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## GOD IS AS NEAR AS ANY NEIGHBOR

"I contemplate Jesus Christ in all men." -- Pascal

Do I contemplate Jesus Christ in the hippie, the Wall Street banker, the Black Panther, the John Bircher, the student radical, the old woman in the wheelchair next door, the politician, the garbage collector, the tiny infant, the university professor, the alcoholic, the prostitute, the Russian, the Chinese, the Jew?

If I do not contemplate Jesus Christ in these, I do not contemplate Him at all.

That is to say that GOD is as near to me as any of these, for each bears His image. Each is as closely related to Him as I.

That is not to say the neighbor is GOD, but that the neighbor is a member of the family. "GOD," said Heinrich Pestalozzi, "is our nearest relation." How then can one be related to GOD without being brother to the neighbor?

So the neighbor has a value not conferred by us or by any human government or institution or tradition. Do we contemplate Jesus Christ in him? If so, we are in unison with the apostle Paul who could say that henceforth he would no longer regard any person from a human point of view. To contemplate Jesus Christ in the neighbor? It is to see the neighbor as a member of the family, a recipient of GOD's infinite love.

Draw near to GOD. The path will lead to concern for the neighbor -- across the hedge and across the world.

Thou who didst come to us as one

## GREETINGS FROM DR. VASSADY

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you all from the bank of the Huron River in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

My first word to you all should be a word of gratitude and appreciation. My wife and I shall never forget the gracious way in which you-- both as student body and as faculty-- bade farewell to us at the end of the last academic year. Our thoughts and prayers shall always go out for you and your loved ones. We sincerely hope that the introduction of the collegia into the training system of Lancaster Theological Seminary will greatly enhance the promotion of all the purposes the Seminary has put before itself, but especially the cause of fostering the spiritual development of both the students and the faculty.

Our moving to Ann Arbor was not at all easy. Carol Houghton and Bill Mayes have done a tremendous job in driving our U-Haul truck more than 500 miles. Finally, on the 4th of September, we were able to move into our apartment located on the bank of the Huron River. Alas, on the very same day, I became ill and was hospitalized for three days (for tests

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ministering to neighbors in need: Grant us release from the blindness that fails to contemplate Thee in our neighbor. Amen.

from "A Wayfarer's Book of Devotion" by Woodrow Geier

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and observations). Thank God, the result of all these was the statement that there was neither tumor nor malignancy anywhere. Still, I shall have to submit to a surgery (similar to the one I had at Lancaster in 1958) on the 24th of October. The month of November will then be a period of recuperation for me. After that, I hope to be able to serve again both the church and the world in whatever way I can. I have done the same thing for seven weeks, in the month of August and September, as interim minister of the First Congregational Church in Port Huron, Michigan.

Once again, we send our warmest greetings and best wishes to you all.

Cordially yours,  
Bella Vassady  
1233 Island Dr.  
Ann Arbor, Mich. 48105

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### TRUE FELLOWSHIP

Issues two and three of this year's Seminarian contained articles written by a member of the Junior Class named John Specht. John has, of course, every right to submit whatever he wishes to The Seminarian, and I hope he continues to stimulate the Seminary community with his thought-provoking articles. The purpose of this letter is that I want to give my own impressions of what I have found at this seminary. Since I don't know every person in the Jr. Class, I refuse to clump people into a "mold," and write as if I can make judgements about each and every Junior. I will only write about the people I have come in contact with, (Middlers, Seniors, other students, wives, husbands, Faculty, and Staff included). I have found none of this "...contented Jello powder," that is mentioned in last week's Seminarian. Instead, I have found friends. (I sure hope I have done the right thing.) I found people who are in the same situation I am in. I found people committed to Christ like I have never seen before. I have found people who care. I have found

many people who refuse to take things so seriously that the joy and love of God is gone from their lives. In short, I have found fellowship. TRUE fellowship! (After all John, we have only been here two months, give it a little time.)

In closing I want to say thanks. I came to this seminary with a helluva complex, simply because I'm from the South. That probably sounds silly, but it was very real to me. You people have a way of accepting people for what they are, and I appreciate that.

Lee Jessup

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### RETREAT COMING

Soon you will be receiving information regarding a retreat to be held for the LTS community on November 30 and December 1. The retreat will be sponsored by SCC with special input from the Faith at Work Seminary Ministry.

What is Faith at Work? "Faith at Work is an ecumenical Christian Fellowship committed to the renewal of the Church and to training God's people to find fresh ways to incarnate and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ."

Specifically, the Seminary Ministry is "a loosely structured and informal national network of seminarians committed to one another."

What are its objectives? "To enable participants to discover a deep personal, relational lifestyle of Christianity" and to minister to one another.

A Faith at Work weekend? Briefly, its is a conference that centers in small group and personal interaction where you can wrestle with the issues of the faith and its relation to personal and social problems.

The details of the weekend are being planned at this time. Further information will be provided within the next week, so please keep the dates in mind. Any questions and/or suggestions are welcome through The Seminarian office.

## RESPONSE

"And Jesus answered and said unto him, 'What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?' The blind man said unto him, 'Lord, that I might receive my sight.' And Jesus said unto him, 'Go thy way, thy faith hath made thee whole.' And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way."  
(Mark 10:51,52)

When Jesus offered healing to those who asked Him, as recorded in the New Testament, He gave both physical and spiritual healing. When I came to Jesus and asked Him for healing from my sin and blindness of rejecting Him through my life, He healed me, spiritually and physically. When my will was submitted to that of God's, I was truly healed, not in any kind of symbolic content, but in reality. Jesus said to me, "Be whole," and I was. Jesus said to me, "Give me your life," and thus I did, coming as a result to Lancaster Seminary.

Many people wonder if I was somewhat touched in the head for going into the ministry. "What's wrong with that boy?" The Conference wanted psychological tests to make sure that I was not wacked out. I make no claims as a religious fanatic; I only lay claim to Christ as Lord and the healing and "making whole" powers which He has and uses on this ill society in which we live. I came to this seminary regarding the seminary as a resource to the ministry Christ called me to. However, even here, people have philosophies like, "The Seminary must combine its academic purpose with something of a therapeutic purpose."

Our collegial groups can be very beneficial to us as we prepare for the ministry. Does anyone have a clear idea of what they are supposed to do? I have this impression that someone had a theory which sounded nice and this was implemented on a trial and error basis with all kinds of glorious ideals of helping these poor sick students, products of an ill society, "products of an educational system which has taught to repress their own feelings and emotional conflicts and to exercise various psychological defenses, with the result that they cannot enter empathetically into the experiences of other persons and participate in their meanings and sufferings." (The Meaning of Persons, Carroll Wise, p.125)

Jesus said to me, "Be whole." He has not said, "Be whole and free of your ill society by the help of your collegial

group." I do not intend to be facetious, for I am very serious. My collegial group has already been a help to me, but if it is to be a therapy group, I want no part of it. HE, Jesus, is the one who will make people whole, but we are the ones to witness His power.

--Donald C. Wetzel

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## TO JOHN SPECHT, IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP

After reading your "Recipe" in the October 18 Seminarian, I reread the "Open Letter" in the October 11 issue. I felt a reaction rising within me, but it was difficult to decide just what I was reacting to. You do have a clever way of turning a phrase---and making it cut. I think, however, that my reaction was to the accusation that you seemed to be making of the Junior class: that we have no sense of the world and its problems, and when we are confronted with it, we would rather tell ourselves that it doesn't really exist. Perhaps some of us are in this situation---I know that this is largely true of me. Please, John, remember that we are here at Lancaster Seminary to study for the ministry (in a larger sense than merely academic). I am studying so that I might learn, and each of us learns at his own individual rate. Learning the ways of the world, its problems, and our most useful place in responding is not something that happens in a blinding flash. True learning takes time. As I do what I am able, to help alleviate the problems of the world, it will be better that I do it out of a sense of their need and my ability to cope with that need, rather than in a blind, crusading manner because someone has made me feel guilty. Please be patient with me, John.

--Deni Bechard

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Do you have a VW?

Do you need snow tires?

I hope so!

I have two VW snow tires for sale, reasonable. For details--Joyce Rupp, N-205

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## AM I JELLO? (PART I)

"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'"

I do wonder why Jesus did not heal the whole world while he was here. That would make it so convenient for us today because we would not have to put up with poverty and injustice and oppression and the "real truth" of the world. But we do have them and the job of the minister becomes so much more difficult. Jesus had compassion, but did he heal the world? No, because the world rejected him and his Father. Can we today heal our world? No, unless the whole world accepts Jesus as Lord and Saviour. We can, however, have great compassion, as did Jesus, and weep, as we have done, at the helplessness of the world.

But our hope is in Christ and glorifying Him, not in the hope of trying to improve a Christ rejecting world. We can have compassion for the world, but feel impotent about helping it on our own merit. But God has called all of us to witness Christ, spiritually and physically, and to trust in Him that, no matter what we do, He will claim the glory and work the miracles of helping the world. We will always have the poor among us, but more so, the poor in spirit. They are often one and the same but not always. They are like sheep without a shepherd. They are the plentiful harvest, but the laborers are few. Let us pray to God, and trust in Him and give our lives to His Will, to bring justice to the world, heal the sick, feed the poor. Let us pray even more to spread the Gospel and the love of Christ and to be truly one in His Spirit rather than divided and cynical.

Donald C. Wetzel

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October Chapel services have been varied and lively. Let's keep them coming! There are many openings for November, so don't be bashful. Sign up and share your ideas about chapel with us all! We need you. We want you.

The Chapel Committee

## UNDER THE CHEF'S HAT Dutch Pancakes

250 grams flour

$\frac{1}{2}$  liter milk (or a little more)

2 eggs

salt

Mix ingredients together.

Batter should be thin--if not, add a little more milk.

Fry in pan with sunflower seed oil.

Serve hot with syrup or powdered sugar or jelly on top. Also good with ice cream.

Barry Lohman

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## NOTICE

To all persons interested, I would greatly appreciate any comments you might have concerning the relationship between the students and the Board of Trustees. The primary concern is the possibility of trying to get a student instituted as a member of the board, or any other facet or idea you may feel useful.

Please contact either Larry Canfield, Tony Szilagyi, or myself if you have any questions and/or comments. Any ideas you may have will be appreciated.

Thank you,  
Marvin Marty

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## NEW ARTICLE DEADLINE

All articles submitted to THE SEMINARIAN must be turned in to the editor by noon on Wednesday. All articles must be signed and dated; and are subject to being printed so their timeliness. All articles that are questionable may be reviewed by the Advisory Board. If you are interested in writing an article, please contact the editor in advance for a special copy sheet--this helps us plan the work on each issue. Thanks.

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## SPORTS SHORTS

The latest rumors in the world of bowling of bowling is that "Doc" Englert has moved ahead of Don Wetzel--all the way up to fifth. However, statistics were not available at this time to prove this.

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Thursday, October 26, 1973

- \* Open to Seminary Community
  - \*\* Open to General Public
- Numbers in parentheses refer to announcements which follow.

CALENDAR

Monday, October 29

- \* 9:10 a.m. - Morning Prayers (1)
- \*\* 9:00 p.m. - Bowling

Tuesday, October 30

- \* 9:10 a.m. - Morning Prayers
- \* 6:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- \*\* 9:00 p.m. - Bowling

Wednesday, October 31

- 8:00 a.m. - Executive Cabinet
- \* 9:10 a.m. - Morning Prayers
- \*\* 9:30 p.m. - All-Hallows-E'en (2)

Thursday, November 1

- \* 9:10 a.m. - Morning Prayers
- 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Faculty hearing on Educational Budget in  
the Conference Room

Friday, November 2

- \* 9:10 a.m. - Morning Prayers

DATES AHEAD

- November 8 and 9 "SEMINARY SAMPLER" for College Students
- November 9 - Annual Equal Opportunity Day Banquet (3)
- November 20 - Samuel C. Saylor, III -  
Ministers Life and Casualty Union (4)

1974 CONVOCATION - January 28 and 29

To all faculty, staff, and seminarians: Attached is a memorandum describing the design, timetable, and objectives of the budget-making process for the current year. We all have a stake in keeping costs down, increasing income, and allocating our resources responsibly. I invite you all to participate in this process.

James D. Glasse, President

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

(1)

Monday Chapel service on the 29th will be conducted by the Reverend Benjamin Griffin, a U.C.C. pastor from Orwigsburg, Pa., and a Fellow in the D.Min. program.

Francis Ringer

(2) On Wednesday evening, October 31, All-Hallows-E'en, a service of Holy Communion will be held in Santee Chapel at 9:30 p.m. The entire Seminary Community is invited.

Francis Ringer

(4) Ministers Life and Casualty Union regional secretary, Samuel C. Saylor, III, will be in The Hub on Tuesday, November 20 to discuss all phases of insurance, including health insurance, with students of the Seminary.

Lyman Farrar

(3) The Urban League of Lancaster County, Inc., is sponsoring its eighth (8th) ANNUAL EQUAL OPPORTUNITY DAY BANQUET on Friday evening, November 9, 1973 at 6:00 p.m. at the Host Town Resort Motel, 30 Keller Avenue, Lancaster. Speaker -- Atty. Vernon E. Jordon, Jr., Executive Director of the National Urban League, New York.

James D. Glasse

The Student Community Council urges all students to contribute to the Lancaster County United Way Campaign. Contributions can be made to Mrs. Hafer at the President's Office. The S.C.C. will match the extent to which total student contributions exceed the initial \$20.00 contribution of the Council. Gifts will be received up to and including October 29.

Mike Romig, S.C.C. Secretary

There will be a workshop Tuesday night, October 30 for those interested in the problems of placement in the church as pastors. We will have resource people present to assist us. Juniors and Middlers are welcome. We will meet in Room 204 in the library at a time to be announced later.

Larry Canfield

To All Members of the Seminary Community:

The copy deadline for the December Bulletin is Thursday, Nov. 1. Please give me any information you would like to have in the Bulletin by that time.

To Faculty: It has been suggested by an alumnus and by a trustee (at different times) that it might be helpful to list in the Bulletin some recent books in each field of study as recommended reading for

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alumni and other pastors. If you would like to participate in such a series, submit your suggestions by next Thursday or let me know of your willingness to do so in future issues. This could be simply a list, or it could be a kind of annotated bibliography (but short!). It would tie in particularly well with our theme of continuing education in this issue.

Nancy Payne

Mr. Farrar is interested in interviewing a skilled typist for part-time work. Are there any students or students' wives interested?

Lyman Farrar

From Office of Development and Communication:

Mr. Farrar has need for a person to answer the telephone during the lunch hour (12 noon until 1:00 p.m.), Monday through Friday. Please check with him for further details.

October 18, 1973

To: Faculty, Trustees, Seminarians, Alumni Officers.

From: James D. Glasse, President

### BUDGET COUNCIL

In recent years we have tried to make the budgeting process of the Seminary more and more public, drawing on the abilities and contributions of faculty, seminarians, and trustees, as well as the administration. To this end a Budget Council is appointed annually each fall to review the financial situation of the Seminary, develop projections for the future, and to recommend to the trustees an operating budget for the coming year. The Budget Council consists of the Executive Cabinet plus representatives of the trustees, faculty, and seminarians. This year the Budget Council consists of the following persons: Mr. I.Z. Buckwalter, chairman (trustee), Mr. John Fureman (seminarian), Professor Robert Duke (faculty), Dr. James D. Glasse, Dean George H. Bricker, the Reverend Lyman Farrar, and Myron E. Wolf, secretary. You now know what persons are officially part of the process, who is representing whom, and indicates the persons through whom you should communicate budget concerns if you have them.

### CALENDAR

We also have a projected calendar of activities and meetings. This process is detailed on the flow chart in the President's Office. Drop by to look at this chart to see the way in which the decision-making process has been designed. You will note that there are to be three meetings of the Budget Council itself. Some specific budget questions will be referred directly to the faculty at their regular meetings in November, December, and January. The S.C.C. will be asked for their counsel. The Executive Cabinet assumes the primary administrative responsibility. The strategic objective is to present to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees at their meeting on January 22, 1974, a working budget for 1974-75. Between now and then the following dates have been established.

- October 15. Preliminary budget proposals prepared by the Executive Cabinet and submitted to the Business Manager.
- October 24. Executive Cabinet reviews preliminary proposals.
- November 7. Faculty review of educational and special programs budget, with a request for recommendations.
- November 13. Budget Council meets to prepare draft budget #1.
- November 21. Secondary review by Executive Cabinet.



- November 27. Preliminary report to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, with a request for their recommendations.
- December 7. Budget Council meets to prepare draft budget #2 in light of actions of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, recommendations of the faculty, and reviewed by the Executive Cabinet.
- December 8, 1973 - January 8, 1974. Provision for public hearings and review of proposed budget by faculty, S.C.C., etc. All proposals to be submitted to the Budget Council by January 8.
- January 15, 1974. Budget Council meets to prepare draft budget #3 for presentation to the Trustee Executive Committee.
- January 22, 1974. Proposed budget for 1974-75 presented to Trustee Executive Committee.

If the Budget Council is able to develop a budget acceptable to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees by January 22, 1974, we will have our working budget for 1974-75. If we still have unresolved problems we will have to continue the process.

#### CONSULTATION

We request the assistance of all persons in the system in this process. If you have questions and/or suggestions direct them either to one of the representatives or to Mr. Myron Wolf who, as secretary of the Budget Council, is prepared to receive information from anyone on behalf of the Council. If there are any groups of faculty, students, trustees, or alumni who wish to participate in the public hearing process December 8, 1973 to January 8, 1974 please submit those requests to Mr. Wolf.

#### BEYOND THE 1974-1975 BUDGET

It is apparent from our experience in the past three years that we can make some modest increases in our income and substantial reductions in some of our costs. This has produced a stable, but relatively static budget process. I am confident, now that we have demonstrated our ability to develop new programs while balancing our budget, that we can become even more aggressive in the development of our educational programs and must, therefore, become more active in programs to increase our income. To that end, we are planning to develop three budgets for the coming year. The first one will be an "operating budget" for 1974-75, which must be balanced in order to insure the orderly operation of the institution. Secondly, we want to prepare a "development budget", which will

project significant growth and develop in our programs, personnel, and facilities on an orderly and ongoing basis--preferably with five-year objectives and annual budget projections to underwrite these developments. Thirdly, we hope to prepare a "challenge budget" to be presented to our constituency in relation to the sesquicentennial of the Seminary in the 1975 calendar year. While we cannot and will not conduct a capital funds campaign during this period of time, there are needs for equipment, special programs, acquisitions to the library, etc. of a very special sort. We want to challenge individuals, churches, foundations, and others to assist us in responding to these challenge needs. By separating out these three kinds of budgets, we do not need to settle all the questions of priority and planning for the coming years in order to develop an operations budget for 1974-75. At the same time, we want to commit ourselves to a budget for the coming year which pushes us in the direction of our long-range objectives.

#### LONG-RANGE PLANNING COUNCIL

A Long-Range Planning Council will be formed early in 1974 to receive proposals from the Executive Cabinet, Student Community Council, Alumni Council, Faculty and Board of Trustees. This Council will develop proposals for five-year goals and annual objectives based on our Charter, our Statement of Purpose, and policy decision of the Board of Trustees. The Executive Cabinet will serve as the staff of the Long-Range Planning Council. The Cabinet will be holding an extensive planning retreat on December 14. Proposals effecting long-range planning should be in my hands before December 1. Therefore, I request, on behalf of the Budget Council and the Executive Cabinet, proposals from faculty, students, trustees, alumni, and others for objectives we should be setting, programs we should be developing, needs we should be meeting, etc. These need to be part of our planning process.