

# **The Lancaster Theological Seminary**

## **Seminary News**

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### **Upcoming Seminary Related Events**

#### **April 18, Campus-Wide Diversity Event, 8:30 a.m., Church of the Apostles, 1850 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster - FREE**

As emailed to students, faculty, preceptors, and staff in late March from the President and Dean of LTS, you know that we have decided to go ahead with the required Diversity Event previously scheduled for March 7, 2007 that was canceled because of inclement weather and the closing of Church of the Apostles. This program will replace normal MS group meetings on that morning. Although the MS groups are highly valued by all concerned, our work on increasing diversity at every level of the school has very high institutional priority and there are extremely limited times when such a community-wide event might be staged. Postponement to the fall is not an option. Given the cancellations that have taken place this year, we urge MS groups to make their final class a working session instead of the usual fellowship opportunity. Thank you in advance for understanding the importance of accomplishing a diversity event this year and the complexities of finding a time suitable for all constituents.

As was planned on March 7th, this event will begin with a welcome by the president and brief introduction to what "diversity" means in our context by Dean Aponte. Faculty, staff and students will be assigned to small groups to discuss how power, prejudice, and privilege affect:

1. Worship and campus ethos
2. Diversity and access/ability
3. Curriculum development and ways that we prepare students to engage issues of diversity in their ministries and/or vocations.

These six topics emerged from the town meeting hosted by the Committee on Diversity in November and have been paired into three related sets of topics. Following the small groups, the whole community will reconvene and via a spokesperson, each small group will report its best two or three ideas about what the seminary should attend to or try to accomplish during the coming year or two. We hope that this event will help our community to further address and affirm the core value of diversity and that you will make every effort to attend and participate.

### **Upcoming Community Events**

#### **April 20-22, Franklin and Marshall's Spring Arts Weekend**

*Friday, April 20, Block Party, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., West James St. from College Ave. to Pine St. - FREE*  
*The Blue and White Society hosts a block party with booths from campus organizations and community vendors. Bring your friends and see who's best at the dunk tank, find out what local restaurants cook up, and listen to live music! For more information, contact Kathleen Vanessa McDevitt (kathleen.mcdevitt@fandm.edu)*

*For more information on other weekend events, visit: <http://calendar.fandm.edu/>*

#### **April 28, Race Against Racism, 9:00 a.m., Musser Park, Lancaster - FEE**

Spring is in the air and it is time to run or walk in the annual YWCA Race Against Racism. Register to run or walk in the Race by filling out a Race Form (located in LLLark) and mail to the YWCA. Team registrations were due April 14, but you can still run or walk! If you would like to just donate money, look for the special buckets marked for donations around campus. Coordinated by Roland Brown and the SCC, donations will be collected during various venues on campus and the bucket will be down by the mailboxes. For more information, please contact Maryann Bruce at 717-290-8752 or mbruce@lancasterseminary.edu.

**Eastern Regional Seminarian Gathering**

Minister for Vocation and Formation, Lynn Bujnak, has sent information to LTS regarding this gathering in Cleveland, OH in October. For only \$200.00 (the association which you are in care will cover \$100 of this fee, you pay \$100 and the Parish Life and Leadership Ministry Team will cover all else, including airfare, hotel and meals) seminarians can get a chance to experience worship and workshops at the Church House and interact with many national staff members, including General Minister and President of the UCC, John Thomas. Please see the letter and flyer, posted in LLLark for how you can register. For more information, please contact Lynn Bujnak at 866-822-8224, ext. 3841 or [bujnakl@ucc.org](mailto:bujnakl@ucc.org).

**Women Spirit - Vestments for Women**

This company specializes in robes, albs, cleric collar blouses and other vestments for women clergy. In business for 12 years, Women Spirits sells mostly through their web site since they do not have a traveling sales staff. Catalog may be viewed at [www.womenspirit.com](http://www.womenspirit.com) or take a postcard located in LLLark for a 15% discount through June 15, 2007.

**Cokesbury News**

Beginning April 16 we will further reduce our sale books. All books on the outside sale tables will be part of a "Bag Sale". You will be able to fill either a large bag or a small bag with books. The large bag will be \$25 and the small bag will be \$10. Non book items on the sale table will be 80% off. Our Spring Customer Appreciation Sale will be April 24-26. Almost all items in the store will be 25% off. We have ordered hoods for some graduating seniors. Several extra hoods were ordered and are available for purchase. Cost is \$130 - not discountable. Also, Cokesbury is partnering with the NBA, Sports Illustrated, and other groups in selling T-Shirts to fight malaria. T-Shirts cost \$20 and all the proceeds support the purchase of special mosquito nets that protect against malaria. For more information on Cokesbury, please contact them at 717-393-1077 or [cokesbury@lanasterseminary.edu](mailto:cokesbury@lanasterseminary.edu).

**The last issue of the Seminary News until Fall 2007 will be available online April 30.  
If you would like an item in this issue, please email it to the editor no later than April 25.**