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Spring Convocation Jan. 16 to Feature Faculty Installations, Love Keynote

Candler will host spring convocation on Tuesday, January 16 at 11:05 a.m. in Cannon Chapel and online to celebrate the start of the spring 2024 semester. Dean **Jan Love** will give the convocation address, and faculty members **Jennifer Ayres** and **Kendall Soulen** will be installed in named professorships, academia's highest recognition for scholarly achievement and distinction. [Learn more about Convocation and tune in.](#)

Candler Foundry Kicks Off 2024 with New Courses, Book Panels

New year, new online courses and book panels from The Candler Foundry! These offerings are open to all who are passionate about theological education—or want to dive in for the first time. Opportunities include a new three-course package centered around **Asian and Asian American theology**, and discussions on the latest books from Candler faculty and

distinguished scholars, including Professor Emeritus of Theology and Ethics **Noel L. Erskine**. [Learn more about Candler Foundry courses and panels.](#)

Abbingtion to Present Musical "Informance" Feb. 1

Associate Professor of Church Music and Worship **James Abbingtion** will present an educational performance designed to share the rich heritage of Black sacred music composers on February 1 at 7:00 p.m. in Cannon Chapel sanctuary. [Learn more and register for the evening with Abbingtion.](#)

Vatican Ambassador to Address Synodality in Feb. 20 Lecture

Candler's Aquinas Center of Theology will welcome Cardinal **Christophe Pierre**, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, to present the 2024 Major Catholic Speaker Lecture on February 20 at 7:30 p.m. in Cannon Chapel sanctuary. The in-person event is free and open to the public with advance registration required. As the official envoy from the pope to the U.S., Pierre will focus his lecture on synodality, a concept Pope Francis has emphasized throughout his decade of pontifical leadership. [Read more and register for the Major Catholic Speaker Lecture.](#)

Retired Pastors Can Benefit from The Shepherd's Fund

Candler is pleased to partner with The Shepherd's Fund, which was founded with the vision to help retired pastors and their spouses (regardless of denominational affiliation) who have health issues which may impact their ability to pay medical bills or household expenses. Through the Fund, a Candler alum or spouse may qualify for an assistance grant of up to \$10,000 each (not to exceed \$20,000 total). [Watch a video to learn more about The Shepherd's Fund.](#) For additional information, [contact Assistant Dean of Advancement and Alumni Engagement **Bill Doerr**.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please note that events are subject to change. All events are on Eastern Standard Time (EST). Click on event to see more details and registration information. [See a full listing of upcoming Candler events here.](#)

January 9, 8 p.m.: [PUBLICATIONS Book Panel: Maggie Low's *Asian Feminist Biblical Studies*](#)

January 15: Priority Application Deadline

Know any prospective students interested in Candler's MDiv, MTS, or MRL degree programs? If they apply by January 15, they'll receive optimal consideration for scholarships and an admission decision by March 1. [Learn more about application deadlines.](#)

January 16, 11:05 a.m.: [Spring Convocation](#)

January 18, 11:05 a.m.: [King Week Worship](#) featuring the Rev. Dr. **Roderick D. Belin**, president and publisher of the AME Publishing House (Sunday School Union)

January 19, 12 p.m.: [Doctor of Ministry Digital Info Session](#)

January 25, 11:05 a.m.: Aquinas

Day [Worship](#) and [Lecture](#) featuring **Kim R. Harris**, assistant professor of African American religious thought and practice at Loyola Marymount University.

February 1, 7:00 p.m.: [Lift Every Voice and Sing!: An Evening with Dr. James Abbingon](#)

February 15, 7:00 p.m.: [PUBLICATIONS Book Panel: Noel Erskine's *Black Theology & Black Faith*](#)

February 20, 7:30 p.m.: [Major Catholic Speaker Lecture: "The Vision of Pope Francis for a Synodal Church"](#)

February 22, 6:00 p.m.: [Black Student Caucus Pre-Heritage Ball Alumni/Student Mixer](#)

February 23, 7:30 p.m.: [14th Annual Black Student Caucus Heritage Ball](#)

March 1: Doctor of Ministry Priority Application Deadline: [Learn more about application deadlines.](#)

Save the Date:

February 28: McDonald Lecture: Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

March 4: "I Will Lift My Eyes": A Lenten Evening of Sacred Song with Tony Alonso

March 5-7: "No Longer Invisible: Disabilities and Faith"

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