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Welcome to the LFP Update, an e-publication from the Lilly Fellows Program to keep LFP representatives and others informed about the activities of 1) Lilly Network institutions, 2) present and former Lilly Fellows and, 3) the LFP office at Valparaiso University.

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The 2023 LFP Annual National Conference: Contemplating Integral Ecology for the Common Good

The 33rd annual LFP [National Conference](#), *Contemplating Integral Ecology for the Common Good*, will take place on October 20-22, 2023, at [Aquinas College](#) in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

What is integral ecology, and how can it be oriented to the common good? How can faith-based liberal arts institutions of higher education train their students to be attentive to both natural and human ecology so as to contemplate and develop effective solutions to questions of ecology and sustainability? Hosted by Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, a liberal arts college in the Catholic, Dominican tradition, this conference will explore these questions from multiple perspectives, engaging the natural sciences, philosophy/theology, and the humanities/arts.

Speakers include Kerry Andrew Emanuel, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Meteorology at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Marie I. George, Professor of Philosophy at [St. John's University](#) in New York, and Debra Rienstra, Professor of English at [Calvin University](#).

Registration is now open! For more information, [click here](#).

The 2023 Workshop for Senior Administrators: *Fostering Hope in a Polarized Age*

Immediately preceding the [National Conference](#) will be the [Twenty-Third Annual Workshop for Senior Administrators](#) on the topic: *Fostering Hope in a Polarized Age*.

The 2023 Workshop for Senior Administrators will offer the opportunity for senior administrators at church-related colleges and universities to consider the impact of cultural, political, and social polarization on their campuses and what is needed in campus leadership in this time. The current polarization of our culture, especially as it has linked with religion, has touched higher education over such issues as academic freedom, hiring practices, free speech, DEI initiatives, curricular design, and religious freedom. This polarization has been uniquely felt by stakeholders at church-related institutions because of the way polarization connects to religion. This workshop will help administrators think together about how hope and their own missional resources can help them move forward constructively toward a shared future beyond this time of polarization.

The Workshop is offered at no cost to senior administrators at [Lilly Network member institutions](#). Each institution is eligible to register one senior administrator (president, vice president, academic dean, provost, or equivalent). One participant from each school will be reimbursed for travel costs up to \$600. Meals and hotel accommodations will also be paid by the Lilly Network of Church-Related Colleges and Universities. Additional participants from member schools will be waitlisted until the registration deadline (September 6, 2023) and will be enrolled as slots become available.

Registration is now open! For more information, [click here](#).

Name Change, Updated Logo and Website Coming This Summer

The Lilly Fellows Program, in consultation with the National Network Board, is transitioning to using the Lilly Network of Church-Related Colleges and Universities as its name. This better aligns our organization with the way most people interact with it. Look for an announcement this summer, when we will be launching an updated logo and website for the Lilly Network of Colleges and Universities. The names of our fellowship programs will not change.

Lilly Network Receives \$2.4 Million Grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to Support Network Initiatives

We are very happy to announce that the Lilly Network has received a five-year grant of \$2.4 million from Lilly Endowment Inc. to support activities on Network campuses that connect Christianity and church-related mission to the academic vocation. These funds will support:

- Grants for Lilly Network schools, ranging from \$3,000 to \$25,000.
- Continued funding for the Lilly Faculty Fellows Program for mid-career faculty.
- A comprehensive evaluation of the Lilly Fellows Program—watch for an opportunity to weigh in on how LFP has impacted you. Additionally, your feedback can help LFP best align our programs with the changing needs of church-related higher education.

Call to Apply for Lilly Network Grants

In conjunction with the five-year, \$2.4 million Lilly Endowment Inc. grant, received by the Lilly Fellows Program in 2022, we invite Lilly Network member schools to submit grant proposals to take advantage of these funds by September 15, 2023. Proposals can be submitted for the following:

- [Grants for faculty development and mentoring](#) ranging from \$3,000 to \$12,000.
- [Grants for Mentoring Programs](#) for \$12,000.
- [Grants for Collaborations and Conferences](#) for \$12,500.
- [Grants for Network Exchanges for sharing best practices](#) at \$25,000.

2022 National Conference Follow-up

In spring 2023, Lilly Fellows Program convened participants of the [2022 National Conference on Implicit Racial Bias and the Academy](#) to continue the conversation and begin to take action in their colleges and universities. Three groups met biweekly from January-March 2023, and read Willie James Jennings' *After Whiteness: An Education in Belonging*. As a result of these discussions, participants are reforming core courses, taking steps to create critical consciousness among students, looking to professional organizations for decolonized curricula, revising syllabi, revising books, re-designing courses away from default structures, and planning events and groups to continue these conversations on campuses. In the future, follow-up conversations will continue being a part of our National Conferences and Administrators Workshops.

LFP National Network Board Actions in Fall 2022 and Spring 2023; Welcome to Johnson University as a Member of the Lilly Network of Church-Related Colleges and Universities

The [National Network Board](#) of the Lilly Fellows Program met for its fall meeting on October 27-28, 2022 and its spring meeting on March 24-26, 2023. After considering proposals for [Small Grants](#), [Mentoring Programs](#), and [Collaboration and Conference Grants](#), the Board awarded grants to the following institutions:

- [Small Grants](#): [Benedictine University](#), [Molloy University](#), and [Sterling College](#)
- [Mentoring Grants](#): [Assumption University](#), [Manhattan College](#), [Messiah University](#), [Seton Hall University](#), and [University of Incarnate Word](#)
- [Collaborations and Conferences](#): [Gordon College](#), [John Brown University](#), and [Taylor University](#)

The Board approved [Johnson University](#) for membership in the Lilly Network of Church-Related Colleges and University. A big welcome to Johnson University.

The National Network Board elected the following LFP Representatives to the National Network Board:

- **Donna Nofziger, Professor of Biology, [Pepperdine University](#), Malibu, California**
- **Harry Nasuti, Professor of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, [Fordham University](#), Bronx, New York**
- **Burton Webb, President, [University of Pikeville](#), Pikeville, Kentucky**

We welcome these colleagues to the Board and thank retiring Board members Scott McGinnis of [Samford University](#), Stephany Schlachter of [Lewis University](#), and Jamie Skillen of [Calvin University](#) for their service to the Lilly Network of Church-Related Colleges and Universities.

Update on the Lilly Faculty Fellows Program and Call for Applications for Cohort 4

Cohort 2, consisting of seven teams from [Belmont University](#), [Benedictine University](#), [Dordt University](#), [Georgetown College](#), [Messiah University](#), [Seton Hall University](#), and [University of Dayton](#) and led by Stephany Schlachter at [Lewis University](#) and Susan Felch at [Calvin University](#) is concluding its program with a conference in June 2023.

Cohort 3, consisting of six teams from [Central College](#), [Concordia University Texas](#), [Mercer University](#), [Samford University](#), [University of Portland](#), and [University of the Incarnate Word](#), will be led by Susan VanZanten of [Valparaiso University](#) and Patrick Byrne of [Boston College](#). The group will have its first meeting in June 2023 in Indianapolis.

The Lilly Faculty Fellows Program is currently accepting applications for the 2024-2026 cohort (Cohort 4) for mid-career faculty leaders across the disciplines to engage the intersections of Christian thought and practice with the academic vocation. This initiative will:

- refresh and enliven a sense of calling for participants as people of faith, as teachers, and scholars;
- provide a space for creative exploration of how Christian thought and practice intersect the academic vocation; and
- provide funds for Fellows to develop and pilot Faculty Fellow programs on their own campuses.

Although the Lilly Network has in the past emphasized faculty programs in humanities and the arts, this project especially seeks applicants from STEM, social sciences, and professional fields.

[Click here for Dates and Schedule, Eligibility, and Application Information.](#) **The application Deadline is November 15, 2023.**

Update on the Lilly Graduate Fellows Program

[Cohort 12](#), mentored by Martha (Marti) Greene Eads at [Eastern Mennonite University](#) and Charles Strauss at [Mount St. Mary's University](#), has been meeting for the past two years, with both in-person conferences in the summer and online colloquia throughout the year. They will have their third conference at [Mount St. Mary's University](#) in June 2023.

Upcoming Deadlines for Grants and Other Opportunities

Grants:

The next series of programs that will receive funding are: [Mentoring Programs](#), [Small Grants](#), [Network Exchanges](#), and [Collaboration and Conferences](#). Proposals for the programs are due **September 15, 2022**.

For more information, visit the [LFP website](#).

Faculty Fellows Program:

Applications for the [Lilly Faculty Fellows Program](#) are due November 15, 2023.

Facebook and Twitter

As always, the LFP can be followed on Facebook and Twitter at [@LFPProgram](#) and [@Exilesfromeden](#).