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A New Year Blessing

Blessings to you all this new year, with deepest gratitude for your prayers, gifts, and all the ways in which you have supported our school this past year. As 2013 begins, we pray for your continuing support for both the ongoing mission of our beloved seminary, as well as the emerging, evolving vision for its future. May God's peace be with you, and with the students, faculty, staff, and trustees of Bangor Theological Seminary.

Reminder—Convocation Registration Deadline Extended

Convocation 2013, "**Theology Matters**," is just a little over a week away! There is still time to register: online, by mail, or by calling Trish Annis at 207-942-6781 x114. Advanced registration will remain open through Thursday, January 10, and walk-in registration will be offered, as well.

A highlight of each Convocation is the **Alumni/ae Banquet and Annual Meeting**. This year's event is on Monday evening, January 14. Professor Marvin Ellison and Kate Braestrup will be signing books; Distinguished Alumni/ae awards will be presented to the Rev. Kate Braestrup '04 and the Rev. Dr. Richard Small '77. There will also be a meaningful time of celebration expressing appreciation and gratitude for current faculty and staff. We hope to see you soon at Convocation 2013!

Ordination Service

Barbara Chodkowski Brakey '11 has been called to serve the West Brooksville Congregational Church in Brooksville, ME. Her service of ordination will take place at The United Church of Christ in Devon, CT on Sunday, January 20 at 3:00 p.m. Former BTS President Bill Imes will be a key participant, and current President Bob Grove-Markwood will also have a role. Our prayers and blessings are offered for Barbara's ministry and for the church she will serve. Congratulations!

Staff Addition

We are happy to announce that David Brady has rejoined the staff in a part-time role as Assistant to the President for Communications. David will be telecommuting, with occasional trips to the Portland campus, and will assist with this year's Convocation activities. His primary duties will be to manage our database, facilitate electronic communications, and help edit the *Open Door*. Welcome back, David!