

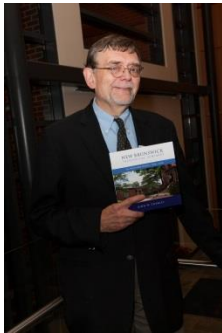
We are excited to see who will be providing the leadership for the Reformed Church Center's 15th Anniversary Conference on Saturday morning, October 31st. We'll be discussing "Being Reformed While Becoming Even More"—how do the Seminary's RCA roots provide both problems and possibilities as we grow into a more ecumenical future?



Adriene Thorne, who will lead our opening worship, is Executive Minister at Middle Collegiate Church in New York City. Prior to ministry she pursued a nearly 20-year career in the performing arts, including time as a classical ballerina and a Radio City Music Hall Rockette.



Benjamin T. Berman, music leader for our opening worship, is organist, harpsichordist, singer, and voice teacher in the New York metropolitan area and Music Director at First Reformed Church in New Brunswick.



John Coakley, who will make the first presentation on the history of the Seminary's approach to being a more ecumenical school, is L. Russell Feakes Memorial Professor of Church History and was the founding director of the Reformed Church Center.



James Jinhong Kim, who will give the first response building on Dr. Coakley's remarks, is Affiliate Associate Professor of Missiology and Religion and director of the Horace G. Underwood Center for Global Christianity.



Renée House, a respondent to the first presentations, is pastor of Old Dutch Reformed Church in Kingston, New York, and a faculty member in the NBTS Doctor of Ministry program in Congregational Renewal.



Benjamin Rivera, the other respondent to the first presentations, is minister at the Rockey Hill Reformed Church, recruiter for the NeighborCorps Reentry Services program, and associate minister responsible for Hispanic Ministries at Highland Park Reformed Church.



Gregg Mast, president of the Seminary, is the first presenter in our second set of presentations, looking at the possibilities for our future.



Earl James, the second presenter looking at “What Can Be,” is Coordinator of Missional Mosaic for the Reformed Church in America (RCA). Prior to his work with the RCA, he co-founded and directed City Vision, Inc., a faith-rooted consulting group that assisted congregations, nonprofits, governmental agencies and neighborhood, as the Director of Ministries and Communications of a large multiracial urban congregation in Michigan.



Arburta E. Jones, one of the respondents as we explore future possibilities, is a Licensed Travelling Preacher in the New Jersey Annual Conference of the AME Zion Church.



Sharon Marie Atkins, the other respondent in our second set of presentations, is pastor of Bethany Memorial Reformed Church, New York City. Born in Montego Bay, Jamaica, and raised in Brooklyn, she has previously served as Youth Director, Deacon, Elder, Minister for Christian Education and Associate Pastoral Minister of Word and Sacrament of GRC Mansion of God.

We hope that you can be part of this exciting morning, as we celebrate the work the Reformed Church Center has done and look forward to what it will be doing.