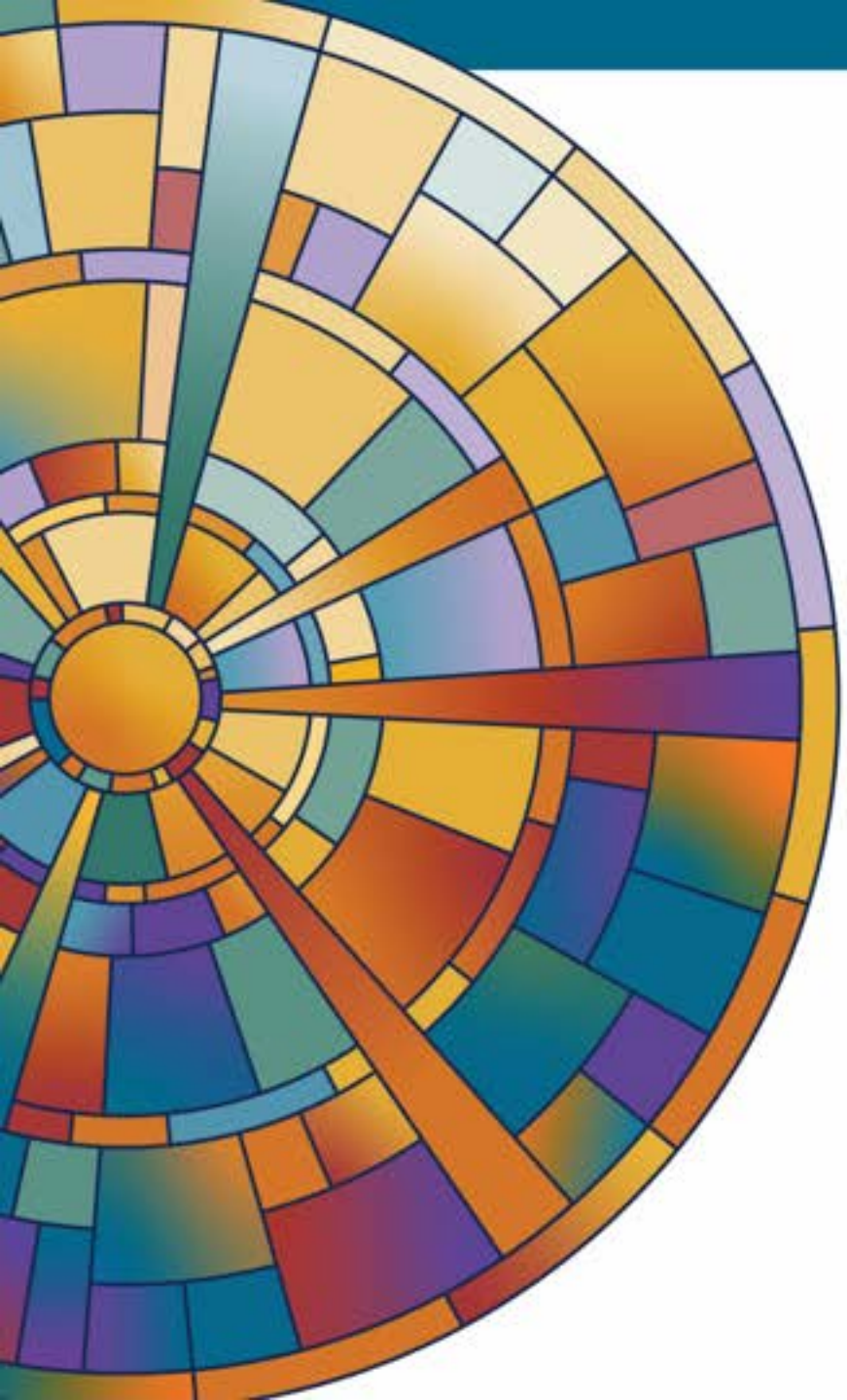




Community Day

August 18, 2026

Scripture Reading

Jake Graybill '20, assistant manager, Campus and Building Services



Declaring our Faith: The Apostles Creed

*Led by Amber Brisbane, NEXT Steps director and
Ava Antenucci*



Introduction of President Stuckey

Kaleb Curtis '27, Student Body President



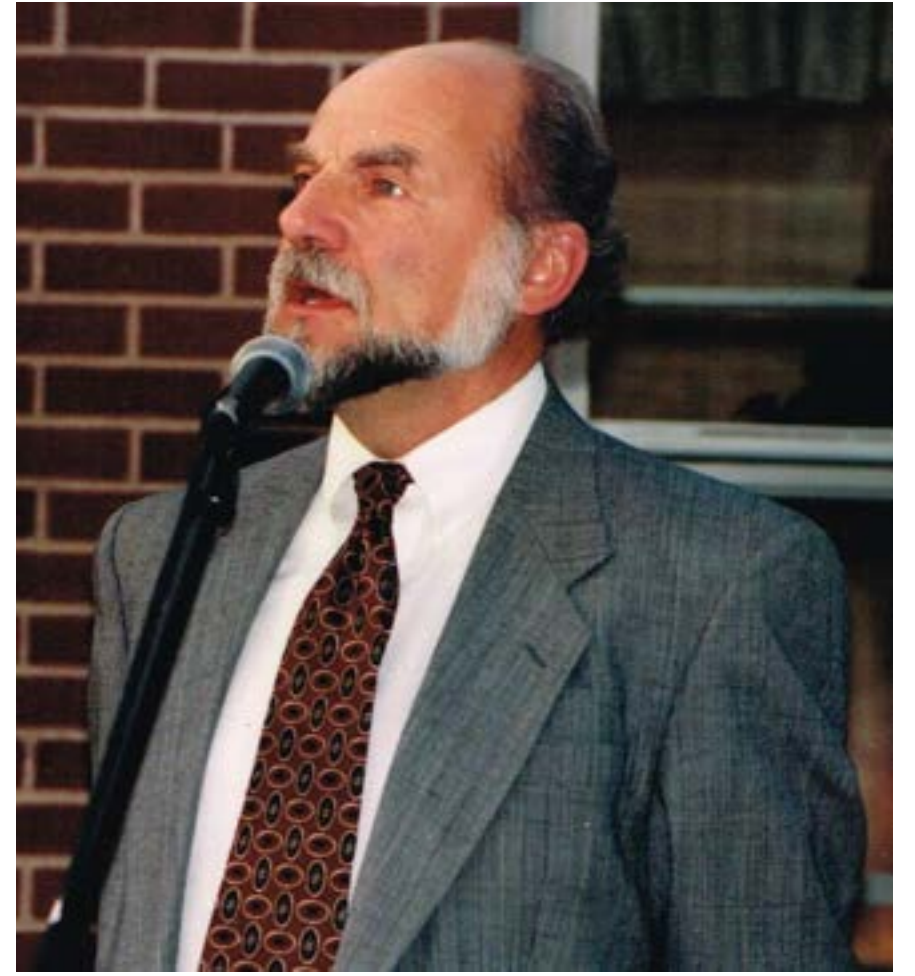
COMMUNITY DAY 2026

State of the University

Jon C. Stuckey
President

Messiah University
August 18, 2026







Brethren in Christ U.S.

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Agenda

General Assembly 2026









Project 250

Project 250 is a set of five priorities to guide BIC U.S. towards our 250th anniversary in 2028.

The Brethren in Christ can trace its history back to the late 1770s in Central Pennsylvania where a small group of believers broke from convention and baptized each other in the Conoy Creek. They had come to realize their understanding of Christian life, focus on scriptural obedience, and passion for discipleship didn't fit within the faith groups of the day.

Today we stand strong in those same values and are ready to pursue the call God has placed on us. Looking towards the future, we asked our leaders and pastors to pray and reflect on how they would like to see BIC U.S. grow and step into God's calling in the coming years. We identified five key priorities from their feedback that will guide us towards our 250th anniversary in 2028.



IDENTITY STATEMENT

Messiah University is a Christian university of the liberal and applied arts and sciences. The University is committed to an embracing evangelical spirit rooted in the Anabaptist, Pietist and Wesleyan traditions of the Christian Church.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to educate men and women toward maturity of intellect, character and Christian faith in preparation for lives of service, leadership and reconciliation in church and society.

IDEAS

The Looming College-Enrollment Death Spiral

After many decades of democratization, higher education could once again become a luxury good.

By Jeffrey Selingo

Fall 2026 International Student Enrollment Outlook & Economic Impact

PUBLISHED: August 11, 2026

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New Research: Loss of 111,000 International Students Could Cost U.S. Economy \$3.4 Billion and Nearly 40,000 Jobs



Overview



The Next Wave of AI-Cheating Technology

We need to know what tools are being marketed to our students.

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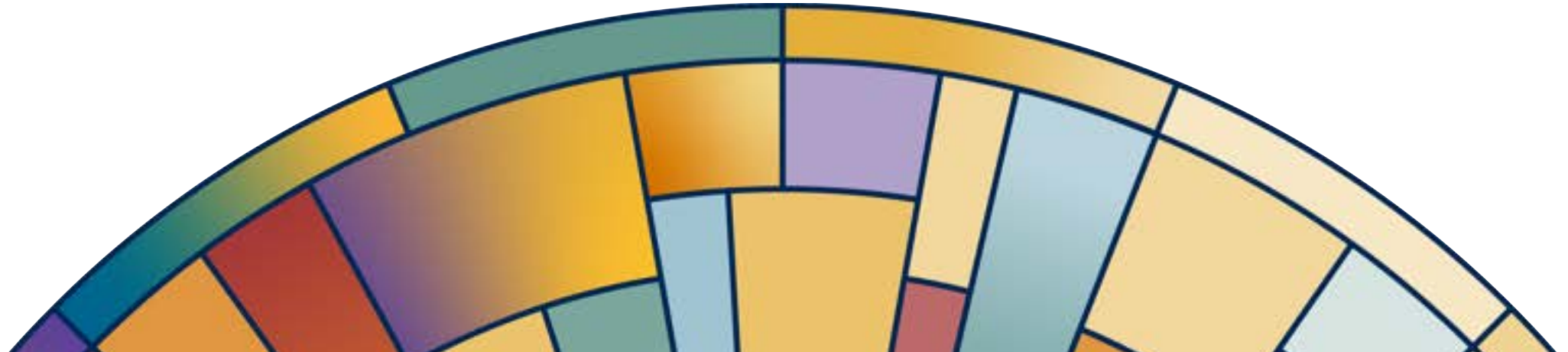
What Happens When Grad PLUS Loans Disappear?

State fact sheets show how ending Grad PLUS loans will widen funding gaps, increase private borrowing, and strain graduate education and workforce pipelines.

July 23, 2026 by [Washington State](#), [Texas](#), [Illinois](#), [Michigan](#), [Indiana](#), [Ohio](#)



***Christ Preeminent:
Our Foundation, Our Future,
Messiah 2034***



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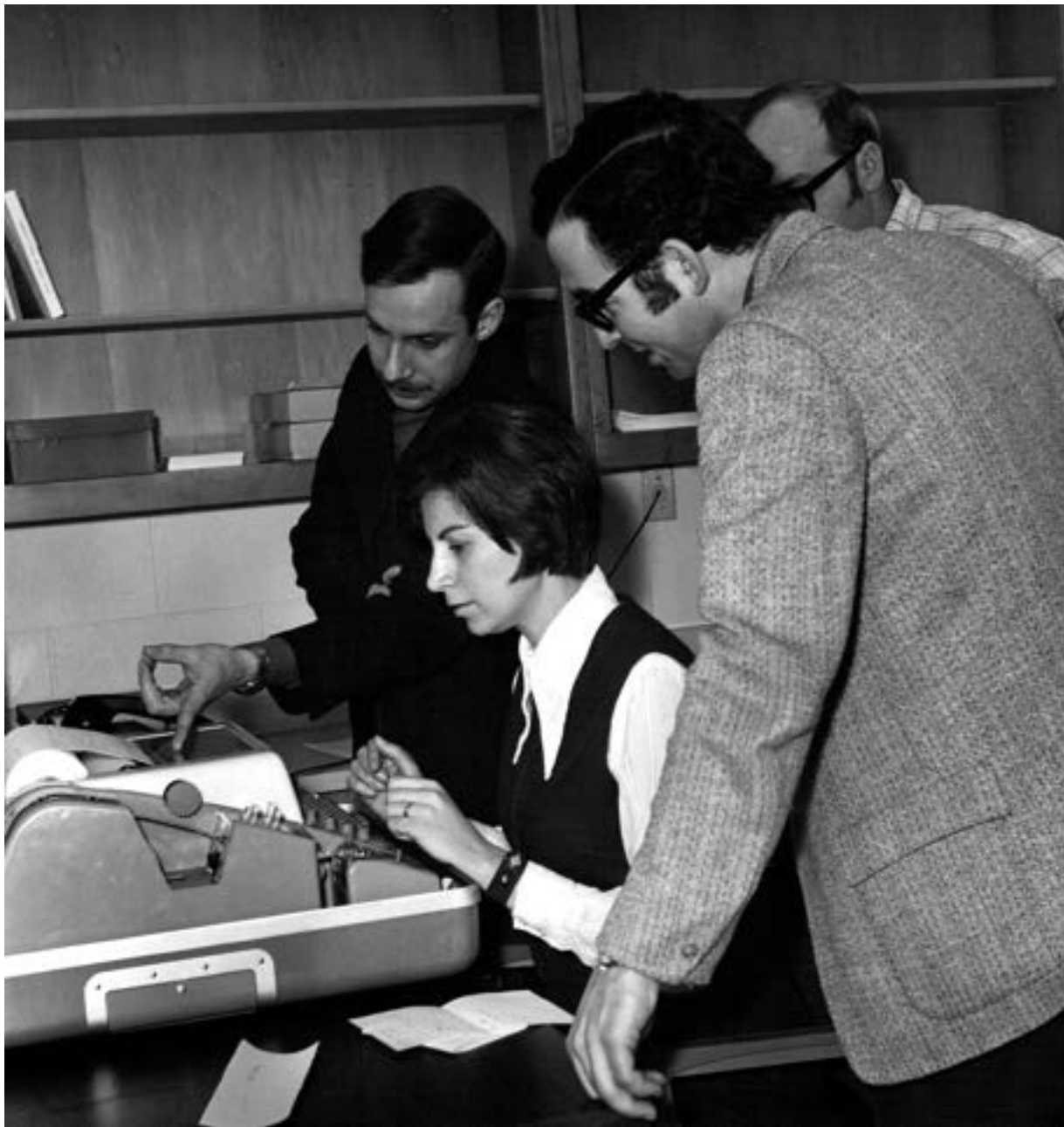
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"This grant allows us to offer meaningful, free programming for individuals living with Parkinson's disease—enhancing quality of life, building community and promoting wellness."

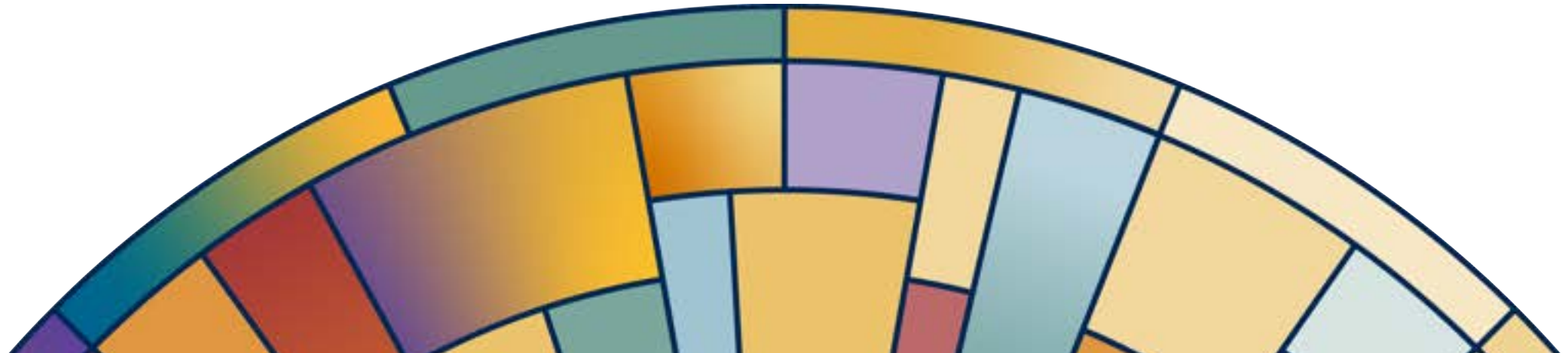
—DR. KRYSTAL ROBINSON-BERT







By 2034, Messiah University will shape the future of Christian higher education by confidently navigating the opportunities and tensions of a rapidly changing landscape while upholding its distinctive identity by embracing innovation, strategic growth and responsible stewardship to expand its impact and sustain its institutional mission for generations to come.



Theme One

Christ-centered, intellectual formation through rigorous academics and transformative teaching



Messiah University will cultivate an **academically rigorous and spiritually formative** learning environment that equips students to think critically, engage faithfully and lead purposefully in a complex, connected and changing world. Through **excellence in teaching, robust civil dialogue, global engagement and thoughtful integration of emerging technologies**, the University will prepare graduates for meaningful lives of **vocation and service**.



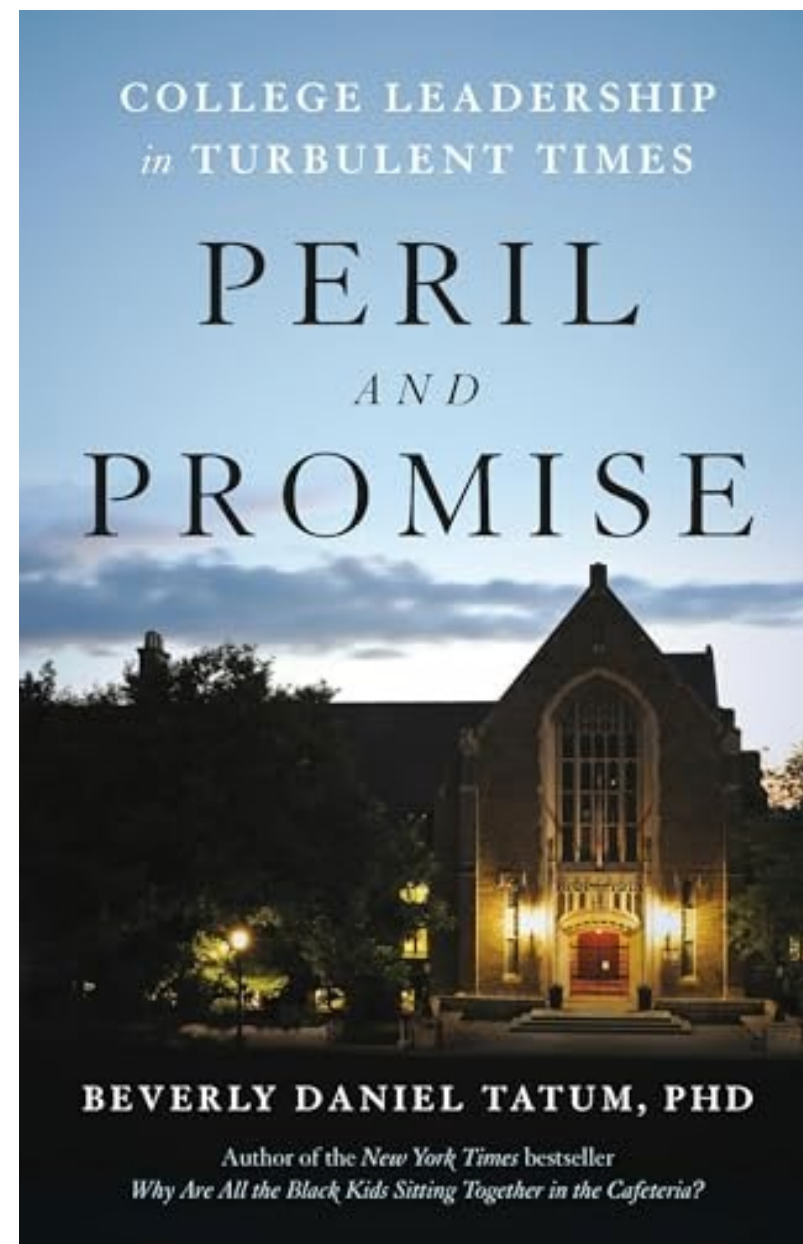
Theme Two

*A university community steeped in belonging,
flourishing and meaningful connections*



Messiah University will foster a **Christ-centered community**—both in-person and online—where students and employees experience authentic belonging, holistic well-being and lifelong relationships that support **personal, spiritual and professional flourishing**. The University will intentionally nurture a culture marked by **care, respect, rest and shared purpose**.





Theme Three

An innovative culture of creativity, leadership and impact



Messiah University will advance a **culture of innovation** that encourages **creativity, adaptability, informed risk taking and faithful leadership** in response to emerging educational, societal and workforce needs. The University will **strategically and nimbly** develop programs, partnerships and practices that expand its impact while preparing graduates to lead with **wisdom, integrity and entrepreneurial vision**.



Theme Four

Advancing our mission by creating margin and long-term financial sustainability



Messiah University will strengthen its long-term vitality through **responsible stewardship, strategic investment and sustainable growth** that supports the institution's mission for future generations. By building institutional capacity, enhancing operational effectiveness and expanding philanthropic and enrollment opportunities, the University will create the **financial flexibility** necessary to pursue transformative priorities with agility.







PAST PRESIDENTS of MESSIAH UNIVERSITY



“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.” Hebrews 12:1 NRSVue



Gracious
Christianity
see  anew



"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!"

2 Corinthians 5:17
NR&Vae



See Gracious Christianity Anew

- **Courage of Conviction
with Kindness**
- **Innovation with Purpose**
- **Leading by Following Jesus**



A photograph of two women in a room with a piano. The woman on the left, wearing a yellow blazer, points at sheet music on the piano. The woman on the right, wearing a blue t-shirt and glasses, smiles. A dark blue semi-transparent rectangle is overlaid at the bottom, containing the text "Courage of Conviction" in white and "With Kindness" in yellow script.

Courage of Conviction
With Kindness

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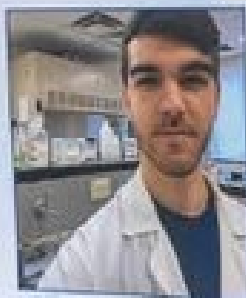


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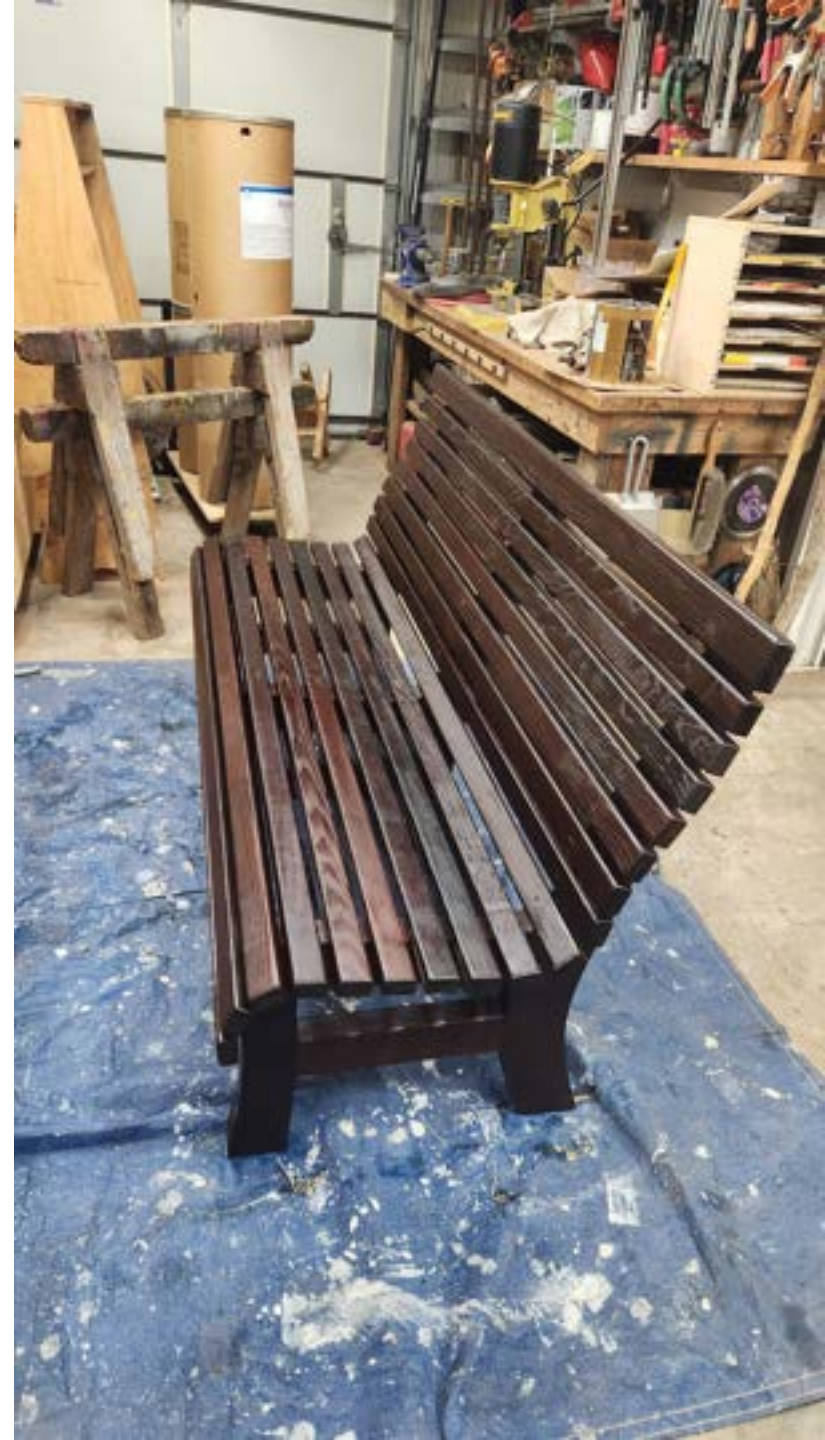
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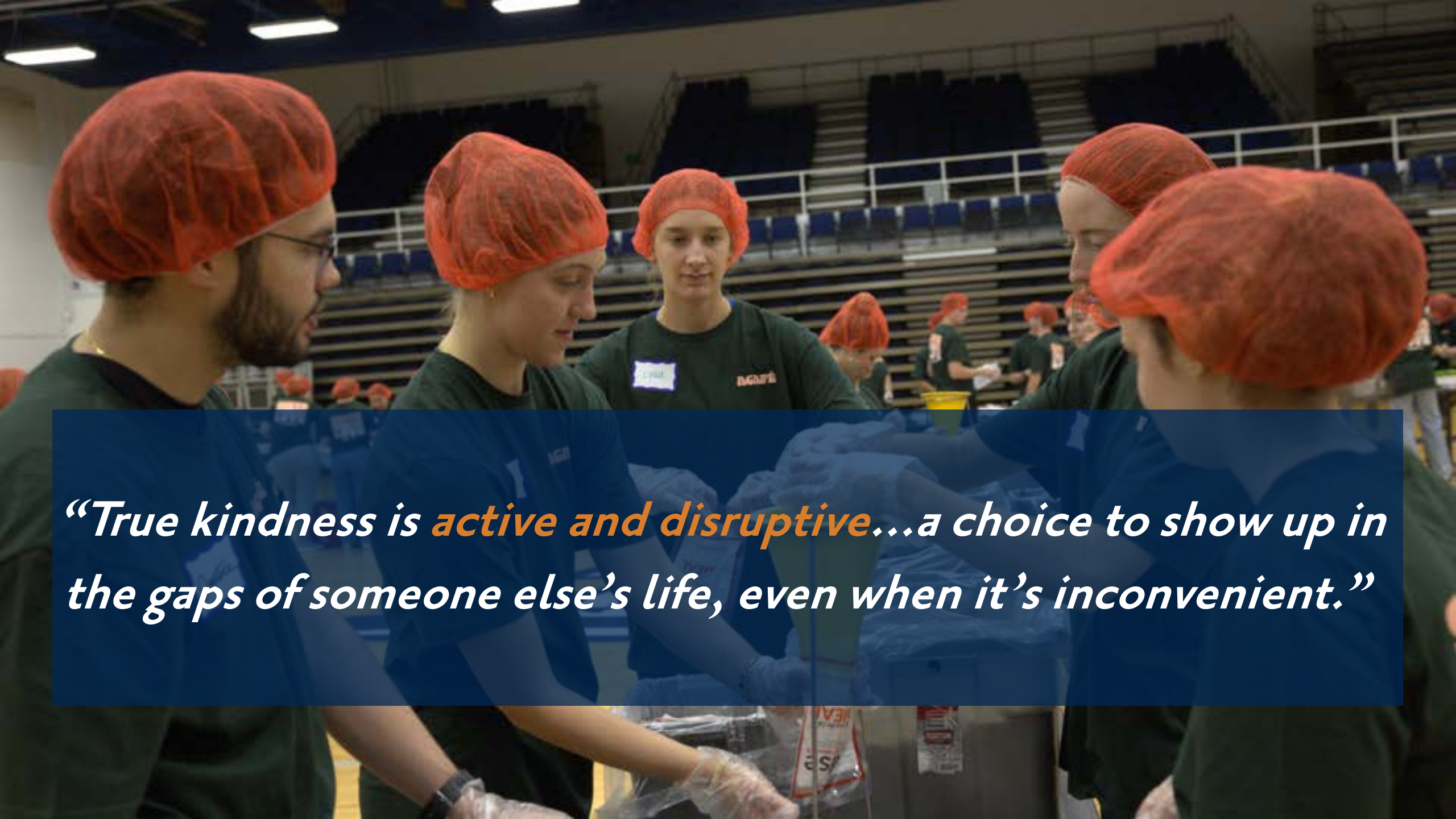
"There is no virtue in advertising one's sadness. But there is no wisdom in denying it either. And there is the beautiful possibility that great love can grow out of sadness if it is well-tended."

*In Loving Memory of
Brendan James Heisey*



*Thank you for
making the world
a better place
and for the
love and support
you have given to
his family.*



A group of young adults, likely students, are gathered in a large indoor space, possibly a gymnasium, with bleachers visible in the background. They are all wearing red hairnets and green t-shirts. Some are wearing clear plastic gloves. They appear to be working together on a project, with one person in the foreground holding a clear plastic bag. The scene is brightly lit by overhead fluorescent lights.

*“True kindness is **active and disruptive**...a choice to show up in the gaps of someone else’s life, even when it’s inconvenient.”*

“Every person is to be respected and valued, regardless of gender, race, nationality, ability, status or position, because each person is created in the **image of God.**”

Messiah University Foundational Values
Importance of the Person







Innovation with
Purpose



Leading by
Following Jesus

FOREWORD BY CRAIG GROESCHEL

THE WAY BACK TO ONE ANOTHER



How to Live as People
Created for Community

JEFF GALLEY | PHILLIP N. SMITH
WITH JILL HEISEY



The background of the entire image is a photograph of a campus with green lawns, winding paths, and trees. Overlaid on this are three vertical blue rectangular panels. The first panel on the left contains the text 'Courage of Conviction' in white and 'With Kindness' in yellow script. The middle panel contains 'Innovation with Purpose' in white and yellow script. The right panel contains 'Leading by Following Jesus' in white and yellow script.

Courage of
Conviction

*With
Kindness*

Innovation
with

Purpose

Leading by
*Following
Jesus*

CELEBRATING THE INAUGURATION OF THE
NINTH PRESIDENT OF MESSIAH UNIVERSITY

JON C. *Stuckey*, Ph.D.

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, October 15, 2026



LIVING THE LORD'S CALLING

ACT JUSTLY | LOVE MERCY | WALK HUMBLLY

A large, modern stone and brick wall with a central plaque. The wall is constructed from light-colored stone blocks and red brick. It features two large, square stone pillars on either side of the central section. The central section is a light-colored stone panel with the text 'CHRIST PREEMINENT' and 'FOUNDED 1999' inscribed on it. The wall is set against a backdrop of green trees and a blue sky with white clouds. In the foreground, there is a grassy area with some small white and purple flowers.

CHRIST PREEMINENT FOUNDED 1999

Prayers of the People – A Litany for the Academic Year

*Krystal Robinson-Bert, Associate Professor of Occupational
Therapy; Director of Teaching and Learning*



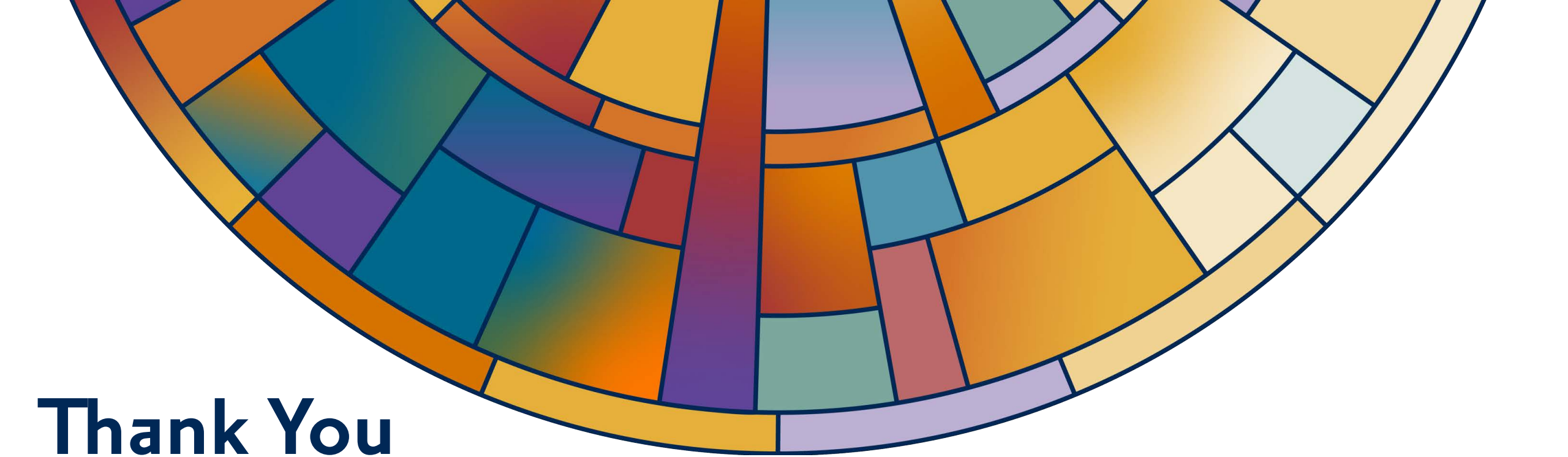
Benediction

Ling Dinse, Professor of Social Work

Assistant Dean of the School of Arts, Culture, and Society,

Community of Educators Chair, FY27





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