Macalester Names Rev. Kelly J. Stone Chaplain and Associate Dean for Religious and Spiritual Life

St. Paul, Minn. – Rev. Kelly J. Stone has been named Chaplain and Associate Dean for Religious and Spiritual Life at Macalester College and will begin her new duties at the end of this month. Stone will oversee the Center for Religious and Spiritual Life, which includes student religious groups, programs and events, and Weyerhaeuser Memorial Chapel.

Since 2011, Stone has been at Wellesley College in Mass., most recently as Interim Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life. In that position, she supported a team of nine chaplains, oversaw 24 religious and spiritual student organizations, was responsible for a \$1M operating budget, and provided counsel to students, faculty and staff.

Prior to 2011, Stone served as Chaplain at Lakeland College in Sheboygan, Wis., for five years where she designed and implemented a spiritual life program with a commitment to multifaith engagement.

"Rev. Stone brings to Macalester a record of religious openness, spiritual depth and acceptance of diversity which complements Macalester's history of comparable values," said Macalester President Brian Rosenberg. "We welcome her to our community."

The mission of the Center for Religious and Spiritual Life is to recognize and affirm the diversity of religious and cultural experience at Macalester College. This includes nurturing students' exploration of their religious tradition, helping express values by engaging in local and global issues with the aim of repairing the world and by participating in the educational life of the college by promoting critical study, spiritual conversation and faith exploration.





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"As I step into my role as Chaplain, I hope to build on the rich and vibrant work of the Center and cultivate partnerships that

promote the deep exploration of questions of faith and meaning," said Stone. "I have already felt the warmth of the college community and I look forward to making Macalester home in the year ahead."

Stone replaces Rev. Lucy Forster-Smith, who is now the Sedgwick Chaplain and Senior Minister of the Memorial Church at Harvard University.

Macalester College, founded in 1874, is a national liberal arts college with a full-time enrollment of 2,011 students. Macalester is nationally recognized for its long-standing commitment to academic excellence,

internationalism, multiculturalism and civic engagement. Learn more at macalester.edu (http://www.macalester.edu).

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