



COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

September 18, 2011, is Seminary Sunday for the Presbyterian Church (USA). This is a day when congregations have an opportunity to lift up the value of theological education and the work of the denomination's ten theological institutions in preparing pastors to lead Christ's church.

Our hope here at Columbia Theological Seminary is that on September 18 you'll give particular attention to *this* theological institution. Please consider making time during worship that day for a "Minute for Columbia's Mission" during which you might acknowledge some of those ties that join your congregation and Columbia as partners in ministry to Christ's church.

In particular, we want people to know how grateful we are at Columbia for our partners in ministry. Columbia is strong and healthy, thanks to individuals and congregations like yours, so Seminary Sunday is also a time of celebration and thanksgiving:

- For new faculty members who continue in the Columbia tradition of pastor/scholar.
- For an increasingly diverse student body which enriches beyond measure the seminary's immediate and extended community.
- For a student financial aid program that has kept pace with rising costs for their theological education, as well as personal living expenses.
- For a new, "green" residence hall that provides comfortable, convenient, attractive housing for students—and uses 50 percent less energy than a conventional structure of its size.
- For up-to-date information technology systems and equipment that facilitate internal and external communication and streamline operations.
- For the construction of the new Vernon Broyles Leadership Center due to be completed in January, 2012.

If you would like to receive seminary promotional materials suitable for bulletin insert, please contact me. Thanks again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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