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## **The Rev. Dr. Micah McCreary To Lead New Brunswick Theological Seminary**

**New Brunswick, NJ** – On Monday, June 5, 2017, the Board of New Brunswick Theological Seminary (NBTS) announced the unanimous appointment of the **Reverend Dr. Micah McCreary** as twelfth President of New Brunswick Theological Seminary. Dr. McCreary will join NBTS on July 15, 2017. He follows **Dr. Gregg Mast** who served as president of the seminary for 11 years and is retiring at the end of June.

“New Brunswick Theological Seminary is an exceptional theological community living out its calling by providing a genuine theological education within a diverse community of faith,” said Dr. McCreary. “I look forward to working with the board, administration, faculty, students, Reformed Church in America, and other denominations, to further the seminary’s mission.”

Dr. McCreary comes to NBTS from Richmond, Virginia, where he led McCreary and Madison Associates, Incorporated, a psychological and human resources consulting firm as President and CEO. Dr. McCreary also worked as a tenured Associate Professor of Psychology at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) for 21 years. During his career at VCU, Dr. McCreary held other positions including his service as Assistant Vice Provost for Diversity, Quality Enhancement Plan Coordinator, and Co-Director of the Counseling Psychology Program.

The **Rev. Michael Bos**, Co-Chair of the NBTS Search Committee, noted, “Dr. McCreary has a vibrant faith, demonstrated leadership in education, and has led a growing congregation. This unique combination of experience and gifts position him well to help NBTS live into its calling to nurture the next generation of leaders for the Church.”

Dr. McCreary holds a Bachelor of Science in engineering from the University of Michigan, a Master of Divinity degree from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University, and a Master of Science and doctoral degree in Counseling Psychology from VCU. Dr. McCreary and his wife, the Reverend Dr. Jacqueline E. Madison-McCreary, have pastored the Spring Creek Baptist Church in Moseley, Virginia, for 16 years. The McCrearys are the parents of one adult daughter.

The **Rev. Anna Jackson**, Co-Chair of the Search Committee and Moderator of the NBTS Board, reflected, “Dr. McCreary brings tremendous energy, excitement, and vision to the NBTS community. The Board is looking forward to working with Dr. McCreary as together we live out our mission of educating people and strengthening communities for transformational, public ministries.”

Dr. McCreary has received a number of fellowships including the American Psychological Association Minority Fellowship, State Council of Higher Education in Virginia Fellowship, and the American Council on Education Presidential Fellowship. His scholarship and publications include grants to promote better health among families affected by substance abuse and numerous articles and book chapters on his teaching, service, and research.

Looking ahead to the future of NBTS, the Rev. Dr. McCreary articulated his “simple” vision, “To work in collaboration with members of the NBTS community to nurture, strengthen, equip, and shepherd every facet of our beloved institution, in order to continue the mission to which God has called us.”

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#### About **New Brunswick Theological Seminary**

Founded in 1784, NBTS is the oldest independent Protestant seminary in the United States. It is one of two seminaries affiliated with the Reformed Church in America (RCA), and offers an exceptional seminary education, a flexible academic schedule, and a spiritually rich community for students of many Christian denominations and backgrounds. The NBTS mission is to educate persons and strengthen communities for transformational, public ministries in church and society. We fulfill this mission through creative, contextual, and critical engagement with texts, traditions, and practices. The seminary is located in New Brunswick, NJ, and operates a satellite campus at St. John’s University in Queens, NY. To learn more about New Brunswick Theological Seminary, please visit [www.nbts.edu](http://www.nbts.edu).