

Seminary News

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Gregory Lecture Announced

"Mission in the 21st Century: A View from a Different Place" is the subject of the annual Gregory Lecture to be presented on Tuesday, February 6. The opening event of the spring semester, the lecture will be given in Santee Chapel at 11:10 a.m. by the Rev. Dr. David Y. Hirano, executive vice president, United Church Board for World Ministries (UCBWM), United Church of Christ.

A native of Japan, Dr. Hirano was raised in Hawaii. He was conference minister in the Connecticut Conference, UCC, before assuming his present position in 1994. Dr. Hirano served as a corporate member of UCBWM since 1989. He was a member of the Joint Long Range Planning Committee which has been instrumental in developing the common ministry of UCBWM and the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) in the U.S. and Canada, Division of Overseas Ministries.

Established in 1987, the Gregory Lecture in world missions is named in honor of the Rev. Dr. Paul R. and Catherine H. Gregory, longtime workers in UCBWM. The lectureship is sponsored by the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Montclair,

New Jersey, where the Gregorys were members before retiring to Lancaster.

African American Heritage Celebration Schedule

Lancaster Seminary has planned this year's African American Heritage Celebration featuring worship services, lectures and other programs. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, February 5

11:10 a.m. Morning Prayers

Wednesday, February 7

11:10 a.m. Service of Word and Sacrament - The Rev. Belva Brown Jordan, preaching, The Rev. Dr. Lee H. Butler, Jr., celebrant

Thursday, February 8

11:10 a.m. Community Hour lecture: "African American Pastoral Psychology in the 21st Century," Dr. Butler

Friday, February 9

11:10 a.m. Morning Prayers

Monday, February 12

11:10 a.m. Morning Prayers, Olivia Campbell

Tuesday, February 13

11:10 a.m. Celebration in Song: McCaskey Gospel Choir, special guests

Wednesday, February 14

11:10 a.m. Service of Word and Sacrament: Alumni/ae Day The Rev. Irvin Kittrell, preaching. An LTS alumnus, Rev. Kittrell is a minister-at-large, American Baptist Church/USA

Leon Williams, special music 7:30 p.m. Evening community worship service, Faith Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, Lancaster, Dr. Butler, preaching

Thursday, February 15

11:10 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Gerald Lamont Thomas, professor of Preaching, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary; pastor, Metropolitan Baptist Church, Philadelphia 7:00 p.m. Evening lecture: The Rev. Dr. Thomas

Friday, February 16

11:10 a.m. Morning prayers

For more information, contact Karna Burkeen at 290-8705, or interseminary extension 105.

**THE LAST DAY TO
ADD A COURSE
FOR SPRING TERM
IS FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 9**

Dencler Joins Seminary Staff

The Rev. Dr. Claude I. Dencler has been named vice president for Development and Seminary Relations, effective January 1. A recipient of the Master of Divinity degree from Lancaster in 1978, Claude also earned the Doctor of Ministry degree from the Seminary in 1993. Prior to seminary, he received a B.S. degree in accounting from the University of Baltimore and was a senior accountant in a national firm.

After graduation from Lancaster, Claude was pastor of Christ United Church of Christ in Danielsville, PA. From 1982 until he joined the Seminary staff, he was pastor of Hope United Church of Christ in Allentown. He has served as a stewardship associate in the Penn Northeast Conference of the UCC since 1984, assisting both clergy and laity to analyze and develop financial support for churches.

Claude has also worked with the Stewardship Council of the UCC and was treasurer of Penn Northeast Conference, overseeing the Conference's operating budget and current assets. In 1993 he received the Lancaster Seminary Alumni/ae Association's Allan S. Meck Award for Excellence in Parish Ministry.

Schaff Book Sale

The annual book sale of the Philip Schaff Library will be held Tuesday, March 26, through Wednesday, April 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

Hundreds of volumes will be displayed for sale in the

Lower Level of the Library on such subjects as theology, history and philosophy, as well as some works of fiction. All of the books will be categorized and placed on tables by subject. Hardbacks are priced at \$1.00, while paperbacks are 50 cents each. There will be a section of specially priced books and sets.

During the week of Monday, April 1, to Wednesday, April 3, all remaining books may be purchased at \$1.00 for a grocery bag full, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Library News

NEW SPRING TERM LIBRARY HOURS

February 5 - March 30, 1996
Mon. - Thurs.

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Fridays

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturdays

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SPRING BREAK HOURS

Library hours during HOLY WEEK are as follows:

Monday, April 1

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 2

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Library will be closed from Wednesday, April 3, at 4:00 p.m., until 8:30 a.m. on Monday, April 8.

Religion index on CD-ROM

The ATLA Religion Database is now available on CD-ROM. This includes Religion Index One: Periodicals 1949 -, Religion Index Two: Multi-Author Works 1960 -, Index to Book Reviews in Religion 1975 -, Research in

Ministry: An Index to DMIN Project Reports and Theses 1981 -, and Methodist Reviews Index (1818-1985). This means that you may search for periodical articles by scripture reference, title, author, subject, or keyword and get a printout of your results. If you would like to learn how to use this index, please sign up for a tutorial session or see Ann Kemper in the Library. Ann's hours are Monday to Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cokesbury Bookstore Extended Hours

During the first week of spring semester classes, Cokesbury will be open until 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, February 5 through February 8, to assist commuting students in purchasing their textbooks.

Please remember that textbooks are reserved for students who are registered for the course. All others may purchase textbooks only after the second week of classes.

Cokesbury Parking

Parking has been difficult for everyone during the January blizzard and its aftermath. Cokesbury would like to ask you not to use parking spaces reserved for patrons unless you are conducting business at the Bookstore. Cokesbury management has been lenient about parking violations but will begin to enforce no-parking regulations in order to have spaces for its customers. After business hours, anyone may park in Cokesbury spaces.

President's Message

The new term brings us together again, and I want to welcome all. We have celebrated Christmas and a New Year, endured blizzards and floods, even found a parking space. Those traveling in the cross culture program have returned safely with much to tell us. We also welcome the new students who join us this term; their names are listed below.

On January 2 Claude Dencler joined us as vice president for Development and Seminary Relations. Claude served Hope UCC Church in Allentown for 14 years and is a graduate of the Seminary. Until his family arrives, he will be living in Nevin during the week. There are several other changes in the Development Office: Karen McKinnis now serves as administrative assistant. Joy Clymer has joined the support staff in Development while we are conducting a capital campaign in Lancaster and York. The campaign, which seeks to raise \$1 million for renovation of buildings and endowment, has reached the level of \$691,000.

These past weeks have also brought sadness to our community. Last week, Dr. Edward Ellison, father of Jay Ellison, died unexpectedly in Hershey. We also received word of the death of the daughter of Richard and Lee Glatfelter. She suffered from heart disease and died in New Jersey. And, in December, our trustee Carol Pyfer suffered the death of her mother. There are probably other causes for grief within the community; I know that you will remember all of these families.

So, let us gather again to

fulfill our calling as a community of faith and learning. Some will be counting the days to graduation. Others will be discovering what theological education is all about. May it be a good time for all of us and may spring come very quickly.

Spring semester students, in alphabetical order, with degree sought and denomination are:

David Beall-Ellersieck,
DMin, United Church of Christ;
Robert Brown, MDiv,
Episcopal;
Yoline Conley, Unc.,
Church of God;
Sandy Cross, Unc.,
Presbyterian;
William Hendricks, MDiv,
United Church of Christ;
Bradley Hopkins, Unc.,
Independent;
Janice Kensinger, Unc.,
Church of the Brethren;
Shelley Mosley, Cert.,
United Church of Christ;
James Sipes, MDiv, United
Methodist;
Lewis Smith, Sr., Unc.,
United Methodist;
John Stoner, Unc., Brethren
in Christ;
Jane Stover, Unc.,
Presbyterian;
Paul Veldman, MDiv,
United Church of Christ;
Blaine Wenger, MDiv,
United Methodist;
Michael Wilburn,
Unc.DMin, United Church of
Christ;
Ralph Williamson, Unc.,
AME Zion.

Peter Schmiechen

Rev. Wood Recognized

One of the Library's most faithful researchers is the Rev. Marcus G. Wood, of Baltimore. Once a week Rev. Wood and a group of clergy from the Baltimore area spend a day studying at Schaff. In November Rev. Wood celebrated 50 years in the ministry. President Bill Clinton recognized his religious leadership with a personal letter. The street in front of his church, Providence Baptist Church, was renamed Marcus Garvey Wood Way, and an adult day care center was named in his honor.

Rev. Hayes Speaks on Dr. King

Rev. Trent Hayes, pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Baltimore and a doctoral candidate at Lancaster, recently gave an interview to *the Sun*, Baltimore's daily newspaper, on the occasion of the celebration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Rev. Hayes pointed out that, "Dr. King taught us how to stand up for what we believe. He never compromised. The church used to be that way. It took a stand and did not back down to the pressures of society. But today, it seems church leaders are more concerned about size than substance, about bigger rather than better. I think we should focus on quality rather than quantity."

DISCOVER Lancaster Theological Seminary!

The Admissions Department is hosting another DISCOVER LTS Weekend February 16-17, 1996. We have several reservations already and expect more to arrive.

Calling all students!! Chapel will be held at the regular time on February 16th. Could you make a special effort to attend that day? Thank you!

Also, the Admissions Department would like to thank everyone in advance for their participation in the planning and administration of this event. We could not do it without you!

A Big Snow Job!

Many thanks to the maintenance crew for their vigilance in keeping walkways clear during the January snowstorms. The Seminary campus was one of the best-kept and safest places around during those difficult times.



Shirley Wallace Thanks Community

The Seminary community surprised Shirley Wallace with birthday cards during the Library Christmas party. Shirley says she feels truly blessed to have so many friends recognize "her day."

Recruiters to Visit Campus

Various recruiters will be on campus during the spring semester to talk with graduating seniors and others who are interested in exploring future possibilities. Watch the message board in Lower Level Lark for further details, and sign up with Donna Kaplan, Faculty Secretary. At this time visiting recruiters have reserved the following dates:

* Bob Stroehman, Ohio UCC, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 7;

* Joanne Stoughton, Minnesota UCC, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, February 26 and 27;

* David S. Moyer, Wisconsin UCC, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday March 12 and 13.

Senior Class Gift

The Senior Class Gift for 1996 is a scholarship fund in memory of two students, Richard Pryor and Joseph Lefever. Their testaments of faith and their personal lives serve as an inspiration to the member of this year's graduating class.

Although the Class Gift is from the members of the Class of 1996, anyone may, and is welcome to, donate to this perpetual scholarship. Gifts have been received from classmates, Seminary staff, family and friends of Dick and Joe.

We have set a goal of \$5,000 to be reached by graduation day, May 11, 1996. Contributions to date exceed \$2,500. Checks, which can be

given to the Development Office, are to be made out to Lancaster Theological Seminary, with the designation "Senior Class Gift."

Introducing Illumination

Illumination, a Center for Spiritual and the Arts, announces upcoming workshops. The Center, directed by the Rev. Susan A. Minasian '88, president of the Alumni/ae Council, is located at The Parish House, First Reformed United Church of Christ, Lancaster.

February 10 Liturgical Dance for Beginners: Participants will experience a beginners' class in movement and learn a variety of ways to use dance in corporate worship and individual spiritual disciplines.

March 9 Integrating the Arts in Worship: Participants will bring their own order of worship and experiment with a variety of art forms and discover appropriate ways to integrate the arts in their specific worship setting.

Each workshop is held from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Cost is \$15 for each workshop. For more information, call 293-7895.

Cleric Shirts Available

Men's and women's clerical shirts in various sizes and colors have been donated to the Seminary by Provident Bookstore. Check the list on the message board near the mailboxes in Lower Level Lark for remaining inventory, and see Donna Kaplan.

Third World Theological Fellowships Offered

Each year the World Ministries in the United States and Canada Program offers three partial fellowships for theological study in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, Pacific and Middle East.

Third World Theological Fellowships enable students of the UCC and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to experience life, church and study in a different cultural context.

Applicants must be currently enrolled in seminary; active members of the UCC or Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); recommended by their local church and seminary; accepted into a seminary in Asia, Africa or Latin America; and willing to interpret their experiences on their return.

The fellowships, of approximately \$4,000, provide transportation, tuition and partial room and board. Applications are available from World Ministries in the United States and Canada, 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115; phone 216-736-3210. Deadline is December 15, 1996.

Summer Position Available with UCBWM/DOM

The Common Global Ministries Board of the United Church Board for World Ministries (UCBWM) and the Division of Overseas Ministries (DOM) is searching for a summer International Youth Coordinator. Two youth coordinators will assist in the day to day coordination of a visit

to the United States of a 16-person international youth delegation this summer. The period of employment will be June 10 to August 18, 1996.

The coordinator will travel with the delegation in the United States and will report to the UCBWM/DOM office in Cleveland. This is a paid position, and all travel expenses will be covered.

Skills needed include experience in working with youth, a valid U.S. driver's license, good communication skills and understanding of the UCC and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and membership in a local church of either denomination.

To apply, send a resume and a letter of reference (or the name, address, phone number of a reference) to Sheila Hussing, UCBWM/DOM, 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115 or fax it to 216-736-3259. For more information, call 216-736-3213 or 3210. Applications are required by February 15.

Community Health Ministry Internship Program

The UCC-related Deaconess Incarnate Word Health System in St. Louis is sponsoring a paid internship for college, graduate and seminary students this summer. The program will involve community health resource network building and theological study and reflection. One person will be chosen in each of the following areas to research community resources and promote networking: housing, home health, food, mental health services, youth services and domestic violence resources. Faculty from Eden Theological Seminary and administrators from agencies serving the

community will be guest lecturers.

The 12-week summer session runs from June 3 to August 23 and carries a stipend of \$800 a month. Dormitory housing and individual health insurance will be provided. For more information, contact the Rev. Deborah L. Patterson, Minister of Religion and Health, Deaconess Incarnate Word Health System, 6150 Oakland Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63139, or call (314) 768-3890 for an application. The application deadline is February 15.

Volunteers Needed for Contact Lancaster

CONTACT, Lancaster's Telephone Helpline, is recruiting volunteers to staff the telephone. This adult help line and teen line, sponsored by the Lancaster County Council of Churches, is planning training classes from March 4 through June 17 for 50 hours of fall training. Training will be held at First Methodist Church, Duke and Walnut Streets, Lancaster. For more information, call 291-2261.

Holocaust Studies

Arch of Fire by Siegfried Streufert describes the experiences of a child living in Nazi Germany. In short autobiographic stories, the book speaks of a childhood during the Hitler regime, the horrific experiences of a family that refused to go along with the system. The author is a professor at Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine who writes of his memories of events of his own childhood in Germany 50 years ago. A copy of this book is in Schaff Library, and it can be ordered through Cokesbury Bookstore.

Registration Changes

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SD100 - Introduction to Spirituality

In this course on spiritual formation, sometimes called ascetic or experiential theology, students will examine and experience basic themes of Christian spirituality through scriptures and readings of classical and contemporary spiritual writers. This course will explore various aspects and practices of spiritual formation: attachment and detachment, spiritual direction, meditative reading of scripture, journaling, icons, contemplative prayer and discernment. Each class will also include group interaction and retreat times to practice prayer, meditation, and spiritual friendship. This course will center on disciplines that cultivate the roots and fruits of faith and the fruits of love: community, solitude, heart and mind, service and vocation.

There will now be two sections for SD100. The times are as follows:

SD100-1 Mondays, 4:00-5:50 p.m., in Room L206
SD100-2 Mondays, 7:00-8:50 p.m. in Room L102

At this time, registration is once again open for a limited number of students to enroll in Introduction to Spirituality. If you are not currently registered for this course and wish to register, please complete a change of registration (drop/add) form and return the signed form to the Dean's office no later than Friday, February 9. Please specify two or three credits.

PL130 - Parish Practicality - Friday & Saturday, March 1 & 2, 1996

"Surviving in the Parish: All You Wanted To Know But Did Not Have Time To Ask" is designed to help students explore the issues of parish life with experienced pastors, gain insights for effective ministry and increase awareness of and sensitivity to the development of pastoral identity and style.

Due to the "Blizzard of '96" and related weather situations, we were forced to cancel Parish Practicality in the January term. The course has been rescheduled in a concentrated session on Friday, March 1, (8:00 a.m. to Noon, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) and Saturday, March 2 (8:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.) Registration is once again open for this course. To register, please complete a change of registration (drop/add) form and return the signed form to the Dean's office no later than Friday, February 9. [IF YOU WERE REGISTERED FOR THE COURSE IN THE JANUARY TERM, YOU MUST RE-REGISTER BY COMPLETING THE CHANGE OF REGISTRATION FORM AS STATED ABOVE.]

**THE CHANGE OF REGISTRATION (DROP/ADD) FEE IS WAIVED
FOR CHANGES AFFECTING THESE TWO COURSES.**