

CALLED TO WELCOME



Pittsburgh Theological Seminary will host “Called to Welcome: Further Along the Way” Mon.,

Oct. 19 from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Erik W. Carter, associate professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will lead this one-day conference for clergy, lay leaders, and members of diverse faith communities. In addition to the keynote address, five workshop tracks will also be offered on the themes of “Removing Barriers and Encouraging Participation”, “Worship and Liturgy”, “Preaching and Pastoral Care”, “Loving Mercy and Doing Justice” and “Emerging Ministry Needs”.

Following up on an earlier conference, “Called to Welcome: A Conference on People with Disabilities in Seminaries and Congregations,” held at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2005, this conference will consider ways not only to include, but also to engage the gifts of persons with disabilities in the activities and life of local congregations. The conference will address a number of significant themes, and individual workshops will offer practical ideas and advice on a variety of relevant topics. All pastors and lay leaders who are concerned with inclusion and hospitality in their congregations are encouraged to attend!

For more information or to register contact the Office of Continuing Education at 412-924-1345, ConEd@pts.edu, or [online](#). Registration is \$45 and includes lunch.

This event is co-sponsored by Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, The Faith Community Leadership Project of the Pennsylvania Council on Developmental Disabilities, FISA Foundation, The Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, and Three Rivers Center for Independent Living (TRCIL).

Keynoter Erik Carter is an associate professor in the Department of Rehabilitation Psychology and Special Education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He also serves as an investigator at the Waisman Center’s Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Center. Carter’s research and teaching focus on strategies for supporting meaningful school inclusion and for promoting valued roles in school, work, and the community for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. He has published more than 50 peer reviewed articles and chapters, as well as the book *Including People with Disabilities in Faith Communities: A Guide for Service Providers, Families, and Congregations* (Paul H. Brookes). Additionally, he has received the Distinguished Early Career Research Award from the Council for Exceptional Children and the Early Career Award from the American Association for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

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