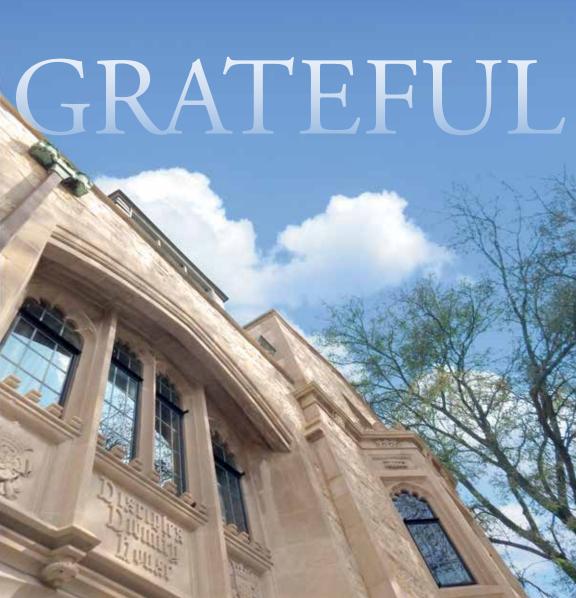


DISCIPLES DIVINITY HOUSE 125TH ANNIVERSARY

REPORT





an invitation



In autumn 1894, Herbert Lockwood Willett, the newly appointed dean of the newly created Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago, welcomed the first entering class.

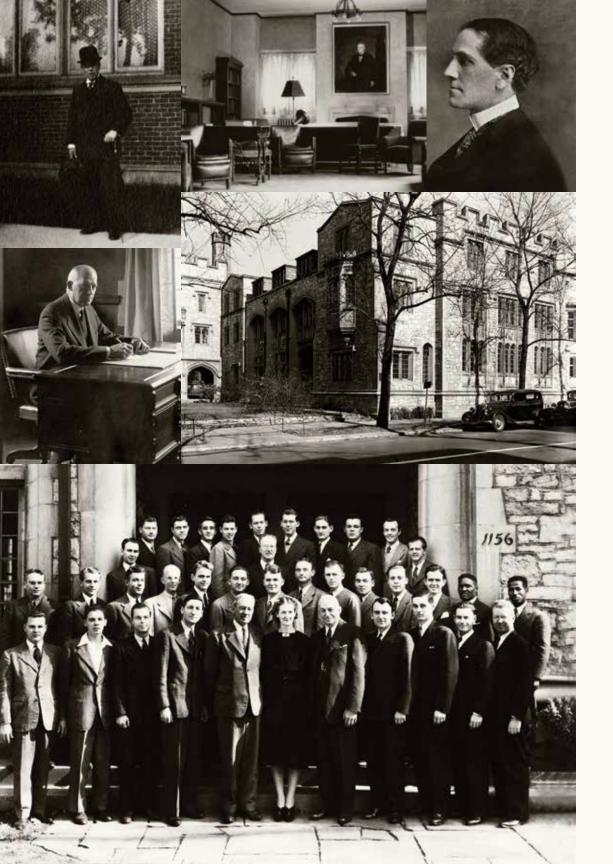
There was no physical "house" when the fall quarter opened—nor would there be one for another thirty-five years. In fact, neither was there was much of a university.

The founders had an idea of what it could mean to bring Disciples students to this promise of a great university, and they set about preparing for what was to come.

We are grateful for what their preparations would mean for the generations to come. We have received a remarkable legacy from deans Willett, Garrison, Ames, Blakemore, Browning, and Gilpin, and from generations of distinguished alumni/ae, among them two who were honored last year, W. Clark Gilpin and David A. Vargas. We are grateful for emerging leaders who receive and are still transforming this legacy—including the nineteen Disciples Divinity House Scholars

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who have now begun the 126th academic year despite the pandemic, social upheaval, and grave questions about the future.

When we say today that we are *grateful for what is to come*, we are still a lot like our founders. We cannot possibly know what the next 125 years will

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bring. What will ministry be like? What will teaching and learning be like?

Circumstances mostly beyond our control will create challenges and possibilities in a future that we can only begin to imagine. There are reasons enough to be afraid or anxious. To say that we are grateful for what is to come is not to have simple optimism, but to be readied to receive what we cannot fully anticipate.

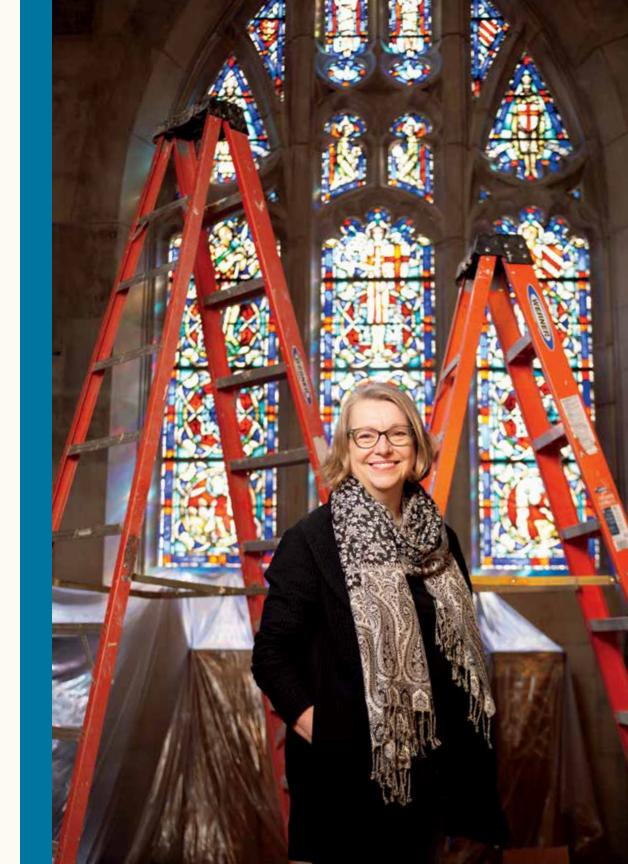
In DDH's 125th anniversary year, the Board of Trustees, led by President April J. Lewton and 125th Anniversary Chair Chad H. Martin, invited us to refresh our memory and our gratitude, and to renew our preparations. Remarkable generosity and commitment flowed in response. This book tells some of those stories.

The unknown future still beckons, inviting us to imagine what ministry and leadership may be needed, to transform the gifts of the past into footholds for the future, and to prepare women and men to be the critical thinkers and bold, creative leaders that the church and wider world need now—and for whatever comes.

KRISTINE A. CULP

Dean, Disciples Divinity House





FROM CHAD MARTIN

with gratitude



For a three-story building on the south side of Chicago with a full-time staff that you can count on one hand, the Disciples Divinity House has had, on a relative basis, a super-sized impact on the university, the denomination, the ministry, the world. That is worth celebrating. However, no one wants to describe DDH solely in terms of what has been done in the past. When Larry Bouchard coined the phrase, "grateful for what is to come," we knew that captured what we wanted to focus on for the 125th anniversary.

The 125th anniversary capital campaign will equip the House for mission, funding scholarships and internships and ensuring the House is a welcoming place for the next 125 years. We have seen the benefit to our students and the wider community and church that comes from residential and immersive learning, and we have been intentional about securing \$1.7 million in cash and pledges to undergird scholarships and immersive learning.

These gifts will pay a dividend of future leaders and scholars, pastors and professors, that will sustain and enrich the work of the church.



A Place of Welcome



Scholarships and Immersive Learning



A Recognition of Generosity

One of the most unique things about the House is that it remains a "house" —a physical place for students, staff, and community to interact. We have raised \$750,000 to ensure the House is a place of welcome. Addressing first floor accessibility takes us in the right direction for the next 125 years.

The overall goal was to raise \$4 million, roughly divided between cash pledges and estate commitments. The level of generosity overflowed the goal, bringing us to \$5,045,800, with \$2 million already having been received. The following pages express our gratitude for that generosity and present a moving account of it.

As a CFO, I speak MBA, not MDiv or PhD. I understand return on investment —and I know that these gifts will pay a dividend of future leaders and scholars, pastors and professors, that will sustain and enrich the work of the church.

While we can count the success in dollars and donors, the real goal has always been to ensure that the next 125 years are as fruitful and generative as the first 125 have been. We are grateful—for what is to come.

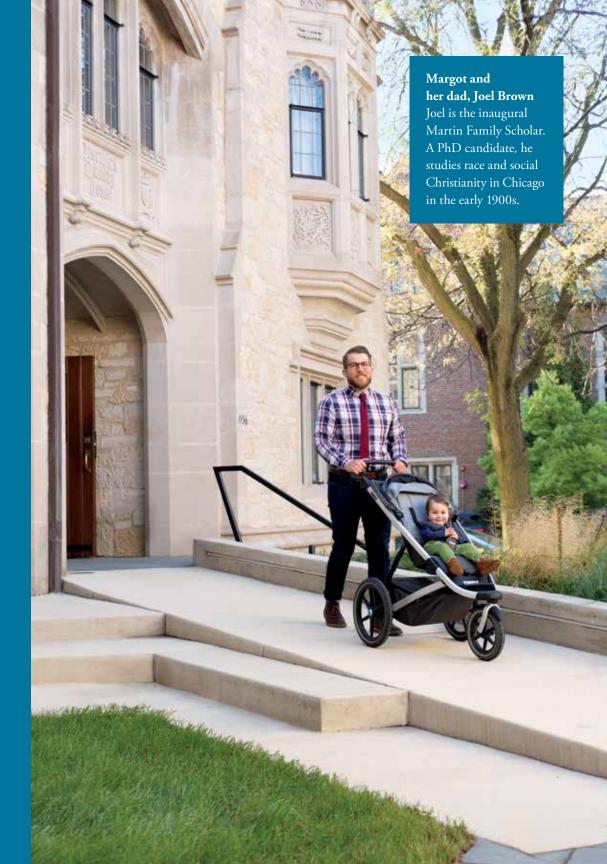
CHAD H. MARTIN

Chair, 125th Anniversary Celebration and Campaign

A PLACE OF WELCOME

A stunning new courtyard symbolizes welcome and provides barrier-free access to this historic building.







A MAGNIFICENT GIFT honors Jim Stockdale and has transformed the courtyard entrance.

University Christian Church in Seattle has honored **James E. Stockdale**, their esteemed and beloved former minister, with a spectacular gift of \$500,000. The gift has enhanced the welcome of this historic building by an ingenious courtyard design and adaptations to the first floor.

An alumnus, longtime trustee, and impassioned advocate of the Disciples Divinity House, Jim Stockdale depicted the House as a "threshold to excellence" for its centennial celebration. How fitting that this gift removes barriers at that threshold.

Jim and Pat Stockdale arrived in Chicago in 1952, when he became a Disciples Divinity House Scholar. Jim was a graduate of Bradley University in his hometown of Peoria. Pat was a speech therapist and, later, an administrator for Head Start and a realtor. They raised three children: Mark, Jennifer, and Jonathan.

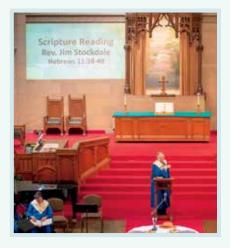
After graduation and ordination in 1956, Jim served Orchard Street Christian Church in Blue Island and, later, First Christian Church in Mount Carmel, Illinois. In the mid-sixties, he was called to University Christian Church in Seattle, serving until his retirement in 1994. Under his leadership, the congregation extended its witness of community engagement, vital intellectual life, ecumenism, and the arts.

He was president of DDH's Alumni/ae Council before being elected to the Board of Trustees in 1985. He served the board until 2019, including as Vice President and chair of the Development and House Committees. His younger brother, Tom, followed him to the House, and his son Jonathan became a PhD graduate. ••



Founded in 1890, University Christian Church was a progressive Christian congregation that sought peace and justice in the University District of Seattle and beyond until it ceased its common life in 2018.

A history of the congregation, compiled by Jim Stockdale in 1994 explains, "We believe that the task of transforming the world is a ministry that is shared among whomever calls him or herself a Christian. We join our efforts with men and women of other religions, so that in finding our common causes, we can be for the world a new vision of humanity—



a humanity that builds people up rather than tears humans down."

The Disciples Divinity House is profoundly grateful for its legacy and generosity, and for the opportunity to honor James E. Stockdale with them. This and other gifts totaling over \$6 million were made possible by the sale of the church's property and the foresight of the congregation. Their witness also continues through a foundation, and in the life of a new congregation, Journey Christian Church. &



University Christian Church, Seattle its beautiful Tudor Gothic sanctuary opened in 1928, the same year as DDH's building, and seated 1,500.



















A wide sloping walk rises from the street to the center of the courtyard. To the right, a majestic limestone stairway leads to the entry portico. The massive oak doors, original to the 1928 building, are newly restored—as is the building's Indiana limestone facade. Students coming and going pause to talk at a slate-tiled patio.

The main walk leads beyond an angled planter filled with spring bulbs and perennials. It branches to University Church on the left, straight ahead to the arched entrance to the Chapel of the Holy Grail, and back around on the right to a gentle ramp to the main entrance.

A bronze sculpture by the renowned artist Richard Hunt will animate the courtyard. Lighting, landscaping, and places for respite and conversation allow the vibrant life of the House to radiate from the building.

In the first-floor Common Room and Chapel, resident student scholars gather for programs and worship, as well as informally. Programs for the wider community are often hosted here. Low light conditions had been a hindrance.

A generous grant from the Theodore and Beulah Beasley Foundation, Inc., of Dallas,

Texas, together with gifts from alumni/ae and friends have provided for dramatic improvements in lighting for these spaces and the entry foyer. Improvements in sound are planned. An accessible restroom and gender-neutral shower have been constructed on the first floor.











TOM STOCKDALE

loved the arts in many forms—music, visual arts, film, theater, theology, and poetry. After his death in 2016, his family decided to commission a sculpture in his memory.

Eloquent, winsome, and keenly intelligent, Thomas Virgil Stockdale (1933–2016) served the historic Union Avenue Christian Church in St. Louis as its Senior Minister from 1986–99.

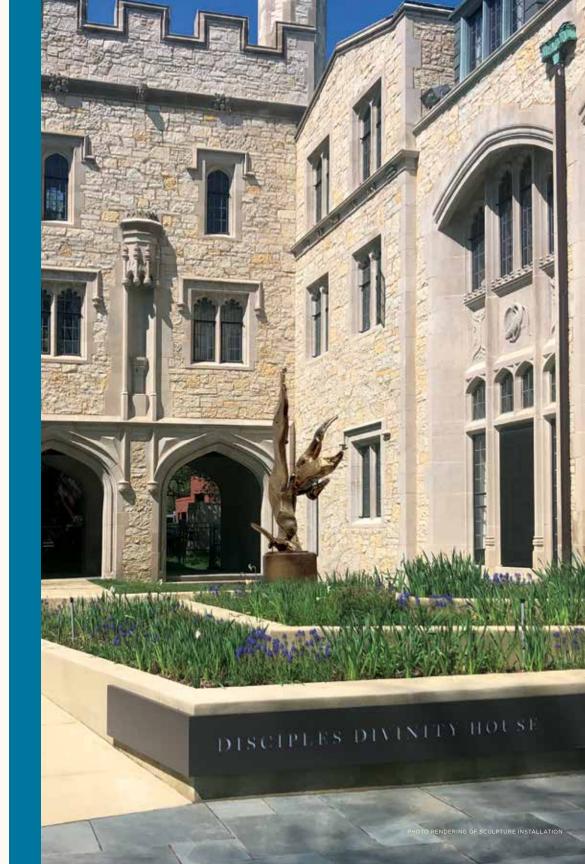
At Union Avenue, he was devoted to congregational life and worship and to community outreach, opening the doors of the church to feed men living with HIV/AIDS and to host work trips in the Urban Mission Inn. He reveled in the choir and the Union Avenue Opera Theater, and helped to create the Interfaith Sidebar of the St. Louis Film Festival. In retirement, he was honored as Minister Emeritus.

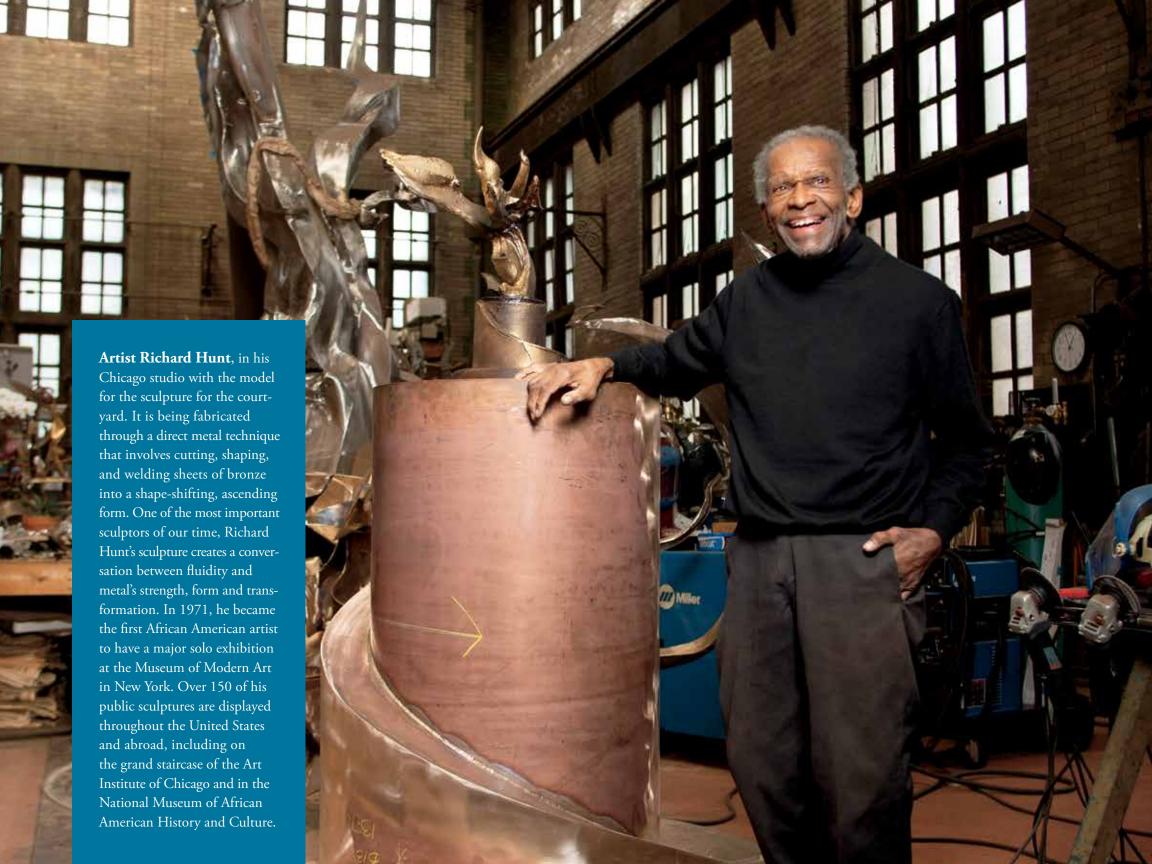
Born in Peoria, Tom Stockdale was a 1955 graduate of Bradley University. He married Patricia Gibson that same year; they raised four children, Pam, Peggy, Tim, and Katie. The sixty-one-year marriage was "one of those rare friendships and loves that lasted a lifetime."

Tom followed his older brother Jim to DDH in 1956. After graduation in 1960, he was ordained. He also served congregations in Michigan, Ohio, Kansas, Nebraska, and Maryland. Greatly admired by his DDH comrades, he served more than once on the Alumni/ae Council and co-edited *Winged Words*, the 2006 collection of alumni/ae prayers.

The sculpture will be dedicated in October 2020. Peggy Stockdale and husband Michael Heck, together with her mother, worked with family to bring the commission to reality. They envisioned an angelic evocation that would remember Tom and inspire future generations of House Scholars. They discovered the remarkable artistry and vision of Richard Hunt. ••





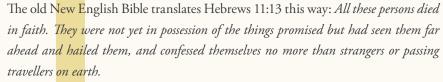




ANNIVERSARY KEYNOTE

Grateful for What Is to Come: The House with the Future as Thou.

Delivered at the 125th Anniversary Celebration — 25 May 2019



The ancient ones greeted a future they would not see, already in relationship with what is to come. They could be grateful for a future unknown in its particulars, whose promises they would not realize—except as future, as "on the way." They hailed promises not yet arrived but coming toward them, as if the future were also hailing *them* in their strange earthly wanderings.

Such a pattern or shape of language can be strange to us. Rarely do we speak of the future as "promise"—more often as "promising." To say the future is "promising" is to recognize contingent possibilities that warrant, at best, some optimism. I may say to a student, your paper idea is, well, promising.

Yet to speak of the future as sheer "promise" is rather incredible, for we often see the future as sheer threat. And to be *grateful* for the unknown future—that is even more incredible. How can we realistically and not sentimentally be grateful for what is to come, for what cannot be seen?

This question came up as we searched for the theme of this celebration. Imagine posters advertising the dates 1894–2019. What would they evoke? Nostalgia?



Ending more than beginning, past more than future? Would those dates suggest a memorial: "DDH, 1894–2019, R.I.P."?

We thought, yes, we should be grateful for the Disciples House's inspiring history; but let our focus be the future. Hence the theme, Grateful for what is to come. Yet what is coming is unknown, not yet, radically uncertain. Especially in days of such local and global crisis, anxiety, and suffering, how do we discern the future, not only with hope, but indeed with gratitude?

How can we now be grateful for what is to come? I find four clues.

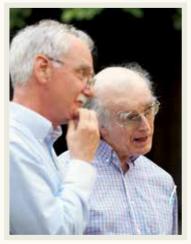
My first clue is from something learned in Swift Hall from Prof. Brian Gerrish about John Calvin.

For Calvin the essence of religion, or "piety," is gratitude. And I find glimpses of this in Marilynne Robinson's novel *Gilead*. The Rev. John Ames, in his long ministry in Iowa, has been challenged to understand how the love of God and the love of prodigal, wayward persons are loves that are fundamentally inseparable. He thinks God *sees* and "might even *enjoy* us." He says, "I remember in those days loving God for the existence of love and being grateful to God for the existence of gratitude, right down to the depths of my misery."

Another clue comes from our relations to the past and future in experiences of the present.

We ask, how are we *now* in relations of responsibility to the future, when those future people and creatures *do not now exist?* When we speak of obligations to future generations—to endow new practices of care, justice, and peace; to sustain the flourishing of the environment; and to create works of culture and science that enlarge joy, meaning, and value—to whom are we actually obligated? To futures existing only in our minds?





Neal Kentch with Larry Bouchard, right

For that matter, when we speak of our debts to the past, to whom now do we pay such debts of gratitude? And what of our obligations to the suffering of the past, whose collective magnitude and particularity is beyond measure and can paralyze our moral imaginations—yet which still remain the suffering of the past, *seemingly* of less weight, less realness?

These ethical questions bear on how we experience time. Augustine taught that past, present, and future are simultaneously present to God and thus are in actual relation to us through our actual relation to God. He thought the experience of time and eternity is a lot like how it feels to recite a poem, psalm, or song from memory—it seems to come from the expectant future, passing through the present, to return to memory (*Confessions* XI).

Augustine spoke as if the future and past were actually and simultaneously present to divine eternity, which to modern minds can sound like either soft mysticism or hard determinism. We tend to think of the past as context and the future as possibility, not as actuality. Even so, an implication of Augustine would be to discern that we are already, even now, in a real ethical relationship with futures unknown.

I take a third clue from the Jewish philosopher Martin Buber.

Many know of Buber's distinction between I-It and I-Thou relations. We have I-It relations with things, persons, memories, ideas, feelings, desires, dreams—with anything we can sense, talk about, or analyze. I-It relations are one-directional, moving from me to an object or from an object to me and are not inherently mutual. I-Thou or I-You (*Ich und Du*) relations are inherently mutual. They encounter us in the present moment, in meeting and departing, in dialogue and conversation, and in mutual, shared silences between strangers.

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Many assume I-Thou relations only happen between people. Yet Buber thought we enter into mutual relations with words, songs, artistic and literary expressions, and with natural phenomena like trees, cats, even glittering crystals when they catch us up in their particular immediacy—as they meet us and address us. (In Buber's *I and Thou*, the "spiritual beings" with which we may enter

relations are *geistige Wesenheiten*, better approximated as "forms of spirit" or expressive forms and works, including art.) For Buber, the ethical realm is most real in the relations of I and Thou, and of the "Eternal Thou" with every Thou.

The clue I take from Buber is that to be "grateful for what is to come" is to meet the future not first as a collective object, idea, anticipation, nor even primarily as possibilities, but to meet the future as a Thou meeting the present. We encounter the future as it arrives and addresses us, much as we are addressed by persons. Yet it is not always pleasant to be met by the future—so again, how can we realistically greet the future with the openness of gratitude?

My last clue comes from imagination.

There is a moment in Toni Morrison's novel, *Beloved*, when the unchurched preacher, Baby Suggs, speaks to African Americans in a wooded clearing outside Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1859:

She did not tell them to clean up their lives and go and sin no more. She did not tell them they were the blessed of the earth, its inheriting meek or its glorybound pure.

She tells her hearers to love themselves when they are otherwise unloved. Especially unloved bodies, every part of them.

She told them the only grace they could have was the grace they could imagine. If they could not see it, they would not have it.

Morrison does some remarkable things here: that she connects imagination with grace is the most noticeable. She does not mean grace is merely imaginary; rather, imagination is part of the reception of grace. Baby Suggs believes that the imagination is one mode of *receiving* gracious love. To imagine grace is already to be receiving it.

A more subtle thing she does is to link imagination to perception, to *seeing:* "...the grace they could *imagine*. If they could not *see* it, they would not have it." To imagine is not just to invent images in the mind but to *perceive*, more attentively and thoughtfully, what images, colors, sounds, and expressions the world offers.

Perhaps the most subtle thing Morrison does is to liken imagination to a moral and religious imperative to love. Imagine your bodies, love your bodies. Likewise, to be grateful for what is to come would be to imagine the unknown future attentively, openly, lovingly and without nostalgia or false sentiment.

What can it mean to encounter the future as Thou? I can think of two objections.

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Is not "the future" a falsely concrete idea? A generality without the real particularity of any kind of relationship, I-Thou or otherwise? My answer must be that the future always arrives in particular meetings or encounters that have the character of surprise, partly expected yet partly unexpected. A door opens, an email appears, a text or context speaks anew, and makes unexpected claims upon us. Futures yet to come, which we should be imagining, are first of all the futures of persons and creatures, not of probabilities or predictions.

A more serious objection to our being grateful for what is to come is the sheer magnitude of tragic suffering—whether it be interpersonal or political, culpable or contingent—suffering that is always on the way. To this objection, I reply that we must imagine bearers and contexts of grace within this magnitude of suffering.

With DDH, what we imagine coming are persons who will be ministering to tragic suffering and challenging suffering with new forms of resistance, love, mercy, and joy. Even now, we hear their inviting voices. They meet us in doorways and hallways, neighborhoods and wildernesses, face to face and through various media. Future persons on the way are already filling our present with relationships and ministries, as yet unknown but coming, always coming.

Now, it remains true that to meet unknown futures with gratitude you must plan for them; and when you plan, your orientation may shift between time and space. Moreover, these spaces—globe, nation, churches and the Disciples of Christ, the University, the House—can suffer the anxieties of uncertainty.

With the globe and nation, anxiety is terribly apparent: the survival and flourishing of the living environment and the future of governments of public honesty and responsibility are deeply in question. And that the globe and the nations have always been vulnerable, precarious spaces cannot give us much comfort today.

Nevertheless, gratitude would invite us to imagine global realities in their particularities, not just as fateful totalities. In macro and micro places, there will be people and communities striving to resist and reconcile, to mend worlds and facilitate joys and justice, in ways we both can and cannot yet imagine. Among these agents of caring in the midst of tragedy will be persons seeking to transform ministry and education. Some of these persons of the future are already making their way to the House and University.

I am actually not so anxious about the denomination's future—yet who knows what forms the future will bring. Sometimes I think the Disciples of Christ will return to being a diverse, less structured movement. Sometimes I think our present

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forms of life have more life than we realize. Perhaps the Disciples idea will reemerge in other communities and communions. In any case, the House imagines new ways to seek out and welcome Disciples. While manifestations change, our imperatives will endure: to renew the church in gratitude, to follow the ecumenical spirit, to reasonably interpret new life in Christ.

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It would be useful sometime to reflect on

Divinity School and the University of Chicago have been both resilient and contingent. Suffice it to say that with every new dean of either institution, and with every generation of faculty, the form of our partnership transforms. Transformation will always be cause for anxiety, and anticipation. Even so, the House and the School *are* a living, independent, and mutual relationship, always emerging, always in process. I don't wish to predict what the House, the School, or ideas of God will look like in a hundred and twenty-five years! Except to say...

We do meet the future of the House and Divinity School in the faces and voices of students, teachers, and ministers. In the future, they will be faces of hope and voices of healing, contextualized by great tragic suffering and by promises of care, justice, and joy. We know this is true because we have seen, and heard, and imagined future voices already addressing us. They are, and will be, persons *also greeting what is to come*, as they listen for ethical relations of love with *their* futures. Some of these faces and voices have even now arrived; some are just beyond our doors; perhaps most have not been born—we cannot quite be certain of that. And yet...

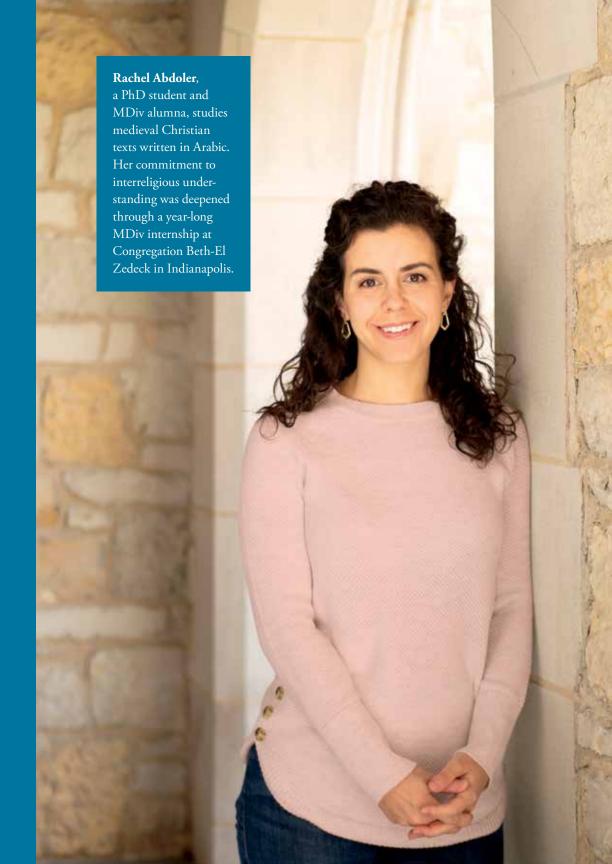
We are already grateful; their promises enrich and inspire us; we hail them and greet them on the way. \div





SCHOLARSHIPS AND IMMERSIVE LEARNING

DDH's signature scholarship program has been enriched with increased scholarship funds and their use for immersive learning.



Scholarships and Immersive Learning

or decades, DDH's scholarship program and resident community, offered in connection with the University of Chicago, has prepared creative thinkers and courageous leaders. An expansion of scholarship funds—both in number and through innovative use of these funds to provide for new immersive learning opportunities—will help ensure that students are ready to provide critical ministry and scholarship in a globalized and swiftly changing world. Eight scholarships are being endowed with gifts of \$250,000 or more; four have already been fully funded, full funding for the others is on the horizon. Dozens of friends, families, and colleagues have joined these efforts.

M. Elizabeth Dey Scholarship Drum and Tenant Scholarship

During her lifetime, Katherine A. Dey created two scholarships, one to remember her grandmother, M. Elizabeth Dey, and another to remember dear friends, Florence Drum and Flo's mother, Eleanor Tenant.

A laywoman from Arlington, Virginia, she built the scholarships through annual gifts and an exchange of letters. When she died in 2017, at age ninety-six she had provided for a final gift. A bequest of \$465,602 increased the total endowment for the Dey Scholarship to \$365,576, and for the Drum and Tenant Scholarship to \$299,616.

Ms. Dey was a lifelong member of the Disciples of Christ in part because her grandmother, "Mom," who raised her, had seen the need for a congregation in northern Virginia. It became the Wilson Boulevard Christian Church in Arlington. After DDH alumnus M. Ray Schultz became its minister in 1966, Katherine became one of its first two women elders and, later, the first female board chair for the Capital Area region.



Like her grandmother and also like her friends

Florence Drum and Eleanor Tenant, Katherine Dey was a doer in the church and in life. She lived modestly in a two-bedroom home across from the Arlington Public Library. She knew what dedication and hard work meant.

In 1942 she moved to Jacksonville, Florida, where she worked for two and a half years as a Class A Welder at the St. John's River Shipbuilding Company—"Wendy the Welder," she quipped, had to complete her work before "Rosie the Riveter" could even begin.

In 1948, she returned and began a thirty-two-year career with the National Security Agency, retiring in 1980. In retirement, she volunteered for the Arlington Red Cross chapter; in 2010, she was recognized for twenty-seven years and 23,375 hours of service.

Because of her life, her concern for others, her religious convictions and insight into human nature, and what she meant to me, I felt something should be done to mark this.

KATHERINE A. DEY

ON HONORING HER GRANDMOTHER



Dr. Geunhee and Mrs. Geunsoon Yu Scholarship

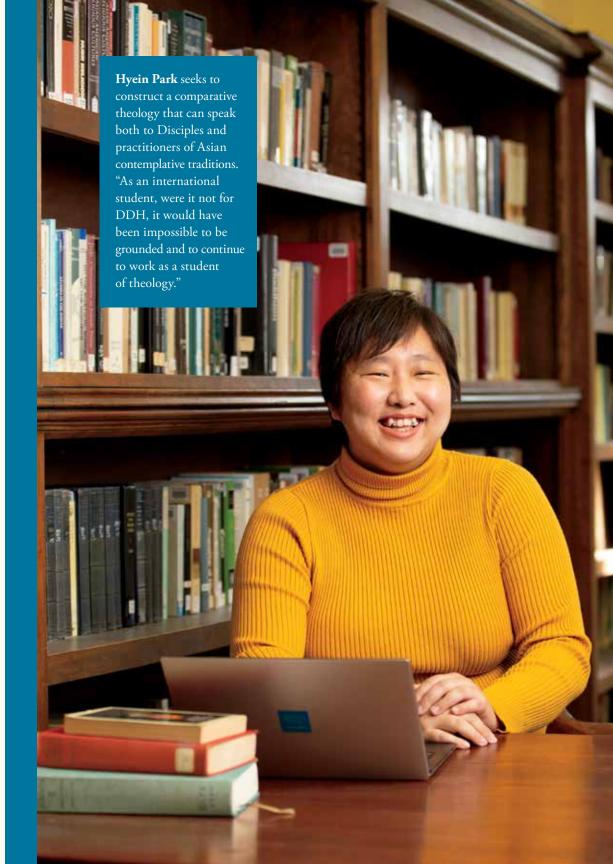
The faith, intelligence, love, and leadership of Dr. and Mrs. Yu have profoundly shaped the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and their own family.

Geunhee Yu was the first Asian-American Disciple to earn a PhD in religion. From 1992 until his retirement in 2011, he served as the inaugural Executive Pastor of the North American Pacific Asian Disciples (NAPAD). The number of congregations grew exponentially, many new cultural and language groups became part of NAPAD, diverse young leaders were nurtured, and educational initiatives were created.

DDH trustee Gaylord Yu with his brother, Gideon Yu, and their families, established the scholarship to honor their parents, to celebrate the long partnership between DDH and NAPAD, and to ensure innovative pastoral and intellectual leadership for future generations, especially within multicultural contexts. The scholarship was first awarded in 2019.

Its first recipient, Aneesah Ettress, is in her final year of MDiv studies. She completed a dual field education placement at Root and Branch, a new Disciples congregation, and at the University's Smart Museum of Art, while studying the possibilities of "sacred attunement" for those who have been marginalized or excluded from the church.





Martin Family Scholarship

The Martin family has seen the impact of DDH graduates firsthand. They established this scholarship to foster future leaders who will enrich the work of the church. Jerry Martin, a Disciples minister, got to know DDH and its students when he chaired the region's Commission on Ministry. Donna Martin, who taught writing at a community college and was a lay leader in the region, especially appreciated the women graduates from the House she met in the wider church. An inheritance from her parents, Roy D. and Mary Zoe Heath, provided for the initial gift for this fund.

Chad Martin, their son, now a CFO of a software company, became a DDH trustee. Over the last twenty years, he has given visionary leadership to the Board



of Trustees, serving as treasurer, president, and, most recently, chair of the 125th Anniversary Celebration and Campaign. Crista Martin's passion has animated the family's commitment to women in ministry, congregations, and intelligent leadership.

The scholarship is being awarded for the first time in the 2020–21 academic year to Joel Brown, a PhD student who studies how leaders of Black Chicago congregations shaped the Social Gospel movement.

He recently served as editor of *Sightings*, the biweekly electronic publication of the Martin E. Marty Center at the Divinity School.

I had never stepped foot in the House until my first Board meeting. But I was hooked at that first meeting.

CHAD MARTIN

Barbara and Clark Williamson Scholarship

When Clark Williamson first arrived at the House in 1957, he thought, "I had finally found a place where I was intellectually and spiritually at home." He would

earn BD, MA, and PhD degrees and become an architect of post-Holocaust Christian theology, the author of more than twenty books, and the Indiana Professor of Christian Thought Emeritus at Christian Theological Seminary. He reflected, "I have come to see that loving questions and loving strangers (who bring their questions with them) is a requirement of Christian faith. Even more, it is a requirement of any authentic spiritu-



ality or pastoral leadership. After Auschwitz, unquestioning faith is pernicious."

He and his late wife created this scholarship in gratitude for excellence in theological education and scholarship. Barbara was a student working in the Divinity School Dean's Office when they met. She earned a BA in French and an MA in Linguistics from the University. Her deep commitment to justice and liberty informed her work as executive director of the Indiana Civil Liberties Union, in the United States Attorney's Office, and in the Federal Court House. Clark Williamson is a trustee and was Honorary Co-Chair of the 125th Anniversary Celebration.

Here was a place where questions about matters of ultimate importance were themselves regarded as important. We argued about answers, which was fine; we did not argue about the appropriateness of questioning, of thinking critically.

CLARK WILLIAMSON



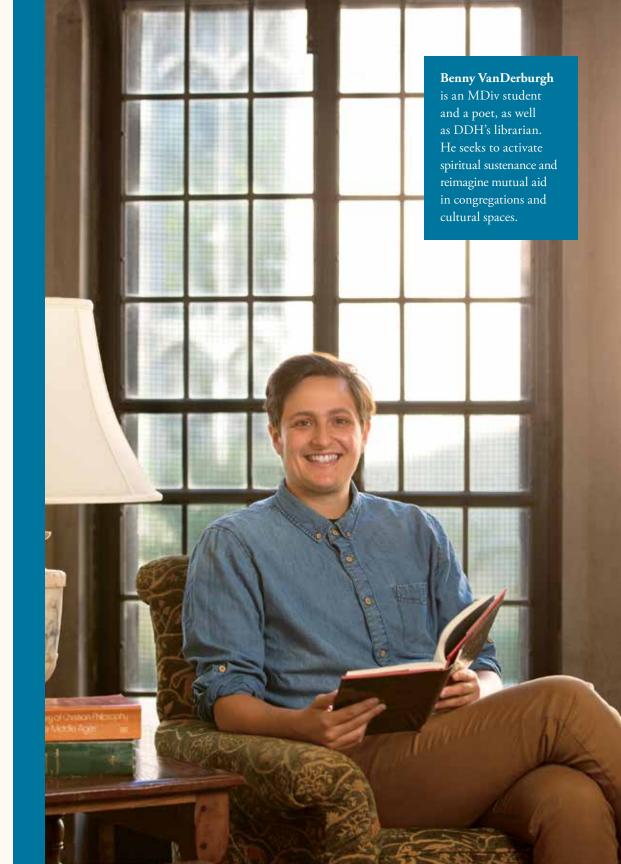


Jim and Peggy Powell Scholarship

Reflecting on their parents' legacy, their love and encouragement of their children and the church, and their ministry over the past forty plus years, spurred the Powells' children to act. Drew Powell and his great friend, Gaylord Yu, consulted with Jim and came up with the plan to endow the scholarship. Peggy agreed whole-heartedly, and Laura, Than, Elizabeth, and their families joined in. "We have been captured by the bold vision and rich history of DDH," Jim and Peggy explained. The scholarship honors them and expresses their "lifelong desire to find, support, and educate leaders for the church to serve the world."

Much of their ministry involved new churches and funding for the buildings and infrastructure of our denomination. Jim's formal work with DDH began after his retirement as President of Church Extension, but the relationship goes back many years, to an uncle and second cousin who were alumni—and also named James Powell.





Amy A. Northcutt Scholarship

Amy Northcutt was a person of deep faith who believed in the power of theological education. She was the Chief Information Officer of the National Science Foundation at the time of her death in May 2017. An attorney by training and

a leader in government and nonprofit organizations, she was an alumna of DDH and former president of its Board of Trustees.

Craig Middlebrook, her spouse, envisioned the scholarship as a way of honoring and sustaining Amy's love of people and ideas, her relish in thinking creatively and critically to solve problems and build connections, and



her sense of God's grace in the world and our responsibility for each other. Scores of family, friends, and colleagues have contributed, allowing the scholarship to reach the \$125,000 mark for DDH's 125th anniversary. When fully funded, it will benefit promising women leaders who are pursuing theological studies at the University of Chicago.

Kristine A. Culp Scholarship

In 1991, Kris Culp became the first woman to serve as the chief executive officer of any graduate theological education institution of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). This scholarship was initiated during the twenty-fifth anniversary of her deanship. Thanks to the generosity of a trustee, gifts made to the scholarship will be matched.

Gifts for the Endowment

he following gifts for named funds and from estates have been added to the general endowment during the 125th anniversary to ensure the House's ongoing work. Named funds are created with gifts of \$10,000 or more. Other campaign gifts increased existing named funds, and others yet were unrestricted gifts for the endowment. DDH is grateful for these gifts and has been immeasurably enriched by the testimonies of these lives.

F. McDonald and Jean Ervin Fund

The Ervins were long-time friends of the House, pillars of University Church, and agents of change in the Hyde Park and Woodlawn communities. When Don and Jean were present at the House, we felt the saints of the church were with us. Their son, Bruce, organized this gift on behalf of his beloved late parents.

Teresa M. Gilmore Fund

Teresa M. Gilmore was, in the inimitable phrasing of her granddaughter, Associate Dean Yvonne Gilmore, "an epic hymn sung in rounds worth repeating." She was a music educator and a founding member of Michigan Park Christian Church in Washington, DC. By creating this fund, the Gilmore family celebrates DDH's 125th anniversary and pays tribute to her life, the enduring power of arts innovation, and courageous congregations.



David T. and JoAnne H. Kagiwada Fund

JoAnne Kagiwada, a law graduate of UC-Berkeley, helped ensure passage of the \$1.25 billion redress program on behalf of Americans of Japanese ancestry who were deprived of their civil liberties and incarcerated in concentration camps by the US government. A member of the Board of Trustees from 1984–2018, she was Honorary Co-Chair of the 125th Anniversary Celebration. Her late husband, Disciples pastor David Tamotsu Kagiwada, was an alumnus. They led Disciples of diverse and historically antagonistic Asian cultures into the formation of what is now the North American Pacific Asian Disciples (NAPAD).

Edward H. and Mary Ruth Judd Kolbe Fund

"I was the last Disciples student of Dr. W.E. Garrison while he was teaching religion and philosophy at the University of Houston," alumnus Ed Kolbe recalls. "This was the catalyst for a lifetime of influence of Disciples House in my life." The fund was created to celebrate Mr. Kolbe's eighty-fifth birthday, his forty years of congregational ministry, and to remember Mary Ruth Judd Kolbe, who taught nursing on the community college and university level and died in 2016. Gifts from the Kolbes' children, Ruth, Charles, and Tom, and their families combined with a gift in memory of Mary Ruth Kolbe to create the fund.

Lewton Sparks Family Fund

April J. Lewton, President of DDH's Board of Trustees and a Vice President of the National Benevolent Association, and Garry Sparks, Jr., Associate Professor of Religion at the George Mason University, met when they were students at the Disciples Divinity House. They join with Pam and Garry Sparks, Sr., to create this fund. "As a family committed to DDH and theological formation, we created this fund to strengthen and encourage the development of scholars and leaders for the church, academy, and faithful witness in the world."



Eugene May Fund

"Eugene May never taught us anything by word or spirit that we later had to unlearn to be followers of Christ. He inspired a quest for intelligence in Christian faith that requires attention throughout life, from the smallest child who is learning the first words, 'Jesus loves me,' to the oldest and wisest among us who are searching for the final word, the 'Alpha and Omega.'" Raymond and Lois Williams created the fund during DDH's Centennial and added to it generously during the 125th Anniversary. Eugene May was their minister as they were growing up in Bluefield, West Virginia, and was an alumnus, like Raymond himself.

Carl and Esther Robinson Estate

The Robinsons shared an unshakable commitment to justice, peace, the integrity of persons, and the well-being of society. Their commitments came to exemplary expression in Fresno, where they were founding members of the Fresno Metro Ministry. Born and raised in Iowa, they were married in 1942 before Carl began his studies as a House Scholar. He died in 2013, she in 2019, just shy of her 101st birthday. Both preferred to call attention to the challenges at hand rather than to themselves. They planned for a bequest from their estate, "not to pay a debt, but to ensure a future."

John Norton and Grace Lord Williams Fund

This fund was created through a gift from the estate of Grace Lord Williams, who died at the age of ninety-eight in 2017. She and John Norton Williams, an alumnus and a leading Disciples minister, married in 1971. He died in 1996. While serving as executive director of the Arkansas Council of Churches in the 1960s, he gave outspoken leadership for Civil Rights and in protesting US involvement in the Vietnam War.

CAMPAIGN PLEDGES AND GIFTS

Our gratitude we here proclaim, for every gift, for every friend. These generous gifts will fund scholarships and immersive learning and help ensure the House is a place of welcome for the next 125 years.

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The goal was \$4 million, with half sought in cash gifts or pledges over a three-year period and half in planned gifts or estate commitments (estimated at present value). "The generous response overflowed the goal," Chad Martin, chair, has announced.

Total Campaign Commitments \$5,045,800

- Estate Commitments \$2,580,425
- Cash Gifts and Pledges \$2,465,375

82% of the Cash Gifts and Pledges have been received as of September 2020



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- Scholarships and Immersive Learning \$1,484,350
- Accessibility and Welcome \$696,685
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An MDiv alumna, **April Lewton** has been President of the Board of Trustees since 2018. She knows how to build relations and to nurture beloved community, as attested by her work as Vice President of Development and Marketing at the National Benevolent Association. She and her spouse, alumnus Garry Sparks, are deeply committed to theological education and have joined with their family to create the Lewton Sparks Fund.



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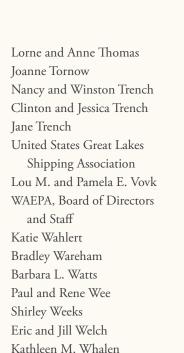
Ray Schultz, who called himself a "peasant pastor," said that his monthly check to DDH was a thank you smaller than all he received as a student there. I hope to follow in Ray's footsteps, and to reflect my own gratitude.

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Yvonne Gilmore has invested intellect and imagination in DDH during her seven years as Associate Dean. She has fostered camaraderie and conversation, shared worship and work, among House Scholars and alumni/ae, including through the Constructive Theologies Project and Living Justice: An Anti-Racist Practicum. And, she is a practitioner of gratitude, as exemplified by bringing into being the Teresa M. Gilmore Fund, which remembers her grandmother.

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DDH concludes its 31st year

The Trustees were called to order.

The Dean was requested to re-read his report, which he did.

A motion was made and seconded that we proceed with the building operation when the cash and pledges of the Building Fund aggregate to \$100,000.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Loehr

L.L. Loehr, the treasurer

Opposed the motion on the ground that he was opposed to the erection of a building. One reason was that there may be a proposition presented to us for a merger with the College of Missions....

A second reason is that we do not need dormitories for our students. The whole enterprise has so little use that it becomes virtually a fraud to ask our friends for money for a building. The teaching function of the House has been a failure for thirty years.... The endowment fund should be used for bringing students to the University by promotional activity and by scholarships. We are paying more for the services of a Dean for administrative work than is necessary not more than the services of Dean Garrison trained and equipped as he is are worth in a position where he could use his training but more than is necessary to operate the House as a social center for students.

Dean Garrison

W.E. Garrison, the second dean

Mr. Loehr holds up the Divinity House in the light of a wrong conception of the intention of the House. The Divinity House was to be a residential group and agreed at the outset to build one or more halls for our students. The Divinity House can scarcely be said to have failed for it has never really been tried.... It was never conceived that the chief function of the House was its teaching function.

Dr. Willett

H.L. Willett, founding dean

From the first the Divinity House has actually given courses in the history and thought of the Disciples....

Professor MacClintock

W.D. MacClintock, DDH's other founder

It is a good thing to have Mr. Loehr bring up the question of our fundamental purpose. President Harper, when he encouraged the organization of our Divinity House, had in mind the groups living at Oxford in separate houses....

We have come to a parting of the way. Either we must go back to the original House idea or forward to the plan of a fully equipped Seminary.... Denominationalism in the narrow sense is not desirable but as a home and congenial group, as a social carrier it may have a very useful function.

Mr. Rice

Perry J. Rice, executive committee member
We cannot get students here on Mr. Loehr's
plan. We must get an equipment and do a
larger work.

After some further discussion the question was put and the vote was taken, Mr. Loehr voting against the motion and the other Trustees voting for it.

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E.S. Ames, Secretary

