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### VIPs visiting San Francisco Theological Seminary in October

**San Anselmo, Calif., Sept. 25** – The San Francisco Theological Seminary will host two international visitors on its San Anselmo campus in October.

The **Rev. Dr. Mercy Amba Oduyoye**, of the Methodist Church in Ghana and one of Africa's leading theologians, will be at SFTS Oct. 1-2. Oduyoye will preach during the Oct. 1 chapel service at 10:15 a.m. in Stewart Chapel and give a lecture Oct. 2 at 4 p.m. in the Seminary board room in Montgomery Hall. Both are open to the public.

The Ghana native and former deputy general secretary of the World Council of Churches holds degrees in theology from the University of Ghana and Cambridge University, UK. She has received four honorary doctorates for her outstanding work in theological studies.

Dr. Oduyoye founded the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians and currently serves as Director of African Women in Religion and Culture at Trinity College, Legon-Accra, Ghana.

"Mercy is without a doubt one of the most important international church leaders that have visited SFTS in recent years," said Dr. Philip Wickeri, Hewlett professor of evangelism and mission. "It is a great honor for us to have her here."

The **Rev. Dr. John L. Bell** of the Iona Community in Scotland and a world-known liturgical composer will lead the 10:15 a.m. chapel service Oct. 8 in Stewart Chapel. He is an ordained minister in the Church of Scotland and former rector of the University of Glasgow. Bell is bringing his message of church renewal, music and worship to the Bay Area after lecturing in Europe, Australia and most recently South Africa.

"We are thrilled to have such incredible guest speakers this month," said the Rev. Charles Marks, chaplain and associate professor of ministry at SFTS. "Our students, faculty and the local community can really benefit from these internationally acclaimed religious leaders."

For more information about the guest speakers, please contact the Rev. Charles Marks: [cmarks@sfts.edu](mailto:cmarks@sfts.edu) or 415-451-2833, or visit the newly redesigned SFTS Web site: [www.sfts.edu](http://www.sfts.edu).

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