**Summary: “New Day Dawning” Consultation – Fall 2021**

**Lilly Pathways for Tomorrow Initiative, Phase A**

Beginning in October 2021, the UDTS faculty and staff will continue in our process of reimagining theological education. This semester’s process has four steps:

1. October: Focus on “Principles to Preserve”
   1. Work with a “Core Team”
   2. One virtual session for faculty-staff
   3. In-person session for Council of Advisors
2. November: Interviewing Others
   1. Each faculty-staff member to interview 3 people
3. December: Designing the Future
   1. Core Team meeting
   2. In-person “summit”

In addition, work may be done in January 2022 to develop an “embodied mission statement.”

**Facilitation**

This project will be facilitated by **Amber A Johnson, Ph.D.** Amber holds two degrees in

communications, a Ph.D. in values-driven leadership, and has nearly 25 years’ experience in non-profit communication. She is an independent communications and strategy advisor who works with organizations of all sizes to enhance collaboration, shape culture, improve communication, and drive results. Amber regularly works with faith-based institutions to help them advance strategy, shape culture, and guide change. Clients include Calvin University, World Vision, Living Water International, The Leadership Foundations, and Ecclesia Houston.

Prior to working independently, Dr. Johnson spent 11 years with the Center for Values-Driven Leadership at Benedictine University, including six years as the Chief Communications Officer. Her work helped leaders build people-focused sustainable organizational cultures: companies where team members and customers are truly valued. She held responsibility for the organization’s thought leadership efforts including a Forbes.com column, research, eBooks, and executive education. She is also a specialist in Appreciative Inquiry, a human-centered design process for organizational change and leadership development.