

CONVENTION KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Elisabeth M. Kimball, Ph.D.

*Vice President for Lifelong Learning and the James Maxwell Professor
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Seminary*

Dr. Kimball's areas of expertise include human development, experiential learning, faith formation, church history, and popular culture, adult formation, lay ministry development, adolescent spiritual development, and program evaluation. She is currently directing a 5-year, \$1.5M grant project Baptized for Life: An Episcopal Discipleship Initiative in the Lilly Endowment Inc. Called to Lives of Meaning and Purpose Initiative.

Her published resources include webinars, book chapters, journal articles, book reviews, and regular articles for professional publications such as Vital Practices and Building Faith.

Prior to joining the faculty of VTS in 2009, Dr. Kimball was a member of the faculty in the College of Education at the University of Minnesota with dual appointments in the School of Social Work (Youth Studies) and the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. She also held a position as Research Scientist at Search Institute in Minneapolis, MN. While working full-time in the academy, Dr. Kimball maintained a regular schedule of national consulting, conference presentations, and teaching in youth ministry, evangelism, congregational and leadership development including serving as adjunct faculty at Luther Seminary, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. Before assuming an academic career, she spent twenty years serving on the staff of five congregations and two dioceses in California and Minnesota.



The Rev. Patricia Lyons, D.Min.

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Dr. Lyons currently teaches evangelism, works with the Lifelong Learning team, and serves as the Senior Advisor to the Dean for Evangelism Initiatives at VTS. She also directs the EvangelismFormationLab@VTS, a digital portal on YouTube and Facebook offering original content from the Seminary as well as thoughtful curation of resources in evangelism and formation for the wider church. Dr. Lyons was a lay chaplain and teacher of religion in Episcopal schools for 20 years before being ordained a priest and then serving parishes in Washington, DC, eventually serving as Canon for Evangelism in the Episcopal Diocese of Washington. Currently, Tricia serves as a non-stipendiary priest at the Church of Saint Clement in Alexandria, VA.



Tricia is a member of the Presiding Bishop's Strategic Cabinet on Evangelism and one of the original writers of the "Way of Love." Tricia is an honors graduate from Harvard College, the Harvard Divinity School, and received her doctorate from the Virginia Theological Seminary. She is the author of four books on faith formation, *The Soul of Adolescence*, *Teaching Faith with Harry Potter*, *What is Evangelism?* and her most recent, *The Evangelist's Breviary*.