“Engaging Courageous Theological Imagination”

THE INSTALLATION OF
The Reverend Dr. Thomas V. Wolfe
14th President of The Iliff School of Theology
April 10, 2014
Service of Installation
April 10, 2014 • 2:30 p.m.
University Park United Methodist Church

Presiding
Mr. Jim Wilkins
Chair, Board of Trustees, The Iliff School of Theology

Gathering

Prelude
Organist: JoAnn Gudvangen-Brown
Director of Music, University Park United Methodist Church

*Processional
“Intrada Festiva” by Dale Wood
Trustees • Faculty • Adjunct Faculty • Retired Faculty
Representatives of Academic Institutions • Installation Speakers

Gathering
The Rev. Dr. Cathie Kelsey
Dean of the Chapel

We have gathered this afternoon to celebrate the legacy and the future of The Iliff School of Theology as we install its fourteenth president, Tom Wolfe. We gather as people of faith, people of learning, people who serve a precious, inter-connected world. We gather because of what we share in common and we gather because our differences spark theological imagination and invite us to engage it courageously.
Amen. May it be so!

Invocation
The Rev. Dr. Kelsey

*Hymn
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Music on page 12

Welcome
The Rev. Paul J. Kottke
University Park United Methodist Church

Recognition of Guests

Denominational and Interfaith Guests
Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky
The United Methodist Church

Civic and Alumni Guests
Mr. Jim Wilkins
Chair of the Trustees

Academic Guests
Dr. Albert Hernández
Dean of the Faculty
Presentation of the New President

Dr. Edward Antonio
Harvey H. Potthoff Associate Professor of Christian Theology and Social Theory
Associate Dean of Diversities
Co-chair of the Search Committee

Mrs. Janet Manning, Trustee
Co-chair of the Search Committee

Greetings

Rutgers University-Newark
Dr. Nancy Cantor
Chancellor

University of Denver
Dr. Robert Coombe
Chancellor

Denver Seminary
The Rev. Dr. Mark Young
President

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry The United Methodist Church
The Rev. Dr. Kim Cape
General Secretary

*Hymn
“Praise the Source of Faith and Learning”
Music on page 13

Gifts to Foster Deepening Relationships

Abrahamic Initiative
Mr. Hal Simmons
Co-founder

Christian Church, Disciples of Christ
The Rev. Reginald Chapman

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Elder Brent Hillier

Colorado Council of Churches
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The Episcopal Diocese of Colorado
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Rabbi Stephen Booth-Nadav

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The Rev. Nancy Bowen
District Executive

Rocky Mountain Conference, United Church of Christ
The Rev. Sue Artt
Conference Minister
Charges

[Each of us present is a colleague to The Iliff School of Theology and its president in a variety of roles. Please stand and join in speaking every “Charge from Colleagues” with which you identify.]

Charge from Academic Colleagues

Dr. Gerald Lord  
University Senate  
General Board of Higher Education and Ministry  
The United Methodist Church

Tom Wolfe, The Iliff School of Theology has a distinctive history in American scholarship and in the education of leaders for the Church, the academy, and society. We charge you to remain faithful to that distinctiveness and to continue to refine its expression. We invite you to deepen Iliff's existing alliances with institutions and learned societies, and to explore additional possibilities for the future. You are a scholar leading scholars; we invite you to challenge us, inspire us, and partner with us in interdisciplinary collaboration.

Charge from Colleagues in The United Methodist Church

Dr. Lallene J. Rector  
President  
Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Tom Wolfe, The Iliff School of Theology is United Methodist not only by virtue of its history, but also to the depths of its present engagement in interfaith cooperation. It has been willing to lead from the margins in order to help people of faith engage with changes in scholarship, in visions of justice, in material cultures, and in the earth itself. We charge you to lead Iliff to remain a vital partner with The United Methodist Church and its ministries in the midst of continuing change. We invite you to challenge us, inspire us, equip us, and partner with us as we seek faithfully to embody Christ's presence in the world.

Charge from Interfaith Community Colleagues

Rabbi Steve Foster  
Rabbi Emeritus Congregation Emanuel

Tom Wolfe, The Iliff School of Theology is ecumenical and inter-religious by virtue of distinctive United Methodist commitments to engagement with all people of faiths. We are among those peoples on the Front Range of Colorado. We engage, with Iliff, in critical reflection on the roles of religious communities in shaping individual lives and social structures. We charge you to lead Iliff to remain engaged with each of our communities, and to continue to seek additional relationships among religious communities. We invite you to challenge us, inspire us, equip us, and partner with us.
Charge from Civic Community Colleagues  Mr. Bill Schilling  
Leadership Wyoming and Wyoming Business Alliance

Tom Wolfe, with you, we are blessed by the richness of the Rocky Mountain region, by the diversity of its peoples, by the successes of our past, and by our capacity to learn from and to rectify our very real failures. The Iliff School of Theology has a significant voice in our civic community, challenging its leaders to larger and more specific understandings of justice and commonweal. We charge you to continue Iliff’s practice of bringing people together to find common visions and common work. We invite you to challenge us, inspire us, equip us, and partner with us.

Charge from Students  Ms. Lorraine “Jah” Latchman, J.D.

Tom Wolfe, with you, we are blessed to participate in Iliff’s history and future. We seek to create a living breathing sacred space, in which transformational learning and the re-creation of community are possible. We seek to practice intentional engagement, with each other and the world, as an incarnation of Love. We charge you to join us in appreciating what has been, and in daring to imagine together what we might become. We invite you to challenge us, inspire us, equip us, and partner with us as learners and leaders.

Charge from Alumni  Ms. Caran Ware Joseph, MDiv ‘12

Tom Wolfe, we remember Iliff long before your arrival. Some of those memories are precious to us, particularly the relationships we formed and the habits of mind and heart we cultivated. We have done things we could not have imagined since we graduated, and consequently we have continued to change and grow. We also expect Iliff to continue to change and grow under your leadership, even as we charge you to help its core values endure. We invite you to challenge us, inspire us, equip us, and partner with us in the far-flung places where we now serve.

Charge from Iliff Faculty  Dr. Larry Kent Graham  
Professor of Pastoral Theology and Care

Tom Wolfe, the scholarship we engage across the world and the teaching and learning that we do from here are the gifts that each of us brings to our relationship with you and with Iliff. Your leadership as president helps us share a vision for
the diverse aspects of our work. We charge you to administer our school whose governance we share in trust with you and the trustees. We invite you to challenge us, inspire us, equip us and partner with us in generating knowledge, wisdom and justice, and in creating an extraordinary institution.

**Charge from Staff**

Ms. Peggy Blocker  
*Director of Financial Aid*

Tom Wolfe, Iliff is more than just a job to us because we believe in the difference that the school and its graduates make in the wider world. Your leadership makes all the difference in the quality of our work-life day to day. We charge you to see the whole and all the individual parts of this institution together, valuing each. We invite you to challenge us, inspire us, equip us, and partner with us in making our common work a source of satisfaction and pride, sprinkled with laughter.

**Charge from Trustees**

Ms. Suzy Iliff Witzler  
*Trustee*

Tom Wolfe, we are honored to hold The Iliff School of Theology in trust, receiving all that it has been and strengthening and conveying its values to future generations. This is a great work to which we call you. We charge you to strengthen the relationships that make transformative and effective graduate higher education possible in the midst of global change – relationships with faculty and staff, with donors and potential partners, with students and with the churches and organizations that rely upon the leadership of our graduates. We invite you to challenge us, inspire us, equip us, and partner with us in fulfilling Iliff’s mission.

**Response**

Tom Wolfe

To all who have gathered – your words and charges have inspired me and make clear your hope for the future of The Iliff School of Theology. I commit myself to fulfilling these charges. And, I ask all of us, will we commit to a chosen mutuality as we engage one another and our world in the work of courageous transformation? If so, I invite us all to respond, “we will.”

**All: We will!**

**The Investiture**

Mr. Jim Wilkins, Chair of Trustees  
Ms. Kim Patmore, Vice-chair of Trustees
Vision

*Hymn  “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”  Music on page 14

Reading  1 Kings 9b – 13  Dr. Mark George  
Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible

Reading  Romans 12: 1-2  Dr. Pam Eisenbaum  
Professor of Biblical Studies and Christian Origins

Address  “Because Courage is Within Us”  
The Rev. Dr. Thomas V. Wolfe  
14th President, The Iliff School of Theology

Sending Forth

Prayer of Blessing for All Who Love The Iliff School of Theology  Bishop Stanovsky

*Hymn  “Where Mountains Lift the Eye”  Music on page 15

*Benediction

*Recessional

You are invited to greet Tom, his family, and each other at the reception at Iliff, across the street, immediately following the service.

Installation Preparation

Committee co-chairs: Rev. Dr. Cathie Kelsey, Greta Gloven  
Hospitality and Special Guests: Greg Movesian, Marsena Holsopple, Timothy Zeckser  
Reception: Alisha Eno and Donna Frey  
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Program: Cathie Kelsey, Marcia Meier, Mary Sue Alexander  
Faculty Research Showcase: Iliff Faculty, Dean Albert Hernández, Cathie Kelsey, Mary Sue Alexander  
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Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, God of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the storms of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2 All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays,
Stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flower-y meadow, flash-ing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, teach us what our praise should be.

3 You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Loving Spirit, Father, Mother, all who love belong to you;
Teach us how to love each other, by that love our joy renewed.

4 Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Boundless love is reigning o'er us, reconciling race and clan.
Ever singing, move we forward, faithful in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us onward in the triumph song of life.

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Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

1. Praise the source of faith and learning that has sparked and stoked the mind with a passion for discerning how the world has been designed.

2. God of wisdom, we acknowledge that our science and our art and the breadth of human knowledge only partially truth impart. grounds for wonder which the ancient prophets taught.

3. May our faith redeem the blunder of belief that our thought has displaced the other's under-tow till converging.
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
   in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
   most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
   almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhappling, and silent as light,
   nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
   thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
   thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
   in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
   we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
   and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
   thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
   all laud we would render: O help us to see
   'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" in the public domain.
Where Mountains Lift the Eye

1. Where mountains lift the eye above the level plain and
2. The highest peaks are found where plates of bed-rock shift, dis-
3. Those lofty, sharp edged forms attract the clouds and rain and
4. As primal powers fuse earth's drifting crust of stone the

stretch our sight toward heaven's sky we work and pray to gain a
turbance of the solid ground is God's creative gift, who
with their melting winter storms revive the thirsting plain where
stress of many creeds and views far different from our own will

vision of the range that rises in the mind as science, thought and
still is sculpting earth and uses that same art around the world to
seeds then burst and sprout with that same urgent force which turns a barren
not destroy belief but make it broad and wise and faith's familiar

culture change how faith will be defined.
bring to birth new landscapes in the heart. We do not fear
heart from doubt to praise life's end and source.
old relief will see new mountains rise.

for we believe—— God dreams of worlds we can't conceive.

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The Rev. Dr. Thomas V. Wolfe

The Rev. Dr. Thomas V. Wolfe serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of The Iliff School of Theology, an appointment that he began on August 1, 2013.

Prior to his role as President and CEO, Wolfe served as Senior Vice President and Dean of the Division of Student Affairs at Syracuse University, a position he was appointed to on June 3, 2008. Previous to his appointment to Student Affairs, Wolfe served as the fifth dean of Hendricks Chapel at Syracuse University. He assumed that appointment in January 1999. Previously he served as the Interdenominational Protestant Chaplain at Syracuse University. He has also served as pastor of United Methodist parishes in Moravia and Ithaca in upstate New York.

Wolfe holds a B.A. degree from Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA, a Master of Divinity degree from Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA, and a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from Syracuse University. Wolfe is an ordained elder in full connection with the Upper New York Conference of the United Methodist Church. He was ordained in 1980.

Wolfe is currently serving as the President of the University Senate of the United Methodist Church, a position he will hold through 2016. Wolfe has previously served as a trustee at Lycoming College. He was a member of its Executive Committee, the Strategic Issues and Assessment Committee, and chair of the Academic Policies Committee.

Prior to relocating to Denver, Wolfe engaged in several civic interests. He served the central New York region as the former president for InterFaith Works of CNY, he chaired the 2008, 2009, and 2010 White Ribbon Campaigns for Vera House, where he completed two full terms on the board and was president of the board in 2006, and he was involved in a variety of community initiatives that brought diverse people together to address common concerns.

He is married to the Rev. Marilyn N. Wolfe, LSW, who is an ordained elder in full connection in the Upper NY Conference. They have two daughters, Erin Barkan and Kimberly Wolfe, two sons-in-law, and a granddaughter.

Wolfe was recently appointed to Governor Hickenlooper’s Commission on the Sand Creek Massacre Commemoration, is an active member of the Religious Advisory Council, and is a member of the Denver Rotary Club.