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Celebrating the Deanship of Richard B. Hays

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REMARKS

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Associate Professor of New Testament

MUSICAL REFLECTION

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Research Professor of Christian Worship

SPECIAL PRESENTATION AND UNVEILING OF DEAN'S PORTRAIT

REMARKS

RICHARD HAYS, PH.D.
*George Washington Ivey Professor of New Testament
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PRAYER

THE REV. MEGHAN BENSON
Chaplain, Duke Divinity School

BENEDICTION

ELLEN DAVIS, PH.D.

Immediately following this program please join us for a reception in the Divinity Café.

RICHARD B. HAYS, PH.D.

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Richard Hays is the George Washington Ivey Professor of New Testament at Duke Divinity School, and he served as dean for five years (2010–2015). He is internationally recognized for his work on the letters of Paul and New Testament ethics. His books include *The Moral Vision of the New Testament*, *The Faith of Jesus Christ*, *Echoes of Scripture in the Letters of Paul*, a commentary on 1 Corinthians, *The Conversion of the Imagination*, and *Reading Backwards*. His forthcoming book, *Echoes of Scripture in the Gospels*, is eagerly awaited. Dr. Hays is an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church.

The hallmark of Dr. Hays' deanship was his emphasis on forming scriptural imagination for the renewal of the church. During the five years of his deanship, the School made twenty faculty appointments—almost 40% of the current faculty—increasing its diversity significantly. In 2015 as part of the Duke Forward campaign, the Divinity School surpassed its \$80 million goal two years ahead of schedule. During the 2014–2015 academic year the School completed its reaccreditation review by the Association of Theological Schools, receiving the strongest possible endorsement that is available. Since 2010 the School has successfully launched three new degree programs (D.Min., M.A.C.P., and M.A.C.S.), and graduated more students entering ordained parish ministry than any other United Methodist theological school. The Th.D. program, now in its tenth year, has been a great success with a superb placement record for graduates. The School has also developed and grown the work of its major centers and initiatives: Leadership Education at Duke Divinity; the Theology, Medicine, and Culture program; Duke Initiatives in Theology and the Arts; the Center for Reconciliation; and the Center for Studies in the Wesleyan Tradition.

In April 2015, Dr. Hays announced his plans to conclude his term as dean on June 30, 2016. Following a cancer diagnosis this summer, he took a medical leave and stepped down from the position on July 30, 2015.

PORTRAIT OF DEAN RICHARD B. HAYS, BY WHITTIER WRIGHT,
OIL ON CANVAS, 30X28, 2012, FRAME BY THE ARTIST.

