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Curtis is the senior pastor of Mt. Ararat Baptist Church in Pittsburgh. He earned his bachelor's from Morgan State University, M.Div. from Howard University School of Divinity, and D.Min. from the United Theological Seminary. Curtis' spiritual wisdom and influence has earned him participation in a national "think-tank" with former President Clinton, inclusion in the book *Outstanding Black Sermons, Volume Four* by Dr. Walter S. Thomas, and the opportunity to minister in a municipality of political and community forums throughout Pittsburgh.



Dawson is a nationally recognized healthcare business leader who has served in senior roles of managed care companies, physician, and hospital organizations and technology companies. He is currently president and CEO of HealthSpring of Alabama Inc., one of the nation's leading coordinated care companies serving Medicare populations. He provides leadership for a unique physician engagement business model and is responsible for all aspects of business operations in Alabama, Mississippi, and Northern Florida.



Vogel became the national vice president for research at the American Cancer Society earlier this year. Prior to his current appointment, Vogel was professor of medicine and epidemiology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and was co-director of the Magee-Women's Hospital/University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute Biochemoprevention Program. He has earned numerous awards and honors including the Impact Award from the National Consortium of Breast Centers in 2009 for outstanding dedication and exceptional accomplishments in the fight against breast cancer.



Harrison is president and CEO of CURE International, an organization he founded with his wife in 1996. His decision to start CURE International was the direct result of his passion to cure the neediest disabled children in the world and to train others to do the same. His experience is extensive, ranging from a year of medical service in the Vietnam War to personally treating 3,000 disabled children in Malawi. Harrison has practiced orthopedic surgery for 26 years since graduating from the University of Pittsburgh Medical School.



Joachim earned her M.Div. from the Seminary this year. She earned her bachelor's from Miami University, Ohio

studying speech communication. At the Seminary, Joachim led the Preaching Association, coordinating student preaching opportunities in community churches. She was also the co-founder of the Green Committee at PTS. Joachim traveled on World Mission Initiative cross-cultural trips including Southeast Asia and the Bahamas. While in Seminary, Joachim also served as a public relations intern with Homewood-Brushton Community Ministries.



Veon-Nyiri holds her bachelor's from Grove City College, M.Ed. from the University of Arkansas, master's level

teaching certificate in elementary education from Westminster College, and M.Div. from the Seminary. She served as hospital chaplain in a Clinical Pastoral Education residency program at Hershey/Penn State Medical Center. Veon-Nyiri serves as the designated associated pastor for contemporary worship and small group minister at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church. She is married to fellow PTS alum the Rev. Louis Nyiri II '96 and daughter of the Rev. Robert L. Veon '61/'96.

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 320 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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