



## Upcoming DSF Events

### Effective Citizenship Training • October 1, 2016

Time/Location: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. / DSF  
0.4 CEUs will be available

- For more info, contact Leah Laird: [llaird@dsf.edu](mailto:llaird@dsf.edu)

### DSF Board Meeting • October 5-6, 2016

Location: DSF

### DSF@The Table • October 11, 2016

Time/Location: 5 – 7 p.m. / DSF

- @The Table is a time of fellowship, food, and prayer. On this night, 3 of our DSF/CST students and graduates will talk about what they witnessed on their recent trip to Israel/Palestine.
- To RSVP, contact Leah Laird: [llaird@dsf.edu](mailto:llaird@dsf.edu)

### PSWR Regional Assembly • October 14-15, 2016

Location: FCC Fullerton

- DSF/CST students: DSF will reimburse the cost of registration. Please email your receipts to [jkim@dsf.edu](mailto:jkim@dsf.edu).
- For a full schedule, visit: <http://www.disciplespswr.org/ra2016/schedule>.
- To register, visit: <http://www.disciplespswr.org/ra2016/register>
- Many of our staff, students, and alums will be leading workshops. For a complete list, visit: <http://www.disciplespswr.org/ra2016/workshops>

### Seed Planters IV • October 21, 2016

Time/location: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. / DSF

### Committee on Ministry • October 26, 2016

Location: DSF

- DSF will host PSWR's Committee on Ministry gathering on this date.

### Anti-Racism Training • October 28-29, 2016

Time/Location: TBA / DSF  
CEUs will be available.

- For more info, contact JoAnn Bynum at [jbynum@dsf.edu](mailto:jbynum@dsf.edu).
- To RSVP, email Leah Laird at [llaird@dsf.edu](mailto:llaird@dsf.edu)

## News & Announcements

### New DSF Staff



We are pleased to announce the addition of 3 staff members at DSF. **Rev. Bentley Stewart**, a DSF/SFTS graduate (M.Div./2015), will serve as the Director of Student Life in Northern California. **Bethany Hager** (full-time) and **Rose Testa** (part-time) are the new administrative assistants in Claremont. Welcome aboard!

### GLAD PSWR LGTQI Seminarian Scholarship



DSF/CST student **Rob Blair** (M.Div.) was recently selected as the recipient of the GLAD PSWR LGTQI Seminarian Scholarship. Rob is the first to receive this award, which is offered by the Gay, Lesbian and Affirming Disciples of the Christian Church (DOC) Pacific Southwest Region (GLAD PSWR) for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and Intersex seminarians who are purposefully pursuing ministerial standing within the Christian Church (DOC). Congratulations Rob!

### CST Convocation - Scholarship Recipients



Three DSF/CST students were given awards at CST's Convocation on Sept. 6. **Toni Bond Leonard** (Ph.D.) and **Jose Francisco Morales** (Ph.D.) received the Bishop Golden Scholarship, which is awarded to an ethnic minority student in a D.Min., MA, or Ph.D. degree program who shows promise in academic competence and prophetic professional performance in ministry. A third DSF student in the Ph.D. program (who desires to remain unnamed) won the Elaine Walker Scholarship for an African American Woman. This award recognizes a student who has outstanding academic achievement and is a promising teacher of theological studies and religion. Congratulations to all three students!



## News & Announcements, cont.

### DSF Student Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the following students, who have been awarded scholarships for the 2016-2017 school year:

Janis Brown Scholarship: **China Isler** (CST, M.Div.)

Bremer Scholarship: **Shawn Koester** (CST, M.Div.)

Parsons Scholarship: **Leah White** (CST, M.Div.) and **Tevita Uesi** (CST, M.Div.)

Joseph D Driskill Scholarship: **Audrey Barton** (SFTS, M.Div.)

Jon and Melba Lacey Scholarship: **CST/DSF Ph.D. Student, Greyson Vega** (PSR, M.Div.)

### DSF among “Seminaries that Change the World”

The Center for Faith and Service announced its list of Seminaries that Change the World for this year. Represented in the list are several graduate theological institutions affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ): Brite Divinity School, Christian Theological Seminary, **Disciples Seminary Foundation (represented through Claremont School of Theology and Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry)**, the Disciples Divinity House at the University of Chicago (represented through the University of Chicago Divinity School), and the Disciples Divinity House at Vanderbilt (represented through Vanderbilt Divinity School). Congratulations! Link to article: <https://goo.gl/SU2zH4>

### The “Green Challenge”



**Stephen Patten** (DSF/CST alum, M.Div./2016) recently wrote an article titled

“Region Takes Up ‘Green’ Challenge” in the Disciples News Service. He writes about his work, alongside with DSF/CST graduates **Sadie Mizisin-Cullumber** (M.Div./2015) and **Al Lopez** (M.Div./2015), to promote and encourage churches across the Pacific Southwest Region (PSWR) to join the other Green Chalice congregations and ministries. Check it out here: <http://disciples.org/regions/region-takes-green-challenge/>

### Lori Tapia Shares Her Testimony



DSF/CST student **Lori Tapia’s** picture and testimony are featured on Claremont School of Theology’s home page.

Link to article: <https://cst.edu/hybrid-student-pastor-lori-tapia-in-her-own-words/>

### NBA Hires DSF Graduate



Please help us congratulate DSF/CST student **Larry J. Morris III**, who was recently hired as the new part-time Incubate Program Associate for the National Benevolent Association Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Christ (NBA). In this role, Larry will “help broaden the re NBA Incubate Initiative across the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), build the network of professionals and resources to support the Incubate affiliate ministries, and share the ministry of the Incubate Initiative and its affiliates across the life of the Church and beyond.” Link to press release: <https://www.nbacares.org/stories-and-news/new-staff>

### Thursday Night Fellowship - SFTS



For a year, DSF students have been gathering on Thursday nights on the campus of partner school San Francisco Theological Seminary to sing together, to pray for each other, and of course, to break bread.



### DSF/SFTS Student Adam Bradley

Congratulations **Adam Bradley** (M.Div.), who recently completed his Summer 2016 CPE Unit.



## News & Announcements, cont.

### José Morales Article appears in Bridge Magazine



DSF Director of Pastoral Formation **Rev. Jose Morales** was recently featured in the latest edition of "Bridge," the magazine of the Pension Fund. Check out his article on Vocational Depth here: <http://www.pensionfund.org/rev-jose-morales>

## September Activities

### Student Dinner at DSF - Claremont



Sept. 6: Thank you to everyone who attended our welcome student dinner in Claremont. We had about 40 students, staff, and guests in attendance.

### Student Dinner at DSF - Northern California



Sept. 7: What a great night! Thank you for all who attended the first dinner of the 2016-17 academic year for DSF in Northern California. We had nearly 30 students and staff. Additionally, we were joined by members of the Training & Care Committee of the Northern California/Nevada Region (T&C). A huge shout out to the T&C folk: after spending a day in conversations with ministers in formation, they had an informational presentation to new and inquiring students about how T&C can and desires to support their formation. It was a fabulous start to a new year.

### Pastoral Care for Reproductive Decisions/Loss



Sept. 9: DSF/CST student **Toni Bond Leonard** (Ph.D.) led a workshop on pastoral care for reproductive decision making and reproductive loss at DSF.

### MissionFirst! at DSF



Sept. 10: DSF hosted a MissionFirst! gathering at DSF. Thank you to everyone who participated, and special thanks to our small group facilitators and worship leader! Many themes and stories were shared, and we discerned how the church can focus our energy and resources to participate more fully in God's mission. For more information about MissionFirst!, please visit: <http://missionfirst.disciples.org/>

### Raymond McDonald - *Beyond Mindfulness*



Sept. 12: DSF/CST graduate **Raymond McDonald** (M.Div./2016) recently returned from China, where he was invited to present his paper titled "Beyond Mindfulness: Current practices and opportunities for improved understanding and integration of Buddhist theory and practice in the context of acute psychiatric care" at the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road Buddhist Forum in Fujian. The conference included over 40 invited VIPs from Government, Academia, and the various different denominations of Buddhism seeking world peace and unity. Here's what Ray had to say about the event:

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*"Several participants, internationally well-respected denominational leaders, expressed a common intention: the potential of intra- and inter-religious dialogue to help facilitate mutual respect and recognition of different paths to the universal truth of stress and suffering and the cessation of stress and suffering. The forum was a reminder of the past, present, and future relevance of the One Belt One Road. The heartfelt intentions of the participants resonate within me as expressions of our own intention as members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to be "a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world." I think the exchange of ideas and relationships enabled by the event offer hope and inspiration."*



## September Activities, cont.

### Restorative Justice



Sept. 16: DSF/CST graduate **Rev. Nora Jacob** (M.Div./2014) spoke about Restorative Justice (RJ) at DSF. She was the first presenter in our DSF Fellowship of Mission and Peace series, an educational event for students to gain knowledge, spirituality, and practice for mission and peace. RJ is a reconciling, peace-building approach to how we might address the harm that people do to one another. With roots in the Bible, RJ is founded on relationships: How the connections between us are damaged when someone hurts someone else, and how efforts to heal the harm between people might happen. Thank you to everyone who attended, and keep checking our Facebook page for information about future events in this series!

### Worship at FCC of San Jose



Sept. 18: DSF students and staff in Northern California led worship at First Christian Church of San Jose.

### Student Preacher



Sept. 20: CST/DSF student **Sarah Fiske-Phillips** (M.Div.) preached on theodicy at Kresge Chapel on 9/20. Her sermon was based on Jeremiah 1:4-10.

### CMS Course



Sept. 24: **Rev. Xosé Escamilla** taught a CMS class on Christian Education in San Diego.

### Building an Inclusive church



Sept. 23: DSF hosted “Building an Inclusive Church,” led by Rev. Dr. Mark Johnston of GLAD. There were times of listening, learning, sharing, fellowship, and prayer.

### Berquist Preaches at Downey Memorial



Sept. 25: DSF President **Rev. Dr. Jon Berquist** preached at Downey Memorial Christian Church on 9/25. His sermon was titled “Transformed by the Renewal of Our Minds” and was based on Isaiah 55:6-11 and Romans 12:1-18. Downey also welcomed two new members: DSF/CST students **Toni Bond Leonard** (Ph.D.) and **Kyungmok Lee** (MA).

### CCNCN Annual Women’s Fall Retreat



Sept. 26: Many DSF alumnae and some current students attended the CCNCN Annual Women’s Fall Retreat, with the theme “Understanding Our Stories.” GTU/DSF Ph.D. student **Jessica McFarland** led a writing workshop, and DSF/PSR alumnae **Marianna Sempari** (M.Div./2015), and **Gwynn Fuqua** (M.Div./2014) led a workshop “Stand Up!” on how to get involved in solidarity work. DSF/GTU Alumna **Katy Valentine** (Ph.D./2015) is the regional minister of CCNC-N Women’s Ministries.

### Clergy Couples Dinner



Sept. 28: Clergy Couples dinner at DSF.

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