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REFLECTIONS

by Lee J. Gable

A time of retirement is a time for reflection. I look back over 43 years in ordained ministry, 22 of them in the Seminary. Since my seminary graduation and ordination, in May 1931, the amount and nature of change have been tremendous, and unbelievable. My ministry as pastor, agency staff member and seminary professor, in denominational and ecumenical contexts, has had to deal with continuing change.

There has been progress, but it has been frustratingly slow. The record of church and society in those 43 years could be written in terms of pendulums swinging back and forth, --between conservatism and liberalism, --between social activism and quietism, --between individual responsibility and corporate responsibility.

I could list other pendulum arcs. The problem is that while the pendulums swing back and forth, progress is frustrated. For example, I was one of some thirty thousand pastors, forty years ago, who signed a pledge never again to support war as an instrument of international policy. Yet, for thirty-five years my country has waged continual warfare. Progress?

The extremes of these pendulum arcs are not true opposites, between which we must choose. Each extreme has something of truth, and we must find ways to identify and to preserve truth. The years brought several truths I have learned increasingly to affirm.

I have learned deep respect for people, both individually and collectively. Basically, this is the truth of love. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." This is in scripture, and I thought "I had learned it long ago. In my student days I wrote a sermon based on I John 3:18. But I had much

more to learn about love. I learned it most deeply as husband, father and grandfather. I learned it also as I discovered the deep trustworthiness of some choice parishoners, and especially of colleagues with whom I worked in church agencies and in the Seminary. My life has been enriched as I have learned to count on people of integrity and commitment.

"You shall love the Lord your God" has become a truth of life as well as a scriptural command. Scriptural study and theological reflection helped me to survive the formative doubts of my younger years, and to develop a structure of faith that has proved adequate. This structure has remained relatively stable for some years. Even though we are in a period when "everything nailed down is coming", I find this faith strengthened rather than weakened.

When I seek to explain why this is so, I find myself relying increasingly on experiential evidence. When things go wrong, both personally and in society, I note that we have not been paying much attention to "His righteous will". (Consider the values that are reflected in our recent national investigations, including the delations in this week's tape transcripts.) The events

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OPEN HOUSE

Mr. & Mrs. Moses wish to thank every one whose good wishes and kind gifts made it possible for Mrs. Moses to visit LTS.

On Friday, May 3, Mr. Moses invites the Seminary community to an open house at 101 Nevin Hall between 7 and 9 P.M. at which time Mrs. Moses may have the opportunity to meet everyone.

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which I have most wanted to celebrate have been increasingly events in which I could honestly say that a sense of God's presence was an important factor. I find Lowell's words, written in 1845, strangely contemporary.

"Truth forever on the scaffold,
Wrong forever on the throne,
Yet that scaffold sways the future,
And, behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow
Keeping watch above His own."

In this faith I look back with gratitude, and ahead with hope.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We wish to thank Dr. Gable for sharing these thoughts with us at this, the end of another year at LTS.

Not only does this conclude the school year and the training, at least for now, of 30 fellow seminarians, but it also brings to a close a very close and meaningful relationship with Dr. & Mrs. Gable. Your inspiration and guidance has brought great meaning into many lives. Our many thanks to the Gables and best wishes to them and those graduating at this, the beginning of new experiences. May our loving Lord be always with you.

TO THE SEMINARY COMMUNITY:

"I find it impossible to put into words what your prayers, cards, visits, and all the other many acts of kindness have meant to me while I was in the hospital and since I came home. I am grateful to God, not only that He has blessed my sickness and recovery but also that He allows me to be part of a fellowship where the presence of Christ can truly be felt.

Thank you so much!"

Brigitte Colton

FROM THE DR.'s OFFICE

We are happy to announce that Mrs. Anna May Luch, Mr. Wolf's secretary, has returned to work after being off due to illness. It's nice to see her smiling face once again!

Unfortunately, Mrs. Francis Myers, Mr. Farrar's secretary, has not been able to return. Just this week, Mrs. Myers had major surgery so she will not be able to return for some time. We wish her a very speedy recovery.

WINNING SEASON

Yes, sports fans, LTS's ball boys did it again! Another win for the "Angel Factory"! After the dust had settled, the infidels had been beaten back by a mighty onslaught of hits from the thundering bats of such immortal (or imoral, as the case may be) names as Wetzell, Thompson, Doner, Marty, Jessup, Fatzinger, Jones, Moritz, and last but not least, Graf!

It was a great victory, one which resulted in a winning season of 4 wins and 3 losses. Of course what really made it great was not that it was a winning season, although it certainly helped, but rather that there was much fellowship and fun in the playing.

The above players, plus Fureman, Emig, Szilagyi, and Greaser, would like to thank all our many and wonderful supporters. A special word of thanks to Doc Englert for his support both as coach and ump.

FREE MATERIALS

In the mail distribution area in the HUB are some materials on the mid-East and on environmental action. These came through Social Action and Mission agencies. Help yourself, while they last.

Lee J. Gable

Details for Baccalaureate and Commencement will be in the mail boxes of graduating students, faculty, and staff early next week.

Lee J. Gable

GRADUATES AND GRADUATION

This morning's chapel service honored the graduating seniors of Lancaster Theological Seminary. We, too, would like to let them know that our prayers and best wishes are with them as they leave LTS to continue their lives elsewhere in the Lord's service. These men and women have added a great dimension to our understanding of the Christian life and mission. These are the people who will be graduating on 10 May:

Evelyn Aurand
Greg Beck
James Brown
Larry Camfield
John Emig
James Fatzinger
John Fureman
Arthur Gladfelter
Ruth Gold
Edward Graf
Jere Jones
Karl Jones, Jr.
Ronald Landis
Barry Lohman
Lewis Long, III
Brad Lutz
H. Richard McClain
Donald Moyer
Ted Nace
Michael Romig
Edward Saxon
Barry Smock
Derwood Strunk, Jr.
Anthony Szilagyi, Jr.
Paul Thompson, Jr.
Ronald Waite
Barbara Williams

Two of our graduates will receive their certificates: Levain Fouse and Ralph Link.

This year, LTS will award its first Master of Arts in Religion degree. The recipient will be Ted Corcelius.

The Baccalaureate Service will be held Thursday evening, 9 May, at 7:30 in St. Peter's UCC. Father Walsh will have the sermon, with Rev. Jack Seville as celebrant, and Fred Barker as liturgist.

Graduation will be held in Hensel Hall on Friday morning, 10 May, at 11:00. The Rev. M.A. van Rhijn, who was scheduled to speak, will be unable to be present due to the illness of a colleague. The senior class

will take this opportunity to present a multi-media program prepared by them especially for graduation, entitled "The Cost and Joy of Discipleship." This will be preceded by a Chapel service at 9:30, open to all.

Theday of Graduation will also serve as a day for alumni reunions, every five years from 1914 through 1969.

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ABORTION SEMINAR

Evelyn Lyons and Jean Hurd will be the speakers for the Abortion Seminar to be held Thursday, 2 May, from 6-9 pm in A-203. This seminar is open to all who are interested in the topics of abortion and birth control.

Mrs. Lyons will speak primarily on abortion. She is a past board member of Planned Parenthood, a clinical volunteer for Planned Parenthood, and an unplanned-pregnancy counselor for the Lancaster Women's Liberation Center, having completed training by the Clergy Consultation Service.

Mrs. Hurd's presentation will be on contraception, contraceptives, and their use. She is a present board member, clinic volunteer, and member of the Speaker's Bureau of Planned Parenthood. She is training to be an unplanned-pregnancy counselor.

Francis E. Ringer

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NEW HYMNALS FOR THE CHAPEL

The Campus Affairs Committee invites your participation in supplying new United Church of Christ hymnals for our chapel. These copies may be designated as memorials to persons, in honor of persons, or as gifts. Each hymnal costs \$3.50, and we seek 100 new hymnals. Please submit payment to Myron Wolf, marking it "hymnal," and indicating if you want the book labelled as a special gift.

Thank you.

KROEHLER'S KIDS

Remember several weeks ago THE SEMINARIAN instituted a "Name the Kids" Contest to name Allen Kroehler's kids. Well, folks, we thought you might be interested in seeing the results of that contest. After several rounds of eliminations, the following were chosen as semi-finalists:

Baylor and Taylor Kroehler

(Don Wetzel)

Fanny and Anny

(Alice Simmerman)

Andria and Doria

(Bill Mark)

Pete and Repete

(Bob Sweet)

After careful consideration, the judges decided that since they are Mr. Kroehler's kids, that the best possible name for them would be (are you ready, folks) - Kroehler's Kids! The prize of a priceless Origami sculpture goes to Mr. Kroehler for his part in the whole deal.

REGENERATE

Lord, apart from you I feel lonely and sad.

But I can bear this cross

because

apart from you I feel safe and secure.

Lord, it's not that I want to reject you.

Not for anything

almost.

I simply want to avoid you.

Lord, you make me uncomfortable.

With you I begin to feel

my religion is immoral

my morality is unloving

my freedom is slavery

my love for the world is idolatry

my hatred for the world is pride

my sorrow is despair

my happiness is lack of joy

my belief is lack of faith.

Jesus, I am afraid of intimacy with you.

I try to be an adult and you

tell me I must become a child.

I try to be good and you tell me

only God is good.

I seek your face and you point me

to the most unlikely places

and the most unpromising characters.

Yet, in spite of everything, I feel

myself drawn to you.

Deliver me

from my provincialism.

Lord, teach me how to die

and how to live

again. Amen.

Harry B. Beverly

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CALENDAR

May 7 - 6:30 P.M. - Choir Rehearsal at St. Peter's Church

May 9 - 10 COMMENCEMENT

May 15 - Executive Cabinet

May 20 - 24 ACTS

THE REGISTER

Executive Cabinet

Meeting Date: May 1, 1974

1. Approved the rental of Santee Chapel by the Open Door Baptist Church for Sunday services of worship beginning May 5, 1974.
2. Decided to establish a Matriculation Fee effective in the Fall of 1975, as part of an effort to clarify and regularize admissions procedures. (see announcement in this issue)
3. Directed the President to describe in the Announcements the implications of the 1974-75 operating budget for student tuition and fees. (see announcement in this issue)

Faculty

Meeting date: May 1, 1974

The faculty unanimously voted to request the Board of Trustees to honor Dr. Gable with the title Professor Emeritus on the occasion of his retirement.

Collegium Development

In its meeting on May 1, the Faculty approved the following recommendations of the Collegium Development Committee:

1. That the formation process in Fall 1974 be done over a five week period, beginning the first week in October, as follows:

(over)

- a. All preceptors, juniors and middlers, and seniors who choose to participate in the Junior-Middler collegia, meet together during the regular collegium period, for a combination theory-information input session (1 hour) and group interaction session (1 hour);
 - b. As the five week session moves toward conclusion the regular collegia will be formed through a participatory process with the guideline that each collegium will contain a proportionate number of juniors and middlers and that each group will not exceed a size conducive to effective interaction.
 - c. Regular collegia meeting will begin following the five week session.
2. That for 1974-75 Seniors also have the option of a Senior Collegium.

Lee J. Gable
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE /

1. 1974-75 Budget Guidelines and Tuition and Fees

At its meeting on May 3 the Board will be asked to adopt a balanced operating budget for 1974-75 that includes an increase in tuition and fees for M.Div., M.A.R., and S.T.M. seminarians, along with increases in rent and food rates to students in line with inflationary costs to the Seminary.

SEMINARIANS' FEES -- 1974-75

Single Room & Board *	\$1,080.00
Double Room & Board *	960.00
Board only *	730.00
One Bedroom Apts. - 9 months	1,035.00 (\$115 monthly)
Two Bedroom Apts. - 9 months	1,170.00 (\$130 monthly)
Pine Street Houses - 9 months	From \$810 to \$900 (\$90 to \$100 monthly)
Tuition	\$40 Per Credit Hour

* Because of food costs these figures are subject to change at the beginning of each term.

The budget was balanced through the combined efforts of faculty, staff, seminarians and trustees serving together on the Budget Council. By cutting costs, increasing gift income, and raising fees the budget was brought in balance.

On February 20th a forum was held to interpret to seminarians the budget process and the guidelines used to arrive at the balanced budget. The session was taped so seminarians unable to attend could have that information. I have been asked to make the official announcement to the community.

Note: Although our new budget year begins July 1, rent rates will not be increased for present residents until September 1. The new rates apply to all incoming students beginning July 1.

2. Establishment of General Matriculation Deposit, Fall 1975.

The following policy, adopted by the Executive Cabinet on May 1, 1975, will be printed in the next catalog issue of the Seminary Bulletin.

Effective at the beginning of the 1975-76 academic year, a General Matriculation Deposit of \$100 will be required of each incoming junior, transfer seminarian, returning or readmitted seminarian to reserve and maintain the seminarian's position in the Master of Divinity Program. The Deposit remains with the Seminary during the seminarian's entire academic career, and is refundable, less charges incurred or bills unpaid, after the seminarian graduates or withdraws. The Deposit is forfeited if the seminarian, after accepting admission to the Seminary, decides not to enroll. Whenever the deposit is invaded to cover charges the seminarian must restore the balance within 30 days to the full \$100 to remain in good standing.

James D. Glasse

FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

Caps, gowns and hoods for Commencement are now available in the Business Office. Please get them before Thursday, May 9, 1974. Instructions for their return will be issued later. Do not destroy the plastic carriers. The caps, gowns and hoods must be returned to the supplier in these containers.

Myron E. Wolf

Please have all automobiles removed from campus by 8:00 a.m. Friday, May 10, 1974, COMMENCEMENT DAY. The campus will be closed to traffic and parking from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Myron E. Wolf

FROM THE OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATION

Mrs. William Moses will be a guest on WGAL-TV's "Noonday on Eight" program next Thursday (May 9) at 12:30 p.m.

If you have news for the June issue of the Bulletin, please let me know as soon as possible. The copy deadline is June 10.

Nancy J. Payne