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## Final commencement exercises for Coote, Marks and Rambo

**SAN ANSELMO, Calif., May 14** – San Francisco Theological Seminary will bid adieu to three retiring faculty members during its 2010 graduation ceremonies on May 22 in San Anselmo.

With 75 years of combined service at SFTS, Dr. Robert Coote, Rev. Dr. Charles Marks and Dr. Lewis Rambo will participate in their final graduation exercises this spring. Coote is the Nathaniel Gray Professor of Hebrew Exegesis and Old Testament, Rambo is the Tulley Professor of Psychology and Religion and Doctor of Ministry Interim Director, and Marks is the Ester M. Dornsife Chair for the Seminary Chaplain and Associate Professor of Ministry.

SFTS will graduate 42 students with Master of Divinity degrees, 18 with Doctor of Ministry degrees, four with Master of Arts in Theological Studies degrees, and 11 from the Seminary's Diploma in the Art of Spiritual Direction program.

Dr. Laird J. Stuart, interim president and professor of pastoral theology, will be the keynote speaker during the Commencement ceremony outdoors in the shadows of giant Redwood trees that encircle Bouick Field.

Rev. Aleida Jernigan, the 2010 SFTS Distinguished Alumna, will deliver the charge to the new graduating class during the Commencement exercises. Jernigan, a 1997 Master of Divinity graduate, is co-executive presbyter of Cascades Presbytery.

SFTS will hold its **Baccalaureate Service** on May 21, in Stewart Chapel on its San Anselmo campus. There will be a **Seminary Reception** at Alexander Hall for graduates of all degree programs, their families and the Seminary community.

The SFTS Southern California campus in Pasadena will hold a **Closing Ceremony** on May 15. Stuart was the keynote speaker. SFTS students from Pasadena are included in all graduation events on the San Anselmo campus.

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