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## **FAITHFUL**

**To what are we faithful?** The religious landscape in America is one of dizzying change. Diverse expressions of religion and spiritual community are stimulating new examinations of how to be faithful to both what is settled and what is in flux. In January 2017 [TMF's Leadership Ministry](#) hosted a gathering of leaders from 11 faith traditions to explore this tension. This new report - [FAITHFUL](#) - was written by Harvard Divinity Ministry Innovation Fellows Casper ter Kuile and Angie Thurston in collaboration with colleagues Sue Phillips, TMF V.P. Lisa Greenwood and recently retired TMF Senior V.P. Gil Rendle. This "unexpected collaboration" began in 2015 when Gil began a conversation with Casper and Angie about their study of how millennials are creating community and meaning outside of organized religion. Their conversation led to TMF's hosting of the [Forum on Wesleyan Potential](#) and the [Denominational Leaders gathering](#) in January. This report builds on learnings from those events and offers five case studies of institutions wrestling with the issue of how to be faithful in an ever-changing world. The purpose of the report is:

- To stimulate the thinking of religious leaders about the future of our institutions
- To offer common language for shared experiences

- To inspire those who are leading change from within

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### View the interview of Angie Thurston and Casper ter Kuile

Lisa Greenwood, TMF V.P. of Leadership Ministry, interviews Harvard Divinity Ministry Innovation Fellows Angie Thurston and Casper ter Kuile prior to the Denominational Leaders conversation on 1/16/17. The gathering explored the intersections between leaders of traditional faith traditions and social innovators. Faithful, the report featured above, is partially based on learnings from this event.

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