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**PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
HOSTS A LECTURE IN HONOR OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary will host Dr. Fred D. Smith Jr., associate professor of urban ministry at Wesley Theological Seminary, Mon., Jan. 28 as part of the annual Kelso Lecture in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. This event, held on campus at 616 N. Highland Ave., is free and open to the public. Smith will speak at 7:00 p.m. on "Prophets of the Beloved Community in Babylon!" The Bidwell Church Choir, under the direction of Leonard Johnson, will also perform.

For more information about this event, contact the Office of Continuing Education at 412-441-3304 ext. 2196, ConEd@pts.edu or visit <http://www.pts.edu/CE%20kelso%202008.pdf>.

Before beginning at Wesley Theological Seminary, Smith was pastor of fellowship at United Methodist Church in Ambridge, Pa., and associate professor of Christian education and youth ministry at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Previously, he served as associate director of the Interfaith Health Program at the Carter Presidential Center in Atlanta, Ga. Smith earned his bachelor's from Harvard College, master of divinity from Perkins School of Theology, and doctorate from Emory University. He has served as a consultant to the United Methodist Council of Bishops' Initiative on Children and Poverty, and he has directed a number of national

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initiatives on social issues, such as substance abuse and violence. Smith is the author or co-author of many books, articles, reports and curricula.

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is a graduate professional institution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A). Founded in 1794, the Seminary is located in Pittsburgh, Pa. and approximately 380 students are enrolled yearly in the degree programs. The Seminary prepares leaders who proclaim with great joy God's message of good news in both word and deed. PTS is rooted in the Reformed history of faithfulness to Scripture and commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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