



Compelling Preaching Initiative

November 2022

Invitational Grants

Through an invitational round of the Compelling Preaching Initiative, Lilly Endowment Inc. approved 32 grants to support organizations in designing and launching programs to assist current and aspiring Christian preachers in cultivating practices that will help them proclaim the gospel to a variety of audiences in more engaging and effective ways.

Ranging from \$829,000 to \$1 million, the grants support organizations representing a broad diversity of theological traditions. They are affiliated with evangelical, mainline Protestant, nondenominational, Pentecostal, Orthodox, Catholic, Black church, Hispanic and Asian Christian traditions.

An additional grant of \$6,533,371 to Calvin University will fund its efforts to support the initiative by convening the participating organizations for mutual learning and helping them to share ideas and resources.

Organization	Location	Amount
Alliance for Christian Media (Day1)	Atlanta, GA	\$1,000,000
America Press, Inc. (America Magazine)	New York, NY	\$1,000,000
Aquinas Institute of Theology	St. Louis, MO	\$1,000,000
Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church	Nashville, TN	\$998,800
Board of Incorporators of the African Methodist Episcopal Church	Nashville, TN	\$1,000,000
Calvin Theological Seminary	Grand Rapids, MI	\$957,215
Catholic Bishop of Chicago (Archdiocese of Chicago)	Chicago, IL	\$1,000,000

Christian Theological Seminary	Indianapolis, IN	\$1,000,000
Christianity Today International	Carol Stream, IL	\$999,639
Church of the Nazarene, Inc.	Lenexa, KS	\$1,000,000
Duke University	Durham, NC	\$1,000,000
Episcopal Preaching Foundation, Inc.	Springfield, NJ	\$829,000
Evangel University of the Assemblies of God	Springfield, MO	\$1,000,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	Chicago, IL	\$1,000,000
Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary	Evanston, IL	\$1,000,000
General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	Indianapolis, IN	\$1,000,000
Hampton University	Hampton, VA	\$1,000,000
Logos Evangelical Seminary	El Monte, CA	\$1,000,000
Luther Seminary	St. Paul, MN	\$1,000,000
Methodist Theological School in Ohio	Delaware, OH	\$1,000,000
National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference	Sacramento, CA	\$1,000,000
Pepperdine University	Malibu, CA	\$1,000,000
Progressive National Baptist Convention	Washington, D.C.	\$1,000,000
Society for the Advancement of Ecclesial Theology (Center for Pastor Theologians)	Oak Park, IL	\$999,998
St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary	Yonkers, NY	\$1,000,000

Union Presbyterian Seminary	Richmond, VA	\$999,845
University of Dallas	Irving, TX	\$1,000,000
University of Indianapolis	Indianapolis, IN	\$999,682
University of Notre Dame	Notre Dame, IN	\$998,120
University of Southern California	Los Angeles, CA	\$999,993
Village United Presbyterian Church	Prairie Village, KS	\$1,000,000
Wheaton College	Wheaton, IL	\$1,000,000
