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## Thought leaders to convene at Nashotah House's Forming Future Leaders for the Church Conference

Nashotah, Wisconsin (December 5, 2023) – Nashotah House Theological Seminary will convene leading thinkers and ministry leaders within the Anglican tradition for a two-day conference centered on the question of how seminaries, undergraduate institutions, and undergraduate ministries can partner together to shape leaders for the church.

The Forming Future Leaders for the Church Conference, hosted on the Nashotah House campus, will be held April 17 and 18, 2024.

Featured presenters will include:

- The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin Holcomb, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida
- The Rev. Dr. Amy Peeler, Associate Professor of New Testament at Wheaton College and Associate Rector at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Geneva, Illinois
- Dr. Ed Smither, Dean of the College of Intercultural Studies at Columbia International University
- The Rev. Dr. Wesley Hill, Associate Professor of New Testament at Western Theological Seminary
- Ms. Theresa Wilson, Director of The Louisville Fellows Program
- Dr. Garwood Anderson, Dean and Professor of New Testament at Nashotah House
- The Rev. Dr. Paul Wheatley, Assistant Professor of New Testament and Greek at Nashotah House

Seminaries and undergraduate programs play important roles in the formation of future pastors and lay leaders. While these institutions teach students at different stages in their

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education, they share many of the same aspirations for their graduates. The FFLC Conference will gather leaders from undergraduate programs and seminaries to help identify how they can work together to shape leaders for the church.

"At conferences, we often spend most of our time listening to presenters and less time speaking with our colleagues. The Forming Future Leaders for the Church Conference flips that script, inviting the active participation of all attendees," said Dr. Jim Watkins, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at Nashotah House. "We will spend most of our time in small groups talking and learning from each other, recognizing that it's only through these discussions that we can find new and effective ways to partner for the sake of the future leaders of the church."

The conference is made possible by grant funding from the Association of Theological Schools. Nashotah House was awarded a \$25,000 Moving Forward in Mission grant from ATS earlier this year to strengthen the seminary's partnerships with undergraduate institutions and bolster its recruitment initiatives.

Faculty and leaders from undergraduate programs, ministries serving undergraduate students, and seminaries are invited to register for the conference. For more information, visit nashotah.edu/forming.

Founded in 1842, Nashotah House is a seminary located in Nashotah, Wisconsin, serving the Episcopal Church, Anglican Communion, and other ecumenical partners.