

## PROFESSOR BECOMES PRESIDENT OF ITC



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At PTS Peters teaches courses in the areas of church and ministry, education, and ethics. An advisor on social witness policy and urban theological education for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Peters has conducted urban ministry workshops and preached in Botswana, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Namibia, South Africa, and Zambia and has observed urban theological education programs in Switzerland, Singapore, Thailand, and the Republic of China. His most recent writing was *Urban Ministry: An Introduction* (Abingdon, 2007). Peters is married with two adult children.

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