

## Christians United to Heal Divides

The Minnesota Council of Churches (MCC) and United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities (United) are partnering to host a panel discussion on "The Christian Art and Practice of Reconciliation in Divisive Times" on Tuesday, March 24th at 6:30 p.m. at United in St. Paul. This event features Rev. Dr. Curtiss DeYoung, MCC executive director and author. DeYoung's talk will include panelists, United professors Carolyn Pressler, John Lee, Justin Sabia-Tanis, and alum Rev. Elizabeth Macaulay, lead pastor of Christ United Church of Christ in Rochester.

"The Christian Art and Practice of Reconciliation in Divisive Times" will be held at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, 767 N. Eustis Street (in the Case Building) in St. Paul. Anyone interested in healing the political divides within the church and broader society are welcome to attend. Rev. Dr. Curtiss DeYoung leads a radically diverse network of 25 church denominations. United professors educate leaders from various denominations and religions.

The Trump presidency has caused passionate celebration and uncritical support as well as deep concern and resistance within Christian communities. *When Christianity Today* published an editorial in support of impeaching Trump, it was the first time a major evangelical Christian publication denounced President Trump on Christian moral grounds. "Trump's political support for conservative Christian values, despite his own unethical lifestyle, has led to confusion about what Christian political support should be, how the Parable of the Good Samaritan should be lived out, and whether asylum seekers really are our neighbors *in the Christian* sense of the word. Christians, who proclaim unity in Christ, are being divided on earth. MCC and United make perfect partners for exploring, in our religiously-pluralistic and politically-contentious country, how to heal our differences so that we may better collaborate across differences with respect, love, compassion, and justice for those being hurt by our fracturing communities," said Pamela Ayo Yetunde, event organizer and Asst. Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at United. This event is an opportunity to learn from experienced practitioners how to be artful in healing divides.

United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities is a welcoming, ecumenical school that embraces all denominations and faith traditions. United has been on the cutting edge of progressive theological thought leadership since it was established in 1962. Today, United continues to train leaders who dismantle systems of oppression, explore multifaith spirituality, and push the boundaries of knowledge.

[Click Here](#) to register for "The Christian Art and Practice of Reconciliation in Divisive Times,". Registration is \$10 per person. Light refreshments will be served. If you would like more information about United, visit [www.unitedseminary.edu](http://www.unitedseminary.edu). If you would like more information about MCC, visit [www.mnchurches.org](http://www.mnchurches.org).