



Forum for Theological Exploration (FTE) Announces New Trustee

Rev. Dr. Gregory Ellison Joins FTE's Board

ATLANTA, February 20, 2014 — Forum for Theological Exploration (FTE) has announced the appointment of a new trustee. Elected by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS), Rev. Dr. Gregory Ellison joined the FTE Board of Trustees effective January of this year.

Ellison is an ordained minister and a leader in theological education and will serve a three-year term on FTE's board, which may be renewed. Representing a diverse cross-section of FTE stakeholders, the FTE Board has governance responsibility for advancing FTE's mission to develop young leaders for vocations in pastoral ministry and theological scholarship.

"Gregory Ellison embodies the best of what FTE stands for as a young pastor, scholar and educator leading the church and academy into the future," said FTE Board Chair Wendy Fletcher. "He has a strong commitment to FTE and nurturing young leaders exploring the next faithful step in their vocation."

Gregory Ellison is assistant professor of pastoral care and counseling at Emory University's Candler School of Theology, where he has served for over five years. His current research focuses on caring for marginalized populations, pastoral care as social activism and 20th and 21st century mysticism. Ellison is the author of *Cut Dead But Still Alive: Caring for African American Men* and the co-founder of Fearless Dialogues, a grassroots community empowerment initiative to improve the lives of African American young men. He is also an ordained Baptist minister who has served in Methodist and Presbyterian churches. Ellison holds a Ph.D. and Master of Divinity in pastoral theology from Princeton Theological Seminary and a bachelor's degree from Emory University, where he was inducted into the Emory College Hall of Fame.

"Gregory is an innovative and thoughtful leader who will offer fresh ideas and energy to the Board of Trustees," said FTE President Stephen Lewis. "We are grateful for his commitment to FTE's mission and believe that he will be instrumental in helping the organization determine how best to serve the needs of today's young Christian leaders."

The Forum for Theological Exploration is committed to cultivating diverse young adults to be faithful, wise and courageous leaders for the church and the academy. FTE provides resources, events, networks, grants, fellowships and a forum for young adults and students to explore their purpose and call to pastoral ministry and teaching. For more information, visit fteleaders.org.

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