

## Day of Convocation

### *A Celebration of the Graduating Class of 2020!*

Thursday, June 4, 2020

#### STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

The day of convocation is a celebration of our students and their efforts to better themselves, their faith communities, and the larger world community. Convocation day events provide an opportunity for students to share the work they do, and to learn about the work being done by other GTF students.

During the convocation festivities, each graduate will be asked to make a short presentation to a small group of fellow students. This presentation is an opportunity to explain who you are, the nature of your professional or personal ministry or social service activities, and to briefly summarize the work you completed to fulfill the final academic requirements of your GTF degree. Each student will be allotted 5 minutes to read their presentation, and an additional 5 minutes for group discussion and questions. This is an opportunity to meet, share, and connect with other members of the GTF community in a low-key and supportive group environment. It is a celebration of who you are and the work that you do.

Following the small group activities, students will gather for the presentation of graduation stoles. Each student who has participated in the day of convocation activities will receive a cloth stole embroidered with the GTF seal. This stole is a gift to keep, and can be worn at the graduation ceremony on Friday as a symbol of your membership in the GTF community.

Each graduate is asked to write a 500-750 word presentation that includes the following information:

- Name
- Degree program
- Nature of your ministry/social service/faith community involvement/ employment/life's work
- Summary of your final project/thesis/institute paper and experience/senior paper and how it is relevant to the work that you do

We require each graduate to submit this 500-750 word document by email to the Office of Academic Affairs ([academicaffairs@gtfeducation.org](mailto:academicaffairs@gtfeducation.org)) by **May 1, 2020**. Please also be sure to bring a copy with you to the convocation day breakfast.

If you have any questions regarding your presentation or convocation day, please feel free to contact our offices by phone or email ([academicaffairs@gtfeducation.org](mailto:academicaffairs@gtfeducation.org)), and we will be glad to provide additional details. Our hope is for the day of convocation to be a stress-free, enjoyable and memorable occasion for all of our graduates!