



# CandlerNEWS

## SACRED SYMPHONIES:

### The Word & Song



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### **Bandy Preaching Conference to Celebrate Collaborative Creativity of Worship**

Candler will host the Bandy Preaching Conference this spring, a three-day event designed to celebrate and explore the collaborative creativity that informs the worship experience. The conference, titled "Sacred Symphonies: The Word and Song," will take place in person at Candler March 25-27. [Learn more and register for the Bandy Preaching Conference.](#)

### **Candler to Welcome New Semester with Spring Convocation**

Candler will host spring convocation on Tuesday, January 14, at 11:05 a.m. in Cannon Chapel and online to mark the beginning of the spring 2025 semester. Retired United Methodist Bishop **Robert Schnase** will give the convocation address. [Watch online via livestream.](#)

## **Two Candler Alumni Named to Emory's "40 Under Forty"**

**Crystal Stevens McElrath 10L 10T** and **Brandon Stewart 10T** were recently named to the Emory Alumni Association's 2024 list of "40 Under Forty," which shines a light on a select number of notable Emory University alumni who are becoming pioneers in their fields. [Read more about McElrath](#), senior supervising attorney for economic justice at the Southern Poverty Law Center, and [Stewart](#), a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force.

[See a full list of Emory's 2024 40 Under Forty honorees.](#)

## **TheoEd Talks Heading to Nashville Feb. 23**

The Candler Foundry is taking TheoEd Talks to the Woolworth Theatre in Nashville, Tennessee, on Sunday, February 23, where faith leaders, scholars, and visionaries will share "the talk of their lives" in 20 minutes or less. The event will take place at 4:30 p.m. Central Time, with a free livestream option available for those who register. Attendees will hear from featured speakers **Julian Davis Reid 19T**, **Lanecia Rouse**, **Suzanne Stabile**, and **Sam Wells**. [Learn more and register for TheoEd Talks Nashville.](#)

## **Candler Opens the Door Wider with Expanded Scholarship Offerings**

Candler has recently expanded its already robust scholarship offerings, underscoring the school's continued commitment to making a top-tier theological education affordable for the next generation of seminarians. [Learn more about the updated funding opportunities.](#)

The priority application deadline for Candler's MDiv, MTS, and MARL degree programs is next Wednesday, January 15. Prospective students should submit their application by that date for top scholarship consideration. [Learn more about Candler's application process and apply now.](#)

## **Recommend an Alum for the Candler Alumni Board**

As part of an ongoing effort to strengthen our alumni engagement, we are looking to expand the Candler Alumni Board. Our alums are a vibrant part of the Candler community, and we are seeking your valuable input to identify alumni who would be excellent candidates for the board. If you know anyone

who will bring dedication, energy, and wisdom to this volunteer leadership position, [complete the recommendation form at your earliest convenience](#).

## Remembering President Jimmy Carter

The Candler community joins with Emory University and the world in celebrating the life of 39th U.S. President **Jimmy Carter**, who died on December 29 at age 100. Carter served for 40 years as University Distinguished Professor at Emory, and his influence was especially felt at Candler, where he regularly engaged with students, giving lectures and visiting classes to share his insights on moral leadership, humanitarian work, and his deep faith. [See more tributes to Carter from the Emory community](#).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

*Please note that events are subject to change. Click on the event title to see more details and registration information. [See a full listing of upcoming Candler events here](#).*

**Ongoing:** [Courses in the Community from The Candler Foundry](#). In person and online.

**January 9:** [The Sacred Arts Collective Info Session](#). Online.

**January 14:** [Spring Convocation](#), Bishop Robert Schnase speaking. In person and online.

**January 15:** [Priority Application Deadline for MDiv, MTS, and MARL Degree Programs](#)

**January 21:** [King Week Worship: Luther E. Smith, Jr.](#) In person and online.

**January 23:** [King Week Worship: Teresa L. Fry Brown](#). In person and online.

**January 23:** [Lecture: "American Christians and Immigration and Refugee Justice: Lessons from the Past,"](#) with Melissa Borja of the University of Michigan. In person.

**January 30:** [Aquinas Day Lecture: "This Here is Paradise, But You Can't Come In: Canonizing Julia Greeley, Denver's Black Angel of Charity,"](#) with

Alexia Williams of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. In person and online.

**February 20:** [2025 BSC Pre-Heritage Ball Alumni and Student Mixer](#). In person.

**February 23:** [TheoEd Talks Nashville Alumni and Friends Mixer](#). In person.

**February 23:** [TheoEd Talks Nashville](#), with Julian Davis Reid 19T, Lanecia Rouse, Suzanne Stabile, and Sam Wells. In person and online.

**February 28:** [15th Annual Heritage Ball](#). In person.

**March 25-27:** [Bandy Preaching Conference, "Sacred Symphonies: The Word and Song."](#) In person, with selected sessions available online.

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