

# **The Lancaster Theological Seminary**

## **Seminary News**

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### **United Methodist Central PA Conference Representatives Visiting, November 1, 11:00 - 3:00 p.m., Lower Level Lark - FREE**

Rev. Jay Morris and Rev. David Norris from the United Methodist PA Central District will be on campus Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> to talk to United Methodist students. If you are a United Methodist student, you are highly encouraged to meet with them. Please sign up with Rachel Gawn, Faculty Secretary, by contacting her at 717-290-8723 or rgawn@lancasterseminary.edu.

### **Healing Service, November 2, 5:30 - 6:00 p.m., Santee Chapel - FREE**

An opportunity to prayerfully support one another as we seek God's healing touch for ourselves, our loved ones, and the world. For more information, contact Dr. Bruce Epperly at 717-290-8759 or bepperly@lancasterseminary.edu.

### **Book Signing and Celebration, November 3, 3:30 p.m., Refectory - FREE**

Come celebrate Peter Schmiechen's new book, "Saving Power: Theories of Atonement and Forms of the Church" The book signing begins at 3:30 p.m. with a discussion period beginning at 4:00 p.m. with Dr. Lee Barrett, Professor of Theology, and Rev. Dr. Maggie Gillespie, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Sunbury, responding. Following the discussion will be a time for questions and answers and light refreshments. For more information, please contact Dr. Bruce Epperly at 717-290-8759 or bepperly@lancasterseminary.edu.

### **Still Speaking/All Saints Celebration, November 6, 4:00 p.m., Trinity UCC, 116 York Street, Hanover, - FREE**

Dr. Tony Campolo, preacher, educator, and founder of Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education, will preach at Gettysburg Association's "Fall Festival of Faith." To defray expenses, the Association is asking for a donation of \$3.00. Tickets may be purchased by calling Scott Sager at 717-637-2299.

**Final Lecture in Seminary Multi-church Program, November 12, 9:30 a.m., Santee Chapel - FREE** This conversational lecture, led by Professor of Theology, Lee Barrett, "Why Doesn't God Do Something? Christianity Confronts the Reality of Suffering and Tragedy" concludes the multi-church educational series. Lecture open to the public. For more information, please contact the Continuing Education Office, Dr. Bruce Epperly, at 717-280-8759 or bepperly@lancasterseminary.edu.

### **Registration Week is scheduled for November 14 through 18**

On-line ONLY registration for January and Spring 2006 courses will take place between November 14 and 18. **Students MUST meet with their advisors prior to Registration Week to review their records and be cleared to register.** After November 18 you will be considered to be registering late, will only be able to register via paper, and will be charged a \$15.00 late registration fee. See the website for the Registration Checklist, On-line Registration Instructions, and instructions for using SONIS Webtools. For more information, please contact Judi Hummer, Registrar and Director of Student Services, at 717-290-8718 or jhummer@lancasterseminary.edu.

### **Seminarian Community Council (SCC) News**

Congratulations to the new Vice Moderator, Mil Miller, and 1st year Representative, Jordan Tupper, on their new positions. They will surely be valuable voices on the SCC. Let us all give them our support and please feel free to contact them should you have an issue wishing to be addressed. Just to place it on everyone's radar screens, the SCC will be sponsoring another Christmas Gala this year. Stay tuned for further information on a possible early December evening event.

Should a student have a praise, issue, or question regarding the educational life of the seminary (classes, schedules, an idea relating to the curriculum), the worship and community life of the seminary (worship weeks, community time on Thursday's, or an idea for a chapel/worship event), or the diversity at the seminary; please see the SCC student representative who serves on the Educational Life Committee, Worship and Community Life Committee, or Committee on Diversity. Each of these three seminary committees has a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> year SCC representative who is the liaison for the student body. For more information, please contact one of the SCC Officers, listed on the SCC Bulletin Board in lower level Lark.

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual GLBT Week November 14-17, "Many Streams, One River" - ALL FREE**

**Monday, November 14**

***Agape Meal/Service, 5:30 p.m., Mayer Commons***

A light meal of soup, bread and beverages will be served. Based on the following, "In the early church, the Lord's Supper was celebrated at the end of the agape (love) or fellowship meal. This was an extension of the Passover supper tradition, and was a means for the believers to show each other the love and unity they shared together in Christ. All gathered, each bringing what they were able."

**Tuesday, November 15**

***Worship Service, 11:10 a.m., Santee Chapel***

Preaching: Peter Frye, Third-year Seminary Student, Sermon title, "The Living River."

***Potluck Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Hafer Center***

Questions on what to bring? Call GLBT Committee Member, Karen Lovelace, at 717-892-1272.

***Presentation by Dr. Frank Stalfa, 7:00 p.m., Hafer Center***

Professor Frank Stalfa, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology, will be discussing "Spectrum of Sexuality: How our Models Inform and Mislead."

**Wednesday, November 16**

***Service of Word and Sacrament, 11:00 a.m., Santee Chapel***

Preaching: David Mellott, Associate Director of Continuing Education and Assistant Professor of Theology

***Concert and Art Show, November 16, 7:00 p.m., Santee Chapel***

Performance by Vision of Hope Metropolitan Community Church Choir, Mountville, PA. Immediately following the concert is a GLBT art show in Mayer Commons, with reception and refreshments provided by Disciples United Community Church, Lancaster, PA.

**Thursday November 17**

***Lecture by Virginia Ramey Mollenkott, 11:00 a.m., Santee Chapel***

Virginia Ramey Mollenkott, Noted author and theologian will lecture on "Many Streams, One River: The Fluidity of Gender" Dr. Mollenkott taught college literature and writing for 44 years and is now Professor Emeritus at the William Paterson University in Wayne, New Jersey. With Letha Dawson Scanzoni, she co-authored "Is the Homosexual My Neighbor? A Postive Christisan Response" (1978) and now available in a vastly expanded and updated edition.(1994) Her other books include "The Divine Feminine: Biblical Imagery of God As Female"; "Godling: Human Responsibility and the Bible"; and "Sensuous Spirituality: Out From Fundamentalism." Mollenkott's twelfth book, "Omnigender: A Trans-Religious Approach", has been warmly welcomed by pastoral counselors, theologians, psychologists, and GLBT people of various religious backgrounds as well as by people working for sexual and gender justice.

***Lecture by Ken Stone, 4:00 p.m., Santee Chapel***

Ken Stone, Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible, Chicago Theological Seminary will lecture on "Do Not Be Conformed to the World: Queer Reading and the Task of the Preacher." From the CTS Web Site: Ken is the author of "Sex, Honor and Power in the Deuteronomistic History"; editor of "Queer Commentary and the Hebrew Bible." Professor Stone, a Lambda Literary Award winner, focuses his research on the relationship between biblical interpretation and matters of gender, sexuality and food. A quote: "People of faith engage their religious traditions, including the biblical traditions, to find resources for survival and transformation. In a world of conflict and diverse perspectives, however, I try to convey to students the necessity of taking into account multiple ways of understanding and using those same texts. Thus, I always encourage students to question their own assumptions about the content and interpretation of the Bible. Such a process of questioning need not be destructive, but rather creates a space for the pursuit of a two-fold goal. On the one hand, we must obtain a thorough knowledge of both the surprising diversity of the biblical writings and their historical and socio-cultural contexts. On the other hand, we must reflect critically on the difficult process of interpreting and teaching from those writings in a manner that will help us transform our own world toward greater justice and mercy."

**If you would like to add an item to the next Seminary News, which will be online November 14, please email your article/information to Maryann Bruce no later than November 9.**