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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Dr. Gerald Bray Joins the Faculty at Knox Theological Seminary**

**FORT LAUDERDALE, FL – 1/31/2012** – The President of Knox Theological Seminary, Dr. Ronald J. Kovack, and the Board of Directors are pleased to announce that Dr. Gerald Bray will be joining the resident faculty as Distinguished Professor of Historical Theology. Dr. Bray’s responsibilities will include teaching the sequence of church history courses to masters-level students and also contributing to the new theological exegesis track in the Doctor of Ministry program, particularly by providing instruction on the use of the history of exegesis.

“Gerald Bray is a scholar of the first order and a committed churchman. He’s knowledgeable about the patristic era and the Reformation era. He is a top-tier historian as well as a faithful theologian. An award-winning author and a master teacher, he will be a wonderful addition to our faculty and a blessing to all our students,” said Dean of Faculty, Dr. Warren A. Gage. Having added Dr. Bruce Waltke in the past two years and the impressive duo of Dr. Jonathan Linebaugh as the new Assistant Professor of New Testament and pastor theologian Dr. Jim Belcher as the Associate Professor of Practical Theology in the past year, Knox Seminary is pleased to add yet another theological gem to the faculty that is committed to the seminary’s core values of training students in the Reformed tradition to be Christ centered, gospel driven, and mission focused.

Dr. Bray holds a B.A. degree from McGill University and an M.Litt. along with a D. Litt. from the University of Paris-Sorbonne. With a vast curriculum vitae, he is the Research Professor of Divinity at Beeson Divinity School where he has taught church history and theology since 1993. Dr. Bray has also served as director of research for the Latimer Trust, an evangelical think tank in London. He is the most widely renowned evangelical church historian and, specifically, the evangelical expert on the history of biblical exegesis. He authored the first major textbook on the subject as well as edited four volumes on the history of biblical commentary.

A prolific and award-winning author, Dr. Bray's books include: *The Doctrine of God, Creeds, Councils and Christ: Did the early Christians misrepresent Jesus?*, *The Faith We Confess: An Exposition of the Thirty-Nine Articles*, *Translating the Bible: From William Tyndale to King James*, and *Biblical Interpretation: Past and Present* (which was a 1997 Book of the Year by Christianity Today).

He is the editor of *The Churchman*, an Anglican quarterly and academic journal, as well as the Contours of Christian Theology book series for InterVarsity Press. Prior to that, he served as editor for *The Anglican Canons 1529–1947* and *Tudor Church Reform*, which contains the Henrician Canons of 1535 and the *Reformatio Legum Ecclesiasticarum*, and three volumes in the Ancient Christian Commentary book series on Romans, First and Second Corinthians, and James to Jude. Most recently, he has edited the inaugural volume in the much anticipated Reformation Commentary on Scripture book series on Galatians and Ephesians for InterVarsity Press.

Dr. Bray has a systematic theology forthcoming with Crossway in March 2012: *God is Love: A Biblical and Systematic Theology*. He is presently preparing a companion volume on historical theology and is engaged in writing and speaking on a variety of theological issues of particular relevance to the contemporary church.

Dr. Bray's appointment is effective immediately and he has already begun teaching the full church history sequence in one-week intensive courses. Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, Dr. Michael Allen, said of the hire, "We are thrilled to have all our masters-level students take their church history courses with this leading evangelical historical theologian, Gerald Bray. Furthermore, we're excited about Dr. Bray's role in our newly-shaped Doctor of Ministry concentration in theological exegesis, where his incredible knowledge of the history of exegesis will stoke students' desires and increase their capacity to learn from the long tradition of faithful Christian Bible reading for the sake of gospel ministry." Knox is thankful that God continues to bring outstanding faculty selections as they seek to provide solid, Reformed biblical and theological training to men and women seeking ministry preparation.

If you would like more information about Knox Theological Seminary and Dr. Gerald Bray, please visit [www.knoxseminary.edu](http://www.knoxseminary.edu), their official Facebook page, or you can find them on Twitter @knoxseminary.

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