ANNUAL REPORT 2019
A seminary in the city, McCormick Theological Seminary is known around the world for its cross-cultural and ecumenical models of theological education. A progressive leader in the Reformed tradition, McCormick seeks a more just and compassionate world through rigorous academic study, practical experience, spiritual formation, and an active, engaged community.
What does the Lord require of us?

On multiple occasions over the last three decades, several well-known world figures have looked back on a year past and declared it an *annus horribilis*—a horrible year. Whether due to personal circumstances (Queen Elizabeth in 1992) or wars and corruption (U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan reflecting on 2004), the use of this Latin phrase is evocative. As we reflect on 2019, it is hard not to recall the images of terror at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, or at the two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, where 54 Muslims were gunned down in another white supremacist terror attack. These images, along with what we see every day on our news feeds, Twitter feeds, and cable news might lead us to conclude that this year, too, has been just another *annus horribilis*.

Throughout our city and across our country, there are people who are afraid to leave their homes and families, people who fear a knock on the door or the ring of a doorbell, people who will not venture out to shop for fear of arrest, detention, or deportation. There are school administrators who receive unannounced “friendly” visits from federal ICE agents—as we did at McCormick—the purpose of which is clearly to intimidate and instill more fear. Parents and children in many neighborhoods cannot sit on the front steps of their homes, visit a playground, or walk to the store without fear of being hit by a stray bullet. And in far too many communities, we have friends and neighbors who fear the police as much as they fear the lawbreakers. These are not remote, disconnected experiences. The people we read about on our newsfeeds are not strangers. They are our siblings, our neighbors, our colleagues, our students. As New Zealand prime minister Jacinda Ardern said after the brutal attacks in Christchurch, “they are us.”

Despite this, with gratitude to God, I want you all to know that there is much good news at McCormick. Our work, which many of you generously support, gives me hope. Our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends serve tirelessly—many in neighborhoods most in need of God’s healing love—to build communities where every human is treated with dignity and

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respect, a world that recognizes that we are all created in God’s image, no matter where we or our parents are from, what we look like, or whom we love.

As you read through the pages of our 2019 Annual Report, I want you to see the positive difference McCormick is making in the world, and I ask you to join us as we seek to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with God.

Students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends are doing extraordinary work to build a world in which “justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.” During J-term, students embarked on a Civil Rights tour. In the spring, the Alumni Council selected former director of the Center for African American Ministries and Black Church Studies, the Rev. Dr. Sharon Ellis Davis, as the 2019 Distinguished Alumna. McCormick hosted the first two events of its Science for Seminaries project, featuring an associate of the University of Chicago’s astronomy and astrophysics faculty and astronomer at Chicago’s Adler Planetarium. In the year ahead we will have the honor of hosting the Vatican Astronomer, Brother Guy Consolmagno, who will present on “Science, Faith, and the Common Good.”

In April, the seminary was awarded a grant to develop innovative interfaith pedagogies and integrate new interfaith competencies into our curriculum. In June, McCormick, along with our friends and neighbors at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, hosted the International Bonhoeffer Society’s 20th Biennial Lectures in Public Ethics, featuring keynote speakers Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II and Rev. Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove.

This was an extraordinary year of engagement for all of us at McCormick. On a personal note, the most exceptional experience was an afternoon spent in a small, windowless room in the basement of Cook County Jail. It was the last class of a ten-week program in theological reflection, developed by Dr. Jenny McBride. I was there to present diplomas to 12 men who had read, discussed, and absorbed more than 400 pages of required reading. I listened to the students discuss and debate the assigned readings and how they are applying what they learned to their daily lives. Dr. McBride’s words express some of what I felt that day,

“I am confident that even if all we did were the courses in theological education, that
would be enough … to affirm the dignity and insight of the detainees, which they will need to survive prison and live in new ways in their old neighborhoods … Our courses not only give them resources for personal growth… but also address basic social and political needs. … So, I think the good is in the thing itself — the course work and the community that is developed, even if it is fragile and brief. It’s easy to take for granted the power of progressive theological education. … Inside a jail or prison, the uniqueness and power of this kind of religious education becomes clear.”

I am humbled and grateful to serve the people of McCormick. Understanding that together we can do more, I invite you to participate in preparing our students to lead in just ways, creating a more just world.

We need your prayers. We need your presence. We need your stories. We need your gifts. In short, we need you. Thank you for being a part of our McCormick family.

Peace,

David H. Crawford
President

Throughout this report, starting on this page, look for McCormick alums who share how McCormick helped to prepare them for the leadership roles in which they serve today. They are a few of the many people of McCormick who are making a difference in our communities, our nation, and around our world.

“McCormick taught me the language of ecumenism...to be conversant worshiping in any Christian tradition. Chapel at McCormick was welcoming of different traditions. The only requirement was Word and Sacrament but within that framework, students had a lot of freedom of expression. While being faithful to the gospel message, McCormick always remained current with the times, making it an attractive choice for anyone wanting a theological education that honors the diversity of our world.”

Rev. Dr. Vanessa Lovelace (M.Div. 2000) Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Seminary, Lancaster Theological Seminary
A very present help

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A young woman entered Sharon Ellis Davis’ office. She was a survivor of sexual violence. The abuse had occurred when she was a teenager, but it had followed her into adulthood. She didn’t want medical attention, she didn’t want to report a crime, she didn’t want a place to stay. She wanted courage. Courage to face her assailant. She had come to the right person.

If there is anything Rev. Dr. Sharon Ellis Davis has shown in her life, it is courage. The youngest child of Rev. Samuel Lee Ellis and Annelle Ellis-Hawkins, Rev. Dr. Ellis Davis had dared to walk away from the church of her childhood when she was 18. “Everything in my life had revolved around the church,” said this preacher’s kid. “I sang in the choir, taught Sunday school, and cleaned the church. We lived right above the church, and our home was the gathering place any day there were church activities. I learned to care and help people, yet the Sunday morning sermons left me feeling that my voice, or any woman’s voice, didn’t matter. I had no female leadership role models.”

The quest for self took her to Chicago State University to earn a nursing degree that didn’t pan out. But it opened up an opportunity at Chicago’s St. Bernard’s Hospital, where she worked in the emergency room and discovered that she liked helping people in crisis situations. Around the same time, her application to become a police officer was accepted by the Chicago Police Academy. “I wasn’t that interested in being an officer, but I was interested in relieving a very bad case of being chronically broke,” remembered Rev. Dr. Ellis Davis, who by then was the single mother of two. “I joined the police force in 1978, and the science courses from the nursing program helped me gain a position in the Chicago Police Department’s Crime Lab. Tuition reimbursement helped me complete an undergraduate degree with a concentration in biology. Over the years, I became an expert witness on evidence from crime scenes, especially cases involving sexual violence.”

2019 Distinguished Alumna

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Reimagining faith

Realizing that it takes a village to help a single mother raise her children, Rev. Dr. Ellis Davis found herself back in church, but one that had a very different attitude from the church of her childhood. “At Trinity United Church of Christ, I learned that I could be unashamedly Black and unapologetically Christian,” said Rev. Dr. Ellis Davis. “Worshipping God and putting feet to faith through social justice advocacy and engagement are both parts of the Christian experience.”

Rev. Dr. Ellis Davis prepared to engage. She earned a Master of Divinity degree from Chicago Theological Seminary in 1988 and was ordained at Trinity under the leadership of its then pastor, Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr. She would receive a Ph.D. in Theology and Ethics from Chicago Theological Seminary in 2006, the first African American woman to receive both a M.Div. and a Ph.D. from that academy. She became a board-certified chaplain with the Association of Professional Chaplains, and in 1991 was appointed the first African American woman chaplain in the Chicago Police Department. Part of its commission that addressed domestic violence issues within police families, she consoled them when an officer’s life was lost.

In 1992, she entered the Doctor of Ministry program at McCormick. Having come to terms with the sexual abuse she herself had experienced as a child and the domestic violence she had suffered as an adult, she chose to design a faith-based ministry for survivors of sexual abuse and domestic violence for her doctoral project. She introduced the program at Trinity, and soon thereafter, shared its methodologies with other Chicago churches, with her denomination, and the Chicago Police Department.

Passing on the faith

In 2000, Rev. Dr. Ellis Davis began teaching at McCormick, offering courses on pastoral care in times of crisis, sexual and domestic violence, and mass incarceration and the criminal justice system. She went on to serve McCormick as director of the Center for African American Ministries and Black Church Studies. At the start of the current millennium, she also founded and became pastor of God Can Ministries in Ford Heights, Ill. The church became known for ministries to survivors of sexual abuse and domestic violence and a welcoming congregation to the LGBTQIA+ community.

“The church has to be part of a survivor’s healing team,” said Rev. Dr. Ellis Davis, author of Battered African American Women: A Study of Gender Entrapment. “There’s a role for the police and the courts to play, and the very practical services of social agencies and the medical community. And, there’s the church. It must be a safe place with trained individuals who know how to listen, believe survivors, offer resources, and provide hope. We have to have a sense of urgency and a plan for how we will serve people in moments of crisis.”

One Sunday morning, Rev. Dr. Ellis Davis walked into a church accompanied by the young woman who had walked into her office. After the service, they asked the pastor for a moment of his time, and the young woman, with Rev. Dr. Ellis Davis by her side, shared the too-long-held pain that his actions had caused her. In that moment, the streams of Rev. Ellis Davis’ life came together, and a young woman took power over her past and found a new path forward. “The church has a responsibility to give voice to those who have suffered,” said Rev. Dr. Ellis Davis. “We are to embody the very present help people need in their times of trouble.”
“Lots of people know about the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, but few know his theology,” said Dr. Jennifer McBride, associate dean of the Doctor of Ministry Programs and assistant professor of Theology and Ethics. The first woman president of the International Bonhoeffer Society – English Language Section, Dr. McBride, along with Dr. Reggie Williams, associate professor of Christian Ethics and director for the Initiative for Incarnational Ethics, co-hosted the 20th Biennial Bonhoeffer Lectures in Public Ethics, which were held at McCormick this spring.

Unique to this gathering were opportunities to hear, not only from leading Bonhoeffer scholars, but also leaders from Chicago organizations who are working for justice. In presentations and workshops, those gathered were introduced to Bonhoeffer as a resource for thinking in new ways about some of today’s most pressing social concerns – racism, mass incarceration, gender justice, and environmental justice.

“Bonhoeffer makes a distinction throughout his writing between believing in Jesus and following Jesus. Following Jesus means obeying his concrete commands in the Gospel narratives,” said Dr. McBride, who recently developed and taught a certificate program, Introduction to Theological Reflection, at Cook County Jail. “Jesus’ commands such as visit the prisoner, welcome strangers, refuse to resist evil with evil, and others, lead to concrete action in the world that has social and political consequence.”

For Dr. Williams, Bonhoeffer’s writings and theological insights offer Christians a very challenging lens through which they are invited to see their actions in the world.

“There’s this idea in Bonhoeffer’s writings that Christian ethics is more than the ability to discern between hard choices,” said Dr. Williams, author of Bonhoeffer’s Black Jesus: Harlem Renaissance Theology and an Ethic of Resistance. “We need to think about ethics as the tangible efforts we make to love our neighbors as ourselves. We must be able to respond to the needs of others in the same way that we would respond to our own.”

“In the West, we tend to define freedom as the ability to do as one pleases – to be free from the needs and imposition of others,” added Dr. McBride, “but Bonhoeffer argues that biblical freedom entails being free for others. When Christians understand Jesus as a person we are to follow rather than an idea that bolsters an already existing religious or political position, we start to define freedom differently. We see that the distance we try to keep from those who have been ‘othered’ denies a fundamental aspect of our humanity – namely, that we are interdependent.”

Beyond Belief
On the next three pages, meet an alumnus and two students—David Barnhart, Kanu Iheukumere, and Jia Johnson—who have gone beyond belief and are engaged in service and ministry initiatives that are restorative, redemptive, and help to move us closer to creating the beloved community.
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Stories like Flint: The Poisoning of an American City, or those on gun violence and immigration detention are meant to spur people to action, including Barnhart.

“In many ways I had become desensitized to the violence in our own nation, but working on "Trigger" changed that,” he said. “Behind every headline, there is a mother or police officer or doctor who has been in the crosshairs of tragedy. When you sit across from someone who has experienced something at that level, the traumatic ripple effect is very challenging. There’s one mother who lost her daughter that I think about every day. Her story stays with me; it kind of drives me.”

While Barnhart has always had a passion for both social justice ministry and filmmaking, he noted that McCormick helped him embrace more fully that dual call.

“The McCormick learning community,” said Barnhart, “was an ideal creative space for formation and collective exploration of how story and filmmaking can be a resource for community engagement on justice issues.”
Speak up for the Silenced

Thoughts and prayers. These three words used to provide some comfort to those experiencing loss, but today, because they are so overused, they have lost their meaning. Rarely accompanied by anything substantive that would alleviate a family’s or community’s pain, “thoughts and prayers” has become a hollow response to the latest tragedy.

In 2014, thoughts and prayers were directed toward the family of Laquan McDonald when the 17-year old was killed by a Chicago police officer. Initially, the incident was framed as a justifiable action, but the release of the dash cam video showed a different story. In 2018, the police officer who shot the young man was found guilty of second-degree murder and 16 counts of aggravated battery.

In the months leading up to the verdict and the officer’s sentencing, McCormick, along with other religious organizations across the city, decided that they wanted to do more than offer “thoughts and prayers” to the city that had lost another young African American man to gun violence.

“We cannot credibly claim to be a leader in urban ministry, a leader in the cause of justice, without being present and accounted for when our communities are in pain,” said McCormick President David Crawford, during his message to a McCormick Days audience.

It was time to speak out, not only on high-profile cases, but also on atrocities that were not caught on camera. Community leaders were meeting at Quinn Chapel and McCormick was there to help develop ways to be more intentional about engaging the public around the issue. Dr. Stephanie Crumpton, associate professor of Practical Theology, led planning meetings about how to deliver pastoral care to those engaged in protests. Rev. Veronica Johnson, senior director of Admissions and Enrollment, oversaw the administrative design and added members to teams as needed. Kanu Iheukumere, a master’s of divinity student, got involved when his Social Justice in Ministry class, taught by Rev. Reggie W. Williams, Jr., adjunct professor, wanted to get in on the ground-level opportunity to do justice within their community.

“The church has an obligation to actively engage in efforts that affirm the humanity of the oppressed by organizing against injustice and responding to rulings of the state that run counter to an ethic of ecumenical faith,” said Iheukumere, a principal at Muse Community and Design, a boutique urban planning and public policy firm in Chicago. “It’s inconsistent to ask God for justice on Sunday and refuse to let Him use you on the front lines to achieve it on Monday. Jesus literally put his life on the line for his neighbor.”
Finding Solidarity with the Imprisoned

As a project manager for an organization that provides entrepreneurial training in underserved and under-resourced communities, Lejia “Jia” Johnson, a 2018 New Faces of Ministry inductee selected by McCormick’s Center for Faith and Service, oversaw an initiative that offered re-entry entrepreneurship training to returning citizens. This spring, she extended her assistance inside Cook County Department of Correction’s maximum-security facility, co-teaching a pilot course, Introduction to Theological Reflection, which was designed by Dr. Jenny McBride, associate dean of Doctor of Ministry Programs and Continuing Education and assistant professor of Theology and Ethics.

“One of the insights Johnson gained from the experience was that by reflecting on theological principles students recognized that the Kingdom of God is for everyone—including those who had caused harm. One particular incident captured for her how the course had reshaped a student’s thinking and actions. “On the final day of class, a student told us about getting a new cellmate,” recalled Johnson. “The student’s cellmate was experiencing withdrawal from substance dependency and was ill. Because of the course, rather than withdrawing from the man in his pain and suffering, the student said that he offered his sick cellmate consolation and a pair of socks to warm his feet.”

The course was more than a course for Johnson; it was a way to experience solidarity with people who are marginalized. “So many students told Jenny and me that the course transformed the way they see Jesus and understand the meaning of the Cross; some expressed that their worldview had changed,” said Johnson, who recently joined McCormick as project director for Theological Studies at Cook County Department of Corrections. “Often people engage in prison ministry believing that they are bringing God to the ‘ungodly.’ We did not bring God to these men. God was already there with them.”
Gilbert Willard Bowen was 13 years old when his pastor shook his hand one Sunday morning and said, “Gil, maybe one day you’ll come back here and be a minister.” The idea seemed highly unlikely to the young Muskegon, Michigan, man. “Speaking in front of people scared me to death,” he recalled. But the words had planted a seed.

While Rev. Dr. Bowen didn’t go back to his childhood church to minister, his pastor’s words became a reality for congregations in Minnesota, Germany, and several in Illinois—especially Kenilworth Union Church, where Rev. Dr. Bowen’s ministry blessed that congregation for nearly 40 years. Not only had a young man overcome his fear of public speaking, he also took a liking to planting seeds of faith in others.

The recipient of McCormick’s 2018 Legacy of Leadership Award, Rev. Dr. Bowen is best known for pouring into the lives of congregants through transformative sermons, educational tours to the Holy Land and other parts of the world, stimulating discussions about popular best-selling books, and being a powerful example of generosity to churches and non-profit organizations around the world.

During the years that Kenilworth Union was growing from a congregation of 400 to 3,200, Rev. Dr. Bowen, who holds Bachelors of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from McCormick, found time to meet with high school and elementary students regularly. A former member of McCormick’s Board of Trustees, he knew the importance of making connections and building a foundation of faith in young people, just as his childhood pastor had built in him.

“Gil has planted many seeds of faith in each of us,” said Diane Hart, event chair for the Legacy of Leadership Award Gala and a colleague of Rev. Dr. Bowen at Kenilworth Union. “He and his late wife, Marlene, were an amazing team that empowered us to reach out and serve others. If I can borrow a thought from Gil’s book, Thoughts in Passing, I’d have to say that Gil constantly reminded us through his words and actions that the invisible mystery that we call God is Lord of history, and He is at work to establish His rule over the human community. He does it not by fiat or supernatural intervention. He does it by His Spirit...as we join God in planting seeds of faith in generation after generation.”

Rev. Dr. Bowen with Leadership Gala Chair and McCormick trustee, Diane Hart.
“My study at McCormick Theological Seminary helped me reflect upon my own theological roots in the Reformed tradition and encouraged me to branch outward in commitments to ecumenism, critical consciousness concerning race and culture, and engagement with issues of oppression and social justice. These values were not mere platitudes of the academy but fostered real relationships and community building. My fellow McCormick students sharpened my own thinking and shared various traditions and experiences that enhanced my understanding of contextual theology and faith in society. Brilliant and caring faculty modeled the importance of critical thinking and the social witness of Christian faith communities. Key mentors in the study of the History of Christianity sharpened my tools for historical interpretation. The resources and community of McCormick supported me throughout my graduate work toward the PhD in History, and the vibrant life of the seminary community informed my vocational path toward my present service as an historian and seminary faculty.”

Rev. Nathan Jérémie-Brink, Ph.D. (M.Div. 2009) L. Russell Feakes Assistant Professor of the History of Global Christianity, New Brunswick Theological Seminary
Creating Space for Interfaith Dialogue

Grants from the Wabash Center and InTrust will help McCormick prepare students for greater interfaith cooperation.

One of the first times Dr. Sarah Tanzer taught on the miracle stories in the New Testament, she asked students to come to the first class prepared to define what the word “miracle” means to them. A student from the west side of Chicago prepared a definition that Dr. Tanzer has never forgotten. “‘A miracle,’” Dr. Tanzer recalled the student saying, “‘is each time my nine-year-old niece or my ten-year-old nephew hasn’t been shot on their way home from school.’ Her answer stopped me dead in my tracks. We lived in the same city and yet our experiences were so totally different.”

Noticing, respecting, and being curious about the different experiences, faiths, and lives of those around her has been the place of deepest learning for Dr. Tanzer. A professor of New Testament and Early Judaism, Dr. Tanzer joined McCormick in 1986 and has had to keep a close eye on what it means to live in community while holding one’s identity and differences in equal regard.

“When I interviewed for a position here many years ago, half of the faculty didn’t think it would be appropriate for a Jew to teach Christian scripture,” said Dr. Tanzer, whose work at Harvard University toward a Doctor of Philosophy in the study of religion had a major emphasis on New Testament and Jewish studies. “The whole time period of Christian scripture is also Jewish history. My aim has been for us to look more closely at our understanding of biblical narratives, challenge our own thinking, and go beyond a binary view of people. All Jews, Christians, Muslims, or people from other faith traditions don’t fit into a set category.”

This fall, Dr. Tanzer, along with Dr. Steed Davidson, dean of the Faculty, vice president of Academic Affairs, and professor of Hebrew Bible, will use grants from the Wabash Center and InTrust to lead a two-year developmental program that will help McCormick prepare students for greater interfaith cooperation.

“What I think I will bring to this initiative is a desire to value people’s distinct identities without a total relativization of who people are,” said Dr. Tanzer. “There’s always this great desire to see our similarities without looking at our distinctiveness. But if we don’t understand the differences, if we don’t know which religious texts faith traditions latch on to and why, then we don’t get very far in faith understanding. Respectfully learning from the differences is the interfaith piece for me…it’s listening until you hear what is really being said.”
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A two-week bus ride through several states in America’s South helped students on this year’s Civil Rights Travel Seminar to connect social injustices of the past to the present and ask what today’s calls for action are.

More than 800 large, steel structures hang from the ceiling of the National Museum for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama. Nine students and Dr. Jenny McBride, associate dean of Doctor of Ministry Programs and Continuing Education and assistant professor of Theology and Ethics, walk reverently through the six-acre site that memorializes the racial terror lynching of almost 5,000 African Americans during a nearly 90-year period of America’s history.

The names of the victims of lynching are engraved on columns. Alexis Owens, a master’s of divinity student, found the names of known community members from her hometown in Greenville County, South Carolina. Connie Brown (M.Div. ’19) recognized the name of a family member. “Every time I think about it, I realize this wasn’t that long ago,” said Brown. The National Museum for Peace and Justice was just one stop on this year’s travel seminar that took students to Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, where Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., pastored; Clayborn Temple in Memphis, where city sanitation workers received their “I Am a Man” picket signs; the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, where four African American girls were killed by a terrorist bombing; and the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, where civil rights marchers were beaten by Alabama police. Every stop offered sobering reasons to serve in ways that end patterns of social injustice.

“It’s pushing me as a white Protestant man to re-examine my faith and theology,” said Mark Fraley, a master’s of divinity student.
who participated in the travel seminar. “The tour reinforced my desire to use an internship I’m starting this Fall to deeply engage in a multicultural church. The tour, along with the readings from Dr. King and stories from people who lived during those moments, has led me to ask difficult questions about how I live out Christ’s teachings that were rooted in justice and agape love.”

The child of a community organizer and activist, Owens remembered coming home from school at age eight to find news reporters in her living room. Her mom had been protesting the living conditions in their apartment complex. The tour served as a reminder of the importance of standing up for injustice whenever and wherever she sees it.

“What I ponder now is, once you know, what do you do?” asked Owens who started The Giving Store in her garage after the trip. “I’ve donated a car, clothing, and other resources to feed people inside and out. The trip solidified the need to show love and give service to our community.”

For Brown, the trip affirmed her call to prison ministry. “The tour helped me see that not enough has changed for people of color as it relates to who is sent to prison and who has the money to pay their way out of the system,” she said. “During the Civil Rights era, the acts of the KKK went unpunished while people of color were locked up for protecting their human rights. Today, returning citizens are battling a social system that would prefer to see them back in prison, with the motive being capital gain—especially in the private prison sector owned by multi-million-dollar corporations. The tour made it evident that there is a long history and pattern that informs the social ills of our day and that the church is called outside its doors to help solve it.”

“Being able to receive awards and prizes that allowed me to travel during seminary helped me get a larger perspective of the world. I got to participate in faith-based human rights work, and that’s what I do on campus. While at McCormick, I traveled to Egypt during a J term and did research in Israel and Palestine. My courses in the Hebrew language and Hebrew Bible birthed an interest in Middle East issues. I learned the importance of pastoral care, which has helped me both in working in human rights and being back on campus. The lessons have been fundamental in connecting with students and helping me work through unexpected circumstances.”

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Summary of 2018-19
Operating Income and Expense
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

SUMMARY OF 2018-19 OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSE

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<th>Source of Funds</th>
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<td>Invested Funds Transfer</td>
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2018-19 Financial Report

Thank you! None of the good work described in this report happens without you. We are blessed to serve as stewards of the resources with which you, and many before you, have entrusted us. We are grateful for you, our alumni, trustees and friends. We have the privilege of witnessing your gifts transform human beings who transform their neighborhoods into places “where justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever flowing stream.” You and your gifts are creating a more just world one community at a time. We are blessed. We thank God for each of you. We pray that you are encouraged and inspired by the powerful leadership and testimony of our students and alumni. Thank you for all the ways in which you share your gifts of time, expertise, and money, and live out with us Micah’s call to “do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with God.”

The donor honor roll will be published in the electronic version of the annual report available on our website at mccormick.edu.
### Donor Honor Roll

**July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019**

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We give thanks for the lives of our beloved alumni who joined the great cloud of witnesses during the past year. May God continue to bless each family member and friend who mourn their loss. May we find hope and comfort in God’s gift of life eternal.

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Margaret Stuart Hart
Melinda Scott Krei

“I grew up in a fairly mono-cultural environment, white, middle-class, suburb of Kansas City. The education I got at McCormick focused on how to be a decent and just human being in a diverse, multicultural world. I remember a professor gathering up all of us in a first-year course and saying, ‘there’s an elephant in the room, and we’re going to talk about it—racism.’ That’s when it started, that set the tone for the hard and beautiful conversations we had in classrooms and the work we did together. I have tried to tap into the model my McCormick professors set in the classroom when I teach. They taught me how to hold emotions, heartbreak, and conflict in a classroom without everyone packing up and going home.”

Rev. Dr. Casey Thornburgh Sigmon, (M.Div. 2010) Assistant Professor of Preaching and Worship; Director of Contextual Education, St. Paul School of Theology
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