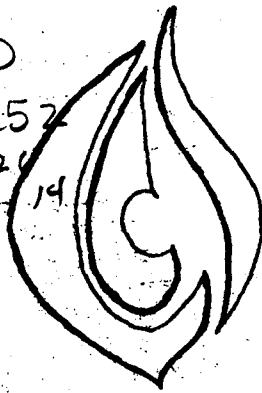


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## THE PHILADELPHIA EXPERIENCE

## THANKS !

I have been asked to say a few words about my experience in January. The most exciting thing about working at Calvary United Methodist Church in Philadelphia was that it gave me a chance to practice ministry and to live my faith. Every minute of the time that I spent there was a chance to be a witness for Christ.

The most important ministry for me in January was the chance to live with a black family. In doing this I feel that I had a chance to express the brotherhood of men. My ministry to this family was a success, not because of anything that I did but because the family accepted me completely with all of my human frailties.

The congregation at Calvary is small but very active. They are acutely aware of the needs of their fellow men. For me they represented the ideal congregation because of their commitment to the needs of their brother. They are people who are not sure of themselves and who need confidence. They need to be aware that God loves them. The opportunities for ministry there are great. If all goes well I plan to go there for an entire year's program next year. I invite you to join me if you want an opportunity to serve people with a big need and at the same time represent your faith every minute of the day.

-William E. Darling, Jr.

I would like to thank the seminary community for its prayers, care and concern for Kathy and I during her illness. She is still in the hospital, and needs to be remembered in your prayers during the rest of this struggle/growing experience.

May God Bless You,

-Elmer Scofield

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etc...

Bill and Demak Lark and crew expected to arrive in Jakarta on or about Feb. 7, according to a postcard that Mr. Farrar received, postmarked Brussels.

Monday's chapel service (17 Feb.) will include a multi-media presentation prepared by several of our seminarians.

The Heidelberg College Concert Choir of Tiffin, Ohio will perform a selection of religious, classical, spiritual, and light contemporary music at Zion UCC, Millersville, on Sunday, March 2, at 7:30 PM.

Prayer & Praise - Sunday, 7:30 PM,  
at Peg and Alices', N-101  
Everybody welcome!

## MORE ON "PHILADELPHIA"

One month was not enough, even though it seemed like a whole semester. In thirty days, I lived in a major city for the first time. That meant that a siren sounded every time our group met, indicating that someone was in crisis. That meant I saw a church face three hundred of its neighbors burned out in two weeks, and have to house and counsel some of them that meant that I had to work in a church that always locked its doors.

It also meant that I developed friends who opened their homes so that West Philadelphia became a place of people and not just an overcrowded place. It meant that I shared and came to know in part what it means to have a vision that is working in an inner city church.

That vision, which brings doctors, lawyers, plumbers and painters, and all that is here needed to minister to the concrete needs to those who live in a land of concrete, is important. But more important I had a chance to learn by participation in the life of that church first hand. I also learned as a group of four other seminarians who were colleagues to each other.

It is hard to evaluate what I learned specifically because so much happened in one month and because what I learned was directly and immediately experienced. Yet I can say that for thirty short days I experienced what it was to be the church and not just what a church is or should be. That was hard and hurtful often but it was an occasion of growth.

-Paul Marmon

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## HERETIC IN THE HUB

One of my most enjoyable experiences during our year in Denver, Colorado, was attending Sunday Worship at the Unity Church there. Unity is a movement generally unknown to this part of the country, but exposure to its warm and healthy attitude could do us some good. In a Unity service, the worshipper confesses aloud his human nature to God--but not the evil twisted nature of Calvinist teachings. To a follower of Unity--and I am not one--mankind is illumined by the holy Spirit and is thus filled with wisdom, love, and peace.

There is something thrilling about confessing aloud with three hundred other souls, "I am filled with wisdom, love, and peace!" Too long has Christianity clung to medieval notions of total depravity, original sin, and human wretchedness. We could use a good dose of positive affirmations in these dark days. Yet there are those who do believe man is inherently good, not evil. Liberal Christianity was headed in this direction early in the 20th century, but the world wars and other conflicts, poverty and exploitation, racism and domestic violence have shaken if not toppled the belief in man's goodness. I would suggest a third possibility (which comes from my studies of Baha'i teaching and literature): Man is neither inherently good nor inherently evil. He is free. Freedom means that he has the potential for sin; for without the chance to be evil, he really would not be choosing to be good. And if he were inherently evil, he couldn't choose good at all. It seems that man is empowered to work out his own nature, and that this world is the workshop in which he does this. When the Unity people affirm "I am filled with wisdom, love and peace," this must have a positive effect on their characters. What effect do you suppose would be obtained by affirming total depravity?

-Tom Schreck

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To not reply is a discourtesy to the sender. To this date approximately 100 students and 15 faculty and staff have failed to respond to the very generous invitation to a FREE steak dinner at the expense of Presbyterian Minister's Fund. Don't wait until the last minute. Avoid the PMF the embarrassment and the restaurant the extra work suffered last year when many who never responded decided to come.

New students should notify me by this Friday.

-Wayne Sautter PMF rep.

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\*Open to Seminary Community

\*\*Open to General Public

Numbers in parentheses refer to announcements which follow.

CALENDAR

Monday, February 17

\*\*9:00 A.M.

7:00 - 10:00 P.M.

7:30 P.M.

7:30 P.M.

\*\*9:00 P.M.

- Chapel

- Night Ministry

- Lancaster Historical Group-Chapel

- Faculty Colloquy--Englerts' home

- Bowling

Tuesday, February 18

\*\*9:30 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

- Chapel

- Admissions Recruitment Task  
Force

L105

Wednesday, February 19

\*\*9:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

- Chapel

- Resources & Relations  
Committee

L204

Thursday, February 20

\*\*9:30 A.M.

6:30 P.M.

- Chapel

- Presbyterian Ministers' Fund  
Dinner at Meadow Hills

Friday, February 21

\*\*9:00 A.M.

9:00 - 12:00 A.M.

- Chapel

- Executive Cabinet

Saturday, February 22

A.M. - P.M.

\*\*1:00 P.M.

- Night Ministry

- Bowling

L200

(over for Dates Ahead)

### DATES AHEAD

- March 2 - 7:30 P.M. - Heidelberg College Concert Choir  
at Zion UCC, 317 N. George St., Millersville
- March 7-8 - Seminary Sampler for College Students (tentative)
- March 11 - Anniversary of the Founding of Lancaster  
Theological Seminary of the United Church of Christ
- March 13 - College Business Symposium at Franklin &  
Marshall College
- April 16 and 17 - The Arts Festival
- April 19 - The Celebration Road Show
- April 23 - Norman and Sandra Dietz will be in Lancaster

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### From the Office of the President

The Fifth Annual Pastor's Convocation of the Penn Central Conference is to be held April 21-24 at the Sheraton Inn in Gettysburg on the theme of "Worship and Celebration".

The cost of participation is \$65.00, and local congregations are urged to pay \$32.50 toward that cost for their pastor. I am prepared to play the role of "the local congregation" and pay half of the cost for up to five members of the Seminary Community who wish to attend the Convocation. I will be happy to pay to Penn Central Conference the congregation's share when you pay the registration fee and indicate your intention to attend.

If you want further details about the Convocation, ask Edna Hafer.

James Glasse

### From the Office of Development and Communication

Will you be able to participate in "Seminary Days, 1975"? A Sunday in March or another Sunday more convenient to local churches between March and June will be "offered" to local churches as an opportunity for a seminarian, a faculty member, or staff person to preach in a local church. March is the "founding" month of LTS. For those who participate, no expense will be involved except the time to share with congregations some "Good News" about the Seminary. Please let me or Ms. Book know of your willingness to participate one Sunday (or more), if necessary. Last year a few persons really carried the "ball" on this opportunity to share with local churches. In this 150th anniversary year, we may need a whole lot of volunteers.

Lyman G. Farrar

Reservations for the Presbyterian Ministers' Fund Dinner must be made with Wayne Sautter by Tuesday, February 18. Dr. Olin Shockley, District Superintendent of the Dover District of the United Methodist Church will speak on "Developing Koinonia among the Clergy".

Lyman G. Farrar

### From the Office of the Dean

Seniors who will be graduated in May and have completed (or will complete) all requirements for the Master of Divinity degree, may register for course work in the Master of Sacred Theology degree program during the present Spring Term, or have courses they are taking during the Spring Term not needed for graduation, credited toward the S.T.M. degree. Those who are interested are asked to speak to the Dean.

George H. Bricker

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The Rev. Charles L. Myers, Superintendent of the Bloomington District of the South Indiana Conference and The Rev. James W. Keith, Superintendent of the New Albany District of the South Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church are here on campus to talk with students from 4:00 P.M. today (February 13) and all day tomorrow (February 14). Their intention is as follows: "While we shall accept get-acquainted conversations with anyone, it is not our intent to persuade persons to leave any commitment which may have been made. We are interested in persons who will seek pastorates effective June 1, 1975. Interviews with students who will graduate in succeeding years will be welcome." Anyone interested in talking with these Superintendents of the South Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church should contact Dean Bricker to arrange for interviews with them.

George H. Bricker

Needed: Someone with car to take some materials to the Allentown area, wait several hours while they are addressed and bring it all back. Material is about nine cartons of brochures which Daytimers, Inc., is addressing for us. Chance to see how a printing plant operates! We can pay \$15.00 plus car allowance. See Mrs. Ober if you're interested and tell her what days of the week are possible for you.

Tom Brown, CPDM

Mr. Harold McKinney, representing J. Theodore Cuthbertson, Inc. will be in the Hub all day Thursday, February 20th, with display of clerical apparel, vestments, and accessories.

Nancy Norris

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Date: February 20th at 6:30 P.M. Place: Meadow Hills Restaurant

Wayne Sautter, PMF Representative

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DEAN

At the Faculty Meeting on February 7th, the following revision was made in paragraph 5 of GRADES, Page 7 of the HANDBOOK, 1974-75.

1. All courses will be letter graded by the faculty except those specifically stated that they will be graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) in the Catalog.

2. Any seminarian who desires to take courses on a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) basis, that is not so indicated in the Catalog, can elect to do so at the time of registration. Once this decision is made, it is irrevocable.

3. At the completion of the term, the instructor is required to submit letter grades to the Office of Dean for all members of the class, but if the seminarian has elected S/U, the transcript will carry an S grade of C or higher, and a U for a C- or lower.

To implement this action, seminarians who desire to elect S/U in the Spring Term, 1974-75, shall sign an S/U form in the Office of Dean on or before noon, Friday, February 21, 1975.

George H. Bricker, Dean