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WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ANNOUNCES DR. VERONICE MILES AS INTERIM DEAN

WASHINGTON, DC – The Board of Governors of Wesley Theological Seminary (Wesley DC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Veronice Miles as Interim Dean of Wesley DC for a two-year term, effective July 1, 2026.

Dr. Miles, the Mary Elizabeth McGehee Joyce Professor of Preaching and the Director of African American Church Studies at Wesley DC, is a respected voice in the classroom, pulpit, and broader church. She expressed gratitude and a strong sense of responsibility in accepting the appointment. “It is both an honor and privilege to step into the role of interim dean and work alongside students, faculty, administrators, and staff as we advance the mission of Wesley Theological Seminary. I step into this role prayerfully and with deep commitment to preparing leaders who serve with integrity and help bring meaningful change in the world.”

President-Elect and current Dean Carla Works, Woodrow and Mildred Miller Professor of Biblical Theology, praised the appointment noting the strength and continuity Dr. Miles brings to the Seminary’s leadership during this interim period. “Dr. Miles is a valued member of our community, a distinguished scholar, a dedicated teacher, and a dynamic preacher,” said Dean Works. “She will lead from a sense of calling to serve the church and our world.”

As Interim Dean, Dr. Miles will provide academic and administrative leadership while advancing Wesley DC’s mission to equip leaders for the church, the academy, and beyond. Her two-year appointment will guide the Seminary’s shared life of teaching, worship, and formation, strengthening its call to prepare leaders for faithful and transformative ministry.

About Wesley Theological Seminary

Founded in 1882, Wesley Theological Seminary is seated in the nation’s capital, centered in the Christian faith, and rooted in the United Methodist heritage. It annually prepares more than 1,000 students representing more than 30 denominations to become exemplary teachers, preachers, and leaders in the world today. Wesley graduates are in ministry in all 50 states and 20 countries as leaders of churches and service organizations. The mission of Wesley Theological Seminary is to prepare Christians for leadership in the church and the world, to advance theological scholarship, and to model a prophetic voice in the public square.

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