

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL IN OHIO

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Thank you for this opportunity to bring you news from Methodist Theological School in Ohio (MTSO).

Full-tuition scholarships extended to those pursuing United Methodist candidacy

MTSO and the school's generous donors have pledged to extend a full-tuition pledge to all prospective students who are pursuing United Methodist elder or deacon candidacy. This pledge applies to qualified prospective students who apply by July 1, 2020 for the 2020-21 academic year. The MTSO admissions staff is happy to answer questions at 800-333-6876 or admissions@mtso.edu.

MTSO adapts to COVID-10 realities

The students, faculty, and staff of MTSO responded with grace, ingenuity, and resilience to the challenges presented by the coronavirus pandemic. All classes moved online beginning in March and remain entirely online through the summer term. With input from graduates, a virtual commencement was held on the date and time the original ceremony was scheduled.

Two young scholars appointed to faculty

MTSO President Jay Rundell has announced the appointment of Tejai Beulah and Kyle Brooks to the faculty, effective July 1. Beulah has been appointed assistant professor of history, ethics, and black church and African diaspora studies. She earned her doctorate in American religious history from Drew University; a Master of Theological Studies degree from MTSO; a master's degree in African American and African studies from Ohio State University; and a bachelor's degree in English, history, and gender diversity studies from Xavier University. Brooks has been appointed assistant professor of homiletics, worship, and black church and African diaspora studies. He has served for two years as a Louisville Institute postdoctoral fellow at MTSO while completing his doctoral dissertation in pursuit of a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University with a concentration in homiletics and liturgics. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Yale Divinity School, and an M.A. in Urban Education Studies and B.A. from Yale University.

Al Gore among participants at MTSO conference

In June 2019, more than 100 religious leaders, scholars, scientists and farmers gathered at MTSO for a three-day conference, "On Food and Faith: Ministry in the Time of Climate Change." Former Vice President Al Gore, founder and chairman of the Climate Reality Project, participated in all three days of the conference, delivering a multimedia climate presentation during a plenary session.