

The Lancaster Theological Seminary

Seminary News

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Fall Convocation, September 22, 11:00 a.m., Santee Chapel - FREE

This year's Convocation preacher will be Rev. Jane Middleton, Bishop of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church. The theme of her message will be "Guidance is Internal." For more information, please contact Mary Lin Siever at 717-290-8758 or msiever@lancasterseminary.edu.

Worship Planning Meeting, September 29, 11:00 a.m., Hafer Center - FREE

For those of you in a worship planning group and in charge of a worship service in the Fall term, this meeting is for you. This is a time for your group and faculty leader to all work on details for your worship week. At this meeting you will also hear from the Dean of the Chapel, Daryl Hollinger, and his plans for this semester in his new role.

New VP of Advancement

As submitted by President, Riess Potterveld: I am pleased to announce the appointment of Keith A. Tussing as Vice President of Advancement at Lancaster Theological Seminary beginning September 1, 2005. Keith brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in fund development and success in raising funds for charitable and religious organizations. Keith is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ with over thirty years in the field of development and fund raising. Keith has served as Vice President and Executive Director of the Walker Methodist Foundation and Executive Minister of Colonial Church of Edina and CEO of The Colonial Church Foundation in Minnesota. He was Vice President of Professional Fundraising Services, Inc. in Minneapolis and has served as a fundraising consultant for numerous churches and non-profit organizations. Early in his career, he was Director of Alumni/ae Relations and Student Recruitment at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities from which he received the Master of Divinity degree in 1974. Keith holds a Master of Science degree in Counseling Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, a B.S. degree from The Ohio State University, and a Management Certificate from the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota. Keith and his wife Kristine have relocated to Lancaster. Keith may be reached in the Advancement Office at 717-290-8710 or ktussing@lancasterseminary.edu.

New Associate Director of Continuing Education and Assistant Professor of Theology

As submitted by President, Riess Potterveld: Lancaster Theological Seminary is pleased to announce the appointment of David M. Mellott as Associate Director of Continuing Education and Assistant Professor of Theology beginning June 1, 2005. David recently received his Ph.D. degree from Emory University in Theological Studies with his dissertation focusing on the religious practices of a village in northern New Mexico and seeks to explore the relationship between theology and spiritual practices within community life. He holds a S.T.L. (Licentiate in Sacred Theology, *Summa Cum Laude*) and M.A. and B.A. (both degrees *Cum Laude*) in religious studies from The Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, and a B.A. in English Literature and Latin American Studies from The Pontifical College Josephinum. In addition, he has studied at Sorbonne University and Goethe Institute. Prior to his doctoral studies, David was a residential faculty member, student advisor, and coordinator of worship at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, MD from 1994-1997 and has planned and facilitated numerous worship services, retreats, and small groups for seminarians, adults, and teenagers on topics of self-awareness, vocational discernment, and leadership development. David brings both exceptional organizational and teaching skills and will join Dr. Bruce Epperly, Director of Continuing Education, in planning and implementing a range of new programs focusing on lay education and continuing education for clergy. David has had a life-long interest in ecumenism and is currently a member of New Covenant MCC in Columbia, MD, a congregation affiliated with the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. David's partner, The Rev. Lance Mullins, is pastor of New Covenant. David may be reached in the Office of Continuing Education, Bowman 104, at 717-290-8714 or dmellott@lancasterseminary.edu.

A Thank You from Dean, Anabel C. Proffitt

To the LTS Community:

I want to express my deep gratitude to the faculty, staff and students of LTS who have responded to my accident by upholding me in prayer, sending cards and notes, bringing food and greetings, and most of all, stepping in to carry out my responsibilities at the beginning of the school year. My broken ribs and bruised lung are mending nicely, and while I am not yet as energetic as I was pre-accident, I anticipate a full recovery within a few weeks. I am blessed to be in such a caring community. Again, thanks to all of you, and thanks be to God for healing and grace.

Anabel Proffitt, Dean of the Seminary

Seminary News Publication

The Seminary Newsletter is published bi-weekly, in PDF format, and posted on the seminary website during the Fall term at www.lancasterseminary.edu > students > current students. Should you wish to have something listed in the Seminary News, please submit your article, announcements, or notices via email to Maryann Bruce (mbruce@lancasterseminary.edu) by the copy deadline listed below. Include your name and telephone number so I can call you if I have questions. Items which do not include a name and phone number may not be published.

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9/27	10/3
10/11	10/17
10/25	10/31
11/8	11/14
11/22	11/28
12/6	12/12

Please do not ask to have something put in the newsletter and then email the same information out to everyone. Use only one method or the other to save me time. For more information, please call me at 717-290-8752.

Continuing Education News

UCC Church and Ministry Convocation will be held October 3-4. The theme will be: "Covenant and Multiple Tracks toward Ordination." Church and Ministry Commissions from New York to North Carolina gather at the Seminary to reflect on vital issues in ministry. UCC students are invited to share lunch with Church and Ministry members from their conference. For more information, please contact Mary Lin Siever at 717-290-8758 or msiever@lancasterseminary.edu.

Cokesbury News

We at Cokesbury Bookstore welcome all returning and new students! Our hours during the Fall semester will be Mon 12-5, Tue -Thurs 9:30 - 6, Fri and Sat 9:30 - 1:30. We are ready to help you with textbooks and to order for you any book in print, as well as software, clergy apparel, church supplies, etc. Most books qualify for the 20% student/clergy discount. We also have a permanent 50% off sale table in the hallway and have other advertised sales throughout the year. Right now NIB products are 30% off. Did you know that proceeds from Cokesbury Bookstores help to build UM clergy pension funds? Come browse, purchase, or say hello. We are happy to serve you. For more information, please contact Bookstore Manager, Janice Herman, at 717-393-1077.

Financial Aid Office News

A recent amendment to the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act requires each of the nationwide consumer reporting companies to provide you with a free copy of your credit report, at your request, once every 12 months, from www.annualcreditreport.com or by calling 877-322-8228. For further information, visit the Federal Trade Commission's website at www.ftc.gov/credit.

Library News

Welcome back to the new school year! The Library hopes that everyone had wonderful and relaxing summer. This time has been a busy and productive one for the library staff. With the help of a summer intern, financed with a grant from the Freis Foundation, many boxes of seminary archival material was sorted and cataloged. While the project is still on going many years of back records were organized over the summer. The Choral Music Project was completed and the material is available for use in the A-V Room on the lower level of the library. The handbell sheet music and tapes were also organized and are also available in the lower level A-V Room. Both of these collections are filed in filing cabinets and binders listing the contents of the cabinets can be found on top of the cabinets. The Rare Book room was shifted, organized and labeled to enhance access to these valuable assets in our collection. These items are listed in the online catalog as Rare Book or Albright Rare Book. If you find something with this type of listing that you would like to use in your studies, please contact the regular staff during regular business hours regarding the process for using these materials. Reminders to anyone in the library...Set your cell phone to silent mode or turn it off upon entering the library. If you must take or make a call please do so outside the library. Please do this out of consideration for others. Your cell phone use is not so important that you have the right to disturb others who are studying or the library staff who are working. For more information, please contact Dawn Proctor, at 717 209-8742 or dproctor@lancasterseminary.edu.

Registrar News

Just a reminder, the printed copy of the 2005-06 Student Handbook is now available and in the Dean's Suite. Be sure to complete, sign and return the first page of the handbook no later than Friday, September 23. The Handbooks and a sheet requiring your signature letting us know you have received your book are outside the Registrar's office in the Dean's Suite. Failure to complete, sign and return this form to the Dean's Office by the deadline may result in restrictions on future registration and access to transcripts, grades, etc. For more information, please contact the Registrar, Judi Hummer, at 717-290-8718 or jhummer@lancasterseminary.edu.

Deadline to Add a Class for Fall 2005, September 23

The Add Form is located in the Dean's Office (the blue one) and MUST have your advisor's signature before it is submitted to the Registrar. The form is also available online at www.lancasterseminary.edu > students > current students. Again, the form MUST be signed by your advisor before it is submitted.

Seminarian Community Council News

The Seminarian Community Council (SCC) invites all seminarians to attend and participate in our first meeting, this Fall, on Thursday, October 6 at 11:00 am in Mayer Commons. First year students, remember to select your class representative as they will begin serving in their new role at this meeting. Check the SCC bulletin board next week for an outline of the meeting agenda. For more information on the SCC, please contact one of the officers listed on the SCC Bulletin Board located in lower level Lark.

Youth Office News

In the *Leadership Now: Spiritual Formation with Youth* offices we are getting ready for an exciting fall. Confirmation Days, "Girls and God Retreat" and our first ever "Guys and God Retreat" are all coming up quickly, so get ready to see lots of youth and youth leaders exploring our campus on October weekends. And, just a reminder, each year we need LTS students who are passionate about youth ministry to help us with our events. So if you are interested in helping out, or if you have youth in your churches who might enjoy a fun weekend of spiritual exploration, please be in touch with Rachel Gawn or Jacquie Church Young for more information. Rachel may be reached at 717-290-8723 or rgawn@lancasterseminary.edu and Jacquie may be reached at 717-290-8724 or jyoung@lancasterseminary.edu.

Job Opportunities for Anyone

MCC of the Spirit in Harrisburg, PA is seeking a part time Minister of Music (approximately 15 hours per week.) Strong technical piano/keyboard ability, knowledge and experience of conducting and knowledge of tradition, blended, contemporary and various gospel worship styles are among the qualifications sought. To apply send a letter and resume to Rev. Eva O'Daim, MCC of the Spirit, 2973 Jefferson St., Harrisburg, PA 17110 or e-mail her at reveso@comcast.net.

St. John's Presbyterian Church in Devon is looking for a Director of Christian Education, either two part time positions (10 hours per week) or full time (20 plus hours per week.) The purpose of the position will be to envision, create and implement programs that guide children (elementary) and youth (junior and senior high school) toward mature Christian adulthood. For further information please contact Rev. Dr. Victor M. Wilson at victor.wilson@stjohnsdevon.com.

David's UCC of Kettering, Ohio also needs a Director of Christian Education. For details contact Rev. Janet St. Cyr, janetstcyr@davidsucc.org, or at 937-434-2131.

The Riverside Church of New York City is searching for a seasoned senior clergyperson to serve as the Minister of Education. The church is interdenominational, associated with the American Baptist and UCC churches but hires its clergy from a broad range of denominations. Send resume to linda@leaderresources.org or mail to: Search Committee c/o Leader Resources, Box 302, Leeds, MA 01053. For more information, please call Rev. Linda L. Grenz at 413-582-1860.

Hard copies of these and other opportunities with more details may be found in the white binders in the basement of Lark, outside Larry Evans's office. Quite a few opportunities have come in over the summer that are not mentioned here. For more information on job postings, please contact Rachel Gawn at 717-290-8723 or rgawn@lancasterseminary.edu.

Kids' Prayers

1. Dear God, please put another holiday between Christmas and Easter. There is nothing good in there now. - Amanda
2. Dear God, Thank you for the baby brother but I asked for a puppy. I never asked for anything before. You can look it up.- Joyce
3. Dear God, is it true my father won't get in Heaven if he uses his golf words in the house? - Anita
4. Dear God, I like the story about Noah the best of all of them. You really made up some good ones. - Glenn
5. Dear God, my Grandpa says you were around when he was a little boy. How far back do you go? - Love, Dennis
6. Dear God, do you draw the lines around the countries? If you don't, who does? - Nathan
7. Dear God, did you mean for giraffes to look like that or was it an accident? - Norma
8. Dear God, in bible times, did they really talk that fancy? - Jennifer
9. Dear God, if you watch in Church on Sunday I will show you my new shoes. - Barbara
10. Dear God, I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday night. That was really cool. - Thomas

If you would like something submitted in the October 3 Seminary News, please email the article as announced in this issue.