



## PTS CELEBRATES GRADUATION JUNE 3



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Miller is a graduate of Wheaton College and Princeton Seminary. He received his doctorate in New Testament studies from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. His dissertation on the Pastoral Letters was published by Cambridge University Press. Following seminary, Miller served as an adjunct professor of Greek at Wheaton College for four years. He began his pastoral ministry in 1981, serving as an associate pastor at the Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis. While living in Scotland, he served part-time at St. Michael's Kirk (Presbyterian Church of Scotland) in Linlithgow. In 1992, Miller was called to be the sixth pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Tulsa. He serves on the board of trustees at the University of Tulsa, the largest Presbyterian-affiliated university in the country.

Tuell is a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. He taught at Erskine College, S.C. and Randolph-Macon College, Va., receiving numerous awards for teaching excellence. Tuell's particular research interest is the biblical literature of the early Persian period. He has written numerous articles and book reviews, including multiple entries in Feasting on the Word (a commentary on the Common Lectionary published by Westminster John Knox), and has also been a frequent contributor to the United Methodist Publishing House Adult Bible Studies curriculum and Bible Reader series. Tuell has written a study of Ezekiel 40—48 in the Harvard Semitic Monographs Series, a commentary on 1 and 2 Chronicles in the Interpretation Series, and with John Strong co-edited a Festschrift for S. Dean McBride Jr. His most recent book is a commentary on Ezekiel, published by Hendrickson in the New International Commentary on the Old Testament series in 2008. He is now writing a commentary on Nahum through Malachi. An ordained elder in the United Methodist Church, Tuell has served churches in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, West Virginia, and Virginia. He is a member in full connection of the Western Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church, and preaches and teaches frequently throughout the area.

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