

Seminary News

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1994-95 FINANCIAL AID

For some time, all of us have been aware that there would be changes in the scholarship program beginning with the first semester of 1994-95. Since many of you have a high interest in the subject, the following information will be of interest to you.

Continuing students will find minimal changes in policy. The following principles will continue:

- Scholarship recipients must be fulltime students in the Master of Divinity program. Fulltime is 12 credits per semester up to a maximum of 94 credits. Your last semester fulltime is the number of credits needed to complete your degree.

- **Every** student wishing to be considered for financial aid must submit a Financial Aid Application on or before April 15. Attach a **signed and dated** copy of your 1993 Income Tax Return (1040, 1040A, 1040EZ). Lancaster Seminary Financial Aid Applications will be available in the Student Services Office and should be submitted to Shirley Laukhuff when completed.

- Every applicant must assure that there is a copy of his/her Judicatory Sponsorship form in the Financial Aid file. See Shirley.

- Every applicant must have a letter or certificate from the appropriate judicatory agency indicating that the student is acknowledged as appropriate in their mind for studies in preparation for the practice of ministry. See Shirley.

The changes that affect continuing students are:

- Coursework during the summer will be considered to be part of the second semester financial aid award.

- Awards will be made on the basis of dollar amounts rather than percentages.

- Applications which are submitted late, require us to follow up because attachments are incomplete, unsigned, etc., will be considered as though they are new applications and will be subject to the new guidelines (see below).

- Students who are currently enrolled, but not receiving scholarship or the UCC scholarship grant will be subject to the new guidelines (see below).

New Financial Aid Guidelines

In the 1994-95 year, UCC grants for incoming students will no longer be made only on the basis of being "in care" of the church and ministry committee of their association. Readiness for graduate study and financial need will be among the criteria considered. Based on these factors, grants at 100 percent, 75 percent and 50 percent of tuition will be available. Grants in varying amounts will also be available for non-UCC students.

Because of the increase in applications, all applications will be reviewed on specific dates:

- applications for aid are due by April 15 for the fall semester and by November 15 for the spring semester.

All documents required by continuing students are also required of new applicants. All first time UCC applicants must be "in care" of the church and ministry committee of their association or provide a written plan which assures completion of the process. Non-UCC applicants must have the judicatory sponsorship which is appropriate for their denomination or provide a written plan which assures completion of the process.

All applicants who are changing denominations must have the denominational sponsorship of the new judicatory (church and ministry committee/endorsing agency) complete before they will be eligible for Lancaster Seminary Financial Aid.

COMMUNITY HOUR 2:30-3:30 PM DR. CARPENTER

Speaker at Community Hour on Thursday, February 24, is the Rev. Dr. Delores Carpenter, pastor of Michigan Park Christian Church, Washington, DC. The presentation will take place at 11:10 a.m. in Hafer Center. An author and lecturer, Dr. Carpenter has served as chair of the Board of Directors, Division of Higher Education, Christian Church, and is associate professor of Religious Education at Howard University School of Divinity. Her lecture is titled, "Black Church Strategically Positioned." Dr. Carpenter will be available for conversation during lunch in the Refectory after the event. This week's Community Hour is part of the Seminary's celebration of African American Emphasis Week.

CAMPUS 100 RECITAL

Local soprano Anne Webber will perform in a free recital hosted by Lancaster Seminary and the Pennsylvania Academy of Music at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 27, in Santee Chapel. Her accompanist will be Scott G. Drackley, choirmaster at St. John's Episcopal Church and assistant artistic director of the Lancaster Opera Company.

WEST TO SPEAK ON 'RACE MATTERS'

Dr. Cornel West will lecture on "Race Matters" at Hensel Hall on the Franklin & Marshall campus on Thursday, March 3, at 8:00 p.m. The College has invited our community to hear and see this renowned African American philosopher/author.

PHONATHON HELP NEEDED

We need your time and talents to help with the annual Seminary Phonathon. The dates are Monday, March 7; Tuesday, March 8; Thursday, March 10; and Friday, March 11, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Phonathon supports the Seminary in securing gifts for the Friends Fund for scholarships, the Library, physical plant and other needs. If you'd like to help and enjoy fun, food and fellowship, see Jennifer Knighton in the Office of Development and Seminary Relations, 2nd floor Schaff Library.



WELCOME VISITING SEMINARIANS

Lancaster Seminary participates in "Seminarians Interacting," a program sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. In this program, seminarians from six different tradition groups (Roman Catholic; Orthodox Christian; Jewish, including Conservative, Reformed, Reconstructionist; African-American Protestant; Evangelical Protestant; Ecumenical Protestant) visit seminaries of two of these traditions, and attend

ways different traditions approach a common theme (this year: the community in worship).

We will host an interseminary visit from the evening of Wednesday, March 2, to the afternoon of Thursday, March 3. Thirty-two seminarians will come to Lancaster after spending a day at Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia. To get an understanding of what is distinctive about seminary education at Lancaster, they will engage in dialogue with a range of seminarians here; share meals with members of our community; and attend a worship service, classes and a presentation on the history of Lancaster and issues that concern us as a community. They will also spend the night with members of our community.

If you are able to host one or more seminarians, please fill out the bottom of this sheet. Whether you are able to host a visitor or not, please welcome these seminarians and participate to the extent that you are able in the events of March 2 and 3.

The entire community is invited to participate in a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., March 2. If you are able to attend, please sign up on the sheet posted in Lower Level Lark. For further information, contact Professor Huwiler.

HALE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Please see Shirley Laukhuff in Student Services for an application form if you are interested in applying for a Hale Donation Scholarship. The Hale Donation Scholarship Fund makes financial need of the student a top priority and gives priority to individuals preparing for the Christian ministry in the United Church of Christ.

WOMEN IN WORKPLACE SYMPOSIUM

"Would You Hire This Woman?: Shattering the Glass Ceiling," a symposium exploring the difficulty women face in the job market, will be presented by the Seminary on Thursday, March 10, 7:30 p.m. The program, in Santee Chapel, is free of charge.

Speaker will be Dr. Carol J. Auster, associate professor of Sociology, Franklin & Marshall College, an author and researcher on sex and gender roles. Responders will be Dr. Earl Hess, founder and president of Lancaster Laboratories; the Rev. Karen King, an area conference minister of the Penn Central Conference UCC; and Madelyn P. Nix, a local attorney. The event is part of the Campus 100 celebration of Lancaster Seminary's centennial year at its present site.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The annual Schaff Library Book Sale will be held Tuesday, March 15, through Friday, March 25, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., lower level Library. Hardbacks will sell for \$1.00, while paperbacks are 50 cents each. Thousands of volumes will be available, with some new books being displayed on each day of the sale.

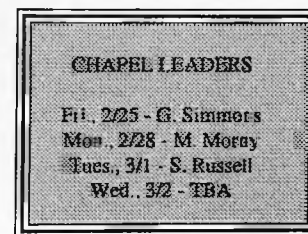
SIGN UP FOR STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP

"Pastor as Encourager of Generous Giving," the 1994 Harwick Lecture on biblical stewardship, will be given at Lancaster on Friday, March 18. The daylong workshop, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., including lunch, is free of charge to students, faculty and staff.

Workshop leader is the Rev. Brenton Dodge, of St. Louis, an ordained pastor of the American Baptist Church. Dodge, who has served as national church staff person in the area of stewardship, regularly leads groups of pastors in developing their skills as fundraisers.

The workshop will cover such topics as ascertaining a congregation's financial potential; setting financial goals; guiding parishioners in financial decision-making; speaking about money in church; and options for stewardship, including endowments, memorials and capital campaigns.

To register or for more information, see Barbara Stephens, Office of Continuing Education, Lower Level Lark.



UCC STUDENTS INVITED TO GLOBAL MISSION SEMINAR

Global Mission Seminar VI, sponsored by the Conferences of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the United Church of Christ, will be held on March 17-19 at the Penn Harris Convention Center, Camp Hill.

The planning committee has invited UCC seminarians to attend the Friday session for a cost of only \$10.00. Global Mission Seminar is a great opportunity to learn about the mission of the United Church of Christ as it is carried out in many settings of the church. Lancaster Seminary Professor Bob Webber will be leading two Bible studies on "Living Out God's Story in Mission" on Friday.



Brochures including the schedule and other information are available on the table in the hallway on the ground floor of the Lark Building. If you are interested in attending, please register with Phyllis Baum, who is handing registration for Lancaster students. (Do not send registrations to Penn West Conference, as indicated in the brochure). Please put completed registration form, along with \$10.00 (checks payable to Penn West Conference) in Phyllis' mailbox by February 28.

CURRICULUM DISPLAY AT COKEBURY

On Wednesday, February 23, Cokesbury's regional curriculum consultant, Vivian Otto, will be on campus with a display of all curricula available for children, youth and adults, including curricula for Hispanic, Korean and ethnic churches, as well as materials for family life and parenting groups. There is no better way to become excited about teaching than to actually look at the wide possibilities of curriculum. The display will be located outside Cokesbury Bookstore all day. Vivian Otto, who has 28 years' experience in Christian Education, will be glad to advise you about the uses of the curricula.

DEADLINE FOR TEXTBOOK RETURNS

Friday, February 25, is the last day you can return textbooks to Cokesbury for the current term. So, if you dropped a class, and you don't want to keep the books, return them by Friday. As of Monday, February 21, textbooks were available for purchase by anyone and are no longer on reserve for registered students. If you have been procrastinating about buying your textbooks, waiting until they appear on your syllabus, you might be out of luck as Cokesbury runs out of stock. Textbooks can be special ordered, but they may take up to one month to arrive. Cokesbury will do its best to get whatever you need, and the sooner you talk to them, the more quickly they can place your order.

DISCOVER WEEKEND SUCCESS

Once again Discover Weekend was a success! Twelve prospective students and three spouses attended the Open House, and all of them expressed satisfaction with the weekend. A few local addresses were represented, as well as towns in Wisconsin and New York. It was a strong group, and we look forward to having them on our campus soon as students!

Bulletin Board

REV. PERL VISITS SEMINARY

The Rev. Roger Perl, Northwest Ohio Conference UCC, will be on campus Tuesday, March 1st. While he will meet with Ohio students and conduct a CMR on Tuesday, he is also available to meet with any other students who wish to speak with him. He would like to talk with those students who are interested in seeking parishes in Ohio. Please see Donna Kaplan, faculty secretary, to make an appointment with Rev. Perl.

12-STEP GROUP MEETS ON CAMPUS

An anonymous 12-step group will meet on campus each Tuesday at noon. You are invited to attend. Call David Pendleton, 394-9640, or Chaplain Allen Kroehler, 393-7005 (or in the Chaplain's Office, Lower Level Lark Building).

WOMEN'S EMPHASIS WEEK HELP NEEDED

Anyone interested in helping to organize a program for Women's Emphasis Week, March 7 to 11, please put a note in Liz Bell's mailbox.

ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS CONFERENCE

Millersville University will host three nationally-known environment ethicists at a one-day conference, "An Ethic for the Earth: Caring for the Planet in the Next Generation," on Saturday, April 23. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Rosemary Radford Ruether, internationally-acclaimed theologian and author of over 30 books including **Gain and God: An Ecofeminist Ethic of Earth Healing**. Ruether is the Georgia Harness Professor of Applied Theology at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, and a member of the graduate faculty at Northwestern University. Conference

registration fee is \$10.00 before April 5 and \$15.00 thereafter plus \$10.00 to attend the conference luncheon. To register, or for more information, call Robert D. Sayre, United Campus Ministry at Millersville University 872-3355, or the MU biology department at 872-3409.

DISCOVER WEEKEND THANKS

Ann Schoup and Kecia McMillian would like to thank faculty, staff and students who helped with this Discover Weekend. It was a success, and we couldn't have done it without you!

INTERFAITH SHABBAT WITH CONGREGATION SHAARAI SHOMAYIM

Don't forget to sign up to join Congregation Shaarai Shomayim for a Friday night Sabbath service, during which worship will be both experienced and explained. Following the service, guests are invited to a welcoming reception called an Oneg Shabbat. Submit questions in advance for Rabbi Jack Paskoff to answer during the service. This year's Interfaith Shabbat has been scheduled for Friday, March 18 at 8:00 p.m. Please let Judi Hummer in the Dean's Office know by March 1 if you would like to attend.

TAKE NOTE

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