholarship assistance, housing support, Disciples-specific programming, and community building. During this time of transition, your help is so valuable. Thank you, in advance, for your support for the House.

With thanks for this community,

Rev. Beth Pattillo
Interim Dean



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