

# The Seminary News

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## **PRESIDENT SCHMIECHEN IS SYMPOSIUM SPEAKER**

A symposium, "Public Education and Public Values," will be held on Thursday, October 28, 7:30 p.m. in Santee Chapel. The vital role public education plays in the formation of character and in the transmission of public values will be the central topic for the evening. A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

The event is one of a series of public presentations on social change scheduled during *Campus 100*, the year's centennial celebration of the Seminary at its present location.

Speaker for the event is President Schmiechen.

Responders include Tom

Hyson, president of the Lancaster City School Board; Dr. John Bonfield, superintendent of the Warfield School District; Violet Geib, an elementary school teacher from the Manheim Central School District; and David Greene, a student leader at McCaskey High School. Moderator is the Rev. F. Russell Mitman, Jr., conference minister, Pennsylvania Southeast Conference UCC and a trustee of Lancaster Seminary.

Members of the *Campus 100* Celebration Committee are Susan Adams, Chair; Nenita Faller-Miller, Ronald E. Ford, the Rev. Susan Minasian, the Rev. Russell Mitman, Michelle Moe, the Rev. Francis Ringer, William Sloyer, Paul Ware and Nancy Willcox.

## **MERLE GOOD SPEAKS AT NOV. 4 COMMUNITY HOUR**

Merle Good, a well-known interpreter of the Mennonite and Amish way of life, will lecture during Community Hour on Thursday, November 4, 11:10 a.m., in Hafer Center. Good's subject, "The Amish Way of Life," is a fascinating one, and as a member of the Mennonite faith, he is a knowledgeable speaker.

For those who live and work in South Central Pennsylvania, the Amish are ever present but hardly known. This Community Hour presentation will give greater insight into the Amish Way of life.

## **SEMINARY HOSTS CPE DAY ON 10/28**

Representatives from Clinical Pastoral Education sites will be on campus Thursday, October 28, 1993, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. to describe their respective programs and (in some cases) to interview students. The program will begin at 11:10 a.m. in Hafer Center. Please sign up with the faculty secretary if you wish to have an interview at 1:00 p.m.

Those sites which have responded affirmatively are:

Abington Memorial Hospital  
The Rev. Leslie Young-Ward  
Gettysburg Lutheran Village/Center  
The Rev. James M. Winjun, Chaplain  
Jeane's Hospital, Philadelphia  
The Rev. Dan Ward  
Lancaster General Hospital  
The Rev. Kenneth Burnette  
Lehigh Valley Hospital, Allentown  
The Rev. Emily Jean Gilberg  
Scott David  
Milton S. Hershey Medical Center  
The Rev. Myron Ebersole  
Philhaven Hospital  
The Rev. Cornel G. Rempel  
Williamsport Hospital and Medical Center  
Chaplain Bethany Patton

## **MAGGIE KUHN TO LECTURE**

Maggie Kuhn, founder of the Gray Panthers, will be on campus Thursday, November 4, to speak about "The Church and the Demographic Revolution." Her lecture will be at 8:00 p.m. in Santee Chapel. Ms. Kuhn's presentation is part of a larger Seminary program funded by Leader Health Care Group of Manor HealthCare, Inc. to create and strengthen an awareness and emphasis on creative ministries with older adults. The lecture is open to the Seminary community, as well as the public, free of charge.

The goal of the program is to sensitize the Seminary, as well as churches, to integrate an awareness of needs and gifts of older persons into their total curriculum or program. Dr. Kent I. Groff recently taught an intensive course at the Seminary as the first part of the Ministry with Older Adults program, which he has been named to direct. The course will be repeated next September.



## REGISTRATION IS AROUND THE CORNER!

Registration for the January/Spring and Summer 1994 terms will be held the week of November 15-19, 1993. Please note that this is not a pre-registration, but the actual registration period. (All registrations that take place after Nov. 19 will be charged the \$15.00 late registration fee.)

The Spring 1994 schedule is still undergoing minor revisions, so be on the lookout for changes and other announcements on the "ACADEMIC AFFAIRS" bulletin board outside the faculty secretary's office in the lower level of Lark.

The first week of November we will issue the final revision of the schedule for January, Spring and Summer terms, along with a memo providing registration instructions. Each student should contact his/her advisor to discuss course schedules, either through an individual appointment or during the collegium process, depending on how you and your advisor want to handle the process.

You must have your advisor's signature on your registration form. DO NOT wait until the last minute to get that signature, since some advisors will be leaving town on the 19th for the annual AAR/SBL professional meetings in Washington, DC.

If you have questions about registration, please contact your advisor. If he or she cannot answer your question, then contact Anne Mavrides in the Dean's Office.

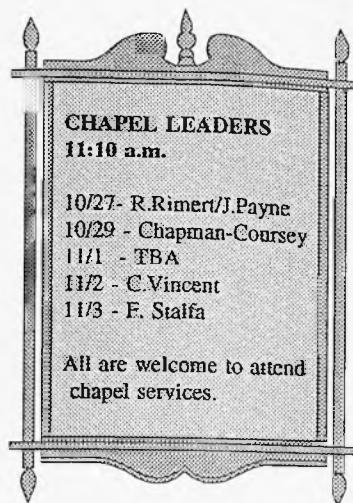


## 1994 SUMMER SCHOOL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Three courses will be offered in Lancaster Theological Seminary's 1994 Summer School:

- (1) a three-week course, offered June 6-24: OT246, "The Book of Job," will be taught by Professor Chuck Melchert (This course counts as an Old Testament requirement);
- (2) a one-week course, offered June 6-10: PT222, "Addiction and Co-dependence," will be taught by Professor Frank Stalfa;
- (3) a two-week course, offered June 13-24: OT 223, "Language Tools for Old Testament Exegesis," will be taught by Professor Elizabeth Huwiler.

Courses are offered daily, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Registration for the 1994 Summer School courses will take place during the November 15-19, 1993 registration period coming up in approximately three weeks. Students are encouraged to take this opportunity for summer study.



### CHAPEL LEADERS 11:10 a.m.

10/27- R.Rimert/J.Payne  
10/29 - Chapman-Coursey  
11/1 - TBA  
11/2 - C.Vincent  
11/3 - F. Stalfa

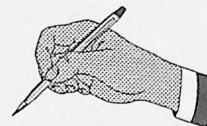
All are welcome to attend chapel services.

## INSTITUTIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETS

The Institutional Planning Committee of the Seminary is responsible for the review, evaluation, and plans for the implementation of the Seminary's five year Institutional Plan. The Committee consists of Peter Schmiechen (chair), Don Cooney, David Greenhaw, Jay Ellison, Anabel Proffitt, Don Freeman, Bud Hartley, Ed Evans, Roz Mason, and Bill Guise.

Whereas feedback about academic policies and procedures goes to the Educational Life Committee, and feedback about worship and community life on campus (chapel, housing, student life, parking, community standards) goes to the Worship and Community Life Committee, feedback about the overall direction of the Seminary should be directed to members of the Institutional Planning Committee. The Institutional Plan is available in the Dean's Office for review by any member of the community.

This committee meets on the second Monday of each month, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. During the meeting on October 11, 1993, the committee reviewed the goals listed in the Seminary's five year institutional planning document, citing those things the Seminary has accomplished in the past two years, those things yet to be done, and those goals which need to be reviewed in light of changing circumstances since the plan was written.



# President's Page

## That Was The Week That Was

Last week we welcomed three groups to our campus. A group of African-American pastors from North Carolina was here for the study program we have been hosting with Southern Conference. This has been an annual event for many years. Its purpose is to provide opportunity for study for those in leadership positions. It has been an exciting venture for the pastors and the Seminary.

Second, the conference for representatives of UCC Church and Ministry Committees was held Wednesday and Thursday. This year we saw the largest number in attendance, dealing with issues of standards for clergy and churches, as well as general policies and procedures for students in-care, ordination and privilege of call. The increased number in this conference in part reflects the numerous problems facing these committees, but also the growing interest in building up the common life of the church. I sensed a far greater concern for ways to nurture pastors and congregations, to affirm the unity of congregations and to do all this in positive ways, and not simply by means of rules that prohibit certain behavior. Frank Stalfa and Tim Reichard presented a report on their study of seminarians and family of origin. It was very well done and offers many suggestive ideas on the relation of self-understanding and ministry.

On Thursday we held the first--in recent memory--fall homecoming for alumni/ae. We normally have the celebration for alums the day before graduation--and we will continue to do this. But this is an additional way to welcome graduates to campus for lectures and discussion on ministry. The two main speakers were Rev. Donald Flick and Dr. Thomas Long. Rev. Flick is the 1992 Moss

Award recipient for excellence in ministry in a non-parish setting. He is Executive Director of United Church Retirement Homes, Inc. in Newton, North Carolina. He provided personal and theological reflections on ministry to older adults. Professor Long was the 1993 Ward Lecturer--a lecture made possible by the generosity of Elaine Ward. He offered a workshop in the afternoon and a lecture in the evening. It was good to have Elaine on campus again.

All of these events involved extensive planning and work by all of our administrative officers and staff. Having one of these events would have been a good assignment for one week; doing all three together was spectacular. Congratulations to all for excellent work.

These events all point to the many sides of our mission and common life: ministry in all of its forms, the church in minority and majority settings, the care of the church as well as the specific task of preaching, and special concerns in ministry to older adults. It was a great week, keeping before us that the school has multiple constituencies.

Peter Schmiechen

## **DR. GAVENTA DELIVERS MORE LECTURE**

Beverly Roberts Gaventa, Ph.D., associate professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary, has been named 1993 More Lecturer at Lancaster Seminary. Her lecture, set for Thursday, November 11, at 11:10 a.m., in Santee Chapel, is titled, "Disciple, Prophet and Mother: Glimpses of Mary in the Gospel of Luke."

In the afternoon of November 11, from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m., Dr. Gaventa will lead a workshop in Hafer Center. Both events are free of charge to faculty, students and staff. Please sign up for the workshop with Barbara Stephens, Lower Level Lark.

## **DISCOVER WEEKEND REPORT**

Lancaster Seminary's Discover Open House continues to be a success! For the fall Discover, which took place on October 22 and 23, we had 19 prospective students visit the campus. As usual, visitors came from different geographical areas, denominations and backgrounds.

The geographical mixture was Connecticut to Central and Eastern Pennsylvania, to Maryland and Delaware. A variety of ages was also represented, from the twenties to the sixties. In addition to UCC members, Presbyterians, Unitarian Universalists and American Baptists were represented.

The Discover visitors were here to explore the Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Religion programs, as well as the nature of Call. They participated in campus tours, panels on community life and the practical side of education at the Seminary, classroom experiences, chapel and received general information on admissions and financial aid policies and procedures. After a catered dinner in the Refectory Friday evening, guests were invited to the campus homes of several Seminary students.

Ann Schoup and Kecia McMillian organized and hosted the Discover Open House, aided by students and their families, staff, faculty and the Cokesbury Bookstore

## **CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IN THE NATIONAL PARKS**

Steve Carr, recruiter, will be on campus Friday, October 29, to provide students with information on "Christian Ministry in National Parks." He will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Lower Level Lark.

This ministry is primarily a servant ministry which provides an education that challenges and stimulates. Students often find leadership in work and worship helps them discover and clarify their roles for service to Jesus Christ. As a staff person with ACMNP, you would have the

opportunity of providing services of worship in some of the most spectacular areas of our country, areas which are often isolated from contact with local churches. You would also be working side by side with those you serve as a worker/pastor. Each ministry location has its unique ministry opportunities and needs. This requires a person who has maturity; a faith in Jesus Christ, which is dedicated and open to creative expression; and an ability to live and work with other people and other faiths.

This ministry provides a program of supervision for field education credits. Please stop by the Office of the Faculty Secretary to sign up for an interview time. Note that Matt Perkins, a Lancaster Seminary student, participated in national parks ministry last summer.

## **LANCASTER SEMINARY REPRESENTED AT WORLD BOARD**

Lancaster Theological Seminary will be very visible at the 184th annual meeting of the United Church Board for World Ministries next week in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Five members of the Seminary community serve as corporate members and/or directors of the UCBWM, and one seminarian represents Lancaster on the Council for Theological Students.

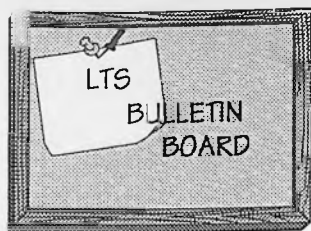
Those attending the November 5 to 8 meeting as corporate members are seminarians Dorothy Shelly and Dave Mears, and faculty member Charlotte Whiting. Members of the directorate include student Ed Evans and Shelly Stackhouse, former dean of the chapel. Stephanie Thompson will be representing the Seminary as a delegate to the Council for Theological Students.

The Board for World Ministries is the instrumentality of the United Church of Christ charged with carrying out the mission program and emergency disaster relief work on behalf of the UCC.

A highlight on the agenda for next week's meeting is consideration of a proposal to create a Common Global Ministries Board as the common body to carry out the entire mission program of both the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ.

The UCC's Board for World Ministries and the Disciples' Division of Overseas Ministries have been working jointly in several geographic regions of the world, including South Asia, the Middle East, Latin American and Africa. The proposal under discussion next week is a continuation of the process moving toward a common home-based and overseas mission staff structure by 1996.

Members will also be celebrating the ministry of the Rev. Scott Libbey, who retires at the end of next week's annual meeting as executive vice president of the Board for World Ministries. For further information on the meeting, contact Ed Evans at 393-0755.



#### MANY THANKS

Many thanks for the numerous responses to my request for the loan of a musical keyboard. I'm touched by the graciousness and generosity of this community. Now, if my class presentation would only go so smoothly!

Danna Wall

#### PRISM

Are you familiar with Prism: A Theological Forum for the United Church of Christ? Established eight years ago by leaders of United Church of Christ seminaries, Prism provides a theological forum for pastors, teachers and leaders of the denomination. It is a good resource for keeping abreast of, and contributing to, the church's theological life. If you would like to subscribe, send \$10 for one year, or \$16 for two years, to Prism Publishers, 3000 5th Street NW, New Brighton, MN 55112-2507.

#### TRICK-OR-TREAT NIGHT

The City of Lancaster has set Friday, October 29, as trick-or-treat night. Children will be out visiting from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. If you would like children from the Seminary community to stop at your apartment, please pick up a pumpkin sign in Mayer Commons. Hang the sign on your apartment door, and children will stop by.

Also, Wharton School will be sponsoring a parade on Friday, October 29, at 2:00 p.m. The route begins at Wharton, comes down Pine, left on James, left on Mary Street and back to Wharton. All the children will be dressed in costume and are a sight to see!

Jennifer Geary.

#### FEMINIST INTELLECTUALS SUBJECT OF LECTURE

A public lecture titled, "First Ladies and Dark Ladies: The Crisis of the American Intellectual" will be given by Elaine Showalter at Gettysburg College on November 1 at 8:00 p.m. in Bowen Auditorium, McCreary Hall. Showalter is Avalon Foundation Professor of the Humanities at Princeton University.

