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**THE EPISCOPAL DIVINITY SCHOOL FINDS A NEW HOME AT
THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE**

EDS will relocate its office to the Cathedral for one year beginning in July 2023

New York, New York (June 15, 2023)– The Episcopal Divinity School (EDS), will relocate its office to the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City following EDS’ decision earlier this spring to discontinue the affiliation between EDS and Union Theological Seminary at the end of the current academic year. This new partnership will allow EDS to focus on its mission defined by faith, social justice, inclusiveness, respect, and integrity, within the embrace of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. The one-year lease, scheduled to begin July 2023, represents the beginning of the next chapter in EDS’ journey.

The Cathedral has served since its founding as a center of intellectual light and leading in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Both EDS and the Cathedral share a commitment to Christian community and dialogue. In this move to the Cathedral grounds, the EDS board and leadership have emphasized their mission to provide increased and broader access to Episcopal theological education. Relocation of EDS’ office to the Cathedral also creates new opportunities for collaborative programming over the course of the coming year.

“We are excited to welcome EDS to the Cathedral,” said The Very Reverend Patrick Malloy, Dean of the Cathedral. “We are looking forward to helping the administration, the Trustees, and all the people across the Church who care about EDS discover ways to expand its work in theological education and formation in The Episcopal Church. For decades, we have known that theological education, especially seminary education and formation, must change as the Church changes. We look forward to witnessing the work EDS will do as they explore their place in the future of The Episcopal Church.”



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“Episcopal Divinity School has long been at the forefront in innovative and outward-focused theological education, bridging the divide between faith and inclusivity,” stated Kay Kramer, Chair of EDS’ Board of Trustees. “As we envision EDS’ future, we ask your prayers and invite input from our community, alumni/ae, friends, supporters, and the wider Episcopal Church. We are listening and discerning our calling in this critical moment of change, challenge, and opportunity for the Church.”

First steps in EDS’ journey include the launch of a 12-month strategic planning process and rescheduling the postponed Kellogg Lecture. The strategic planning process will cast a vision for prophetic, contemporary Christian witness and the role EDS can play in forming leaders grounded in the gospel imperative for justice. More information, including dates and locations of listening sessions, will be announced this summer.

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About The Cathedral

Over one hundred years ago, the trustees of the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine conceived its mission to be a house of prayer for all people, an instrument of church unity, and a center of intellectual light and leading in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

Today, as the mother church of the Episcopal Diocese of New York and the seat of its bishop, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine serves the many diverse people of our diocese, city, nation and world through the worship of God; pastoral, educational and community outreach activities; cultural and civic events; international ecumenical initiatives; and the preservation of the great architectural and historic site that is its legacy.

About Episcopal Divinity School

Episcopal Divinity School is dedicated to forming faithful and visionary leaders for the Episcopal Church. With a commitment to social justice and inclusivity, EDS equips adult learners with the knowledge, skills, and spiritual grounding to navigate the complex challenges of our time.