

**[00-10] Grant Permission to Theological Institutions to Celebrate the Lord's Supper—From the Committee on Theological Education.**

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## Recommendation

The Committee on Theological Education recommends that the 224th General Assembly (2020) grant permission to the following theological institutions to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in 2020–2022 [from January 2020 through to the conclusion of the 225th General Assembly (2022)]: Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Columbia Theological Seminary, University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, McCormick Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Seminario Evangélico de Puerto Rico, and Auburn Theological Seminary.

## Rationale

Beginning in 1989, the General Assembly became the governing body that grants permission to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Presbyterian theological institutions. Each seminary is entrusted with identifying a governing group on campus to discern appropriate occasions and leaders to celebrate on each campus. The 223rd General Assembly (2018) granted permission for celebrations in 2018–2019.

COTE is presently in conversation with the leadership of the University of Redlands and its Graduate School of Religion seeking to clarify what institution would be the recipient of the General Assembly's permission to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.