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**WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY UNVEILS
ACCUMULATE –A COMMUNAL ART EXPERIENCE BY JESSIE HOUFF**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Wesley Theological Seminary (WTS) is thrilled to announce the launch of *Accumulate*, a unique and immersive art exhibit by multidisciplinary artist, Jessie Houff. The opening reception is in Dadian Gallery in the Henry Luce III Center for Arts and Religion on Thursday, October 3, 2024 from 6-8pm. *Accumulate* invites viewers into a transformative space where art, community, and personal experience converge. The event is free and open to the public.

Houff, a Virginia native and raised in the Shenandoah Valley, brings her rich background in papermaking, book arts, printmaking, and installation to this exhibit. Her artistic journey is deeply influenced by her values of family, travel, and spirituality. She holds a Master of Fine Arts in Community Art from the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) in Baltimore and currently serves as Adjunct Faculty and Communications Manager at Wesley Theological Seminary. The exhibit runs from October 3rd - December 11th.

Accumulate is not just an art installation; it is an experience that invites participants to reflect on their life journeys and contribute to a collective narrative. The piece explores profound questions about how our experiences shape us, how connections help us thrive, and how we navigate the dualities of resilience and heartache. Visitors are encouraged to add their own pages to the installation, offering a piece of their own story to the communal narrative. Houff hopes that every participant will find something meaningful in the experience.

About Wesley Theological Seminary

Founded in 1882, Wesley Theological Seminary is seated in the nation's capital and centered in the Christian faith; it annually prepares more than 1,000 students representing more than 30 denominations to become exemplary teachers, preachers, and leaders in the world today. Wesley graduates are in ministry in all 50 states and 20 countries as leaders of churches and service organizations. The mission of Wesley Theological Seminary is to prepare Christians for leadership in the church and the world, to advance theological scholarship, and to model a prophetic voice in the public square.

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