

#### Disciples Seminary Foundation

Celebrating 60 Years of Education, Ministry, and Service!



## 60 Years and Beyond A Message from DSF's Interim President



Rev. Belva Brown Jordan

Rev. Belva Brown Jordan has been the Interim President of DSF since January 1, 2020.

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Dear DSF Family,

October 20, 2020 will mark the 60th Anniversary of the incorporation of Disciples Seminary Foundation (DSF). Even before the date of incorporation, "the Disciples' 'Claremont Dream'" was born. The vision was to bring to life "the first serious effort in graduate theological education for Disciples of Christ on the Pacific Slope." The "Claremont Dream" included creating partnerships with Claremont School of Theology (at that time known as the Southern California School of Theology) and Southern California Disciples churches. The dream became a reality in 1960. Two decades later, the goal to "build up lay theological education in the church" was added to the DSF vision. Over the years, the "Claremont Dream" has evolved and continues to unfold keeping the dream alive.

The denomination's commitment to ecumenism was visible as DSF and Claremont School of Theology, an affiliate of the United Methodist Church, shared in building classrooms and constructing a theological faculty. The establishment of the 1960 partnership provided services to Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ students in Claremont. Over the years, new partnerships have emerged. Partner schools today include Iliff School of Theology, Pacific School of Religion and the Graduate Theological Union, San Francisco Theological Seminary at University of Redlands, and Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry. Spring 2020 culminates with DSF celebrating 25 graduates from four of its partner schools. You will see highlights of their inspiring stories in this newsletter. Some have moved on to become pastors, chaplains, community organizers, activists, doctoral students, and much more.

In the 1980s, DSF expanded its vision with a goal to build up and support lay theological education. From that goal, the Certificate of Ministry Studies (CMS) program in Southern California was eventually developed. The program was designed for adults "who serve

their local church ministry and are interested in deepening their knowledge in theology, the Bible, and the practice of ministry." In recent years, the Diploma of Ministry Studies (DMS) program has come into being for those who want to go even further than CMS and engage "seminary level studies in Bible, theology, and ministry." CMS and DMS are vibrant and alive with students, congregations, and regions working together to fulfill ministry dreams. Recognition of the Spring 2020 CMS graduates are highlighted in this newsletter.

DSF today is not the same expression of ministry for theological education that it was in 1960 with its incorporation. It has pushed beyond that "dream" to become much more than any dream could ever hold. In the six decades of DSF life, there have been victories and challenges; seasons of ups and seasons of downs, and never once did DSF shy away from what stood in front of it. Through God's grace, transitions and potential disruptions were faced with courage and confidence that the time to set the dream aside had not yet arrived. With the timely actions of boards and the generosity of alums and other life-long supporters, DSF has persevered. As we recall our history and celebrate 60 years, we also see in the lives of these 2020 graduates that the dream beyond 60 is real. The dream is alive and waiting for us to do the hard work in front of us to get to what lies beyond. Blessings.

"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, not rulers, not things present, not things to come, nor powers, not height, no depth, nor anything else is all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39). We do not lose heart.

Much heart,

Rev. Belva Brown Jordan

**Acronymns used in this edition:** Disciples Seminary Foundation (DSF), Certificate of Ministry Studies (CMS), Diploma of Ministry Studies (DMS), Disciples of Christ (DOC). **Theological Schools:** Claremont School of Theology (CST), Iliff School of Theology (Iliff), Pacific School of Religion (PSR), San Francisco Theological Seminary at University of Redlands (SFTS), Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry (SUSTM).





Carolyn Anderson M.Div., SFTS

"My desire is to focus on the intersection of music, arts, and ministry as it addresses mental health in the church. My passion lies with a greater spiritual awareness that will promote connections with people of all faiths through the vehicle of the ministry of music, arts, and the spoken word, but especially within the Christian Church (DOC). My education has complimented my 20+ years of experience as a musicologist and has keenly ignited and increased my great desire for ministry that is culturallyconscious, theologically inclusive, and biblically faithful. I am a 3<sup>rd</sup>-generation church planter and have a continuing interest in new congregational shaping according to the needs of this present generation, which is a challenge. I also have a desire for hospice ministry, having experienced first-hand life returning to seemingly lifeless bodies as music is heard. I love watching God show up! My favorite memories with the DSF Family were our campus luncheons. It was a wonderful time to interface with others as well as with our advisors who always took excellent care of us! The family that eats together, stays together."



Christi Anderson MTS, CST

"Now that I am graduating, I'm planning to get creative with my passion for ministry through sports and reach out to the region and local congregations to see how I can serve. My vision for the church, both locally and globally, is to embrace sports as a ministry vessel. The spirituality of and participation in sports is an essential element of community, worship, and ministry. Sports provide an opportunity for outreach as well as an opportunity to strengthen the relationship between family members, peers, and congregants. I have returned to my first love, the skating rink. I am living the ministry God has called me to serve. I have felt God on that ice. I have seen God in the eyes of my students who learn to do a three-turn or a front crossover, or even make it around the rink once without me holding on to them. One of my favorite memories was when I got to be the photographer at the DSF Luncheon at General Assembly. I got to talk to every single person at the luncheon. I was so inspired and motivated by all the stories I heard that day about all the walks of life that make up DSF. It made me really thankful to be part of the DSF Family!"



Dr. Toni Bond Leonard Ph.D., CST

"My vision for the future of ministry is one that is grounded in liberation and justice. It is one where the church actively works to dismantle white supremacy and racism. I bring a passion for righting injustices and thinking critically about what is right and good. What are the right actions we should all be striving towards as humans who envision a just and equitable society? Working to end all forms of reproductive and sexual oppression has been my life's work, my passion. My training as a Christian ethicist has prepared me to offer vital insights around the role of the church in society and the basis upon which individuals should make ethical decisions. I look forward to publishing my scholarly work in the form of journal articles and books. My dissertation research involved collecting the oral reproductive and sexual herstories of black Christian Protestant women. I am also looking forward to expanding that research to include narratives of additional women in the near future."



**Jasmine Epps**MA, CST

"I envision the Christian church creating a wide reach by hosting church online. I hope to minister among the pioneers in utilizing digital humanities and a 21st century re-read of biblical text to help people find purpose, meaning, and spirituality. I believe this will help unite global ministries and allow more diverse and muted voices to be heard, which is vital for the growth of the church. I am thankful for the experience of teaching workshops on how to better communicate with congregants and spiritual seekers online. I was shaped by the friendships I found at DSF and candid conversations with people from different backgrounds about how church leaders can help meet their community needs outside of Sunday service. I hope to continue growing as a digital minister and build a community of believers who can have fruitful and generative experiences with one another as they learn more about God and helpful spiritual practices."



**Rev. Dr. John Jinseok Cheon** D.Min., CST

"By working as a co-pastor at Sallims Church in Newport Beach, CA, I have learned the joys and sorrows of many Asian-Americans. Working as DSF's Director of Mission and Peace Education, I was able to know the worries and hopes of seminary students of various racial and cultural backgrounds. I have a commitment to a ministry that promotes peace and reconciliation. We live in an unequal multicultural society. In this society, for true freedom and unity, it is important to achieve peace and reconciliation based on justice. Through the D.Min. program, I was able to grasp the reality of social outcasts more clearly and explore the possibility of forming a faith community that include them. I will continue to work for Sallims Church and will probably teach church history at a Korean seminary in California."



**Rev. Dr. Nancy Fowler** Ph.D., CST

"My son significantly shaped my vision for ministry. He struggled with mental illness and discovered 'self-medication' in middle school. As I entered my Ph.D. program, I was introduced to the Compassion Practice, and I found that it greatly helped ground me and keep me calm in dealing with my son. In 2015, he could not do it anymore and chose to end his life. The Compassion Practice helped me in grief. I knew I could help other bereaved parents by offering them what had been so helpful to me. Out of this my dissertation was born. At the core of what is needed in the church is a commitment to social justice and equality. Pastors are called to be prophets to their congregations so that the congregations will be prophets to the world. Upon graduation, I will continue to offer Compassion Practice and grief care as requested, within my local congregation, the region, and beyond. I am hoping to take this work to Palestine. My favorite memories are the Welcome Dinners at the beginning of each semester, which included time with my mentor."



**Karen Ferguson** M.Div., CST

"Jesus showed us that life—and ministry is based in relationship. It is through our relationship with God, ourselves, and each other that we experience and spread Christ's love. We have to be church wherever we are. whoever we're with, in communion with all creation. That includes Christian congregations with diverse expressions of worship and service, interfaith alliances, and working alongside people in local and global communities to demand and support justice for the earth and all of her inhabitants. Ministering to one of us ministers to all of us. At our very essence, we are one. I am filled with a deep desire to minister to the spiritual pain and angst of our world, to walk with others through darkness. I am drawn to individual and collective struggles with moral injury, trauma, grief, loss, and death. Seminary has deepened my understanding of cultural, social, psychological, and spiritual pain and provided me with insight into pathways of healing, hope, and meaning. In August, I will begin a CPE Residency at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, WA."



**Rev. Dr. Clemette Haskins** Ph.D., CST

"The most impactful memory of my educational journey was at the invitation of Rev. Belva Brown Jordan to participate in the welcome, hospitality, and commune with beloved and noted scholar Dr. Mercy Amba Oduyoye. It was an honor and privilege that continues to nourish me personally and scholarly. Another fond memory of being part of DSF were the many times we gathered around the table for a meal. In light of graduating with my doctorate in the midst of this most peculiar time in history, I am currently guided by the ethos of the following quote by Arundhati Roy: 'Historically, pandemics have forced humans to break with the past and imagine their world anew. This one is no different. It is a portal, a gateway between one world and the next. We can choose to walk through it, dragging the carcasses of our prejudice and hatred, our avarice, our data banks and dead ideas, our dead rivers and smoky skies behind us. Or we can walk through lightly, with little luggage, ready to imagine another world. And ready to fight for it.' And so, I join with others in continuing the work of curiosity and imagination together with love, to foster new ways of living, moving, and being toward the flourishing for all peoples and the earth."



**Tesa Hauser** M.Div., CST

"Attending Claremont School Theology allowed me to create strong relationships with people from other denominations, faiths, backgrounds, ethnicities, and cultures; I wasn't merely reading about people's experiences and faiths from a textbook but learning from friends and colleagues, people I believe are created in God's image. My assumptions and biases were revealed, challenged, and changed. I remember the first student dinner I attended before I joined the Disciples and the DSF Family. I don't remember much of our time together, but I remember thinking and feeling, 'I am home.' Now that I am graduating, I would like to take CPE classes. I want to look for ways to be involved in my community's interfaith dialogue, learn about other models of ministry outside of the local congregation, and volunteer for activism organizations associated with and without a particular faith group. If we care about justice, let us work with other denominations and religions who we can support, and in return, can support us."



Wendy Holland M.Div., CST

"I was extremely blessed to be able to do my internship at my home church, Missiongathering San Diego, where I now serve as Associate Pastor. I am fully at peace with where I am currently serving and also excited for what comes next, which I'm guessing will be lead-pastoring a congregation. My vision for ministry has always been one of holy boldness in pursuing issues of justice and inclusion and protection and provision for 'the least of these.' While there are different perspectives of how that presents, I am convinced that Jesus calls us to minister to those who need to know their value both as humans and as spiritual beings with so much to contribute. I do need to give a special shout-out here to JoAnn Bynum, José Morales, Belva Brown Jordan, and Jon Berquist, for so embodying a message of the theology of grace combined with a commitment to academia. I was really blessed and impacted by the diversity of CST and especially the many representations of what relationship with God and call to ministry looks like."



**Rev. Cynthia "Wally" Hoeger** M.Div., CST

"My vision for the future of ministry is that we continue to birth new ways of responding to God's call while remaining faithful to our traditions and values. My hope is that we inspire and serve those in need, in real and relevant ways, while also being willing to admit when we get it wrong and to try again. I'm passionate about ministry that meets people where they are today. The church can no longer expect people to meet solely on the church's time table. We have to go out into the community and serve in ways that are meaningful for those who need it most. CST helped me to find my voice and to not be afraid of answering my call to ministry. When I think of all that DSF has done for me, and it's a lot, I think what has impacted me most was Rev. Jon Berquist's leadership and mentoring."



**Tom Johnson** M.Div., CST

"For now, I call Claremont home. I was born in Los Angeles and grew up in Long Beach. I am not ordained yet but hope to be in the future. I did CPE at PIH Health Hospitals in Downey and Whittier. I currently serve as a volunteer co-pastor at Sallims Christian Church and offer the message on the fourth Sunday of every month. My call is chaplaincy, and I hope to continue to provide interfaith spiritual care. I believe in the ministry of presence, to serve people where they are. And for me, that is in a hospital, as a chaplain. In the future, I plan to serve a one-year hospital chaplain residency. Where that will be, and when I will start are uncertain due to COVID-19. Both CPE and serving at Sallims Church have offered me important and valuable lessons. I am inspired by the first line of Hebrews 13:2, which was our congregation's vision in 2019: 'Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers."



Hyeryung Kim (Grace) M.Div., SFTS

"One of my professor said, 'Everybody needs care, and everybody is different.' When I entered seminary, I was divorced and becoming a single mom. My life was changing, and I felt loneliness, emptiness, and like I had failed. I was worried about being a single mom and a full-time student. When I heard this message, it inspired me to prioritize self-care for my pain and hurt, and it encouraged me to believe that being different is OK. My ministry now focuses on pastoral and spiritual care. Everyone needs care physically, emotionally, and spiritually. I am thankful for Evan Stanfill. We entered the M.Div. program the same year, in 2016. We took classes together. I did not know DOC before. He invited me to go to Gathering Desire in the fall of 2017. It started my journey with the DOC and DSF. I am thankful to him for inviting me into the DSF Family. Upon graduating, I plan to pursue a D.Min. in Pastoral Care and Counseling at SFTS, take CPE, and work in ministry at a local church as a part-time minister."



**Debora Kuhlmann** M.Div., CST

"I did my field education in Salem and Eugene, OR. I belong to the First Christian Church in Sacramento, CA. In the future, I hope to be a hospital chaplain in either acute care, palliative care, or hospice. I am open to serving anywhere in the United States. I want to be a living example of the hospitality Jesus gave all people and to offer comfort, support, and connection to those who suffer in crisis. Disciples are a people of faith; faith in the love of God for all people. It is my purpose to remind those I serve that they are holy loved by God. My journey in seminary has made me appreciate my faith and the important work the Disciples need to do in the world. My favorite memories are The Table that brought all the students and faculty together. I will always remember my classes at DSF in Claremont. I felt every part of my experience was special, and I felt so much support."



**Rev. Amber Mattingly** D.Min., CST

"My vision for the future of ministry moves beyond ecumenical work with other Christian denominations to interfaith work. On the church level, I think interfaith partnerships where understanding can be fostered and partnerships that center on justice issues and promoting peace in the world needs to be a focus. My education has prepared me to take a compassionate approach to tending to my own needs, which helps me better understand the needs of others. I have learned to be a better listener and to design experiences that offer people opportunities to gain the tools necessary to be a more compassionate presence in the world. All of my classes at CST were spiritually forming. The combination of reading and setting up projects encouraged me to develop these new skills in practical ways for the life of the church. Through my dissertation, Henri Nouwen offered me the wisdom of greeting every person as a gift sent from God for my own personal flourishing and that my gifts will be used to encourage their flourishing. Mutual ministry."



**Godfree McIntyre** M.Div., CST

"With the help of courses such as New Testament, Hebrew Scriptures, and various theology courses, I have been able to break free from the vestiges of Fundamentalist literalism that bound me to overarching goals of conversion and indoctrination in ministry. I am now convinced, more than ever, that healing and liberation happen for people through ministry that invites them to conversation and shared meaning-making. I am convinced that our care for one another on physical, emotional, and spiritual planes is constituted in mutual regard, vulnerability, and influence that embody the ever unfolding revelation of the love of God. I would say that my leadership and pastoral care courses, coupled with Field Education and CPE, have significantly shaped my vision of ministry by helping me develop an understanding of the boundaries, task, role, and authority of spiritual leadership both in the church and in the community such that my goals in ministry are more toward facilitating the emergence and fruition of individual and group identity and gifts (or meaning and purpose)."



**Lara McKinley** M.Div., CST

"My vision for ministry in general is one of ecumenical diversity that is open and affirming, ecologically aware, interfaith, transformative, and restorative. For the global church, I see us as a large community constantly connecting and leaving no one behind. I see us engaging our youth by linking them with our elderly to understand what happened in the past to make sure mistakes of the future are not repeated. I bring to ministry the passion of life experiences such as serving in the Iraq War, having a medical background, being a Breast Cancer Survivor, being someone who is a part of LGBTQIA+2 community, and being an Interfaith Chaplain. After I complete my 2,000 hours, my goal is to work as a Board-Certified Interfaith Chaplain. My experiences meeting with mentors, DSF @the Table, and the support of scholarships allowed me to focus on my studies and thrive in seminary. This support has helped my vision of hospitality within the church, DSF, and my desire to give back to other students who are now entering seminary."



**Eula Pagdilao** M.Div., CST

"My education introduced me to the contextual understanding of the Bible and interaction and conversation with other faith groups. Different interpretations shouldn't be a cause of division or fights. They should encourage conversation, learning, and respect for other people's perspectives. I am drawn to a ministry where all beliefs are accepted. A ministry that is not sexist, racist, and homophobic. A ministry where people can have their theology or no theology. A ministry where people can openly share their beliefs and feel welcome, accepted, affirmed, celebrated, and loved. My vision is for churches to admit and change hurtful theology like not accepting and ordaining women and LGBT+ ministers. I am currently serving as a pastor at First Progressive Church in Los Angeles and am a member at Little White Chapel, where I did my field education. In the future, I hope to get ordained in the PSWR and pursue military chaplaincy."



**Rev. Dr. Pasesa Sapolu** Ph.D., GTU

"I am passionate about promoting clarity for understanding the relevance of biblical texts to our faith today. My education has developed this passion by providing me with interpretive strategies that are not committed to a definitive truth but a multiplicity of truths. With recent generations of Christians experiencing higher education, and given the vast amount of knowledge on the world wide web, the future of ministry must meet the evolving intellectual landscape. My vision for the future of ministry involves a more dialectical and therefore contextual relationship between God's Word and the existential reality of God's diverse people. I was ordained in the Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa (July 2012) and am seeking standing in the CCNC-N region (DOC). I have been accepted to serve as a Lecturer at the Kanana Fou Theological Seminary in American Samoa and eventually hope to pastor a congregation. I will always remember the delightful conversations with members of my DSF Family during the various lunches and dinners throughout the years."



Sharma Sapolu MAST, PSR

"My vision for the future of ministry involves bridging the generational gaps within local congregations. While writing my thesis for the MAST, my research revealed that intergenerational differences has contributed to the decline in church membership. Furthermore, Christians of the younger age group are having a difficult time identifying with the church as it stands today. I am passionate about psychological, social, and emotional healing in the ministry and social justice in communities. My education, thus far, has prepared me for this by providing me with the relevant knowledge and pertinent field experience. I hope to continue pursuing my M.Div. at Pacific School of Religion. I am under care for ordination in the CCNC-N region."



**Leah White** M.Div., CST

"One of my favorite memories with my CST/ DSF Family was praying together as a faith community during my Vocational Praxis class with Rev. Belva Brown Jordan on the front lawn of campus. It was a moving and very powerful experience. For me, it was a reflection of the kingdom of heaven. Upon graduation, I will be serving at New Covenant Christian Church in Nashville, TN (where I did my field education) as Minister of Music. As I continue to live out my call to ministry, my vision for future ministry within the local Christian church is to serve as a pastor. Seminary has equipped me with the tools and training to answer and act upon the theological questions of love, justice, and humility as I live out my call of the pastorate within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). One piece of wisdom that I learned during seminary is to give yourself grace."

### It's DSF's 60th Anniversary!

Consider making a donation today to support our DSF scholars for the next 60 years and beyond.





**DR. Aizaiah Young** Ph.D., CST

"I would like to see a church that embodies justice, peacemaking, and compassion through pursuing relationships of diversity with a spirit of harmony. My passions are teaching, preaching, and cultivating organizational cultures of presence and passion. My experiences at CST were crucial to my formation and helped me to learn the foundations of interfaith education as well as a global commitment to liberation for all. Accepting the reality that every human act is political, so any legitimate vision for ministry must lift up and lead to liberation for those who are experiencing oppression. I will be teaching at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA as Assistant Professor of Practical Theology and Pastoral Care. I loved the opportunities to get together at General Assembly in Iowa (2019) and in San Diego at AAR where the Disciples gathered together to build community, talk theology, and create connections for future collaborative ministry endeavors."

### DSF's First Ever

## **Virtual Graduation**

On June 29, DSF students, staff, board of trustees, and friends gathered virtually to celebrate the first ever DSF virtual graduation celebration. No, it didn't include the traditional hugs and handshakes or walking onto a stage that a traditional graduation celebration affords, but in this time of COVID-19, it allowed us all the opportunity to gather and celebrate the accomplishments of our seminary graduates.

The beauty of this event is that it brought together DSF scholars from all of our seminary campuses and allowed us all the opportunity to celebrate together. Rev. Dr.

Galen Goben shared a sermon titled "Not Yet..." based on Habbakuk 1:2-4, 2:1. The celebration also included a welcome from DSF Interim President Rev. Belva Brown Jordan, words honoring our graduates from Rev. Dr. Jose Morales, Rev. Dr. Eric Smith, and Rev. Laura Jean Torgerson. Rev. Yolanda Norton gave a blessing and charge to the gradutes, there was a photo montage, and Rev. Clarence Johnson sent everyone forth.

We wish our graduates all the best and are excised to see the impact they will have on the world.



## Certificate of Ministry Studies 2020

## **Celebrating our GRADUATES!**





## **Fabiola Linares** CMS Portland

"Decidí asistir a CMS porque me gusta aprender cosas nuevas. Las clases me han ayudado bastante a mejor comprender la historia y cultura de los

personajes bíblicos. Tambien en mi ministerio con los jóvenes me ha dado herramientas que puedo poner en práctica. Soy líder de jóvenes de 11-14 años. Mi sueño es ver una juventud enamorada de Dios y llena del Espíritu Santo. Mi visión para el ministerio es enseñar a los jóvenes la palabra de Dios para que ellos estén listos y firmes en su caminar Con Dios y no se aparten. Mis deseos para la iglesia son que estemos firmes y seamos la luz en este mundo de tinieblas. Decidí enfocar en este ministerio por obediencia. Al poco tiempo de convertirme, escuché la voz que me dijo que orara mucho por los jóvenes porque se estaban perdiendo. (Y había necesidad de alguien para ese puesto.) Yo me congrego en Iglesia Nueva Vida."

Translation: I decided to attend CMS because I like to learn new things. The classes have helped me to better understand the history and culture of the biblical characters. In my ministry, it has given me tools that I can put into practice. I am a leader with youths 11-14 years old. My dream is to see the youth in love with God and full of the Holy Spirit. My vision for ministry is to teach young people the word of God so that they are firm in their walk with God and not turn away. My wish is for the church to stand firm and be the light in this world of darkness. I decided to focus on this ministry out of obedience. Shortly after my conversion, I heard a voice that told me to pray a lot for the youth becasue they were becoming lost. (And there was a need for someone for that position.) I am part of Iglesia Nueva Vida in Gresham, OR.



#### **Diana and Alejandro (Alex) Hernandez,** CMS San Diego

"Nosotros quisimos asistir a CMS porque creemos que la educación es muy importante para toda área de nuestra vida. Estamos muy agradecidos por la oportunidad que nuestra iglesia nos brinda. CMS nos ha dado un entendimiento

mucho más grande hacia el liderazgo a nuestro ministerio, y en lo espiritual el entendimiento a la palabra de Dios. Estamos trabajando en los ministerios de Ujieres y Células. Nuestro sueño en estos ministerios es preparar más líderes eficaces y que nos multipliquemos. En ambos ministerios somos líderes. Nuestra visión es tener gente preparada y dispuesta a las necesidades del edificio como ujieres y a las necesidades de cada persona que asiste en las células. Para nuestra iglesia, nuestra visión es que seamos una iglesia con visión, de valores, y preparada y atenta a las necesidades de toda persona. Amamos servirle al Señor y sabemos la responsabilidad que cae en nosotros. Es un gozo muy grande compartir su palabra en las células y el servicio a la congregación. Más que nada, es un privilegio ser parte de Discípulos de Cristo. Nuestro Iglesia es Primera Iglesia Cristiana de Vista en California (Discípulos de Cristo)."

Translation: We wanted to attend CMS because we believe that education is very important to all areas of our lives, and we are very grateful for the opportunity that our church has given us. CMS has given us a greater understanding of leadership in our ministry and, in the spiritual, the understanding of the word of God. We are working in the ministries of ushers and cell groups. Our dream in these ministries is to prepare more effective leaders and that we grow in numbers. In both ministries, we are leaders. Our vision is to prepare ushers who are ready and willing to assist the needs of the building, leaders who are prepared to address the needs of each person who attends the cell groups. For our church, our vision is that we are a church with vision, values, and are prepared and attentive to the needs of every person. We love serving the Lord and we know the responsibility that falls on us. It is a great joy to share the word in the cells, the service, and with the congregation. More than anything, it is a privilege to be part of the Disciples of Christ. Our church is First Christian Church of Vista, CA.

#### **CMS Claremont**









**CMS Portland** 

























**CMS San Diego** 









CMS Graduates Not Pictured: CMS Claremont - Javier Neftali Gonzalez • CMS Portland - Saul Aquino, Manuel Bautista, Carlos Alberto Bernier, Miguel Angel Bravo Mendez, Lionel Camacho, Gustavo Carcaño, Arturo Ceja, Juan Carlos Cortes, Rolando Davila, Julio Marin, Marilú Marín Méndez, Elvira Medina, Miguel Vazquez, Joel Yac sop

# The 60 for 60 Campaign

This year marks the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of DSF! This summer, we have a special event to commemorate this historic moment!



## Our goal is to raise \$60,000 through one-time donations and pledges by the end of 2020!

You are invited to donate \$6, \$60, \$600, \$6,000, or any amount you want! There are lots of ways to pledge, and you can find something that works for you. For example, you can make a donation today, but you can also pledge \$60 a month, quarterly, or annually for the next three years.

#### **About The Campaign:**

DSF has supported hundreds of students in their theological formation. After 60 years, this mission continues! DSF is launching an anniversary fundraising campaign: \$60 for 60 years (aka 60 for 60)! The money raised will be used to create a special 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund that will be invested and used to support ministry, education, and services that advance ministerial leadership and fulfilling the mission of DSF.

We would love for you to be part of this special giving opportunity!



Make a pledge or donate online at: www.dsf.edu/60for60

### Make your pledge to the 60 for 60 campaign today!

#### Print the form below and mail it to:

Disciples Seminary Foundation 300 W. Foothill Blvd. Claremont, CA 91711

☑ Yes, I want give to the DSF \$60 for 60 campaign!  Name						I PLEDGE a gift of (check one):  ☐ \$60 ☐ \$600 ☐ \$6,000 ☐ \$		
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