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At Augsburg, we teach our students the theological concept of vocation and how it offers them a framework for decisions they make about their lives – their careers, community service, family life, engagement with a faith community, and philanthropic activity. What are you called to be and do, we ask, and in what ways will your life tell a story of the deep links between faith, learning and service in the world?

When I learned of the *President's Pledge Against Global Poverty*, I was compelled to reflect on how the privilege of my position demands of me precisely what we hope our students will live out – a clear sense of calling to serve our neighbors, especially those most vulnerable close to home and around the globe.

I am proud to participate in the President's Pledge and to join my distinguished colleagues in making a personal commitment to organizations and causes that combat poverty and help build sustainable lives and communities. I hope others will join with us in this call to service.



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