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GREGORY LECTURE

The LTS community is encouraged to attend the Gregory Lecture, the opening event of the spring semester, on Thursday, February 4 at 11:10 a.m. in Santee Chapel.



Speaker is Dr. Anthony Ugolnik, a recently ordained orthodox priest, who is a professor of English at Franklin & Marshall College. An outstanding interpreter of the Orthodox religion, Professor

Ugolnik is a frequent visitor to Russia where he coordinates humanitarian assistance to the former Soviet Union. His address is entitled, "Ethnic Cleansing' and Eastern Orthodox Thought."

FACULTY SEARCH

As you may be aware, this fall a faculty-student-trustee committee has been working to enlist and screen candidates for a faculty position in theology to succeed Professor Vieth upon his retirement in fall, 1993.

The committee has gathered dossiers on a great number of persons and has interviewed over a dozen qualified candidates.

We are now able to report to the community that we are unanimous in our recommendation of a candidate of outstanding experience and qualifications, Dr. Lee C. Barrett III, who is professor of theology at Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond. Dr Barrett will be on campus Saturday, February 6 through Monday, February 8, for interviews with faculty and students. He will make a presentation to the campus community at 9:30 a.m. on February 8 in Lark 206. Later, students are invited to meet him during Chapel service on Monday, followed by a special lunch in the Refectory at no charge to members of the community.

COME HEAR HAL HOPSON!

"How to Appreciate Church Music," a participatory workshop by the well-known hymn composer Hal Hopson, will be held at LTS on Friday, February 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Students are encouraged to join the group at \$5 per person, including lunch. Please sign up with Barbara Stephens in the Dean's Office. The workshop, which is targeted to clergypersons, will include a refresher course in hymnology; how to improve hymn singing; and using music creatively in planning worship.

MERCERSBURG PRIZE

Jeffrey L. Roth, Administrative Vice President of the Mercersburg Society, has written President Schmiechen to announce the Mercersburg Prize, which is being offered by the Society during the 1992-93 academic year. The first recipient of the prize was LTS graduate, Kathleen Chesnut, now employed in the Archives, whose paper was published in the autumn issue of *The New Mercersburg Review*.

The deadline for this year's Mercersburg Prize is March 1, 1993. Papers are to be submitted to the Archives of the United Church of Christ. Questions may be referred to Professor Payne.

DISCOVER WEEKEND

Friday, February 26, and Saturday, February 27, are Discover Weekend at Lancaster Seminary. The program begins on Friday with breakfast and ends with lunch on Saturday. Please welcome Discover people you see on campus during that time.





CAMPUS INCIDENT REPORT FORM AVAILABLE

"Things" happen on campus about which perhaps only a few people are aware--like theft, vandalism and other criminal activity. Just because we're a seminary doesn't mean we're exempt from these actions. As such, an Incident Report Form was developed so that such activity can be documented, tracked and acted upon when warranted. When necessary, you will be apprised of criminal activity, as the Business Manager will be the focal point of campus criminal activity documentation. The Seminary needs to track and report criminal activity--this is a requirement by law. Incident Report Forms are available from Victor Wright and Kathy Conklin, as well as in the Business Office. This form needs to be completed whether or not F&M security or Lancaster City Police are involved. Confidentiality will be maintained, if desired. Keep us informed! Thanks in advance for your assistance.

TIAA/CREF INFORMATION AVAILABLE

For those employees whose pension benefits are through TIAA/CREF, the Business Office regularly receives information about earnings, investments, timely topics, etc. This information is available for your review in the Business Office. Become informed about the company in which you are investing your retirement money; come and read!!

CREDIT UNION AVAILABLE TO EMPLOYEES

Information is available in the Business Office concerning credit union availability to Seminary employees. Stop in for a brochure, if interested.

REFECTORY PRICES

Effective February 1, 1993, the single-price-lunch in the Refectory will change to accommodate the eating habits of the patrons as well as to more accurately reflect the cost of food; there is a limit as to how "non-profit" we are. Price lists have been posted on bulletin boards and will be in the Refectory. The ability to purchase a la carte items is now available.

Although not published, Brigitte will prepare a carry-out lunch consisting of a sandwich, snack (ie. chips) and beverage for \$3.00; call her or put your order in her mailbox by 10:00 AM for noon pickup on Refectory lunch days.

UCBHM AND UCBWM COUNCIL OF THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS

Marcia Wertz and Ann Few have been elected to serve as the Lancaster Theological Seminary representatives to the Council of Theological Students for the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries (UCBHM) and the United Church board for World Ministries (UCBWM), respectively. As the LTS representatives, they represent your opportunity, as students, to have concerns brought before these boards, and also to find out what these boards are doing. Congratulations to Marcia and Ann!



EARNED INCOME CREDIT

The Earned Income Credit is a tax credit for working families that had income of less than \$22,370 in 1992 and at least one child living at home for more than half the year. It is available both to married and single parents. Even families that earn too little to owe federal income tax can be eligible for the EIC.

Chaplain Kroehler has received four pages of information for anyone interested in learning more about EIC, A FACT SHEET and a SAMPLE, FILLED OUT "SCHEDULE EIC." Please ask him for a duplicate copy of these pages. Or you can get answers to your questions about the EIC by calling 1-800-829-1040. You can also listen to a recorded message on the EIC by calling the IRS "teletax" service. The instructions are on the Fact Sheet.

The basic EIC for families with one child is worth a maximum of \$1,384 in 1992. It varies with your income. Most eligible families earning between \$6000 and \$14000 will qualify for at least \$1000.

The Earned Income Credit is a refundable credit, which you can get even if you owe no income tax. (You may even file for retroactive EIC payments from the last three years if you did not owe federal income taxes). Or it can be used to reduce the amount of tax you owe. If the family's credit is greater than the amount of taxes it owes, the family's tax bill will be reduced to zero, and the IRS will send the family a check for the remainder of its EIC. This is worth checking into.

**MORAVIAN SEMINARY PRESENTS
WRIGHT/LEBACQZ**

The Rev. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr., and Dr. Karen Lebacqz, will be part of the spring lecture series at Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Wright, a distinguished author, preacher and pastor, has lectured extensively on the black church.

He will present two lectures, "Getting New Members for God," on Thursday, February 18, at 7:30 p.m., and "Making the Church a Church," 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 19. Lebacqz, a professor of Christian Ethics at Pacific School of Religion, has published numerous essays and books on medical ethics, sexuality and justice.

Her lectures, on Thursday, April 1 at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. are titled, "Justice and the Human Genome" and "Women and Health Care: What Every Pastor Should Know." All lectures are free and open to the public.

SCROGGS AT LEHIGH

Dr. Robin Scroggs, Robinson Professor of Biblical Theology at Union Theological Seminary, will be visiting the Lehigh University campus on February 4 to address the topic, "The New Testament and Homosexuality." The talk will take place in Room 161 of the Rauch Business Center at 4:10 p.m.

YOU ARE INVITED TO
COMMUNITY HOUR
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1993
11:10 A. M.
HAFFER CENTER
Schaff 200

**MINISTRY
FOR
WHOLENESS**

Human Sexuality and Ministry

Join in an informal hour of exploring/listing some of the issues related to human sexuality which we will confront in ministry.

**UCC-EKU YOUNG ADULT
OPPORTUNITY**

Who should consider this?

* If you are under age 26 and in a Penn Central UCC local church

* If you are a leader in a Penn Central UCC local church

What is the opportunity?

A two-week joint event in the USA with youth aged 18-25 from German churches, August 16-21: work projects and congregational visits in PA, plus five days in DC.

Funding

Joint cost-coverage involving the persons chosen, local church and Conference. Limited scholarship help available.

To apply

Contact Conference office (717-652-1560) before February 15, or copy application form on bulletin board, ground floor, Lark Building.

- Donald Freeman

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

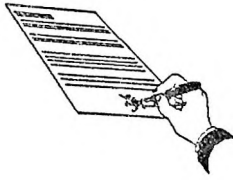
Eva Behrens, activities director at Lancashire Terrace, a retirement community in Neffsville, is looking for seminary students to lead a small Sunday worship service once a month. For further information, call Eva at 569-7033.

**CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS AND
TIME CHANGE FOR SPRING 1993**

Attached is the list of classrooms assigned for courses for Spring 1993. Also, please note the change in time for morning classes. Second period classes will begin at 9:35 and end at 10:55 a.m.

SPEAKING SKILLS

Increase your powers of persuasion! Refine your impromptu speaking skills! Join us during our weekly meetings each Tuesday at noon in the back room of the student center. See you there.



President's Page

The Second Term

We gather again for the second term in our year, with major events happening in the world. The events happening in our lives are no less important. Two groups return from travel in Israel and Latin America. I am sure they will have amazing stories to tell of what they have seen and heard. They will, no doubt, be different, because they have experienced the world in radically different ways and will see themselves in different ways. We trust their travel has been safe and look forward to hearing of their encounters with other peoples and cultures.

A smaller number of lives have been changed by the decision to begin theological education in our second term. We welcome our new students at mid-year. Their names are listed below. We are glad that they are with us and hope they will find Lancaster, as a school and city--to be a good place to engage in study and practice for ministry.

Would you believe it, we have no new full-time faculty or staff. But wait, things are happening. On February 8 the search committee for the position in Theology will have a candidate on campus to meet students, faculty and staff. Professor Webber is chairing that committee and will announce the exact schedule. So please note the date.

Also note February-4, the day for the Gregory Lecture on World Missions. The speaker this year will cross College Avenue to join us in Santee Chapel. He is Professor Tony Ugolnik of Franklin and Marshall, a member of the English Department and a priest in the Orthodox Church. He has travelled extensively in Eastern Europe and is active in the discussions between Roman, Protestant and Orthodox Christians. This lecture is named for our dear friends Katherine and Paul Gregory, now retired in Lancaster after years of work in China, Japan and the national office of the UCC Board for World Missions. We always hold this lecture in the Epiphany season.

So greetings and welcome to everyone else as we gather for the second term. I never tire of

thinking of the way academic communities are re-constructed several times each year by the gathering of everyone for that intense period of study. For about 13 weeks we will be together. To be sure, each has his or her personal goals and agenda, dashing to and fro. But we also constitute the community in worship, common study and discussion and life together in this place. How good to re-constitute the community in the light of the Epiphany of Christ to the world.

Peter Schmiechen

New Students for Spring 1993

Rebajean Armstrong
Angela Marie Fogle
David Harber
Joseph S. Lefever
Zia Mahmood
Roberta Ann Mellen
Leon J. Miller
Julie Ann Neudeck
Donna Waddell Sharp
Jeffrey Kent Spittle

