



**OPCGA BREAKFAST**  
JUNE 8, 2019



**PCAGA LUNCH**  
JUNE 27, 2019  
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**SUMMER CLASSES**  
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# PRAYER POINTS

## Praying for The Class of 2019

On May 24th, the Seminary community celebrated God's faithfulness to the men who made up our 29th graduating class. This year, eleven men graduated. Of those eleven, nine graduated with Master of Divinity (MDiv) degrees, one with a Master of Arts (MA), and one with a Master of Theology (ThM).



As of the writing of this piece, several of our nine graduates have already received invitations and calls from congregations in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC), and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARP). Others are actively discussing possibilities with search committees and churches regarding pastoral calls.

Bennie Castle (MDiv) has received a call from Grace Presbyterian Church (OPC) in Lynchburg, VA. Stephen Spinnenweber (MDiv) has been ordained and installed as Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Jacksonville, FL. Trent Still (MDiv) is currently serving in ordained ministry as a Ruling Elder at Grace Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Aiken, SC. Duncan Hoopes (MDiv) has received a call from First Presbyterian Church (PCA) of Indianola, MS. Brian McCollough (MDiv) has received a call from Hopewell Presbyterian Church (ARP) in Covington, GA. Michael Grasso (MDiv) has accepted a call to intern at First Orthodox Presbyterian Church Sunnyvale (OPC) in



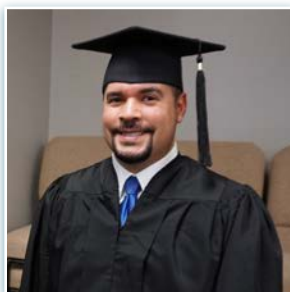
Sunnyvale, CA. Melwin Issac (MDiv) has accepted a call to intern at Independent Presbyterian Church in Savannah, GA. Scott Cook (ThM) is an ordained minister in the ARP, and he labors as a professor at the ARP’s denominational undergraduate institution, Erskine College. He also teaches as an adjunct professor for Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Our MDiv degree recipients include Bennie Castle, Michael Grasso, Duncan Hoopes, Melwin Issac, Brian McCollough, Stephen Spinnenweber, Trent Still, Curt Straeter, and Florian Weicken. Each of these men were enrolled in our residence program, though Florian has completed his program through our extension campus in Gateshead, England, Westminster Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Our MA degree recipient is Jerry Bressler, and our ThM degree recipient is Scott Cook.

Mr. Grasso has been accepted into Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary’s PhD program. Mr. Cook has been accepted into Westminster Theological Seminary’s PhD program. Both men intend to begin their respective PhD studies this year.

Please uplift each of these graduates as they settle into their new calls, prepare to embark on new courses of study, and for some of them, bid farewell to the beautiful South Carolina Upstate.



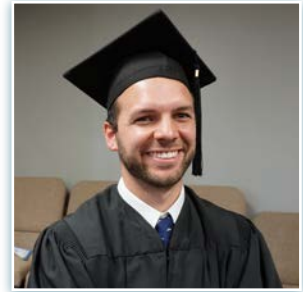
Jerry Bressler (MAR)



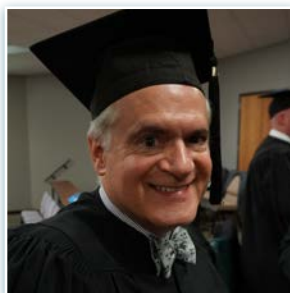
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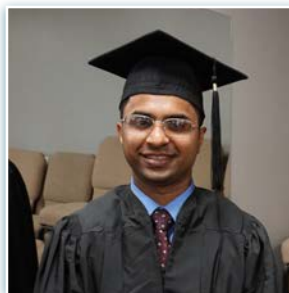
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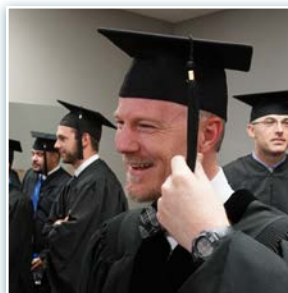
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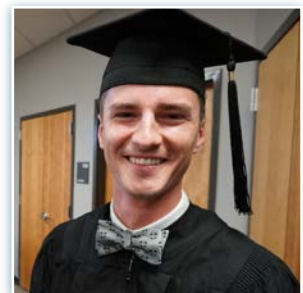
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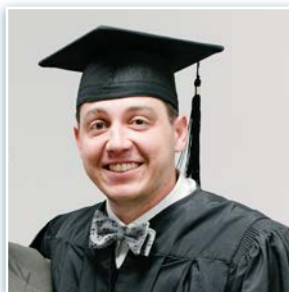
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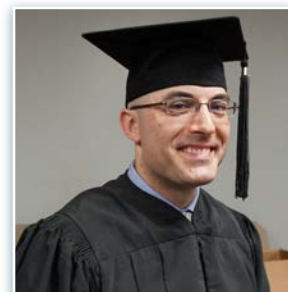
Brian McCollough



Stephen Spinnenweber



Trent Still



Curt Straeter

*N.B. Unless otherwise indicated, the degree awarded to each graduate here is the MDiv. Florian Weicken is not pictured.*