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WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY HONORS JENNIE MURRAY WITH 2026 JOHN WESLEY SOCIETY AWARD

WASHINGTON, DC — Wesley Theological Seminary (Wesley DC) is thrilled to announce that Jennie Murray-Kostyukov, MDiv 2012 has been named the recipient of the 2026 John Wesley Society Award, one of the Seminary's highest honors. The Society of John Wesley Award of Merit (SOJW) recognizes and honors the significant contributions of alumni through sacrificial leadership to God, the church, and Wesley Theological Seminary. Nominations are made by graduates of the Seminary.

As President and CEO of the National Immigration Forum, Murray brings together moderate and conservative stakeholders to focus on what the Forum calls, "Bibles, Badges, and Business." Through her work, Murray connects faith leaders, law enforcement, national security, and business leaders to form a new consensus on the value of immigrants and immigration in America.

"Jennie Murray's leadership reflects the very best of faithful service—thoughtful, compassionate, and deeply committed to strengthening communities for the common good," said retiring President David McAllister-Wilson. "Throughout her career, she has demonstrated how values-centered leadership can create lasting impact." Murray said, "It is a privilege to be recognized for the 2026 John Wesley Society Award."

The award was presented during Wesley DC's Commencement 2026 ceremony, celebrating graduates who are called to lead with courage, wisdom, and a commitment to justice in a changing world.

About Wesley Theological Seminary

Founded in 1882, Wesley Theological Seminary (Wesley DC) is seated in the nation's capital and centered in the Christian faith; 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 DC 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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