

Announcement from Elizabeth McCord, Chaplain, Carroll University

Carroll University is in a season of joyful anticipation as we prepare to inaugurate our 15th president, Dr. Cindy G. Gnadinger. As you know, Dr. Gnadinger joined the University on July 1, 2017, and is the first woman to serve in the role of president since the University's inception in 1846. President Gnadinger brings with her more than two decades of experience in higher education, and she is deeply committed to Carroll's values of respect, integrity, and stewardship.

With President Gnadinger's inauguration comes a new chapter for Carroll University. God is calling our learning community to new ways of engaging the spirit of discovery and exploration that began with our founders. We do so from the firm foundation of the University's mission: *Carroll University provides superior education, rooted in its Presbyterian and liberal arts heritage, and draws upon its Christian tradition to prepare all students for vocational success, lifelong learning and service in a diverse and global society.*

Carroll University will celebrate throughout the week leading up to President Gnadinger's March 16th inauguration. Our starting place for that celebration is prayer. I want to invite congregations and members of the Presbytery to remember Carroll University and President Gnadinger in your prayers. I have written a prayer for use in local congregations, but hope people will pray as the Spirit leads them.

I am so grateful for all of the support the Presbytery of Milwaukee provides for Carroll. Thank you for your prayers and your care! Peace be with you.

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Gracious God, we give you thanks for the gift of education and for creating us with open hearts and curious minds. Today, we especially thank you for our partner school, Carroll University. Over the last 172 years you have welcomed women and men to Carroll, shaping them for leadership and calling them serve the world you love. We ask your continued blessing as Carroll opens a new chapter of service and leadership with the inauguration of President Cindy G. Gnadinger.

Give President Gnadinger wisdom and humility, faithfulness and perseverance, as she helps Carroll discern your calling for the coming years. Empower the Carroll community to follow that calling, living out its mission which is rooted in our shared faith tradition. And inspire its students—its alumni, faculty, trustees, and friends—to strive for an ethos of respect, integrity, and stewardship. Strengthen this congregation's relationship with Carroll and by your Spirit use this partnership to build up our community.

We ask this, seeking the unity of your Church and the glory of your Realm. In Christ name, Amen.