

LIVING IN CHRIST



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Registration fee is \$45 at the Seminary and \$35 at the off-site locations. Contact the Office of Continuing Education at 412-924-1345 or ConEd@pts.edu with questions. **Event Brochure. Register online.**

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