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ANNUAL CONVOCATION PLANNED

The annual Convocation of the Lancaster Theological Seminary will be held April 24-26, 1973 on the Seminary campus. Three lectures will be given by Dr. James D. Smart who was featured in the February Seminary Bulletin. The general Convocation theme will be "The Bible Speaks in Our Day." Dr. Smart will focus on the Letter to the Galatians. He will show the importance of historical scholarship for understanding Paul, will show "how one gets inside the experience of the author," and will examine the situation of the Galatian churches. He finds parallels between the problems of interpreting the Gospel in the early church and the problems of today. The problem which concerns Dr. Smart is that of the relation between revelation and history. He writes: "We have to deal honestly with the literary and historical problems of Scripture if the original gospel is to be heard with any clarity. Already in the earliest days it was obscured by human blindness and misunderstanding, even by those who seemed closest to Jesus. An indiscriminating use of the biblical text can perpetuate errors which shame the church rather than guiding us into the truth which makes us free."

Closely related to this treatment will be the inaugural lecture of Dr. John B. Payne on Tuesday evening, April 25, on the theme: "Interpretations of Paul in the Reformation."

The program provides two primary ways for participants to explore the theme, and to find help for parish leadership. One is the question period which will take place on Wednesday and Thursday. The other is a workshop design, intended to help participants to "build bridges" from the lectures to the people and programs of local churches. Work groups will be set up in four areas: Church Education, Ethics, Preaching, and Worship. Groups will be kept small, additional groups being formed in each area as needed. No group will be larger than fifteen.

Work in each area will be guided by a team made up of faculty or staff members, pastors and Seminary students. They will develop a design for the area and will provide leadership for the separate work groups. Student involvement will include the identification of problems from the student perspective. The work group teams are as follows:

CHURCH EDUCATION: Percel Alston, Frances Eastman, Audrey Miller -- of the UCC Division of Christian Education; the Revs. Gary Hackenberg, Warren Hoopes, Verle Schumacher; Students Corcelius, Gifford and Strever.

ETHICS: Professors Richard Vieth and Francis Ringer; The Revs. John Blackwell and David Gockley; Students Romig and McHose.

PREACHING: Professors Paul J. Achtemeier and Donald M. C. Englert; the Revs. Nevin Schellenberger and Jack Seville; Students Fatzinger and Lutz.

WORSHIP: Professor George H. Bricker; the Revs. George S. Toth, Jr. and Willard Wetzel; Students Lohman, Marsteller and Strunk.

Students will find a form on page four on which students can submit problems for the work groups, and indicate their own work area preference. Classes are discontinued during the Convocation; please fill out the registration form and return it to Dr. Lee J. Gable, office in Academic Building basement.

"Choose this day whom you will serve" (Josh. 24:15). Ours is one of the most religious of times, and there are many gods abroad in the land. There is the god of pharisaism and the god of pietism. There is the god of rationalism and the "process" gods. There is the god of the "new" awareness and transcendental meditation. There is the god of astrology and the god of the occult. There are all the gods of new mystic cults and of old national religions. There is the god of the new apocalypticism ("The Late Great Planet Earth") and of the peculiarly syncretistic "Jonathan Livingston Seagull". And of course, always hovering in the background are Mars, and the ever lively Baal. We have many gods to choose among these days, and each has his worshipers. Joshua and Stephen demand that we come to some decision about the god we will worship, for in the midst of this bewildering variety of deities, these men of faith declare that we cannot serve both other gods and Yahweh.

Yahweh is not like all these other gods, nor is he somehow identical with them. His nature and will are very clearly defined by the historical events which Joshua and Stephen both recite. He can be known only through those events in which He has chosen to reveal Himself, and He demands that we differentiate Him from all other gods on the basis of those events (Josh. 24:16-18).

We choose freely to serve Him or not. But once having chosen, we enter into covenant relation with Him and promise to serve Him alone. He lays His "yoke", His commandments upon us, and far from being free to go our own way then, we are bound in obedience and trust to Him all the days of our lives. We pledge ourselves to His commandments alone and to the fellowship and discipline of His community. We take upon ourselves the stringent tasks of love, of forgiveness, of righteousness. And we seek Him daily and in every decision for enabling power to do His will, for apart from Him we know we quickly slip into the worship of foreign gods (Josh. 24:19-22).

Knowing Him, loving Him, seeking

to do His holy will, we find the yoke He has laid upon us in covenant to have become "easy", and a source of joy. Truly, blessed are those whose God is Yahweh of Israel! So, "choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord".

--Elizabeth Achtemeier

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SENIOR REMINDER

Seniors: just a reminder that tomorrow (Friday March 23) is the final day to have pictures taken for the LTS Bulletin. Shelley Studios, 9 Central Plaza, will be open from 9am to 9pm to accommodate you. Please notify Mrs. Payne immediately if you cannot possibly make it to the studios. Also--for those who did not return the questionnaire distributed to all seniors on March 15, it will be assumed that your only need is 5 invitations and that you are not interested in having a photographer at Commencement.

--Randy Leisey

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DONATIONS PLEASE

The Spiritual Life Committee has ordered a new altar linen for the Chapel. It will cost about \$40. Any students, faculty, or staff wishing to make a donation toward this linen may give it to Fred Barker or Barry Lohman

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Worth 1 hr. credit:
NIGHT MINISTRY TRAINING PROGRAM

The following is the schedule of the 3rd training program for Night Ministry. LTS students may attend all sessions, and, with proper registration, be given 1 hour's credit. The schedule may be abbreviated for space; direct your questions to the Rev. John Blackwell.

1	April 2	Introduction Training Program & Guide Background & Future of Night Ministry Night Ministry working with I.R.V.S. Pre-training Quiz Legal & Ethical Aspects of Volunteer Service Ecumenical Aspects of Volunteer Service Spiritual Dimensions in Caring	George Borden John Blackwell Mrs. Jane Wedge
2	April 9	Person Problem-Solving via Active Listening	K. L. Shirk, Jr. Richard E. Grant
3	April 14	" " " " " "	Theodore Schneider Daryl Garber and Carolyn O'Dell
4	April 16	Marriage, Divorce and Separation Homosexuality: Myths and Facts Spanish Lesson I	Myron Ebersole Kenneth B. John Adela Valentin
5	April 23	Problems of Youth: 1 & 2 Venereal Disease: Crisis in Reality Role Play Practice	Anne H. James & V. P. Salansky Dr. Jacques Rambaud
6	April 30	Police and Community Coping with Neurosis, Psychosis, Depression Spanish Lesson 2	Richard McCue & Officer Simms Irving N. Hahn
7	May 7	Views on Death and Dying Teleministry: How It Is Role Play Practice	Paul E. Irion Robert E. Larson
8	May 14	Human Relations: Black-White-Spanish Abortion & Family & Children's Service Spanish Lesson 3	Patrick Kenney, Jr. Rollo A. Barnes
9	May 21	Drug Abuse, Alcoholism and Rehabilitation Role Play Practice	Edward Carvalho
10	May 29	Training Program Review Testing for Evaluation and Certification Conference Calling and Effective Use of the Telephone	George Borden Fred Kockel
11	June 4	Community Resources and How To Use Them Active Listening Review Analysis of Evaluation Tests Certification and Closing Prayer	Ann Kohler Jean Wedge Daryl Garber Fred Kockel

All training session will be held in the Hafer Center of the LTS Library.

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SCC NOTES

The SCC met on Wednesday, March 21 at 3pm in the HUB. President Steve Gifford announced that work on the Apartment Handbook was continuing. Gifford also spoke to the pet problem noting that the matter was to be handled between the Administration and the Pet Owners' Association. Gifford also related that the Administration does plan to hold to the June 15 deadline for the elimination of pets on campus. The Nominating Committee reported: President: Fureman and Lutz; V.P.: Canfield & Marcy; Sec/Treas.: Moritz & Romig. Nominations from the floor will be in order at the Student Body Meeting on April 4. Elections will be held on April 11 in the HUB.

EXECUTION IN THE HUB

You've no doubt heard about hung juries and hanging trees, well, the HUB finally got a hung door at the top of the basement steps. THANKS GO TO the "executioner" who did a great job, Jim Roth. The door will be kept locked when the HUB is not attended. Keys are available from Gifford(B102), Strever(N205), Hoff(N104), Geiger(H304), Barker(R217), Bogosh(R111) and Rob Brown(R114).

THE FELLOWSHIP OF
CONCERNED CHURCHMEN

A statement expressing the actual operation and present perspective (March 1, 1973).

We are essentially a Fellowship of Concerned Churchmen--both clergy and lay persons--who are concerned about the direction our denominational leadership and boards have taken in recent years. In particular we are sensitive to a gross imbalance and a serious neglect within "the established systems of our denomination".

As a Fellowship we have affirmed our concerns to strengthen the church by emphasizing the need for Biblical centered preaching, Christian education instruction in the Scriptures as the Word of God, the discipline of prayer and devotional life, response to the command to evangelize in word and deed--all as a living response to the Reality of God's presence and the Promise of His Holy Spirit.

Our organization is an informal fellowship. Key men have emerged, are acknowledged, and are expected to be found in the various geographical areas of the country.

You might ask, What is it that the Fellowship advocates? The primary objective which is urged is that both clergy and lay persons bend our knees before Jesus Christ as Lord and King and confess with our lips that He is the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings. Essentially, the Lord and King directs, commands and empowers us as His instruments to accomplish His purposes for His honor and glory. We are called to yield our wills to His will. This means we are to deny ourselves each day in order to make ourselves available to God's leading where we are and with the responsibilities which we must fulfill for Him.

If strategy needs additional expression, it is that we seek to be a contagious fellowship affirming our faith, expressing our concern and finding encouragement on a person to person basis. No one of us assumes the position of "dictating" to any of the rest of us; instead each of us seeks to obey the dictates of the still small voice within us in the place we are and with the assignments that are ours.

Whatever we do as individuals or groups of individuals, we do as living

response to the reality of God's presence and fulfilled promise--I AM WITH YOU.

Ed. Note: For more information, write:

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Additional informational may also be found in the February 1973 issue of A.D., pages 72 and 73.

SALE IN BOOKSTORE AGAIN

Sale next week in Book Store of:
Black clergy shirts--assorted sizes--
regular price \$8.75--sale price \$5.
Home communion sets--special prices.

HURRAH F&Mers

Special honor should be given to two F&Mers living in Richards Hall who have done extremely well in sports in the last week or so. Branch Biddle, who lives on the second floor, won the 158 lb. intramural wrestling championship at F&M wrestling for the seminary. Phil Chin, another second floor resident, won the national NCAA weightlifting crown in the 113.5 lb. weight class. Our congratulations to our F&M friends.

Due to the fact that only 4 showed up, of which 2 hadn't signed up to play, the volley ball team lost Monday night. Although they were outmanned (in more ways than one), Carol, Karen, and Greg never gave up. Hopefully more players will show up in the future so we can have fun--and win a few games.

Bob Stoudt bowled a 220 Tuesday night.

CONVOCATION REGISTRATION

Name: _____
Work Group Preference (check one):
☐ Preaching
☐ Church Education
☐ Ethics ☐ Worship
Problem or Question for work group: