



ONE CHURCH, ONE HOPE, ONE LORD

THE INAUGURATION OF

STEPHEN A. HAYNER

as Ninth President of the Seminary

INAUGURAL EVENTS

APRIL 12–13, 2010

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2010

Alumni/ae Reunion and Awards Banquet

Richards Center Refectory

5:30 P.M.

Worship Service

Columbia Presbyterian Church

Preacher: DAVID BARTLETT

Distinguished Professor of New Testament

Columbia Theological Seminary

Music: STEVE SWAYNE

Associate Professor, Department of Music

Dartmouth University

7:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010

Inauguration Service

Columbia Presbyterian Church

10:00 A.M.

Luncheon

Richards Center and Harrington Center

12:30 P.M.

Symposium

Columbia Presbyterian Church

“The Future of Christ’s Church and

Columbia’s Mission in the 21ST Century”

Moderator: LANE ALDERMAN ’80 (DMIN)

Pastor, Roswell Presbyterian Church

2:30 P.M.

For driving directions, a campus map, and a list of local accommodations, please go to www.ctsnet.edu and click on the Visitors tab. Or call 404.687.4525.

STEPHEN A. HAYNER



An ordained pastor in the Presbyterian Church (USA) for more than 36 years, Dr. Hayner is the ninth president of Columbia Theological Seminary. He joined the seminary's faculty in 2003 after a long history of experience in ministry to the church and to university students. His passion is to prepare men and women to lead congregations toward the fulfillment of God's call to be missional churches—churches that

are biblically faithful and growing steadily in their love for God, their love for each other, and their love for Christ's work in the world.

After graduating from Whitman College with a degree in English literature, Dr. Hayner went to Harvard University and completed the M.T.S. degree in Semitic languages and literature. While at Harvard, he experienced God's call to full-time ministry in the church. He received a Th.M. degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in 1973, and was ordained and installed as "university pastor" at University Presbyterian Church in Seattle where he was involved with students and faculty for 11 years.

In 1984, Dr. Hayner completed his Ph.D. in Old Testament from University of St. Andrews, in Scotland, and was called to be vice president for student life at Seattle Pacific University. In 1988, he became president of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, a non-denominational discipleship ministry to students on campuses across the country. He led InterVarsity for 13 years before leaving to re-engage parish ministry, serving from 2001 to 2003 as associate pastor in two ethnically and theologically diverse congregations in Madison, Wisconsin.

Dr. Hayner has served on a number of national and international boards, including World Vision, International Justice Mission, Christian International Scholarship Foundation, Evangelical Environmental Network and Presbyterian Global Fellowship.

He and his wife, Sharol, a 2006 graduate of Columbia's M.Div. program, have three children: Emilie, her husband, Chad, and their daughters, Claire and Anna, live in Winston-Salem, NC; Chip and his wife, Kristen, live in Nashville; and 17-year-old Drew is a high school senior.

ESTABLISHED ON DECEMBER 15, 1828, in the Presbyterian manse in the village of Lexington, Georgia, Columbia Theological Seminary's mission has been from the beginning to prepare leaders for the church of Jesus Christ. In 1830, the seminary's one professor, Thomas Goulding, moved with five students to Columbia, South Carolina, for the advantages of a more urban and central location. The school became popularly known as Columbia Theological Seminary, and the name was formally adopted in 1925. A few years later, as the population shifted in the Southeast and the Atlanta area became a major center for commerce, industry, culture, and education, the seminary was moved to its current 57-acre campus in Decatur, Georgia. Columbia's first president was elected by the Board of Trustees 83 years after the seminary's founding.

Columbia's Presidents

THORNTON C. WHALING, 1911 – 1921

JOHN M. WELLS, 1921 – 1924

RICHARD T. GILLESPIE, 1924 – 1930

J. MCDOWELL RICHARDS, 1932 – 1971

C. BENTON KLINE, 1971 – 1976

J. DAVISON PHILIPS, 1976 – 1986

DOUGLAS W. OLDENBURG, 1987 – 2000

LAURA S. MENDENHALL, 2000 – 2009

STEPHEN A. HAYNER, 2009 –

