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### **UKirk at the University of Tennessee (Knoxville)**

received this year's W.T. Tolly Thompson Award for ministry in the field of Christian education. UKirk's "Seminary Light" is a weekly, one-hour Christian education program for University of Tennessee students, faculty/staff, campus ministers, pastors, educators, and lay leaders in the Knoxville, TN, area. The Seminary Light sessions are led by pastors, educators, and lay leaders, drawing on the gifts of ministry throughout the Presbytery of East Tennessee, and help attendees exercise the capacity to critically consider experiences and ideas through the lens of faith in order to form and articulate beliefs about God, the world, and humanity. UKirk-UTK is a full-time campus ministry on the campus of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

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