

# The Lancaster Theological Seminary Seminary News

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## Upcoming Meetings, Events and Lectures

### The "sound of music" will fill the air - Tuesday, November 4

Regular weekly choir rehearsals will take place in Santee Chapel each Tuesday at noon immediately following chapel services. In recognition of busy and conflicting schedules, these rehearsals will be brief (not more than 45 minutes long). For more information, please contact first-year student, Paul Eyer, at [peyer@lancasterseminary.edu](mailto:peyer@lancasterseminary.edu).

### SCC Meeting - Thursday, November 6

Please join us from 11:00 - noon in Mayer Common. To follow are just a few topics recently discussed at an SCC Meeting: The Social Justice Action Committee is in the process of starting up again and will need members to assist with planning events. For more information, please contact Sarah Rentzel at [srentzel@lancasterseminary.edu](mailto:srentzel@lancasterseminary.edu). If you are also interested in assisting the SCC, business office, and maintenance staff keep the seminary a beautiful and safe place to be, a new committee will begin soon with hopes of developing and implementing a plan of action for community care. For more information, please contact William Sowers at [wsowers@lancasterseminary.edu](mailto:wsowers@lancasterseminary.edu). For more information on the Seminarian Student Council (SCC), please email them at [scc@lancasterseminary.edu](mailto:scc@lancasterseminary.edu).

### Indian Cross-Cultural Reception - Saturday November 8

All are invited to the reception from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. in Schaff Library. On display will be artifacts from the archives collected by missionaries to India during the early days of the 20<sup>th</sup> century as well as items loaned by Lancaster's Indian community. Members of Lancaster's Indian community, Hindu and Christian, will be our honored guests and traditional Indian refreshments will be served. The program will focus on this year's cross-cultural visit to India and the importance of the cross-cultural vision to the seminary. For more information, please contact Jan Eastman in the Development Office at 717-290-8738.

### Ward Lecture and Workshop - Thursday, November 13

Scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m. in Santee Chapel, featured lecturer, Dr. Gail Ramshaw, will be speaking on "Sharing the Treasures; A Biblical Imagination in Liturgy." That same afternoon from 1:30 until 4:30 p.m, she will lead the Ward Workshop in S214-2nd floor of the library. The workshop is titled "Sharing the Easter Vigil" and will focus on the entire liturgy and all its biblical images. The workshop is free for students but they must register in advance with Mary Lin Siever at 717-290-8723.

### Doubting Thomas is My Twin: A Gathering for Once and Maybe Believers, November 14-16

Held At Kirkridge Retreat and Study Center in Bangor, PA and led by Kent and Paul Groff. Kent is an adjunct professor at LTS and a founding mentor of Oasis Ministries for Spiritual Development, Camp Hill, PA. Paul has spent 24 years in the high tech industry and is embarking on a mid-life career change in order to bring more soul into his vocation. For more information or to register for this weekend retreat, please call 610-588-1793.

### GLBT WEEK - November 17-21

Encompassed by the theme "Growing from Youth to Maturity: the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Journey into Acceptance and Love," the week will include chapel services, discussion panels, concerts with dance, art and music as well as guest speakers. A panel presentation examining the experience of GLBT adoptions, featuring legal and social work professionals and family members sharing their experiences, will be held Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. in Hafer Center. A Celebration Concert will include performances of liturgical dance, poetry, drumming and vocal presentations. Additionally, an Art Show will feature various artwork by GLBT and Ally artists. The Concert and Art Show is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Santee Chapel. The Gerhart Lecture's guest speaker is Stephen T. Russell, Ph.D., Director of the 4-H Center for Youth Development at the University of California at Davis. Dr. Russell will be speaking Thursday, November 20 at 11:00 a.m. in the Santee Chapel on "Growing Up Gay in the Church: The Role of Faith in the Lives of GLBT Youth." A panel discussion and lunch will follow the lecture (small fee for lunch). He will also lead a workshop, Saturday, November 22 (see below). Events for the week are open to the public at no charge except for Thursday's lunch. For further information, call the seminary at 717-290-8701.

### Free Offer: Youth Worker Training Day - Saturday, November 22

Students who register to attend Youth Worker Training Day, Saturday, November 22, 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (lunch included) will have the \$10.00 fee waived. Sociologist Stephen T. Russell, Ph.D., will speak on "Adolescent Sexuality, Sexual Orientation, and Faith." For a registration form and a description of the day, visit the youth events page on the LTS website, [www.lancasterseminary.edu](http://www.lancasterseminary.edu).

### **ALL STUDENTS - Registration for Spring 2004 semester, November 17-21**

Registration information will be in student mailboxes no later than Friday, November 7. A listing of courses to be offered is located on the bulletin board in Lower Level Lark building, is on reserve in the Library, and may be found on the LTS website ([www.lancasterseminary.edu](http://www.lancasterseminary.edu) > Academic Programs > Course Catalogs > Masters and DMin Course Offerings - January/Spring 2004). The course offerings and times are subject to change.

**Please be advised that any amount owed to Lancaster Seminary as reflected on the statement dated October 9, 2003, must be paid in full in order for students to be cleared for registration for the Spring 2004 Semester. Records of students whose accounts continue to show unpaid balances as of 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 13, 2003, will be marked for Registration Hold.** If you see that you will not be able to clear your account by November 13, 2003, there is still time to apply for a Federal Stafford Loan for the Fall 2003 semester. Make an appointment to see Donna Dencler, Government Loan Coordinator, as soon as possible about the loan application process, contact Kristin Oberholtzer at 717-290-8741 for appointment times. Donna is available to meet with students on Thursdays from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. A loan certification covering the amount due would remove the Registration Hold from your record.

If you have questions or extenuating circumstances, please contact Jody Dunaway in the Business Office at 717-290-8725 or Judi Hummer in the Dean's Office at 717-290-8718.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS**

Many students have still not picked up their new Student Handbooks. If you do not have a 2003-04 Student Handbook, you must stop by the Dean's Office as soon as possible to sign out your copy.

### **Inclement Weather Policy for Winter 2003-2004**

It's time again whether we like it or not! In anticipation of what may come, the Seminary has established a Winter Closing Policy. Every effort will be made **NOT** to cancel classes. However, if bad weather occurs during the night, information regarding Seminary closings will be aired **beginning at 6:30 a.m.** on the following television and radio stations and web sites:

WGAL-TV (NBC)	<a href="http://www.thewgalchannel.com">www.thewgalchannel.com</a>
WHTM - TV (ABC)	<a href="http://www.abc27.com">www.abc27.com</a>
WITF-FM 89.5 or 99.7	<a href="http://www.witf.org">www.witf.org</a>
WSBA-AM 910	<a href="http://www.wsba910.com">www.wsba910.com</a>
WARM-FM 103.3	<a href="http://www.warm103.com">www.warm103.com</a>
WSOX-FM Oldies 96.1	<a href="http://www.oldies961.com">www.oldies961.com</a>
Internet Site:	<a href="http://www.cancellations.com">www.cancellations.com</a>

If you are within the listening/viewing area of these stations, **please do not call the Seminary or the TV/radio station**, but do listen/watch for closing information. You can also check one of the web sites listed above. ***If you do not hear/see a closing for the Seminary, you can assume that we are open.*** If you are traveling from outside the listening/viewing area of these stations and cannot get to a computer to check one of the above listed web sites, there will be a special message on the Seminary main telephone number in the event of canceled classes: 717-393-0654. Please be aware of the weather where you are—you will need to decide if it is safe for you to travel to the Seminary. If bad weather should occur after you are here at the Seminary, limited space is available for emergency stays. We suggest that you keep an "emergency kit" of linens, a change of clothes and your jammies and toothbrush in your car—just in case! See Jody Dunaway, ext.125, if you become stranded because of the weather and you will only be charged a student rate for a room. *Campus residents: If you are willing to share your space with stranded commuters, please call Jody Dunaway, ext.125.* Flyers posting the policy will be placed around campus as a reminder as well.

### **Help Decorate Santee Chapel for the Holidays**

Last year, we decorated Santee Chapel with poinsettias. Please help us do so again this year. Red poinsettia plants that have five to eight bloom in a six inch pot are only \$7.00 each. The poinsettias will be delivered in early December and you may take your plant home at the end of the term, December 19<sup>th</sup>. As we did last year, you may purchase your poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone. This list will be included in the worship bulletin during the time the poinsettias are in Santee Chapel. Orders must be placed with Peggy Stauffer by Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. You may place your check and the necessary information in her mail box if that is most convenient for you. Be sure to include your name, in memory or in honor of designation, and the quantity of poinsettias you wish to order. Your check should be made payable to Lancaster Theological Seminary. For more information, please contact Peggy Stauffer in the President's Office at 717-290-8701.