

# The Lancaster Theological Seminary Seminary News



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## Upcoming Meetings, Events and Lectures

### GLBT WEEK - November 17-21

Encompassed by the theme "Growing from Youth to Maturity: the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Journey into Acceptance and Love," the week will include chapel services, discussion panels, concerts with dance, art and music as well as guest speakers. A panel presentation examining the experience of GLBT adoptions, featuring legal and social work professionals and family members sharing their experiences, will be held Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. in Hafer Center. A Celebration Concert will include performances of liturgical dance, poetry, drumming and vocal presentations. Additionally, an Art Show will feature various artwork by GLBT and Ally artists. The Concert and Art Show is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Santee Chapel. The Gerhart Lecture's guest speaker is Stephen T. Russell, Ph.D., Director of the 4-H Center for Youth Development at the University of California at Davis. Dr. Russell will be speaking Thursday, November 20 at 11:00 a.m. in the Santee Chapel on "Growing Up Gay in the Church: The Role of Faith in the Lives of GLBT Youth." A panel discussion and lunch will follow the lecture (small fee for lunch). He will also lead a workshop, Saturday, November 22 (see below). Events for the week are open to the public at no charge except for Thursday's lunch. To view the entire schedule, visit [www.lancasterseminary.edu](http://www.lancasterseminary.edu), go to Events, then Special Events.

### ALL STUDENTS - Registration for Spring 2004 semester has begun, November 17-21

Registration online has begun. You must meet with your advisor before you will be allowed to register online. A listing of courses to be offered is located on the bulletin board in Lower Level Lark building, is on reserve in the Library, and may be found on the LTS website ([www.lancasterseminary.edu](http://www.lancasterseminary.edu) > Academic Programs > Course Catalogs > Masters and DMin Course Offerings - January/Spring 2004). The course offerings and times are subject to change.

If you have a financial hold on your records and are unable to register, please see Jody Dunaway in the Business Office. If you have an academic hold on your record AFTER you have seen your advisor, please see Judi Hummer in the Registrar's Office.

You may register by paper format, HOWEVER, you will be considered registering late and will be assessed the late registration fee.

Should you have any questions, please contact Judi Hummer in the Registrar's Office at 717-290-8718.

### Cokesbury Christmas Open House - November 19-20

It's time again for our annual Christmas Open House. Most items will be 25% off, refreshments will be served and each customer will receive a free gift.

Cokesbury News - We now have postcards of the seminary. There are six different views and the cost is .99 each.

We will have shortened hours the week of Nov 24-30. Mon - 12 to 5, Tue and Wed - 9:30 to 3:00, closed Thurs through Sun. For more information on the Cokesbury Bookstore, please contact Janice Herman at 717-393-1077.

### Free lunch! Free Resource Packet! Youth Worker Training - November 22

Register now! All LTS students who register to attend Youth Worker Training Day, November 22, 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., will receive a free resource packet and lunch. Sociologist Stephen T. Russell, Ph.D., will speak on "Adolescent Sexuality, Sexual Orientation, and Faith." For a registration form and a description of the day, visit the youth events page on the LTS website, [www.lancasterseminary.edu](http://www.lancasterseminary.edu).

## Thanks from the Admissions Office

Many thanks to the LTS community for your support of the October DISCOVER weekend. We had 12 prospective students and their families visit our campus. Your expressions of hospitality, participation in programs, your helpful and welcoming interaction with our guests all created a climate of warmth and security for our DISCOVERers. Sincere thanks to each one of you who in any way helped to generate and sustain our fall recruitment weekend!

Gratefully,

Susan A. Minasian, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid and Ed Dickel, Student Assistant for Recruitment

### **DON'T FORGET.....Help Decorate Santee Chapel for the Holidays**

Don't forget to purchase your red poinsettia plants (that have five to eight bloom in a six inch pot) for only \$7.00 each. The poinsettias will be delivered in early December and you may take your plant home at the end of the term, December 19<sup>th</sup>. As we did last year, you may purchase your poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone. This list will be included in the worship bulletin during the time the poinsettias are in Santee Chapel. Orders must be placed with Peggy Stauffer by Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. You may place your check and the necessary information in her mail box if that is most convenient for you. Be sure to include your name, in memory or in honor of designation, and the quantity of poinsettias you wish to order. Your check should be made payable to Lancaster Theological Seminary. For more information, please contact Peggy Stauffer in the President's Office at 717-290-8701.

### **The Library is Thinking Christmas**

The Library invites all students, faculty, staff, and their significant others to help decorate the library for Christmas. Two ways to help: 1. A Creation to Share - For those so inclined, create a work of art or handcrafted item relevant to your ideas about Christmas. Include a brief description explaining your work and why you were inspired to create it. 2. Sharing Something Special - If not inclined to create something, you may bring a special memento that signifies Christmas for you. Or you may provide a photo of this item. Attach your comments about its meaning. Exhibitors may sign up in the library. Only persons who have registered will be able to place an item for display. Displays will be mounted on December 1 and will remain on display until December 19 when you may retrieve your item. The library cannot be responsible for unclaimed items left over the holidays. Normal library security will be in place for this event. Items of great value or fragility will only be displayed at the owner's risk. In December the Library will be having an open house, so everyone can see your art and the art of your seminary community and enjoy special holiday treats. To sign up for the display or for further information about display requirements, please contact Dawn Proctor in the Library at 717-290-8742.

### **Chapel Notes**

I am glad to be the new assistant to the Dean of the Chapel. I hope that, over time, we are able to make the chapel and sacristy more user-friendly to worship groups. Top priority is to sort through and organize the sacristy, so please bear with us as we work on that and let us know of any suggestions you may have!

Just a few tips for now:

- Times for worship is as follows: Monday, 11:10; Tuesday, 11:10; Wednesday, 11:00; Friday, 11:10.
- Matches and candle lighter can now be found in the chancel to the left of the altar.
- Did you know we have a locked closet in the sacristy that holds the elements, as well as a sink for preparation? I will unlock it on Tuesdays at 10:55 and on Wednesdays at 10:40. Need water for your preacher? There are cups in the cabinet below the sink.
- If you need help with lighting, sound, or other technical issues, I will be available at the chapel at these times: Monday, 10:55; Tuesday, 10:55; Wednesday, 10:40; Friday, 10:55.

Peace, Lyn Reith

### **Lancaster Literary Guild Needs You**

The Lancaster Literary Guild needs an excellent typist to transcribe handwritten manuscripts located in the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society archives on the second floor of the Seminary library. Hours and pay are negotiable, but the typing must be done in the archives during the hours the archives are open Monday, Tuesday and/or Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The typist/s selected may choose to work as little as one-half day, a full day or more than one day. The papers to be copied include sermons, letters and diaries of Benjamin Bausman, a prominent German Reformed clergyman who lived from 1824 to 1909. For more information or to apply, call Betsy Hurley at 717-431-4433.

### **Job Opportunities**

The following job opportunities are just a sampling of postings listed in the Job Opportunities Books located in Lower Level Lark. For more information about listings, please contact Mary Lin Seiver at 717-290-8723.\*\*\*\*\*Part-time position at Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home at 131 E. Orange St., Lancaster. Contact Mark DeBord, Supervisor at 717-394-4097. Starting at \$11 per hr., may lead to additional available hours during the week.\*\*\*\*\*The UCC Church of East Goshen in West Chester, PA is searching for a organist/choir director to lead weekly music in worship and direct a small, motivated choir. Also direct a youth choir from time to time. Position is part-time but a full year is desired. Will consider splitting into two positions. Requires 8 - 10 hrs. per wk; choir rehearses on Wed. Evenings at 7 p.m. Call Carl Wasylsyzyn (LTS '03) Committee Chair at music@ucceastgoshe.org or phone evenings 610-380-9721. Or see www.ucceastgoshe.org for more details.\*\*\*\*\*Bridgeport Community Nursery School is looking for teachers and classroom aides. Hours are 9-11:30 a.m., Monday-Thursday. The school is located less than four miles from LTS. If interested, call the school at 717-397-9090.