

**Disciples General Minister and President to preach at Chapman's Founders Day**

The Office of Church Relations will hold our 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Founders Day on **Saturday, March 14, 2026** and is excited to welcome **Rev. Terri Hord Owens**, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) back to Chapman's campus to preach for the day's worship service. **The theme of our 42<sup>nd</sup> Founders Day is *Belonging*.**

The day will begin with coffee and connection, and a praise music session led by **Minister Walter Owens Jr.**, world renowned gospel musician, and Director of the Moody Bible Institute's Gospel Choir. Minister Owens grew up under the teaching and ministry of the late Apostle Richard D. Henton. Minister Owens will also lead a mass choir in a selection of music during the afternoon worship. [Express interest here](#). Tickets are discounted for Mass Choir participants.

Following the praise music session, we will hear true stories in a StoryHour titled *Is this seat taken? Stories of belonging*. **Rebecca Anderson** returns as coach for our storytellers and will host the experience. A diverse cast of voices will bring us through times of isolation, connection, unexpected friendships, and moments of realization; this event will truly help us bring our authentic voices into a community building space.

The day will conclude with a worship service infused with sublime music and the prophetic preaching of Rev. Owens. In addition to the mass choir, the Chapman Singers will perform two pieces and Woodland Hills Community Church will accompany the worship music. There will also be a Disciples on Campus alumni party held off campus after worship.

Workshops will be offered after lunch. Ministers can earn CEU's for full participation and scholarships are available by contacting Jack Veatch at [churchrelations@chapman.edu](mailto:churchrelations@chapman.edu). No one is turned away because of finances!

Online registration can be found at [www.chapman.edu/founders-day](http://www.chapman.edu/founders-day). Questions or need assistance with online registration? Please call University Tickets at (714) 997-6812. For all other Founders Day questions please contact the Office of Church Relations at (714) 997-6760.

And we are serious—do not let the cost of registration keep you away. If you need a scholarship, please ask for it!

We hope to see you at Founders Day.

**Celebrating belonging at Chapman University's Founders Day, March 14, 2026**

Celebrate the Chapman community at Founders Day, March 14, and come hear the enthralling stories of dynamic storytellers. Storytellers include Rev. Teresa Hord Owens, General Minister and President of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, Rev. Rachael Pryor, Conference Minister for the Southern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ, Rev. Tanya Lopez, Senior Pastor of Downey Memorial Christian Church as well as Chapman alumni and students.

Before our enrapturing StoryHour, there will time for coffee, connection, and a lively praise music session led by **Minister Walter Owens Jr.**, world renowned gospel musician, and Director of the Moody Bible Institute's Gospel Choir.

You'll want to stay the whole day, as interesting and helpful workshops will be offered – including one on fostering a sense of belonging hosted by Chapman's First Generation and Promising Futures department. The day will conclude with a worship service with **Disciples of Christ General Minister and President, Rev. Terri Hord Owens** preaching followed by a **Disciples on Campus alumni party** off campus.

To guarantee that you will have a boxed lunch, please register **no later than Monday, March 9**. The full schedule and registration are found online at [www.chapman.edu/founders-day](http://www.chapman.edu/founders-day). If you cannot register online, please call University Tickets at (714) 997-6812. For all other Founders Day questions, please contact the Office of Church Relations at (714) 997-6760. Please do not let the cost of registration keep you away. If you need a scholarship, call or email ([churchrelations@chapman.edu](mailto:churchrelations@chapman.edu)) and ask for it.