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Rev. Gordon Dragt Honored in Gift of Library Alcove Naming

"New Brunswick Theological Seminary is grateful to Middle Collegiate Church and to Dr. Murray and Susan Berenson for sponsoring this alcove in honor of The Rev. Gordon Dragt, Senior Minister Emeritus". Thus reads a plaque recently installed in an alcove of the Gardner A. Sage Library, representing a \$10,000 gift to the seminary.

Rev. Dragt is retired from twenty years at Middle Collegiate (on the Lower East Side of New York City) and forty years in ministry spent transforming declining churches into thriving, arts-friendly, multiracial and multicultural congregations. His "16 Tips" for turning churches around are illustrated in the case study of how he took Middle Collegiate from a near-death church (where attendance at Sunday worship had dipped to eight) into a dynamic, diverse, city-wide ministry to over 1,000 people. He delightfully told in his 2009 book *One Foot Planted in the Center the Other Dangling Off the Edge: How Intentional Leadership Can Transform Your Church*.

A former NBTS Trustee, Rev. Dragt has been instrumental in the Anti-Racism Transformation Team and on the Artist in Residence committee. Using the arts in worship "because it's biblical, and it works" has been his key to helping congregants grow spiritually.

Four of the library's ten alcoves remain available for naming opportunities. Please call Director of Development Cathy Proctor, at 732-247-5241x134 for more information on this enduring way to honor someone special.

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