

The Seminary News

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EKU LECTURE

Reinhard Groscurth, chief ecumenical officer of the Evangelische Kirche der Union (Evangelical Church of the Union) in Berlin, will be speaker at Community Hour on Thursday, October 14, 11:10 a.m., in Santee Chapel. He will discuss issues in the German church today.



Ecumenical liaison person for the Protestant churches in the (then) German Democratic Republic, Groscurth's main task was bridge-building between Germany's East and West, and also between the United Churches, mainly the United Church of Christ. The EKU and the United Church of Christ share historical roots as well as a covenanted ecumenical partnership. Groscurth's latest ecumenical involvement was the Fifth World Conference on Faith and Order, held in Santiago de Compostela in August 1993.

NAVY CHAPLAIN AT SEMINARY

Chaplain John F. Gundlach, U.S. Navy, will present "Ministry in the Military Services" at noon on Thursday, October 14, in the Glatfelter Room. Lunch for those who attend will be provided. A graduate of the Seminary, Gundlach is a UCC clergyperson who is currently an active duty Navy chaplain. He will talk to interested students about chaplaincy and how it extends and complements the ministry of the denomination and local church. Please see Barbara Stephens in Lower Level Lark if you would like to talk with Chaplain Gundlach.

ISRAELI PEACE ACTIVIST VISITS SEMINARY

Hanna Knaz, an Israeli citizen and peace activist, will speak at Lancaster Seminary on Saturday, October 16. Ms. Knaz will meet students and faculty for brunch and conversation at 11:00 a.m. in Hafer Center, followed by an informal public presentation and question and answer session from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Hafer.

Ms. Knaz is a grass roots peace activist from an Israeli kibbutz where, as a registered nurse, she practices in a family clinic. She is co-founder of "Women in Black," an organization of Israeli citizens who have held weekly vigils to demand that the Israeli government recognize the right of

Palestinians to a state of their own.

Active in the Association of Israeli and Palestinian Physicians for Human Rights, she serves on the board of trustees of the International Center for Peace in the Middle East. The Presbyterian Church (USA) has named her a 1993 International Peacemaker for the Middle East.

If you want a catered sandwich from Isaacs at a modest cost, leave a note in Professor Webber's mailbox by Wednesday, October 13, or bring a brown bag lunch.

MINISTRY WITH RETIRED PERSONS COMMUNITY HOUR

The Reverend Dr. Donald P. Flick, executive director of United Church Retirement Homes, Newton, NC, and 1992 Moss Award winner of the Seminary, will discuss "The Call to Ministry with Older Adults" during a Seminary Community Hour on Fall Alumni/ae Day, Thursday, October 21, at 11:10 a.m. in Lark 206. The Moss Award is presented annually to a Seminary alumnus/a for excellence in specialized ministries.

At 10:00 a.m. in Lark 102, Dr. Flick will make a presentation entitled, "Ministry with Older Adults: International Perspectives" to Lancaster Seminary alumni/ae. Faculty, students and staff are welcome to attend.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE SCHOOL FOR PASTORAL MINISTRY

During the week of October 17, ten pastors from the Southern Conference will be living on campus while they attend the annual Southern Conference School for Pastoral Ministry. This program provides an opportunity for theological study for ordained pastors who have not participated in formal theological education.

Participants in the three-year program attend three series of classes each year. Fall term is located at Lancaster Seminary, and spring and summer sessions are held in North Carolina. Students who successfully complete the program will receive a certificate of completion at the Seminary's commencement exercises.

This fall two courses are being offered: "The Book of Job" with Professor Charles Melchert and "Systematic Theology: Theodicy in the Theology of Howard Thurman" with the Reverend Marsha Woodard.

CHURCH AND MINISTRY CONSULTATION MEETS ON CAMPUS

The Mid-Atlantic Church and Ministry Consultation, an annual program jointly sponsored by the Office of Church Life and Leadership of the United Church of Christ, Lancaster Seminary and the Church and Ministry Committees of the Mid-Atlantic Region, will meet on campus Wednesday, October 20, and Thursday, October 21. The Consultation engages persons involved in Church and Ministry Committees in the six conferences of the Central Atlantic Region in sharing issues and concerns, experiences and hopes, resources and training for strengthening the ministries of the United Church of Christ. This year's theme focuses on "Standards and Strategies for Measuring and Maintaining Wholeness of Ministry."

Church and Ministry Committees oversee the in-care status and ordination of pastors of the United Church of Christ. Please welcome these guests, 85 of them, to our campus for the 13th annual Consultation.



NEW LIBRARY POLICY

The library will institute a new policy regulating the use of reserve materials beginning Monday, October 18. To assure availability of reserve materials for classes, the reserve section will be closed to all persons except the library staff beginning that day.

This policy is necessitated by an increasing number of problems which inhibit the availability of reserve materials to all students. The problems include an increasing number of missing reserve items, reserves not being properly checked out, reserves being returned to regular shelves and reserves being checked out for longer periods without authorization from the appropriate faculty members.

The following procedures will become effective on Monday, October 18: 1) a notebook with lists of reserve materials for each class will be available at the Circulation Desk. 2) Get the call number for each book (the title, volume and year for periodicals; the title for non-library items) from the lists, write it on a scrap card along with your name, give the card to the staff member at the Circulation Desk. 3) Complete the sign-out card with your name, date and time; deposit the card in the check-out slot. 4) To return reserve items, place them in the specially marked bin on the Circulation Desk. 5) Overnight reserves signed out between 9:30 and 10:00 p.m. must be returned by

9:00 a.m. the following morning (Monday morning for items checked out between 4:30 and 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays). Overdue reserves will be charged at \$1.00 per hour.

This new policy will enable the library to serve you better. Professor Berg, Director of Library Services, and the library staff ask for your cooperation.

WARD LECTURE/WORKSHOP COMING UP

Dr. Thomas G. Long, professor of Preaching and Worship at Princeton Theological Seminary, will present the 1993 Ward Lecture, "Imagination and the Biblical Text in Preaching," on Thursday, October 21. The presentation will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Santee Chapel.

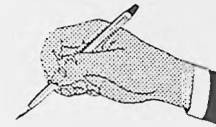
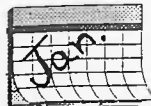
Earlier that day, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Dr. Long will lead a workshop in Hafer Center on religious imagination. There is no charge for either event for Lancaster Seminary students or staff. Please sign up for the workshop with Barbara Stephens in Lower Level Lark.

JANUARY TERM IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

It's not too early to be thinking about what January term classes you might want to take. January courses are one credit and are offered five days each week between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon (except January 18-21, which is only four days because of the Martin Luther King Holiday).

One-week January term classes were developed to allow professors and visiting professors to creatively explore topics they normally wouldn't offer in the large term, such as "Biblical Love Poetry," "Religious Themes in Literature," or "Parables of Jesus." Some one-week January term classes offer opportunities for practical (hands-on) learning ("Parish Practicality," "Administering a Religious Education Program," "Oral Communication of Scripture"). A few one-week January courses offer opportunities to explore issues ("Racism in the Church," "Mediation in Church and Society").

January is also a time for three-week international cross-cultural seminars (students planning on these trips are currently in the fall preparatory class IM103d). In addition, there is a three-week (3 credit) seminar on Appalachia (AMERC) offered in Berea, Kentucky. This course is an opportunity to study the social, political, economic and spiritual issues surrounding the culture of a particular region in our country. See Professor Belva Brown Jordan for more information on AMERC.



A Report on Campus 100

As noted in previous reports, Campus 100 refers to the centennial of our main building and campus. The banners on lampposts of the street as well as on the Lark Building celebrate 100 years of service from this site. In this report I want to also describe the way in which the phrase Campus 100 has become the title for our fund raising efforts over the next few years. Since these fund raising efforts are directed toward specific goals, this report will also indicate the general time table for certain programmatic and physical plant projects.

We began thinking about Campus 100 in terms of the physical plant. The architectural study by David Lynch Associates laid out an ambitious set of improvements totalling \$5 million. We then laid along side of these physical needs our additional needs with respect to the endowment for scholarships, the program and the library. Using general estimates, we concluded that each of these areas needs at least an additional \$2 million of endowment, producing an endowment goal of \$6 million.

Finally, as we developed these lists, it also became apparent that these goals could not be pursued without keeping before our constituency the pressing needs of the annual fund. The Board therefore concluded that we really had three goals for fund raising: the physical plant, the endowment and the annual fund. This three-fold division has now become the way in which we are organizing our fund raising for Campus 100. The campus and endowment needs total \$11 million; the annual fund gifts and grants stand at over \$900,000 per year.

While these figures can be overwhelming, it is important to remember that the figures for the campus and the endowment represent long-range goals. We do not expect to achieve them in two or three years. What we do intend to do is to begin a long-term process of generating support from a growing number of donors. Over the next two years, our goal is to raise \$4 million, divided between the endowment and the campus renovation projects, with the main one being Richards Hall. Since the Board has taken the view that it would be preferable to begin these projects only after funds are available, it is imperative that we move to raise funds.

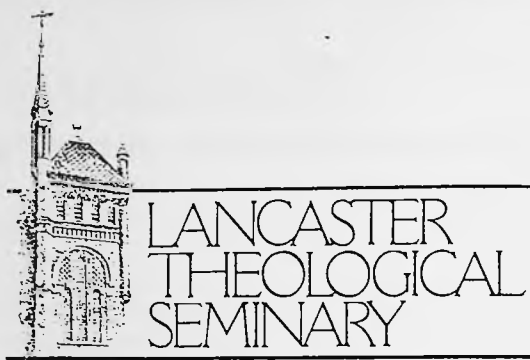


President's Page

In addition to the support of current donors, two efforts are developing which are relatively new. One is the alumni/ae foundation which seeks to raise at least a million dollars in estate planning for the support of the faculty. The other is the expansion of support from the community of Lancaster as well as central Pennsylvania. We have always received support from people of all denominations in Lancaster, and we would like to reach out in this centennial year for gifts directed to the campus and the program. To expand our efforts with the alumni/ae and the city requires additional staff. The Board has therefore authorized the appointment of two half-time positions in the Development Office. I am pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Patricia Otto and Ms. Virginia (Ginjr) Humphreys. Pat Otto has worked for the Heart Association and Service America Corporation, and is very active as a volunteer in community organizations. She will concentrate on our efforts directed toward the city of Lancaster. Ginjr Humphreys has worked with the YWCA and Planned Parenthood. She is also a member of the Manheim Township School Board. She will direct her efforts toward planned giving.

There are many aspects to all of this that are still in process. We are committed to the goals and want to actualize them as soon as funds permit. But these are difficult economic times and we do not know how much time it will take to meet our goals. The good news is that there is a clear resolve on the part of the trustees to work on several fronts: the campus, the endowment and the annual fund. The feasibility study conducted last spring indicated very positive support for the Seminary within the church constituency as well as within the civic Lancaster community. This encourages us to move ahead in the task of fund raising.

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NOTICE

Recyclable Bins Moving

Effective Wednesday, October 13, 1993, the recyclable collection bins will be moved from "the Hut" to the library loading dock, by the dumpsters. Please note this change and inform those who need to know. Hopefully, this will eliminate the trash problem we have previously encountered in "the Hut", as both trash and recyclables will now be deposited in one location.

Thanks for your cooperation.

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MERLE GOOD TO SPEAK AT FUTURE COMMUNITY HOUR

Merle Good, a well-known interpreter of the Mennonite and Amish way of life, will lecture at Lancaster Theological Seminary on Thursday, November 4, at 11:10 a.m. in Hafer Center. Good, with his wife, oversees the operation of The People's Place, a heritage interpretation center about the Amish and Mennonites located in Intercourse, Lancaster County. The Goods also operate a variety of other shops located nearby. Publisher of Good Books and *Festival Quarterly*, Good has written numerous books and articles on the Amish and Mennonites.

DISCOVER WEEKEND

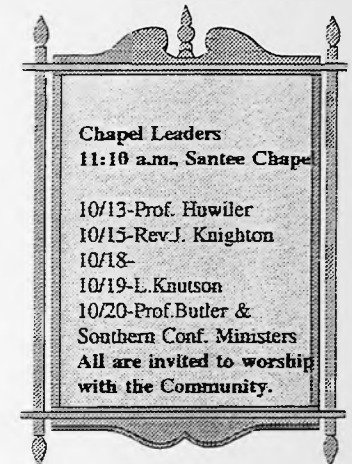
The fall Discover Weekend will be held on campus Friday, October 22, and Saturday, October 23. Students are encouraged to participate in these special weekends, which are scheduled twice a year for prospective students. Contact Kecia McMillian in the Admissions Office for details.

STUDENTS/FACULTY ATTEND VIGIL

More than 200 people, including eight Seminary students and faculty attended a vigil in Musser Park on Tuesday, October 5, to witness against violence. The vigil came in the wake of the fire-bombing of Lancaster's Planned Parenthood Clinic. Chris Whalen, chair of the YWCA's board of directors, cited incidents in Lancaster City of violence and bigotry in recent years, while Mayor Janice Stork promised that violence will not be tolerated. Planned Parenthood director Nancy Osgood addressed described the devastation wreaked by a firebomb thrown through a window of the clinic. The vigil ended on a spirited note when the Rev. Odessa Coder of St. Paul's Church of God and Christ commanded the crowd to love one another as part of God's will.

BUSY WEEK

During the week of October 17 the Southern Conference School for Pastoral Ministry, the Church and Ministry Consultation, the Alumni/ae Association, the Ward Lecture and Workshop and Discover Weekend are all meeting on campus. It will be a busy and exciting week for all of us. Please help by greeting visitors and directing them if they ask for help. And, if you can give up a parking spot on campus, especially on the "crunch" days of Wednesday and Thursday, it would be much appreciated.



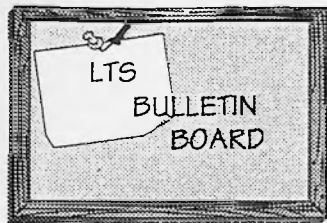
SOME REMINDERS. . .

If you change your address and/or phone number, please be sure to file the necessary form with Shirley Laukhuff in Student Services.

Deadline for items for next week's *Seminary News* is noon on Friday, October 15. Please put news items in Barbara Stephens' mailbox.

NICARAGUA ECONOMY DISCUSSION

Brother Camillus Dufresne will speak on the state of the Nicaraguan economy and its effects upon the women and children of the country in Gettysburg College's Kline Theatre at 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 13. Brother Camillus, a native of St. Paul, Minnesota, has lived in Managua for more than a decade. A member of the Christian Brothers, he is administrator of the Maryknoll Center House, a meeting place for Maryknoll Sisters working in Managua. His performance will precede an October 21 performance by Quetzalcoatl, a Nicaraguan theater group, who will perform an original play that discusses the violence of adults against children, at Kline Theater on 10/21 at 8:00 p.m. The public is invited to both free of charge.



UM CENTRAL PA CONFERENCE TO MEET WITH STUDENTS - Karen Layman, United Methodist Central PA Conference, will be on campus Friday, October 15, and Tuesday, October 19., from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in Room S216, Philip Schaff Library. She will schedule 45-minute interviews with United Methodist students. Please sign up with Donna Kaplan, Faculty Secretary, Lower Level Lark. Unattached United Methodists students who desire to meet with Ms. Layman are welcome to use the sign-up sheets as well.

COMMUNITY LUNCH NEWS - On Wednesday, October 20, Community Lunch will be served, starting at noon, in Mayer Commons. This one-day change opens the Refectory for use by the Church and Ministry Consultation. Each Thursday when classes are in session, the Refectory will feature a lunch special to go. For only \$2.00 you can get a sandwich, beverage and your choice of snack to take out. The Refectory will be open at 11:30 a.m. for pickup.

12-STEP MEETING - If you are interested in a 12-step group meeting on campus, please call David Pendleton at 394-9640 or Chaplain Kroehler at 393-7005.

MUSICAL KEYBOARD NEEDED - I would like to borrow a keyboard for a class presentation on Wednesday, October 27 (6:30 to 9:30 p.m.) If you own a keyboard that you are willing to lend me, please call me at 397-2339 and leave a message or put a note in my mailbox. Thanks. Danna Wall

ATTENTION UCC WOMEN - At the annual meeting of the Penn SE Conference, it was decided that clergy and seminarians might benefit from a mentor relationship. Several of us gathered throughout the past summer. At our September gathering, we decided to invite other UCC women from other conferences to join us for an opportunity to voice and share issues of women in ministry. If you would like to become a part of the group, we will be meeting on October 21 at 5:30 at Checker's Restaurant on James Street. If you would leave your name in my mailbox, I will know how big a table to reserve. Liz Bell

JOB OPENING AT COKESBURY BOOKSTORE - The Cokesbury Seminary Bookstore is now accepting applications for a part-time sales associate position. The person hired will be required to work approximately 10 hours a week, which will include most Saturday mornings. He or she must also be available to cover lunches during the first two weeks of each school term, as well as special sales events. Some employee benefits are included. For further information, stop by the Seminary Bookstore or call Janice Myers, store supervisor at 393-1077.

TIME FOR SHARING - Can you give time with children on Thursdays from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, North Queen and James Streets? They are looking for bright, energetic and committed Christian students (just described each and every student at the Seminary but only five are needed). The After-School Club is open to children grades K through 6 for Bible story time, recreation, crafts and a snack. The children are invited to stay for a 5:30 p.m. supper and can attend weekday church school starting at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested, please contact David Tressler, Parish Catechist, at 397-2748 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., Monday through Wednesday.

