**Why a Buechner Institute?**

Over a lifetime of spiritual reflection and storytelling, Frederick Buechner has become a trailblazer in the world of faith and expression. Buechner Institute has received long-standing national acclaim and has won the devotion of readers from around the globe. Among many awards he has been a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award, as well as the focus of honors bestowed by the American Academy of Arts and Letters. An ordained Presbyterian minister, he has deli-

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**Frederick Buechner**

Frederick Buechner was born July 11, 1924 to Katherine Kahn and Earl Frederick Buechner. Early in this youth he experi-

cenced the loss of his father, who committed suicide. The event was a pivotal influence, one that has led to a literary search for meaning: truths, joy, hope, and courage. He found insight and encouragement of others. A 1946 graduate of Princeton University, his first novel, *A Long Day’s Dying*, was published in 1951. In 1953 he founded himself pro-

nouncedly by the world when he became the Dean of Vacuum Pressman Church. Under Buechner’s encouragement, Buechner centered at Calvin College. It is a philosophy and study and studied under such scholars as James Mcluhan, Reinhold Niebuhr, and Paul Tillich. In his mother, he found a heartful guide to the ways that personal belief, public life, and creative expression all interact. This is particularly relevant as these issues bear increasing influence on our world.

In 2005 a group of innovative scholars gathered on the campus of King College in Bristol, Tennessee. These innovative new correlations between King’s long-standing explorations in faith, art, and culture and Buechner’s lifelong work sparked the notion of the two could energize widespread dialogue on these themes.

In the 2007–2008 academic year, the Buechner Institute at King College was created to examine the intersections—and collisions—between faith, art, and culture. With Buechner’s works as a guide and King in recognition of his work, the Institute is working to create a center that encourages exchange and engagement with the intersections and connections between King’s long-standing explorations in faith, art, and culture. The Institute offers a unique space for inquiry and reflection on the intersections and conversations between faith, art, and culture. It is a philosophy and study and studied under such scholars as James Mcluhan, Reinhold Niebuhr, and Paul Tillich. In his mother, he found a heartful guide to the ways that personal belief, public life, and creative expression all interact. This is particularly relevant as these issues bear increasing influence on our world.

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**For a novelist to speak of himself as a preacher of seriousness puts everybody off. But when Trollope... says that the calling of a writer is to teach virtue and nobility, and when he expresses the hope that people will learn from his words...**

—Frederick Buechner
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—Frederick Buechner