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**Volunteers Exploring Vocation Receive
National Fellowship Awards**

Students Receive Support as Leaders in Ministry

ATLANTA, June 15, 2010 – Volunteers Exploring Vocation (VEV), a national program that helps participants in 14 national faith-based volunteer service organizations explore the relationship between faith, service and vocation, has awarded fellowships to 11 outstanding students who are entering Master of Divinity programs at theological schools across the country this fall.

Students selected for The Fund for Theological Education (FTE) Volunteers Exploring Vocation Fellowship demonstrate exceptional gifts for leadership in pastoral ministry. Each VEV Fellow receives \$2,500 for educational expenses and attends the FTE Leaders in Ministry Conference June 16-20 at Boston University School of Theology. The fellowships are funded by Lilly Endowment Inc.

“These students are following a commitment to serve others as a continuation of ministry and as a path to create change in the world,” said Jim Ellison, coordinator of FTE’s Volunteer Exploring Vocation initiative. “They bring experience from community service as an essential element for living out their Christian vocation.”

The 2010 FTE Volunteers Exploring Vocation Fellows are:

Name	School	Volunteer Service Organization
Maria L. Anderson	Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary	Lutheran Volunteer Corps
Anthony S. Baurichter	Duke Divinity School	D.O.O.R. - Miami, FL
Christopher H. Hanley	University of Chicago Divinity School	Lutheran Volunteer Corps
Portia R. Hurney	Yale Divinity School	Episcopal Service Corps
Lindsey D. Kerr	Pacific School of Religion	US2 Program, United Methodist Church
Diane H. Kim	Columbia Theological Seminary	Presbyterian Church (USA) Young Adult Volunteers
Alissa J. Oleson	Harvard Divinity School	Lutheran Volunteer Corps
Dana M. Olson	Wesley Theological Seminary	Presbyterian Church (USA) Young Adult Volunteers
Caroline P. Oxford	Duke Divinity School	Episcopal Service Corps
Dorota Pruski	Virginia Theological Seminary	Jesuit Volunteer Corps
Andrew R. Twiton	Luther Seminary	Lutheran Volunteer Corps

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