

The Lancaster Theological Seminary

Seminary News

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6th Annual GLBT Week November 14-17, "Many Streams, One River" - ALL FREE

Monday, November 14

Agape Meal/Service, 5:30 p.m., Mayer Commons

A light meal of soup, bread and beverages will be served. Based on the following, "In the early church, the Lord's Supper was celebrated at the end of the agape (love) or fellowship meal. This was an extension of the Passover supper tradition, and was a means for the believers to show each other the love and unity they shared together in Christ. All gathered, each bringing what they were able."

Tuesday, November 15

Worship Service, 11:10 a.m., Santee Chapel

Preaching: Peter Frye, Third-year Seminary Student, Sermon title, "The Living River."

Potluck Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Hafer Center

Questions on what to bring? Call GLBT Committee Member, Karen Lovelace, at 717-892-1272.

Presentation by Dr. Frank Stalfa, 7:00 p.m., Hafer Center

Professor Frank Stalfa, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology, will be discussing "Spectrum of Sexuality: How our Models Inform and Mislead."

Wednesday, November 16

Service of Word and Sacrament, 11:00 a.m., Santee Chapel

Preaching: David Mellott, Associate Director of Continuing Education and Assistant Professor of Theology

Concert and Art Show, November 16, 7:00 p.m., Santee Chapel

Performance by Vision of Hope Metropolitan Community Church Choir, Mountville, PA. Immediately following the concert is a GLBT art show in Mayer Commons, with reception and refreshments provided by Disciples United Community Church, Lancaster, PA.

Thursday November 17

Lecture by Virginia Ramey Mollenkott, 11:00 a.m., Santee Chapel

Virginia Ramey Mollenkott, Noted author and theologian will lecture on "Many Streams, One River: The Fluidity of Gender" Dr. Mollenkott taught college literature and writing for 44 years and is now Professor Emeritus at the William Paterson University in Wayne, New Jersey. With Letha Dawson Scanzoni, she co-authored "Is the Homosexual My Neighbor? A Positive Christian Response" (1978) and now available in a vastly expanded and updated edition.(1994) Her other books include "The Divine Feminine: Biblical Imagery of God As Female"; "Godding: Human Responsibility and the Bible"; and "Sensuous Spirituality: Out From Fundamentalism." Mollenkott's twelfth book, "Omnigender: A Trans-Religious Approach", has been warmly welcomed by pastoral counselors, theologians, psychologists, and GLBT people of various religious backgrounds as well as by people working for sexual and gender justice.

Lecture by Ken Stone, 4:00 p.m., Santee Chapel

Ken Stone, Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible, Chicago Theological Seminary will lecture on "Do Not Be Conformed to the World: Queer Reading and the Task of the Preacher." From the CTS Web Site: Ken is the author of "Sex, Honor and Power in the Deuteronomistic History"; editor of "Queer Commentary and the Hebrew Bible." Professor Stone, a Lambda Literary Award winner, focuses his research on the relationship between biblical interpretation and matters of gender, sexuality and food. A quote: "People of faith engage their religious traditions, including the biblical traditions, to find resources for survival and transformation. In a world of conflict and diverse perspectives, however, I try to convey to students the necessity of taking into account multiple ways of understanding and using those same texts. Thus, I always encourage students to question their own assumptions about the content and interpretation of the Bible. Such a process of questioning need not be destructive, but rather creates a space for the pursuit of a two-fold goal. On the one hand, we must obtain a thorough knowledge of both the surprising diversity of the biblical writings and their historical and socio-cultural contexts. On the other hand, we must reflect critically on the difficult process of interpreting and teaching from those writings in a manner that will help us transform our own world toward greater justice and mercy."

Lecture, November 17, 7:00 p.m., Santee Chapel - FREE

Confessing Christ and Lancaster Seminary are jointly sponsoring a public lecture by Alan Sell, Pastor, Scholar, and Ecumenist, on "Confessing the Faith and Confessing Faith." Rev. Sell is currently a Professor of Theology in Canada and Wales and formerly served as Theological Secretary of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches. He has authored *Doctrine and Devotion*, and *Testimony and Tradition*, as well as numerous other books. Alan Sell is known throughout the world for his unique ability to bring together the core convictions of the Christian heritage and a passionate commitment to the devotional life. His wide experience enables him to situate both in a global perspective. His lectures and sermons warm the heart, enrich the mind, and make doctrines come alive. Please come hear his reflections on the ways that Christians teachings can feed the soul and inform daily living. For more information, please contact Lee Barrett at 717-290-8703.

Lecture, November 18, 7:30 p.m., Philadelphia Cathedral, 38th & Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia - FEE

John Dominic Crossan is Emeritus Professor of Religious Studies at DePaul University, Chicago. He is one of America's best known and widely-discussed New Testament scholars. His books include "The Historical Jesus," "The Birth of Christianity," and "Who Killed Jesus?" Most recently he has published groundbreaking work on the Apostle Paul, the title is "Search of Paul: How Jesus's Apostle Opposed Rome's Empire with God's Kingdom." The lecture costs \$20.00 per person. For more information, please go to www.philadelphiacathedral.org or call Rev. James Shannon at 215-386-4104.

Cokesbury Bookstore News

Please join us for our Christmas Open House November 16 and 17. Most items will be 25% off and there will be Christmas cards and gifts for sale, refreshments and a free ornament given. Take a break and come by! Our hours over the Thanksgiving break will be: November 21 - Noon - 5:00 p.m., November 22 - 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., November 23 - 9:30 a.m. - Noon, then closed November 24 - 28, re-opening November 29 at 9:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Cokesbury Manager, Janice Herman, at 717-393-1077 or cokesbury@lanasterseminary.edu.

Leadership Now News

Leadership Academy, July 1-8, 2006 - Nominations Sought by December 1, 2005 - Again this year, the Seminary will select a group of young people (ages 14-17) to join adult and peer leaders on the LTS campus to explore questions about the Bible, worship, service and living a life of faith as leaders. Cost for the week is \$250 per participant. These youth will be the pool from which participants are selected for our 2007 Summer Global Experience. Please nominate a young person (or two) who may show an interest in ministry, or who participates in worship services on a regular basis. A young woman who asks challenging questions about faith that probes deeper than her peers, or possibly a young man won't settle for easy answers. The seminary is continuing to provide opportunities for youth to be leaders in their churches right now and to grow in leadership for the future of the church. How to nominate: Pastoral nomination is required for all applicants to the Leadership Academy. Forms are posted on the website: www.lanasterseminary.edu > Youth > Events. All nominations must be postmarked no later than December 1, 2005. As each is received, we will send out application packets to the nominees. The deadline for youth to submit applications is January 13, 2005. Thank you for taking time to see and encourage the leadership gifts of youth in your midst! For more information or if you have a question, please contact Rachel Gawn at 717-299-8722 or rgawn@lanasterseminary.edu.

Library News

Our Annual Book Sale will be held November 28 and 29 from 9 AM to 4 PM on the lower floor of the Philip Schaff Library. There are many books in all categories. Prices will be \$1.00 for hardbacks and \$.50 for paperbacks. For more information, please contact Dawn Proctor at 717-290-8742 or dproctor@lanasterseminary.edu.

President's Office News

As emailed to all students October 18th from the Administrative Assistant to the President, Peggy Stauffer: Prospective Graduates, Please plan to attend a meeting on Wednesday, November 16 in Hafer Center immediately following worship. You are welcome to bring your lunch and munch while we go over the schedule of events and other items pertaining to graduation. This is an important opportunity for you to meet with the president, the deans and other administrators as we begin making final decisions for graduation. We will talk about alumni/e day on Friday (May 12th), serving on committees helping to shape and plan various events, class gift committee, Certificates of Appreciation, Announcements, Class Photo, clearing your financial account, senior retreat day, mandatory exit interviews and other items. If you are unable to attend the November 16 meeting, it is your responsibility to obtain this information from a class mate. Sincerely, Peggy Stauffer, 717-290-8701.

Registrar News

On-Line Registration is This Week Only - November 14 through 18 - Students may register for courses for January and Spring 2006 between November 14 and 18 on-line ONLY. Students MUST meet with their advisors prior to Registration Week to review their records and be cleared to register. After November 18 you will be considered to be registering late, will only be able to register via paper, and will be charged a \$15.00 late registration fee. See the website for the Registration Checklist, On-line Registration Instructions, and instructions for using SONIS Webtools. For more information, please contact Judi Hummer, Registrar and Director of Student Services, at 717-290-8718 or jhummer@lanasterseminary.edu.

Job Opportunities

The Cleveland Clinic has five positions for the 2006-2007 Residency and six for the Summer 2006 program. Apply by 2/28/06 to: The Reverend Patrick M. Persaud, Pastoral Care, H19, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, 9500 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44195, (216) 444-2518, www.clevelandclinic.org/pastoralcare

The Cleveland Clinic is also seeking a certified CPE Supervisor as Director of Pastoral Care. Requires an M.Div degree, CPE certification, ordination and ecclesiastical endorsement. Candidates will have a minimum of three years experience in managing a department of pastoral care. Send inquiries or resume to: The Reverend Patrick M. Persaud, Pastoral Care, H19, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, 9500 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44195, (216) 444-2518, e-mail – persaup@ccf.org. Website: www.clevelandclinic.org/pastoralcare

Wesley Medical Center has four residency positions open for the academic year 2006-2007. For more information contact: Judy Montgomery Trimble, Office Assistant, Department of Pastoral Care and Education, Wesley Medical Center, 550 N. Hillside, Wichita, KS 67214-4976, (316-962-2310 or 1-800-362-0288, ext. 2310. E-mail: judy.trimble@wesleymc.com. Website: www.wesleymc.com

Rock Spring Congregational United Church of Christ in Arlington, VA invites seminary students between their second and third year to apply for their 2006-2007 Pastoral Intern position. Send inquiries to: Rev. Charles L. Wildman, Senior Pastor, Rock Spring Congregation United Church of Christ, 5010 Little Falls Rd., Arlington, VA 22207.

St. John's (Hain's) United Church of Christ is seeking a Pastoral Assistant. For further information contact Rev. Peter Goguts, 591 North Church Rd., PO Box 148, Wernersville, PA 19565-0148, e-mail: pgoguts@comcast.net.

Providence St. Peter Hospital of Olympia, Washington offers the opportunity to take part in their Chaplaincy Internship Program for Clinical Pastoral Education. There are several internship units: extended winter/spring, full-time summer and extended fall. See www.acpe.edu for information and application forms.

Luxury Custom Cabinetry Group of New Holland is seeking an employee counselor. Apply in person at 215 Diller Ave, New Holland, or e-mail a resume to hr@lccg.biz.

The First Unitarian Church of Baltimore welcomes students for a 2006-2007 internship. Reply to Janet Eisenhauer, Chair of Intern Search Committee, First Unitarian Church of Baltimore, 1 West Hamilton St., Baltimore, MD 21201, (410) 685-2330, e-mail: Office@FirstUnitarian.net. Deadline for application: December 31, 2005

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

If you would like to add an item to the next Seminary News, which will be online November 28, please email your article/information to Maryann Bruce no later than November 23.