

The Lancaster Theological Seminary

Seminary News

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Happy Holiday's from Lancaster Theological Seminary

The fall term ends December 16, however, seminary offices will remain open regular business hours until noon on Friday, December 23rd, where the seminary offices close for the Christmas holiday and remain closed until Tuesday, January 3, 2006, when we re-open at 8:30 a.m. following the New Year's Day holiday. The seminary will be closed Monday, January 16 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Christmas Spectacular Walk-Thru, December 17-18, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., Grace Brethren Church, 501 W. Lincoln Ave., Lititz - FREE

Experience Christmas through this unique guided walking tour--tours leaving every 10 minutes. Your entire family will enjoy this interactive experience as they visit Christmas during the Great Depression, in Renaissance Italy, in Victorian England, at an Austrian Church, in Bethlehem, and more. Before the tour begins, you will be able to enjoy free hot chocolate and cookies in the North Pole waiting area while listening to the Christmas sounds of the Sweet Adelines. Now accepting reservations. On-line reservation form available at www.lgbc.org or by calling 717-626-2155. Free reservations and walk-ins accepted the day of the event and will be accommodated as openings are available. There is wheelchair assistance. Admission is free with no free-will offering.

Cross-Cultural Sending Off Service, January 3, 9:00 a.m., Santee Chapel - FREE

This year 16 students and two faculty are scheduled to depart for Turkey and Lebanon for a three-week cross-cultural experience. As done in the past, the sending off service, wishing the travelers well, will take place the morning of the day they are scheduled to depart. Please show your support of a fellow seminarian or colleague and attend. More details on the service (and possible time change) will be sent via email as the date gets closer. For more information, please contact Maryann Bruce, cross-cultural trip detail coordinator, at 717-290-8752 or mbruce@lancasterseminary.edu.

Exploring Spiritual Direction Retreat, January 13, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Glen Mills, PA - FEE

Oasis Ministries for Spiritual Development (Camp Hill, PA) is sponsoring a retreat day in Glen Mills, PA. Led by Rev. Glenn Mitchell (State College), "Exploring Spiritual Direction" weaves opportunities for prayer and quiet reflection with presentations and models of spiritual direction. This day event takes place at Elam United Methodist Church in Glen Mills, PA. The cost is \$55.00 - \$95.00 as you are able. For more information, see the Oasis website at www.oasismin.org. To register please call Betsy Keller at 717-737-8222.

Admission Office News - Student Opportunity On-Campus

06-07 Admissions Hospitality Coordinator: The Office of Admissions seeks a student with strengths suited to planning and carrying out the hospitality elements of our periodic events for prospective students, including DISCOVER Days. Responsibilities include: arranging/maintaining meeting spaces to set a welcoming tone; coordinating food service; purchasing necessary food/paper supplies; arranging buffets attractively; interacting with guests in a positive, hospitable manner; light cleanup following events; other duties as assigned. Applicants should be organized and flexible, with a willingness to accommodate others. Application deadline: January 13, 2006; Position begins in Fall 2006. Candidates must be available for preliminary training on DISCOVER Day, February 25, 2006. Letters of interest may be directed to Susan Minasian at admissions@lancasterseminary.edu.

Cokesbury News

Christmas Special Discounts December 12 - 22: Christmas Gifts - 60% off (75% off after Christmas); Christmas Cards - 50% Off (75% after Christmas); Other gift items, Jewelry, Children's books - 40% off; Bibles, Recorded music, Videos - 30% off; Clergy shirts - 10% off. Change of Hours in December and January: Beginning Jan 19 we will close at 5:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m. on Tue-Thurs until the beginning of the Spring Semester. Christmas vacation hours: Dec 23-26 - closed; Dec 27-29 - open 9:30 - 1:30; Dec 30 - Jan 2 - closed; Jan 14-16 - closed - Martin Luther King Jr. birthday weekend. We wish all a Blessed Holiday Season! For more information, please contact Cokesbury Bookstore Manager, Janice Herman at 717-393-1077.

Continuing Education News

Video recordings have been made of the following lectures and are now for sale: Oct. 20 Ward morning lecture by Kathleen O'Connor on "Imagining Community After Disaster: Insights from the Book of Jeremiah." and Nov. 17 GLBT morning lecture by Virginia Ramey Mollenkott "Many Streams, One River: The Fluidity of Gender" (Only VHS available for this lecture.) VHS copies are available for \$12 each. DVD copies are available for \$19 each. Please reply to Mary Lin in the Alliance/Continuing Ed. office by phone (717-290-8758); fax (717-735-7432) or e-mail msiever@lancasterseminary.edu. Advance payment is required.

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Tuition Payment News

Students successfully completed on-line registration for classes for Spring 2006 and have received tuition invoices. Should you wish to set up a deferred tuition payment plan, see the business office no later than the end of the semester on December 16. For more information please contact Pam Joy in the Business Office at 717-290-8725 or pjoy@lancasterseminary.edu.

Job Opportunities Off-Campus

The Covenant United Methodist Church of Lancaster has a position as a part-time director of youth and children's ministry available. Contact Rev. Larry D. Leister covumc.larry@verizon.net or ldleister@hotmail.com

Summer pastor (late May to August 2006) needed for Rock Presbyterian Church of Fair Hill, MD. Any denomination is welcome to apply. Contact Rev. Stephanie Templin Ashford at stephanietemplin@lizardland.

Rock Presbyterian Church is also looking for a temporary or full-time organist. Contact Rev. Stephanie Templin Ashford at stephanietemplin@lizardland.

Springfield Presbyterian Church in Sykesville, MD is looking for a youth leader, January to June. For more information see www.springfield-church.org. Contact Pastor Jack Sharp at office@springfield-church.org.

Coral Gables Congregational Church in Coral Gables, Florida, is searching for a senior minister. For more information please contact Gloria M. Villa, co-chair, Pulpit Search Committee, gloriamvilla@comcast.net

First Congregational Church of Crystal Lake, Illinois is seeking a senior minister. Please submit your profile to the association liaison minister, Rev. Mike Denton, Chicago Metropolitan Association, 332 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60604.

Hyndman-Ellerslie Corriganville Charge is searching for a minister to serve their 3 churches (2 services each Sunday.) For additional information contact either: Penn West Conference or Freeman E. Miller at femj@bedford.net

The Pennsylvania Council of Churches has positions available in summer camp-ground ministry, both full and half time. Candidates need to be available from May 28th through September 3rd, 2006 and must have a car. Information about the Council and its Leisure Ministries Program is available at www.pachurches.org. E-mail: pcc@pachurches.org.

Hard copies of these and other opportunities with more details may be found in the white binders in the basement of Lark, near the office of Larry Evans and Greg Carey.

**If you would like to add an item to the first Seminary News of the Spring Term,
which will be online February 6,
please email your article/information to Maryann Bruce no later than February 1.**