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UTS President Appointed to Pennsylvania Church

DAYTON __ Rev. Dr. G. Edwin Zeiders, President and CEO of United Theological Seminary, has been appointed as Senior Pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in State College, PA, by Bishop Jane Allen Middleton of the Harrisburg Episcopal Area of the United Methodist Church. He will return to Pennsylvania and begin serving in this appointment on July 1, 2007. St. Paul's Church is located immediately adjacent to the campus of Penn State University.

"I am a United Methodist pastor and I took an oath to abide by and trust the denomination's appointment process," said Dr. Zeiders. "My assignment to St. Paul's Church provides an opportunity for leadership in a very significant local congregation in central Pennsylvania, which is home to our family and numerous colleagues."

Marge Putman, chair of the school's Board of Trustees, said the school understands and respects the church's system for appointing pastors. "The board is grateful for Ed's seven-year tenure, and we recognize the significant accomplishments he has made to our life here and in the larger community."

Zeiders was elected president in October 1999, and during his tenure has effectively led the seminary through necessary changes which include a dynamic academic plan, a new campus, greater institutional stability, and a 10-year accreditation. During the past year, he has led the board, faculty, and staff through a new planning process for the future of the school which extends through 2012.

Dr. Zeiders said, "I have thoroughly enjoyed my work with the seminary and am grateful for the school's achievements and its great potential."

Putman said the board is now working to develop a transition plan that will provide leadership for the seminary. "We have a world-class faculty and staff and we will continue to move forward for the well-being of the school," she said.