
Seminary News

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Kidder/Connor Lecture Set

Noted Author and speaker, Dr. Rushworth M. Kidder, president of the Institute for Global Ethics, and the Rev. Dr. James L. Connor, S.J., director of Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University, will address the topic "Can We Be Ethical in Today's World?" during a lecture at Lancaster Theological Seminary on April 10. Due to an expected large crowd, tickets are required for the event, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in Santee Chapel.

Dr. Kidder is a former senior columnist for the Christian Science Monitor and is the author of several books. His most recent book, *How Good People Make Tough Choices: Resolving the Dilemmas of Ethical Living*, follows a 1994 best-seller, *Shared Values for a Troubled World: Conversations with Men and Women of Conscience*. A Jesuit priest, Dr. Connor is active in research and conferences

dealing with business ethics. He has served as professor and chair of the Department of Theology, Loyola College, Baltimore. A contributor to professional journals, he is co-editor of *Creating and Maintaining an Ethical Corporate Climate*.

For lecture tickets, which are free of charge, see Anne McGrann in the Development Office.

Older Adults Program

Two lectures and a workshop to be presented Thursday, April 18, will continue a Seminary program on ministry with older adults. Msgr. Charles Fahey, professor of Aging Studies and administrator of the Third Age Center at Fordham University, will lead the three events. The presentations extend a series of programs at the Seminary on older adults, funded by a grant from Manor HealthCare.

A morning public lecture titled, "New Paradigm for Gerontology and Geriatrics,"

will be held at 11:00 a.m. in Santee Chapel, while an afternoon workshop, "Managing Our Miracles - Issues in Aging," will be presented from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Hafer Center. The cost of the workshop will be waived for students who sign up for the event with Mary Lin Siever in the President's Office. At 7:30 p.m. in Santee Chapel Msgr. Fahey will present a second lecture titled, "Public Policy at the Crossroads: How Should America Respond to Its Frail?"

The day of events is the latest in a series of Seminary programs provided by a gift from Manor HealthCare. In recent years grants have funded courses of study, workshops, public lectures and conferences on ministry with older adults, as well as library resources on geriatric ministry. In 1995 Lancaster added placement opportunities in field education for students to receive a stipend for work in a nursing home or retirement village.

'Voices, Visions' Seminar

The third biennial seminar sponsored by the Commission on the Status and Role of Women at First United Methodist Church will be held on April 20. "Voices and Visions in the Christian Community: Women and Men in Conversation" will be jointly sponsored this year by Lancaster Seminary, which will provide Seminary professors as seminar leadership for the day. Professors Jordan, Proffitt, Barrett, Huwiler and Melchert will serve as workshop leaders.

For more information, call Wanda Whare at 399-5220 (day) or 367-7624 (evening).

Attention Graduates!

Advance planning for May's graduation brings the following items for your attention:

- ▶ For residents who will graduate: please complete the form left in your campus mailbox (by April 12th) indicating when you plan on vacating your campus housing; the Business Office will review your request and return an acknowledgment. We ask that you vacate by June 15, 1996, so that we can have adequate time to prepare

housing for the next class of incoming students. You will be billed in advance for your housing and any extension. Don't forget to schedule a final walk-through with the Business Office when you leave; this will expedite and determine any refundable security deposit.

- ▶ All graduating students will be charged a \$95 graduation fee whether or not you will attend graduation ceremonies.
- ▶ All accounts must be paid in full before May 3rd if you plan to graduate.
- ▶ Please return your vehicle parking permits to the Business Office no later than May 3rd or when you vacate Seminary housing.

Notice to Returning Students!

- ▶ All accounts must be made current before August 2, 1996. Please make whatever arrangements are necessary to do so by this date if you wish to attend classes or return to Seminary housing next academic year.
- ▶ The summer rent waiver will again be offered to

those students who will be engaged in vocational work beyond commuting distance during the summer. This year, a form will be used rather than a letter requesting such; this form is available in the Business Office. **Note that you will be billed for your housing if you do not request a rent waiver in advance.**

'Illumination' Workshops

Illumination: Center for Spirituality and the Arts, located at The Parish House, First Reformed UCC, Lancaster, has scheduled spring/summer workshops for laypersons and clergy. The Center's director is the Rev. Susan Minasian '88, president of the Seminary's Alumni/ae Council.

Upcoming workshops are listed below:

- * May 18 - Movement Meditation: Dance the joy of God's creation with seminarian Deborah Fetterman;
- * June 8 - Traditional Arts of Japan: Origami, haiku, shodo with Mimi Demura, Lancaster graduate from Sendai, Japan;
- * July 13 - The Potter's Hand with Susan Minasian.

Cost of each workshop for students is \$10. Each runs from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

For more information or to register, call 293-7895.

Mission Minded Students Take Note

On April 24 and 25 Rev. Linda Petrucelli of the United Church Board for World Ministries will be on campus. Linda is secretary for the Global Sharing of Resources and devotes much of her time to promotion of the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. UCC students are invited to share an evening meal with her on Wednesday, April 24. All students are encouraged to meet Linda for breakfast on Thursday, April 25, at 7:00 a.m. Please mark your calendars. More information will follow in the next *Seminary News*. If you have questions or suggestions for Linda's visit, call Stephanie Thompson at 390-2039.

Stephanie Thompson Represents Seminary

Stephanie Thompson has been selected as Lancaster's representative to the Council for Theological Students of the United Church Board for World Ministries. The Council has members from each of the UCC and closely-related seminaries. Members of the Council participate in meetings of the UCBWM as

observers and witnesses to the mission of the United Church of Christ. Stephanie serves as convener of the Council and in 1995 was the Council's representative to the Board of Directors. She traveled with other Council members and Terry Provance, of the World Board staff, through Israel during Holy Week.



T'ai Chi Ch'i Kung for Lunch

A report from Chaplain Kroehler and Professor Webber:

We've met with Sharon Kent, certified T'ai Chi Ch'i Kung instructor, about offering instruction here. She would enjoy doing it but because of scheduling conflicts on both sides, we have decided to wait until fall. She will give a workshop as a way of introducing T'ai Chi Ch'i Kung and then weekly sessions for interested persons. Watch

for announcements in September.

In the meantime, Sharon is beginning instruction at Concentrix, 324 North Queen Street, Lancaster, on Tuesdays, 12-1 in the upstairs gallery. You may call her at 295-2423 or Concentrix at 299-2549 for more information and to register. The fee is \$6 per hour, payable monthly.

In her flyer, Sharon describes T'ai Chi Ch'i Kung as a "combination of T'ai Chi Ch'uan (a martial art) and Ch'i Kung, which is an ancient Chinese discipline that uses the mind, breathing and movement to release stress, balance and enhance internal energy and has the advantages of both arts. It is easy to learn, easy to practice and improves health and prevents illness."

See Chaplain Kroehler or Professor Webber for more information.

► ***April 15 - Deadline
for Financial Aid
Applications***

► ***April 26 - Senior
Grades Due***

Dorothy Shelly's Poem Published

Dorothy Shelly's poem has been published in the *Journal of Pastoral Care* (Spring 1996, page 119). Her writing, published below, is a reflection of a CPE experience.

A Gentle Death

By Dorothy E. Shelly

No frightening hi-tech medical gadgetry.

No beeping life-support machinery.

No waiting professionals eager to "jump-start" the failing heart.

No mental battle over "pulling plugs."

No isolation.

Rather...

An aura of bonding between family members keeping bedside vigil.

Sharing memories--remembering when...

Sharing feelings--"letting go" with grace.

The presence of a chaplain whispering words of assurance and comfort.

a final breath

a sudden pain of reality

a stillness

a quietness

a peacefulness

tears

It was gentle...

a gentle death.

Poetry Contest

The National Library of Poetry has announced that \$24,000 in prizes will be awarded this year to over 250 poets in the North American Open Poetry Contest. The deadline for the contest is April 15. The contest is open to everyone, and entry is free. Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner. Every poem entered also has a chance to be published in a hardbound anthology.

To enter, send one original poem, any subject and any style to The National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Dr., P.O. Box 704-1987, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked by April 15. A new contest opens April 16.

Graduating Seniors Please Note!

Your biographical data sheet, used for writing a press release about your graduation, as well as for a piece on you to be read as you receive your diploma, is due! Please put it in Barbara Stephens' mailbox. If you've lost your form, please pick up a new one in the Dean's Office. If you have information to add, please put a note about it in Barbara's mailbox.



A Note From Leigh Greenhaw

The Seminary community "buoyed up" David, Robert and Andrew during my recent heart surgery with prayer, cards, gifts, offers of assistance and expressions of concern. It similarly cushioned my convalescence, reminding us again that being members of this community is an experience of grace. Sincere thanks to you all.

Leigh Hunt Greenhaw