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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

The SEMINARIAN extends its congratulations to all of this year's graduates. We also send our best wishes and prayers that you will continue to walk in the ways of our Lord and carry the Good News out into all the world.

Those receiving their Master of Divinity degree are:

Earl David Ball; Robert E. Brown; Thomas M. Burns III, Edward H.S. Chambers; Dennis R. Emrick; Gordon R. Epps; James F. Fox; John F. Fueller; Dennis R. Gable; George W. Geiger; Stephen A. Gifford; George P. Heberling; John A. Hoff; Albert L. Johnson; James G. Keough, Jr.; Randall Abbott Leisey; Larry H. Louder; Glenn E. Ludwig; Charles Jones McHose; Paul N. Marsteller; William C. Mayes; Richard Todd Peebles; Michael A. Price; James P. Poth; Robert S. Stoudt; Wayne Arthur Strever; Bruce S. Walthour.

Those receiving their Certificate: Stephen R. Robertson; Melvin H. Stinson.

Receiving the Master of Sacred Theology degree are:

Clark Arthur Hock; David H. Knoepel; Jack J. Seville, Jr.; Stanley J. Wagner, Jr..

Under the ACTS program, the following are exchanging their Bachelor of Divinity degree for a Master of Divinity degree:

Donald E. Arey; Larry E. Buss; George O. Butz; William J. Campbell; Brian L. Cloud; Merlin L. Conrad; Ingle O. Cook; Ralph G. Cook; Raymond C. Craven; Glenn E. Crone; Carl T. Daye; J. Wayne Fouts; Wayne A. Gardner; Merlin N. Getz; Van D. Grimes; Arthur L. Grove; Gary A. Hackenberg; Barry G. Harbach; Susan Wolfe Hassinger; Kenneth S. Heasley; Lester D. Helmeczi; Joseph B. Hennessey, Jr.; James A. Killian; David H. Knoebel; Joseph F. Krabill; Leslie L. Kreider; Carl C. Kreps; John M. Light; C. Walter Long; Carroll C. Luckenbaugh; Doyle A. Luckenbaugh; Thomas C. McGill; Forrest P. Miller; James F. Mort; H. Clayton Moyer; J. Robert Musser; G. Harold Myers; Philip K. Nace; Ghulam M. Nasrani; Edwin M. Neff; John C. Oliphant; Carl L. Osenbach; David G. Peeler; Don R. Quayle; Henrietta Kohr Fanc; Harry F. Ray; Janet Ray; Robert H. Rezash; Albert C. Robinson; James T. Rubright; Alfred G. Sandrock; Sterling A. Schnell; John W. Settlemyre; Banks D. Shepherd; William A. Sherman; Howard H. Smith; Maurice R. Smith; Gordon H. Sperry; Lawrence N. Strunk; Donald J. Stump; Edourd H. Taylor; George S. Toth, Jr.; Victor G. Vogel, Jr.; Guy A. Wenck; Paul L. Westcoat, Jr.; Doyce F. Wise; William J. Ziegenfus; Reynold K. Ziegler.

BIBLE STUDY
John 21:15-17

"Feed my lambs, Tend my sheep, Feed my sheep." As a boy, I looked after my father's sheep in the high mountains of Lesotho. I was able to learn a few things concerning shepherding. For instance, I learned that the shepherd must understand his work as a shepherd and that he must know his sheep. The sheep in the mountains were always in danger, especially in the dark night when jackals and thieves could attack them. The shepherd must keep awake most of the time. The only hope my father had was that I would save the flock. The sheep needed some green pasture and fresh water. They had no sense of direction, and so it was I who had to find good green pasture and still water for them. In times of sickness no body could help any of the sick sheep except me. The sheep needed me to lead them and not to drive them. They knew my voice very well and they followed me to wherever I led them.

In this short story, ministers can learn to understand what Jesus meant when He said to Peter: "Feed my lambs, Tend my sheep, Feed my sheep." The church of Christ is His sheep, you and I are His shepherds. You can lead the church from where you find it when you join ministry to where it ought to be. You can lead the church only when you know and understand who you are. You are not to be served by the church but you are to serve the church. They will hear your voice provided that you do not view them as objects and numbers. Your language must be understood by everybody and must be the language that helps rather than forbid. As you lead the church, it is very important that you have a high degree of self-awareness. Help people to become responsible Christians by giving them responsibility. The church members understand your role as that of one who has been called by Jesus to tend and feed them. Listening to them as they talk will help the minister to understand what their needs, feelings, and interests are. Everyone loves a good listener. Be the servant of your people by carrying out their unspoken wishes and conserving their best interests. You are the physician of their souls. Take them for your own and never judge them for faults and sins. Your hostilities may wreck your personal relationships. Be a mature person and this will mark your ability to love persons, even though they are often not very lovable. Remember, the more unlovely people are, the more they are in need of love. Your relationship with people as your sheep is the most important thing, and always try to focus upon it. There are, as your Lord and Master says, sheep which do not belong to flock. He says He is the good shepherd; the good shepherd gives his life for the sheep. His sheep hear his voice and he knows them, and they follow him. Empathy is an intuition by which you can put yourself in the place of your parishioner and feel what it means to be in his situation. Be fair so that every last person shall have his full share of particular attention.

Jesus, who says "Feed my lambs, Tend my sheep, Feed my sheep," always sought the lost sheep. He ate with the sinners. His enemies nicknamed Him "friend of publicans and sinners" -- friend of the lost sheep. Your work is to feed the sheep, they cannot feed themselves or water themselves. They must be conducted to the water and the pasture. The work of feeding is never to be neglected. Jesus Himself claims to be a good shepherd, and one of the grounds of His claim is that He feeds. The shepherd has various works to do, but his supreme work is loving. Love shields with jealous care, and has far seeing eyes. Love detects the pitfalls and finds safe paths into the land of peace. The hands of love are gentle. Love binds up wounds. It cannot sleep so long as the one it loves is on the mountain in the storm. Love suffers.

Look at the good shepherd, Jesus of Nazareth, that great shepherd of the sheep who stands before us as a perfect pattern of shepherdhood. "I am a good pastor, I watch, I guard, I guide, I heal, I rescue, I feed. I love from the beginning, and love to the end. FOLLOW ME."

---Esau K. Mandoro

REMINISCENCES OF 30 YEARS AT LTS

When I came to Lancaster in September of 1943, I joined a faculty of 6, 4 of whom had administrative duties. The Professors of Systematic Theology, Christian Education, New Testament, and Practical Theology, were the President, Dean, Registrar, and Secretary, respectively. That left the Professor of Church History and myself without "extra" duties. That changed in 1946, when he became the Dean and I the Secretary, a position I held until 1951, when I became the Registrar until 1958. From the beginning, I was interested in sports and became "Athletic Director."

The Admissions Committee consisted of the President and his secretary, Miss Dorothy Korn. At the first faculty meeting in September, the faculty would be handed the names of the new students. In the Junior Class of 20 that Fall, was Robert V. Moss, Jr., now President of the UCC. He was my student for 6 semesters of Hebrew, 1 of Greek and 1 of Aramaic, besides the required OT courses. I count 4 Conference Presidents among my former students.

The Seminary week opened Mondays at 1:15 with a 45-minute Chapel service at which a Professor preached. There were no evening classes and none after Friday noon. All courses were 2-hr. courses, meeting twice a week for an hour. Each student took 6 or 7 courses and every Professor taught 5 or 6 courses each semester.

In my second year here, the Seminary went on the accelerated program--year-round classes. We had only 3 holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. All other holidays, we had classes. In 1945, we had two graduations, Feb. 15th and Oct. 15th. The story was told a student who took a walk on the F&M campus one afternoon and missed his Middler Year.

Commencement in those days was a four-day affair. Baccalaureate was Sunday night with the Professors preaching in alphabetical order (I preached in 1948 and 1958). Monday was Alumni Day. Tuesday AM, the Seniors had their examination before the Board of Visitors, made up of 13 clergymen and 13 laymen. One year

the President handed out the questions to the Seniors on Sunday night after the baccalaureate sermon and they all went to the Richards Hall lounge to cram for the exam and "pick each other's brains."

Tuesday night was the Anniversary Sermon, preached by an outstanding preacher. I remember hearing George Buttrick and Raymond Lindquist, among others. The program at Commencement Wednesday AM (held in the Chapel) consisted of five 8-minute essays read by the 5 Seniors (one from each department), selected by the faculty. I remember my choice in May, 1944, read an essay on "Fire in My Bones" from Jeremiah 20:9.

Soon after my arrival I went across the street to ask Dr. Distler, then President of F&M, whether the Seminary teams could play in the college inter-mural leagues. He granted the request under circumstances too humorous to relate here.

The students in those day came mainly from three colleges: F&M, Ursinus, and Catawba. World War II and the GI benefits changed all that. In those days, a student had to have the faculty's permission to get married. As I recall, in a student body of 75-80, only 5 or 6 were married.

As always, one seems to remember those early classes more clearly than my students in the 1950's and 1960's. So, if in future years I meet you and cannot come up with your name right away, please forgive me. I estimate that there are between 600 and 700 of my former students now serving the Church.

These 30 years have seen many changes at LTS. I thought the present community would like to know how things were "way back then."

--Donald Englert

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FINAL EDITION!

The entire SEMINARIAN staff wishes to express its thanks to all who have helped in making this a highly successful year. We also extend our best wishes and prayers for a wonderful summer for the entire community. May the Lord be with each and every one of us until we meet again.

SHALOM!!

1973 GRADUATE PLACEMENT

Earl David Ball Flicksville UCC, Flicksville, Pa.
Thomas Burns Salem-Trinity UCC, Waynesboro, Pa.
Dennis E. Emrick Treverton UM, Treverton, Pa.
James F. Fox Baughman Memorial UM Church
George Geiger St. James UCC, Saline, Michigan
John Hoff. Jacob's Church, Weissport, Pa.
Albert L. Johnson. Edinburg Charge, Virginia
James G. Keough, J. St. Luke's UCC, Reading, Pa.
Randell Abbott Leisey. Rainy River Regional Parish, Baudette,
Minnesota
Larry H. Louder Good Shepherd Lutheran, Lancaster, Pa.
Glenn E. Ludwig Washingtonville-Oak Grove Lutheran
Parish, Washingtonville, Pa.
Charles Jones McHose Endwell UM, Endwell, N.Y.
Paul N. Marsteller Maytown Reformed, Maytown, Pa.
Richard Todd Peebles Dille Cooperative Parish, Leraysville, P
Michael A. Price. Jordan Charge UCC, Herdon, Pa.
James R. Roth Peace in Zion UCC, Zieglersville, Pa.
Robert S. Stoudt. Penbrooke UCC, Harrisburg, Pa.
Wayne Arthur Strever. Dr. Jones Memorial UCC, Scranton, Pa.
Bruce S. Walthour. Orangeville Charge UCC, Orangeville,
Pa.
Stephen F. Robertson Friends Cove Charge UCC
Melvin H. Stinson. Quarryville UCC, Quarryville, Pa.

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