

The Lancaster Theological Seminary

Seminary News

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Summer Employment Representative, April 18, LLLark Conference Room, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - FREE

The Rev. Dr. Paul L. Herring, Coordinator of Leisure Ministries for the Pennsylvania Council of Churches will meet with students interested in summer employment in lower level Lark. For more information contact Paul at p.herring@pachurches.org, or go to the website at www.pachurches.org.

McCauley Lecture, April 20, Hafer Center, 11:00 a.m. - FREE

Dr. David M. Mellott, Associate Director of Continuing Education and Assistant Professor of Theology will speak on "Ethnography as Theology: An Invitation for Theologians to Enter the Field" at this year's McCauley Lecture. Nearly twenty-five years ago, Aidan Kavanagh, a liturgical theologian, proposed to theologians and pastoral ministers to hit the streets and to find out what Christians are doing, how they are doing it, and what they are discovering in the doing. Unfortunately, few have taken up his challenge. Historians of religion, sociologists, psychologists, and anthropologists, however, are out in the field, in our communities, seeking to understand more fully the lived experience of Christians. They are studying Christians, who are handling snakes, flagellating themselves, seeking the intervention of a particular saint in heaven, or who have a relationship with and devotion to Mary through a specific apparition. Where are the theologians? Perhaps, if we hit the streets, we might learn something about our Christian companions, and ourselves.

"Rousing the Hearers: Public Reading, Speaking and Praying," May 1, Parish Resource Center, 9:30 - 9:00 p.m. - FEE

This workshop, led by Carol Dennis, will explore the qualities needed to be a good and effective lector, oral reader, worship leader, lay assistant or anyone whose main job it is to proclaim the good news of the scriptures or offer public prayer in the congregational setting. The fee for this workshop is \$40.00 with registration deadline April 24. Please call the Parish Resource Center to register at 717-299-9932. The Seminary is a subscriber to the Center, thus the reduced fee.

"Difficult Conversations in the Congregation," May 6, Hafer Center, 9:30 a.m. - Noon - FREE

Virtually every congregation and denomination is dealing with issues of diversity and communication. Congregations are in conflict, splitting, and leaving their denominations over issues of theology, gender, and sexual orientation. Others smolder in unspoken conflict as a result of administrative decisions and communication problems within the congregation. While congregants continue to attend church, the vitality of the church is sapped by unspoken, but ongoing conflict and unacknowledged diversity. This year's Harwick Lecturer Professor Katie Day of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia will help you and your congregation respond creatively to issues of diversity and conflict in your congregation through this lecture and workshop. This is an important workshop for pastors and congregational leaders. Please let us know if a number of members from your congregation will be attending by registering with Mary Lin Siever, Administrative Assistant in the Continuing Education Office at 717-290-8758 or msiever@lanasterseminary.edu.

Cokesbury News

Cokesbury Spring Sale Days will be April 25-27. Most everything in the store will be 25% off. On Thursday the 27th, a local poetry author, Doris Washington from Harrisburg, will be here from 12 noon - 2:00 p.m. to sell and sign her poetry book entitled, "A Blessing, Caring, Sharing." For more information on Cokesbury Bookstore, please contact manager, Janice Herman, at 717-303-1077.

On-Campus Job Opportunity - Interested Students Need to Apply No Later Than April 28, 2006

Student Mail/Copier Assistant for the 2006-2007 Academic Year (beginning 2006 Fall Semester to End of 2007 Spring Semester). Duties: Make copies for faculty and other departments. (Faculty put their copying work in a designated mailbox.) Monday - Friday daily sort incoming mail into boxes, and distribute to designated persons/departments (i.e: President's Office, Dean's Office, Admissions Office, Library, Advancement/Alumni Office, Business Office and Continuing Education.) Pick up outgoing mail from departments, put postage on it and place it in the outgoing mail box. (The Library usually has books to mail, using Library rate. Faculty and, occasionally, other departments place their mail in a designated box on the floor of the copy room.) Other duties as assigned. Time Involved: Monday - Friday Usually 5 to 10 hours per week, depending on mail volume and copying requests. Remuneration: \$6.95 per hour. Reports to: Faculty Secretary, member of the Education Department which is headed by the Dean of the Seminary. Interested, current students may apply by contacting Rachel Gawn, Faculty Secretary, at rgawn@lanasterseminary.edu or by phone at 717-290-8723.

Off-Campus Job Opportunities

The Second Congregational UCC in Rockford IL is searching for a new Associate Pastor. Visit the website at www.secondcon.com for more information. To apply contact: Ms. Holly Hegge, Search Committee, 11029 Centennial, Roscoe, IL 61073, 815.986.8375 and/or The Rev. Kathy Lawes, Association Minister, Prairie Association UCC, 617 N. First St., DeKalb, IL 60115, 815.758.3497, snoop2boys@yahoo.com.

The First Congregational Church of Long Beach, California is seeking a director of Children and Youth Ministries. This is a full-time position. For a job description and application visit www.firstchurchlb.org.

Stated Supply Pastor needed for two Presbyterian churches in upstate NY. Initial contract from 7/1/06 to 6/30/07, with a view toward a long-term relationship. For more information about the churches and to send a resume, contact: Linda Kaplan at sanfordandlinda@taconic.net, Tel. 518-789-4664, Millerton Presbyterian Church, 58 Main Street, PO Box 427, Millerton, NY 12546

Hard copies of these and other opportunities with more details may be found in the binders in the basement of Lark, between the faculty offices of Larry Evans and Greg Carey.

If you would like to add an item to the last Seminary News of the Spring Term,

which will be online May 1,

please email your article/information to Maryann Bruce no later than April 26.