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An ordained elder in the United Methodist Church, Joy Jittaun Moore, Professor of Biblical Preaching, serves as Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Academic Dean at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. Dr. Joy is an “Ecclesial Storyteller” seeking to encourage theologically framed, biblically attentive, and socially compelling interpretations of Christian Scripture in order to understand the critical issues influencing community formation in contemporary culture (*all that means is she tells community-forming stories from the Bible as a follower of Christ!*).

Dr. Joy focuses her research on understanding the stories behind the sound bites, examining how we use words to narrate the realities of our existence. Examining these interests in biblical studies, practical theology, homiletics, narrative hermeneutics and social media, she works with words to tell stories with a theological twist!

Prior to coming to Luther Seminary, she was Associate Professor of Practical Theology at Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University. Dr. Joy established the William E. Pannell Center for African American Church Studies at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA, and served as Associate Dean for Lifelong Learning at Duke Divinity School at Duke University. Previously the director of Student Life at Asbury Theological Seminary and chaplain and director of Church Relations at Adrian College, she has held pastorates in the Michigan Area of the United Methodist Church. She has written for *Sojourners* magazine, *Christian Century*, *Good News* magazine, and *Working Preacher*. She is can be heard weekly on the Sermon Brainwave podcast

Moore has focused on cross-racial ministry in urban, rural, and suburban congregations. Her last parish, an African American congregation, served as a Help Center in Flint, Michigan during the Water Crisis. As a pastor, she has called local congregations to recognize their vocation of glorifying God as a peaceable community—practicing hope, hospitality, and honesty.

A native of Chicago, Illinois, Moore’s desire to teach led her to earn a BA in Education and Mathematics from National College of Education (National-Louis University) in 1982 and an MDiv from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in 1989. A John Wesley Fellowship (2001–2005) from *A Foundation for Theological Education* enabled her to work on a Ph.D. in Practical Theology, which she earned from Brunel University/London School of Theology in 2007. She joined the faculty of Luther Seminary in July 2019 to teach Biblical Preaching.

Joy grew up in the American Midwest on Chicago's southside attending Commonwealth Community Church, where she was spiritually formed and experienced a call to Christian Ministry. Professor Moore is currently President of the Wesleyan Theological Society and an avid fan of books by *David Baldacci* and *John Hart*. When not teaching, she enjoys traveling, watching episodes of *NCIS*, and reading. Currently, she is reading the works of *Octavia E. Butler* and *Lord Jonathan Sacks*. (and yes, she is fascinated by the *Marvel Universe*!)