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PRESIDENT DAVID MCALLISTER-WILSON ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT AFTER FOUR DECADES OF TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP AT WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

WASHINGTON, D.C. – After more than 4 decades of faithful service, President David McAllister-Wilson has announced that he will retire from Wesley Theological Seminary (Wesley DC) on June 30, 2026. The announcement was first shared in a heartfelt letter to the Wesley DC community, reflecting on a journey that began in 1982 as a student worker and culminated in more than two decades as president.

Rev. Dr. McAllister-Wilson concludes one of the longest presidential tenures among the 271 member institutions of the Association of Theological Schools. During his time at the helm, Wesley DC experienced unprecedented growth in enrollment, diversity, academic innovation, and global reach.

Under Rev. Dr. McAllister-Wilson's leadership, Wesley DC has become a national model for theological education that is academically rigorous, spiritually grounded, and socially engaged. His presidency has been marked by a bold vision for equipping leaders to serve the Church and the world.

Rev. Dr. Monica Hargrove, Chair of the Wesley DC Board of Governors, stated, "The Board appreciates David's tremendous long-term and impactful leadership of Wesley DC and will provide information about its plans to undertake a thorough search for his successor."

Bishop Tom Berlin, Resident Bishop of The Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church remarked, "David's legacy will be long because his service has been remarkably faithful."

The Wesley DC community will spend the coming year honoring President McAllister-Wilson's enduring legacy and preparing for a historic new chapter in the life of the seminary.

About Wesley Theological Seminary

Founded in 1882, Wesley Theological Seminary 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 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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