The Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010, permits a rollover directly from an IRA to a qualified public charity—such as Phillips Theological Seminary—until the end of 2011.

The principal rules for direct transfers from a traditional IRA to a qualified public charity are that the IRA owner must be 70 1/2 or older and that the transfer is for no more than $100,000 each year. The transfer qualifies for the required minimum distribution.

No gifts to life-income planned gifts or donor-advised funds are permitted. This type of giving may be especially beneficial to donors who do not itemize their deductions, who live in states that do not have a charitable income tax deduction, or whose charitable gifts may not otherwise be fully deductible in the current year.

If both husband and wife have substantial IRA accounts, then... continued on page 2

PTS would like to recognize bequests made since 2010:

- Hageman Estate
- Estate of Margaret E. Carpenter
- Estate of Maxine A. Miller
- Estate of Laura Fields
- Estate of Donna Wells
- Estate of Evelyn Louise Wiker
- Estate of Elburn Moore
- Estate of Doran M. Myers
- Estate of Anne Harris Larew
- Estate of James W. McFarland
- Estate of Arla J. Elston
- Estate of Robert O. & Ruth B. Colerick
- Estate of Della J. Dove
- Estate of Frances LaZar (Gift in Kind)
Charitable Rollovers cont.

up to $200,000 per year may qualify for IRA rollovers.

Most IRA owners take the required minimum distribution during the 4th calendar quarter of each year. By transferring part or all of the required minimum distribution to charity, the donor will have a lower adjusted gross income.

Gifts made directly from IRA accounts do not qualify for a charitable income tax deduction.

Information about the IRA Charitable Rollover can be found under the “News” section on the Foundation’s website: www.christianchurchfoundation.org.

2012 Spring Course Highlights

“PTS continues its commitment to rigorous graduate theological education, while also meeting students’ need for flexibility in the schedule,” said Don Pittman, Dean and Vice President of Academic Affairs at PTS. Online classes have grown in importance, as have concentrated courses offered on weekends, mid-semester, and in summer and January terms. The shift toward courses in these formats and a student survey led the administration to reduce on-campus courses to Tuesday and Thursday only during the Spring 2012 semester. We encourage you to check out the Spring 2012 schedule on our website (www.ptstulsa.edu/schedules). See if there is a course you’d like to take. Pass the schedule on to someone who needs the kind of challenge to grow that a seminary can offer. For more information, contact Linda Ford, director of recruitment, at 918-270-6463 or linda.ford@ptstulsa.edu.
Inaugural Re-Mind & Re-New Conference
January 17 & 18, 2012

PTS announces the inaugural Re-Mind & Re-New Conference to be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma on January 17-18, 2012, at the PTS campus. The conference, formerly known as Ministers’ Week, is an educational event designed to foster the renewal of participant’s minds and spirits.

“This year, the Re-Mind & Re-New Conference is designed to focus on the renewal in Christianity and provide serious and provocative questions about the relationship between Christianity, culture, and congregations,” said PTS President, Dr. Gary Peluso-Verdend.

Featured speakers include: Dianna Butler Bass, an independent scholar, author, blogger, and speaker on understanding religion, congregations, and American culture and author of the widely read Christianity for the Rest of Us and a much-anticipated publication in February 2012, Christianity After Religion: The End of Church and the Beginning of a New Spiritual Awaken-
ing; Nadia Bolz-Weber, founding pastor of House for All Sinners and Saints in Denver, and a leading voice in the emerging church movement; Chris Haw, a participant in the new monasticism movement who is craftsman (carpentry and pottery), a blogger, and co-author of Jesus for President; and Craig Van Gelder, a professor of congregational mission at Luther Seminary and co-author of The Missional Church in Perspective: Mapping the Trends and Shaping the Conversation.

A registration fee of $90 includes the program, coffee breaks, and dinner on Tuesday evening. The registration deadline including the Tuesday banquet is January 9, 2012. Registrations received after January 9, 2012 will be accepted, but attendance at the Tuesday banquet cannot be guaranteed.

The conference was preceded by a free webinar on November 30, 2011. Led by Peluso-Verdend, the webinar briefly addressed conference topics and introduce participants to selected writings from featured speakers. The webinar is currently available on the PTS Re-Mind & Re-New web pages.

To register, view the full schedule and find additional information visit the Re-Mind & Re-New Conference pages on the PTS website: www.ptstulsa.edu/remindrenew. You may also contact Melanie Tipton at melanie.tipton@ptstulsa.edu or 918-270-6405.

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Importance of Planned Gifts

As a Trustee at Phillips Theological Seminary, I have had the privilege to meet and get to know the extraordinary faculty, staff, and students at PTS. PTS is truly a safe space for truth-seeking conversations about the Bible, Jesus, justice, spirituality, and faith. Planned gifts play a vital role in allowing PTS to continue its mission of educating individuals to minister to their communities and churches. I hope you will consider one or more of the following planned gifts: (1) notify your IRA Administrator to direct your 2011 required minimum distribution to PTS (the IRA Charitable Rollover) before December 31, 2011; (2) make PTS a beneficiary of your 401 (k) or IRA; and/or (3) include PTS in your Revocable/Living Trust or Will.

- Christin Mugg Adkins