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HERETIC IN THE HUB

Some thoughts on Christian Unity came to me during the Prayer Vigil. I would share them with you now, as this week of Christian Unity draws to a close.

For those of us who come from free church or liberal traditions, Christian Unity is at once a hopeful and fearful goal. It is hopeful in that we, as brothers and sisters and children of God, can look past our differences and see the unity of mankind underlying all our human enterprises. It is hopeful when Catholic, Presbyterian, United Methodist, UCC, Unitarian, and others can break bread together and celebrate our common parentage, our common hopes, our common concerns. In this, Christian Unity expresses that which is noblest, that which is most mature, that which is Christ-like in human beings.

Yet there is a fearful aspect to visions of Christain Unity. Were the impossible to happen --- were the various Protestant denominations and the Orthodox churches (Roman, Greek, and others from the East) to unite into one great Superchurch, the very faith we so cherish might perish through centralization and standardization. It is precisely the dis-unity of American religious life that lends de facto support to complete religious freedom. Tie all the churches together and one day we will have a Reformation once again. And so Christian Unity is a thing to be cherished when we are speaking of unity among diversity, unity of equals, unity of purpose (i.e., to bring about the Kingdom of God). It is to be feared when it moves toward homogenization, standardization, political reunification of all Christian bodies.

This is not to suggest that those groups whith common interests, heritages, and traditions should refrain from merger for

fear of "creeping Catholicism". But if the Southern Baptists, Greek Orthodox, and Jehovah's Witnesses ever get together, I'll start to worry.

Lord, bring us together...but keep us free.

--Tom Schreck

CHAPEL NEWS

Monday, February 10: Our preacher will be Mr. Clayton Rammler, Association Minister of Southwest Ohio Association.

Ash Wednesday, February 12: The morning chapel will be the Service of Imposition of Ashes, under the leadership of Mr. Ted Jones, rector of St. James Episcopal Church, Lancaster.

The evening Communion service will be at 7:30. Mr. Allen Kroehler will be celebrant.

Beginning Monday, February 10, Monday/Wednesday/Friday chapel services will be held at 9:00 am, and Tuesday/ Thursday services at 9:30 am.

Friday mornings, at 7:00 am, Holy Communion is celebrated in the Chapel.

Choir practice will resume Wednesday, February 19, at 6:30 pm. We will be learning On the Passion of Christ, by David Williams, to be presented during Holy Week.

--Spiritual Life Committee

ECUMENICAL CAMPUS OPPORTUNITY

F&M campus ministry has an opportunity for a person to work part-time afternoons and/or evenings. Job requires ability to type, take dictation from tape and ability to do program office tasks. Enthusiasm for ecumenical campus ministry and a desire to make the office an extension of this ministry is important. Beginning wage is \$2.00 an hour for 15 or 20 hours a week. Contact Joe Peacock, Minister to F&M, at 397-8912 mornings, or 393-3621 extension 406 afternoons. Men or women applicants.

TEACHING CHURCHES FOR LTS

A working committee of pastors, faculty, seminarians, and supervisors has been immersed in the task of setting up a "teaching church" opportunity for Lancaster Seminarians. The seminarians on the committee would like the opportunity to introduce the program to the rest of the student body, and to receive your reactions, opinions and recommendations for the program. Only with your willingness to help can we make this program truly what is needed by LTS. We will present the program on Wednesday, February 19, at 7:30 pm. in the HUB.

J. Deni Bechard

PMF: A NEW REPRESENTATIVE

Wayne Sautter has become our PMF representative on campus. Anyone having questions concerning Presbyterian Minister's Fund or wishing to set up an interview with Mrs. Johnson, should contact him.

Don't Forget the PMF dinner, at Meadow Hills Restaurant at 6:30 pm., February 20. Contact Wayne if you have lost your registration card, or did not receive one, and wish to attend.

LOOKING AHEAD: Planning has begun for the Arts Festival (April 16-17)! Activities will include a variety show, baking contest, puppet show, worship, displays and demonstrations, covered dish supper, and a performance of Peter and the Wolf! Anyone interested in helping in any way contact Alice Zimmerman.

SEMINARY DAYS 1975

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

AND YET ANOTHER ALICE'S DOLL STORY

Tel A Viv
Feb. 3, 1975

Dear SEMINARIAN:

We are presently holding a frail wraith who vehemently insists that her name is Alice's Doll. She was arrested for contributing to the delinquency of a minor last week and is to be deported, but we don't know where to send her. The Arabs won't take her, Brazil has already deported her, and she is wanted for ill-reputedness in St. Louis. This disreputable rapscaillon-ess claims that if we advertise, her mother will claim her. We placed an ad in the KOPTICON but to no avail. Alice's Doll claims that the only newspaper her mother reads is the campus news of a little-known school somewhere in the Central Eastern United States. We hope we've found the right school.

Sincerely,
Golda

copies to:

Lancaster Bible College
Messiah College

LOOKING AHEAD: Seminary Sampler for college students will be March 7-8, on campus.

LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

SEMINARY COMMUNICATOR - 150:18

February 6, 1975

*Open to Seminary Community

**Open to General Public

Numbers in parentheses refer to announcements which follow.

CALENDAR

Friday, February 7

10:00-A.M.

- Collegium Committee L214

10:30 A.M.

- Orientation for new students 105

1:30 P.M.

- Faculty Meeting-Conference Room

Sunday, February 9

**7:30 P.M.

- Spring Academic Convocation

Monday, February 10

8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

- Local Case Method Group L204

**9:00 A.M.

- Chapel- Preacher - The Rev. Clayton T. Rammler, Southwest Ohio Association, Ohio Conference (1)

7:00 - 10:00 P.M.

- Night Ministry L200

**9:00 P.M.

- Bowling

Tuesday, February 11

**9:30 A.M.

- Chapel Service

**8:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

- Open House at the Ringers' Home

Wednesday, February 12

8:00 A.M.

- Executive Committee

**9:00 A.M.

- Chapel Service-Imposition of Ashes by Father Ted Jones

3:30 P.M.

- Meeting of the Seminar Abroad Participants (2)

**7:30 P.M.

- Holy Communion Chapel

Thursday, February 13

**9:30 A.M.

- Chapel Service.
Charles Myers and James Keith
on campus

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SEMINARY COMMUNICATOR - 150:18 CALENDAR (continued)

Friday, February 14

**9:00 A.M.

- Chapel

Saturday, February 15

9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. - Sacred Dance

L200

**1:00 P.M.

- Bowling

DATES AHEAD

February 20 - Boy Scouts

February 20 - 6:30 P.M. - Presbyterian Ministers Fund
Banquet at Meadow Hills

February 19 - 10:00 - 3:00 - Resources & Relations Committee

March 7 - 8 - Seminary Sampler for College Students

March 11 - Anniversary of the Founding of Lancaster
Theological Seminary

April 16 and 17 - The Arts Festival

Saturday, April 19 - The Celebration Road Show

Wednesday, April 23 - Norman and Sandra Dietz will be
here in Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communicator 150:18

From the President's Office

I have two words to say this week: hello and goodbye.

First the hello. I want to welcome all who join-and re-join-the community or are beginning our second semester.

Professor Payne returns from his study leave. It is good to have him back on campus. Seminarians return from a variety of experiences. Some did course work during January. (I had a great time with the course Ian Dixon and I did together!) Some were in a special urban-parish program in Philadelphia. Some studied Greek in Harrisburg. Others of us did all sorts of things. I look forward to sharing these experiences and hope we can all do a lot of sharing.

A wonderful way to begin that sharing is the Academic Convocation on Sunday evening that opens our second semester. I hope all faculty, staff, and seminarians will attend - and bring friends and families.

Dean Bricker will share some highlights of our seminary history as part of our 150th Anniversary Celebration. We will install Doug Whiting as Associate Professor of Christian Education and recognize John Payne as Heilman Professor of Church History. Mike Clark will share in the service. Paul Hafer, Chairman of the Trustees, will be here. It should be a memorable event. And there will be a reception afterwards in the Refectory.

I look forward to a wonderful evening of worship, celebration, and fellowship. I hope all of you will be there at 7:30 P.M. in Santee Chapel on Sunday evening.

Now the goodbye. Father Walsh has gone to England for his study leave. We will miss him. And Ian Dixon has gone back to New Zealand. We miss him. The pain of separation is prelude to the joy of reunion. May God watch over our coming and going.

I will be absent from the campus Monday-Tuesday, February 10-11, at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa delivering lectures to UCC pastors and others. And on Thursday and Friday, February 13-14, I will be at Newport, Rhode Island, leading a seminar for Navy Chaplains.

In my absence Dean Bricker, serving as Chairman of the Executive Cabinet, will act for me.

James Glasse

- (1) The Rev. Clayton Rammner, Southwest Ohio Association Minister, United Church of Christ, will be on campus February 9-11 to talk with any Seniors regarding placement opportunities in the OHIO CONFERENCE. To make an appointment, stop by the CPDM office and give your name to to Mrs. Ober.

Tom Brown

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- (2) The next meeting of the Seminar Abroad for 1975 will be held on Wednesday, February 12, at 3:30 P.M. in the Academic Building classroom next to the chapel. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIME! It had been hoped to meet that evening, however Ash Wednesday Services make this unlikely. Every other evening of the week is filled with scheduled classes. Members have already received an agenda for the session. Please make every effort to attend.

Robert W. Duke

The next meeting of the Collegia Committee will be held on Friday, February 7, at 10:00 A.M. in room 214 on the second floor of the Library.

Robert W. Duke

Calling All (boy) Scouts!

What is the role of scouting in the church? Should the Seminary be more actively related to scouting? Paul Hafer, President of the Board of Trustees, has invited a National Scout Executive to the campus on February 20 to explore questions like these with us. Will anyone interested in these conversations please contact me? Thank you.

Allen Kroehler

Beginning January 3, 1974 with issue #149:14, the weekly information sheet from the President's Office will have three parts: The Calendar (including dates ahead), The Register, and The Announcements.

The information is prepared each Thursday afternoon for distribution with The Seminarian that evening. All items must be in Mrs. Hafer's hands by noon on Thursday. Each item must be dated and signed.

The Calendar contains all events on campus and are noted as *(asterisk) Open to Seminary Community or **(two asterisks) Open to General Public. Items without asterisks are for membership of the group involved. In presenting items for The Calendar, please specify the constituency who are welcome to participate.

The Register contains a record of discussions and decisions in process. Any group which wishes to use The Register on a regular basis should see Mrs. Hafer to secure the forms on which official actions are to be reported and recorded. Each group must identify persons authorized to report official actions in detail in paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of the memorandum on "The Conditional Decision-Making Process."

The Announcements, which may often refer to items in The Calendar and The Register are to be signed and dated, and may be submitted by any member of the community.

Edna Hafer