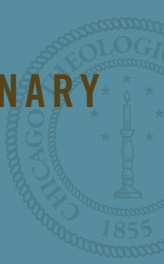


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by Bernard Chris Dorsey



Bernard Chris Dorsey

The question posed on the cover of this issue of *Tower News* plays on one originally raised by third century theologian Tertullian: *What has Athens to do with Jerusalem?* Known to be suspicious, even condemning, of the role Greek philosophy could play in Christian theology, Tertullian challenged the church to examine what he saw as an uncritical relationship between the two, concerned that the former might distort the meaning of the Christian message. Yet, the cultural interactions between Greek thought and the writings of the New Testament suggest one can make no strict demarcation. Indeed, today most understand that while theology may seek to articulate eternal truths, it is always historically and culturally conditioned.

Tertullian's question has endured over the centuries, acquiring varied meanings over time. Its most common use today is as a prompt to explore the connections between the places where theories of ministry are rehearsed and the places where ministry is done. While not a rigid reading of Tertullian's original phrase, this usage still challenges us to examine the relationship between the study of truth and the places where truth emerges historically and culturally. In considering the relationship between CTS and the many contexts where our graduates live and experience the truths they have studied, we were moved to ask:

What has Chicago to do with Beijing?

The following words are taken from the CTS Statement of Commitment:

We are committed, in recognition that the divisions of society are global as well as local and national concerns, to fostering the **international collaboration** of institutions that have a similar commitment to the transformation of church and society and to the equipping of individuals for this **ministry in diverse settings around the world.**

When we ask questions at CTS, we seek not to create stark lines of demarcation and more divisions in society, but rather to bridge differences and understand how truths emerge in the faces of those with whom we live. We remain committed to *preparing persons who will be leaders of ecclesial and social transformation in anticipation of the divine reign of justice and mercy.* As such, our students and graduates engage in ministry settings on the south side of Chicago and in the rural landscapes of Kansas; in the bustling streets of Accra, Ghana and the lesser-known cities of China's Henan Province. In posing the question "What has Chicago to do with Beijing?" we invite you to ponder the relationship between CTS and the communities of diverse history, culture and philosophy written about in these pages. We hope this issue suggests, instead of a clash of civilizations, the myriad possibilities of collaboration.

Rev. Bernard Chris Dorsey is the Vice President of Development & Marketing at Chicago Theological Seminary.

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Chicago Theological Seminary shall be an international force in the development of religious leadership to transform society toward greater justice and mercy.

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Chicago Theological Seminary, a seminary of the United Church of Christ, serves Christ and the churches and the wider faith community by preparing women and men in the understandings and skills needed for religious leadership and ministry to individuals, churches and society.



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On the cover: The Rev. Michael McFarlane
(M.Div. 1995) with young friends in Chengdu,
China. Rev. McFarlane and wife Rev. Dr. Doreen
McFarlane (Ph.D. 1998) spent four years in China
as a "Critical Presence."



welcome to the ENTERING CLASS

by Lin Sanford Keppert

CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY WELCOMES 60 new students to the community this year—the largest entering class since 2003. Ranging in age from 23 to 69, these students represent more than 23 religious affiliations, 10 states (Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin) and 5 countries (India, Kenya, Korea, the Philippines, and the United States). The group includes 5 Master of Arts students, 24 Master of Divinity students, 7 Master of Sacred Theology students, 15 Doctor of Ministry students, 5 Doctor of Philosophy students, 3 Certificate of Theological Studies students, and 1 Student At Large. Three entering students have previously attained a Ph.D. in another field of study.

This diverse group reflects a wide and varied experience of life, vocation and education including: law, organic farming, social work, music, visual arts, martial arts, military service, poetry, journalism, counseling, advocacy, firefighting, veterinary medicine, railroad work, business administration, history, English literature, yoga, arts administration, carpentry, and theater, as well as all manners of teaching, community organizing, public ministry, and theological study.

The Rev. Lin Sanford Keppert is Director of Admissions, Recruitment, & Financial Aid for Chicago Theological Seminary.

Above: New CTS students with CTS faculty during their orientation retreat at Tower Hill Camp in Sawyer, Michigan. Photo: Jami Huisjen Scott.

2010 scholarship recipients

“We are committed to a curricular structure in all degree programs that encourages academic excellence and free inquiry, that focuses on the issues of transformative leadership, and that fosters cooperation between communities of faith and other community-based organizations to promote the power of life against the forces of death.”

—Excerpt from CTS Statement of Commitment

Students at Chicago Theological Seminary with Named Fellowships/Scholarships for the 2010-11 Academic Year from Sources Outside of CTS



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Sarah Lohrbach
Master of Divinity student (pictured below)



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Dorothy Akoto
Doctor of Philosophy student



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(pictured top to bottom)
Solomon Sudhakar
Doctor of Philosophy student



Merlyn Lawrence
Master of Divinity student



THE REV. DR. JEREMIAH A. WRIGHT LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

Tiauna Boyd
Master of Divinity Student



REV. DR. ROBERT G. KEMPER LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

Eileen Gebbie
Master of Divinity student

Photos of Tiauna Boyd, Solomon Sudhakar, and Merlyn Lawrence by Allison Baker. Photo of Allison Baker by Waltrina N. Middleton.

Donor Roll Addendum

Thank you to all of our supporters, alumni/æ, and friends! Your contributions support Chicago Theological Seminary and its important work of nurturing and developing religious leaders and ministers for the Church and the wider world.

Please note that in the spring edition of Tower News, we omitted many partners in the 2009 donor roll of those churches and organizations that made gifts to CTS between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009. We apologize for the error and gratefully acknowledge the omitted parties below. We are thankful for the active partnership of so many local congregations and organizations, and for the support and prayers that accompany us on this journey of theological education.

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A CALL TO Community-wide Engagement

by Alice Hunt



Alice Hunt

EXCITING CHANGE IS COMING TO CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. While the most obvious dimension of that change is the move in the fall of 2011 to our new building, other dimensions of change offer intriguing opportunities. The first is the call, experienced throughout the history of CTS, to respond to the ever-changing needs for religious leadership and ministry to individuals, churches, religious communities and society. We have always sought to reshape our educational programs to equip transformative leaders and communities for faithful proclamation, compassionate service, and the work of justice. While this kind of change is not easy, we have demonstrated time and again that it is possible.

A second prompter of change is the financial context in which we, along with most free standing theological schools, find ourselves. We are engaged in an invigorating and systematic rethinking of how we operate, what kind of programs we offer, and how these programs are delivered. Aggressive fund raising, dramatically increasing student recruitment targets, and careful fiscal management will allow us to move toward our newly conceived future. Meanwhile, rest assured that whatever this future brings, it will be shaped in ways that are consistent with our vision, mission and commitment statements by a community daring enough to meet challenge with innovation.

Our Community-wide Engagement, endorsed by the Board of Trustees and proceeding under my leadership, is the means by which we will shape change that responds both to the faith community's need for progressive religious leadership and to the operational and financial realities we face.

The Board of Trustees endorsed this Community-wide Engagement at its February 2010 meeting. Board Chair Don Clark named a Core Team to oversee and plan the work. Members include myself as chair, Academic Dean

Ken Stone, faculty member Dow Edgerton, Board members Sharon Watson Fluker and Alan Ray, and Board Chair Don Clark, *ex officio*; recent graduates Mark Winters and Tiffany Trent; and current students Tiauna Boyd and Lisa Seiwert. John Thomas also serves on the Team and is the principle staff for this effort along with recent CTS graduate Emily Mitchell.

We have a long and rich legacy of innovation which we call upon in this exciting work.

The work of the Community-wide Engagement has begun in earnest, and is already generating inspiring ideas for how we might reshape CTS. During the last week of August and the first week of September, we made significant strides toward our future—for the work of educating religious leaders for transforming society toward greater justice and mercy. This entire fall we will be engaging our stakeholders—alumni/ae, donors, communities of faith, UCC leadership, employers, trustees, students, staff and faculty—to fully gain their insights and develop plans for the future. I will be presenting recommendations to the CTS board at our May 5th, 2011 meeting.

Change is indeed coming to Chicago Theological Seminary. We have a long and rich legacy of innovation which we call upon in this exciting work. We look forward to working with you as we form our future. Indeed, we look forward to our future.

The Rev. Dr. Alice Hunt is President of Chicago Theological Seminary.

Emily Jones



Second-year M.Div. student **EMILY JONES** describes Chicago Theological Seminary as “a community in motion,” a place willing to engage in self-critique and struggle in the space between its vision and reality. CTS takes progressive theology seriously, she says, and this is one of the many reasons she decided to come to Chicago.

Moving to Chicago last fall was a big step for Emily, who had lived her whole life in southwestern Connecticut. But she has already dug deeply into Chicago and the CTS community. She spent this summer doing her Clinical Pastoral Education at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago’s West Loop. “It was really challenging because I had to allow for intimate and unexpected ministry in brief moments with people, and I’d never really done ministry that way before.”

Emily is not a total stranger to the world of healthcare, though her previous experience was quite different. After graduating from college in 2006, she went to work as an organizer for the New England Healthcare Employees Union, District 1199. Based in Stamford and Hartford, Connecticut, she primarily worked with nursing home employees. Their work, she says, is incredibly important but socially undervalued; people dismiss what they do as something that doesn’t need to pay a living wage.

Above: Emily Jones

The nursing home workers were mostly immigrant women of color, and they had high rates of job-related injuries. Gender, nationality, and class converged to result in unfair treatment. Emily says that the most rewarding part of her job was seeing employees trust one another and come together to change the labor practices of large organizations.

It was this experience with a labor union that helped lead Emily to seminary and CTS. She loved many things about working as an organizer and in secular non-profit settings, but she felt there was something missing. “I want to engage people in ministry that acknowledges the presence of God.” Ultimately, Emily wants to work for a faith-based organization that strives to support people where they are but also engage in systemic change.

Emily Jones thinks CTS is a place especially suited to equip her for this kind of ministry. “CTS takes progressive theology seriously. It has a truly diverse student body and faculty in a city that is itself vibrant and multicultural. It offers an academically rigorous experience, but it’s also geared primarily toward practice. There are lots of opportunities for engaging the things I care about. And at the heart of the institution is a commitment to do ministry in a way that is relevant, honest, and centered in Gospel values.”

Next up for Emily is an internship at Urban Village Church, a new church start of the United Methodist Church in downtown Chicago. She will be participating in outreach efforts, meeting one-on-one with people interested in the church, and helping out with worship. Emily is glad to be joining this effort to create a new church community. “Worship is central to my own spiritual life, and people often struggle to find worshipping communities where they can engage authentically with their whole selves and experience the presence of the Spirit. It’s exciting to be part of a new church plant that is trying to realize a vision of a lively faith community.”

Doris and Serge Hummon

DORIS AND SERGE HUMMON (B.Div. 1945) met at Chicago Theological Seminary in October 1941—she a scholarship student from Kansas and he a self-proclaimed Ohio “farm boy.” At the corner of 57th Street and Woodlawn Avenue, the two CTS students began their courtship, marrying in June 1942.

Serge recalls their time at the Seminary with great fondness: “CTS means very much to us. We were Methodists. Ross Snyder...and Martha [Snyder] were special friends. We named our second son after one of their boys! And we became Congregationalists. Doris nearly completed a degree with the Drama professor in Religion and the Arts.”

At CTS, Serge Hummon majored in Christian education with Ross Snyder and particularly remembers him for his “critical friendship,” calling him a “hard-nosed guy” who wouldn’t let his students get away with anything. Hummon credits Snyder and CTS professor Victor Obenhaus, among others, with preparing him well for a calling in rural ministry.

Hummon originally came to Chicago Theological Seminary from Union Seminary because of CTS’s focus on rural ministry. After his graduation in 1945, the Hummons served rural Congregational churches in Michigan, including one in southern Michigan and another in Delta County’s Delta Larger Parish. From Michigan, the Hummons moved to Wisconsin, where Serge served rural churches near Madison and eventually became the Assistant Superintendent for Town and Country, working with youth and laymen for the Wisconsin Conference of the Congregational Churches. While there, he also undertook graduate work in rural sociology.

In 1958, Serge was called to the national staff of the Congregational-Christian Churches in the area of Town and Country Church, which eventually became the Town and Country Department of the Board for Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ. He worked there for 24 years. Serge Hummon’s long tenure at the national office was rich and varied. He worked primarily with the conferences, and engaged with them using advice, not power, along with “a little bit of money.” Outside of conference matters, one of his longest assignments was working for nineteen years with American Indian groups, including the Sioux in South Dakota, the Affiliated Tribes of North Dakota, the Navajo in Arizona, and the Winnebago in Wisconsin.

Retired since 1982, Serge still recalls the important lessons he learned during his CTS days. Chief among these is relating one’s faith to one’s life critically. That is the great challenge for religious leaders, he says, adding, “The role of the religious leader is to be very responsible with the Gospel in relationship to the world with all its complexity. We don’t have all the answers by any means.”

In a recent letter, Serge Hummon expanded on the role of CTS in his life, and in Doris’s, as well as the Seminary’s future:

“We have always valued deeply the CTS education which emphasized the mind’s application to the Christian faith. I’m certain this was a pioneering role in the Midwest when the Seminary was founded in 1853. I’m certain that CTS will have many difficult challenges in what it is attempting in these extraordinary times. But I both pray and hope for its success. Our country needs its spiritual and ethical leadership in so many ways.”

THE DEAN'S desk

WELCOME TO A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR AT CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY!

If you have questions about any of the announcements below, or about other academic matters at CTS, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you are on-campus, stop by my office in Room 432, immediately across the hall from the Student Services Office.

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Dean Ken Stone

New Beginnings

The normal anticipation of new beginnings is intensified this year by our knowledge that, less than a year from now, we are scheduled to move into a new building. This state-of-the-art facility will enhance significantly the learning, teaching and outreach capabilities of CTS. We look forward to the new possibilities that await us in this next period of our institutional mission of developing religious leadership to transform society toward greater justice and mercy.

The forms taken by that mission in our new facility will be shaped significantly by the Community-wide Engagement that is taking place this year under the leadership of our President, **DR. ALICE HUNT**. Elsewhere in these pages you can find out more about this important process, which has already involved members of the Faculty, Administration, Staff, Student body, Board of Trustees, and Alumni/ae.

Arrivals and Departures

One of the most important changes every fall semester is the arrival of new students. By the time you read this, our large entering class will have completed Orientation and started classes. If you are a new student, please know that we are glad to have all of you with us. We all look forward to getting to know you in the year ahead, as you have already started getting to know one another.

We are also happy to welcome **RUTH MARTIN** to CTS this year. Ruth has joined the CTS Development and Marketing staff as Development Associate for External Relations. Ruth is a graduate of the University of Chicago and comes to CTS with previous experiences as Assistant Director of College Admissions and Director of Publications at the University of Chicago.



Left to right: Timothy Sandoval, Laurel Schneider, Julia Speller, Seung Ai Yang

This semester we are also happy to welcome back to CTS four faculty members who were on sabbatical last year. Professors **TIMOTHY SANDOVAL**, **LAUREL SCHNEIDER**, **JULIA SPELLER** and **SEUNG AI YANG** have all returned to their regular teaching responsibilities after a time away for research, writing, and relaxation. Prof. Speller has also resumed her duties as Associate Dean and Director of the M.Div. and D.Min. programs; and Prof. Sandoval has resumed his duties as Director of the M.A., S.T.M. and Ph.D. programs. As these colleagues return, Professors **SCOTT HALDEMAN** and **JOANNE TERRELL** begin their own sabbaticals for the fall semester.



Left to right: Scott Haldeman, JoAnne Terrell

Convocation Services

Faculty members returning from sabbatical are asked to speak at public Convocation services.



DR. LAUREL C. SCHNEIDER, Professor of Theology, Ethics and Culture, gave an address titled “The Gravity of Love: Poetry, Multiplicity and Sacramentality” at Convocation on September 15. Prof. Schneider had been on sabbatical since

January. This semester, Prof. Schneider is teaching “Constructing a Concept of God,” on Tuesday afternoons; and “Queer Theories and Theologies,” on Wednesday mornings.



DR. SEUNG AI YANG, Associate Professor of New Testament, will be speaking at Convocation on October 13. Prof. Yang took a year-long sabbatical in 2009–10 with the assistance of a Lilly Theological Research Faculty Fellowship

Grant. This semester, Prof. Yang is teaching “Postcolonial Theory and New Testament Interpretation,” on Tuesday mornings; and “Interpreting the Gospels” on Wednesday mornings.



DR. JULIA SPELLER, Associate Professor of American Religious History and Culture, will be speaking at Convocation on February 9. Prof. Speller, who has been on sabbatical since January, will also be resuming her role as Associate

Dean and Director of the M.Div. and D.Min. programs. This semester, Prof. Speller is teaching “African American Religious History” on Tuesday mornings.

All Convocations are held in Graham Taylor Chapel at noon and are open to the public. Community Lunch at McGiffert House immediately follows.

Campus Events

ROOKS LECTURE



The fourth annual C. Shelby Rooks Lecture took place on Thursday, October 7. This year’s Rooks Lecture was given by **DR. ANDREA WHITE**, who is Assistant Professor of Theology and Culture at Emory University’s Candler School of

Theology. The title of her lecture was “The Storied Self as Subversive Power: Womanist Theology and Narrative Identity.” Dr. White specializes in constructive Christian theology and womanist theology, with research interests especially in the doctrine of God, theology of otherness, womanist perspectives on theological anthropology, postmodern theories of alterity, and the relationship between philosophy and theology. She is an ordained American Baptist minister. The annual Rooks Lecture is dedicated to the life and work of the Rev. Dr. C. Shelby Rooks, the first African American to serve as President of a predominantly white theological school in the United States. Dr. Rooks served as President of CTS from 1974 to 1984.

FIRESIDE CHATS

The CTS “Fireside Chat” series will continue this year. This series, organized by our Director of Community Life, **REV. AYANNA JOHNSON**, gives CTS students an opportunity to dialogue about ministry and leadership for social transformation with experienced religious and community leaders.



On October 6, **REV. MICHAEL WALROND** graced us with his presence. Rev. Walrond is a CTS Trustee and Pastor of First Corinthian Baptist Church in New York City.



RABBI HERMAN SCHAALMAN, Rabbi Emeritus at Emanuel Congregation in Chicago and long-time CTS adjunct instructor, will be featured on October 27.

Fireside Chats take place in George Commons at 5:15 p.m. and are open to the public. Please RSVP to Ayanna Johnson at ajohnson@ctschicago.edu or 773.322.0269.

Event Information

For more fall and winter happenings, please turn to page 31 of this issue. For updated event information, including faculty engagements, visit www.ctschicago.edu.





*Fill Our Hearts with True Humility**

REFLECTIONS ON GHANA

by *Tiauna Boyd*

Ghana redefined my definition of ministry. Now, I understand ministry not only as an opportunity to teach, but more so as an opportunity to learn. Ministry is no longer about “fixing” the problem or finding a new solution, but it is instead about helping to manage by making a sincere contribution. I now understand ministry to be a time to be silent and to listen. Ministry to me is investing myself in my neighbor to the point of vulnerability—to know intimately the reality of their challenges and know deeply the source of their hope.

With my Fund for Theological Education Ministry Fellows project in Ghana complete, I fully realize how much this experience will impact the way I think theologically as I continue to reflect, reconsider and redefine. As I continue to work towards my Masters of Divinity degree, I will go into this next academic year with lessons from Ghana fresh in my mind.

Ultimately, this experience will help broaden the way I prepare for my vocation and strengthen the way I engage the church as a prophetic voice for disenfranchised children around the world. Clear to me now is that my role in ministry has nothing to do with a romanticized version of leadership that calls me to go out and help those who couldn’t make it without me. Ghana has empowered me to embrace my call as an orphanage/at-risk-youth missionary: I am called to be humble, to be vulnerable, and to be prepared to give myself away to the needs of the least of these.

Tiauna Boyd is a third-year M.Div. student at Chicago Theological Seminary, a recipient of the Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright Legacy Scholarship, and a member of the Global Ministries Council of Theological Students. She was a 2009 Ministry Fellow with the Fund for Theological Education.

**A line from “God Bless Our Homeland Ghana,” the national anthem of Ghana.*

AS EXPOSED SEWERS HUGGED EVERY STREET, the air weighed heavy with the smell of feces, urine and rotting garbage. The landfills were full, so piles of trash rode the waves in the ocean and came in with the tide every evening to rest on the shore. Heavy rains made traveling nearly impossible on the red clay roads with their abrupt dips and tight curves. Electricity, indoor plumbing, and gas were not things to rely on—they came and went with each unexpected day.

And yet, in Ghana, God was still a good God.

As children as young as twelve were called out of their classrooms and sent home if their school fees were not paid, and as men returned home from a week of hard work with \$70 to provide for their families, in Ghana, God was still a God who met all their needs.

As babies in hospitals were pronounced dead by doctors who did not have access to oxygen tanks, God was a still prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God. As some families lived in one-room homes and were without an indoor kitchen or indoor bathroom, and as some parents were only able to give a cup of water and a portion of white bread to their children for dinner, Ghanaians worshiped a God who had blessed them beyond measure.

My experience in Ghana gave me a new understanding of humility. To be thankful, Ghana taught me, had little to do with what things you possessed, and had everything to do with what God you believed in.

If you believed in a God that was on the side of the poor, in a God that came to liberate those in bondage, in a God who was divinely present with you at all times, then joy was yours. If you believed in a God who promised to supply you with enough strength to meet every challenge, then each new day was a gift.

Janet & Susan MacLean



JANET (M.Div. 1998) and **SUSAN MACLEAN**, two sisters born and raised in New England, became involved with Chicago Theological Seminary at different times and for different reasons. Yet their shared upbringing played a role in drawing them both to CTS, where Janet graduated in 1998 and Susan is a member of the Board of Trustees.



Janet credits their parents with drawing her toward ministry. She and Susan grew up in the United Church of Christ. Their father, Garvey MacLean, is a minister and served as the chaplain of Bates College for many years. Their mother, Nancy MacLean, was also a primary role model in church life. Despite raising six children and working part time, she was active in the local UCC association and the Maine Conference, even serving as Conference moderator. She taught her children that being part of any community meant giving back to it one's time and talent.

Susan became part of the CTS community in an unconventional way. In 1994, she joined Zulkie Partners, an immigration law firm that represented CTS. A few years after arriving, she began receiving periodic calls from the Seminary about students' immigration issues. Janet was also a CTS student at that time. Susan's involvement, however, deepened considerably when Scott Haldeman joined the faculty. Susan and Scott had been close friends at Oberlin College, meeting through a Christian student organization. Susan began coming to CTS events to support Scott and met other faculty through him. Eventually, Academic Dean Ken Stone asked her to join the Seminary's Visiting Committee, where she served for two years.

In 2008, Susan joined the Board of Trustees, where she currently heads the committee planning the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new building. "CTS challenges me to think outside the box," she says. "I enjoy serving on the board because it's so different from my job."

Janet MacLean decided to study at Chicago Theological Seminary in the mid-1990s because she wanted to be somewhere that was both communal and attentive to ministry. She found CTS to be a community in process, a place where everyone thought a lot about how to live in community together. This was a struggle, she said, for the diverse student body of full-time and part-time students, commuters and those living in the neighborhood. But the experience contributed to Janet's long-standing commitment to community and group life.

After graduating from CTS in 1998, Janet decided to do a residency in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Advocate Christ Hospital in Chicago. She never left and currently works as a chaplain there, specializing in pediatrics. She is also training to be a CPE supervisor, in large part because of her dedication to community, which she hopes to convey to ministers in training.

As adults, Susan and Janet are still close. They are both active members of Pilgrim Congregational Church in Oak Park, Illinois where Janet's CTS classmate, Sally Iberg (M.Div. 1998), recently became Senior Minister. Outside of work and church, Janet is an expert knitter, and Susan has become a dedicated quilter, with an entire room of her house devoted to the hobby. Always eager to deepen her connection to CTS, Susan is taking Ken Stone's "People & Faith of Israel" class this fall.



Above left: Janet MacLean (top), Susan MacLean (bottom).

Above right: The MacLean sisters as children (Susan on left, Janet on right).

Hearing by the Word:

REFLECTIONS ON A THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

by Ozzie E. Smith, Jr.

FAITH COMES BY HEARING AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD (ROMANS 10:17). But as a young boy, faith as I knew it came by going to church—not necessarily by hearing anything there.

In Memphis, the place of my religious roots, “going to church” was the same as being saved—or so I thought. Church was a habit such that every Monday after Easter it was not uncommon for some of us to wear our Easter frocks to school. Yet faith by hearing was not absent in Memphis—proclamations of faith could be heard daily from the early-morning “Git up, git up!” greeting of Theo “Bless My Bones” Wade of WDIA/1070 AM. There was no shortage of gospel song-writers, gospel disc jockeys or preachers in Memphis. In school, we prayed collectively over our lunch, “God is great and God is good, and we thank Him for our food. Amen!”

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My first encounter with theological education occurred in my late thirties when my pastor began to invite revivalists who also happened to be seminary-trained. Their voices caused me to turn aside and notice. It occurred to me that if faith came by hearing, theological education was studying to show yourself approved. I also learned that theological education was somewhat frowned upon in Memphis. Seminary was called “cemetery” by some. Initially, even my pastor thought theological education was unnecessary. I would hear from others, “Where God guides, God provides” or “Seminary ain’t in the Bible.” This was confusing because those theologically-trained revivalists were making sense, at least to me. Their messages seemed to speak to me in particular ways.

My first exposure to theological education created a hunger that I never had before. Dr. Alan Ragland, a friend of ours and graduate of Colgate Rochester Theological Seminary, was a compassionate and listening ear for my curiosity and hunger. He was a Barnabas for me during that time. I thank God for his counsel and guidance during what would be a four-month turning point in my life.

As God seemed to ordain it, I met Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr. and eagerly anticipated his return to our church each year. My late wife and I would drive as far as Jackson, Tennessee—an hour from Memphis—to hear him. It was in March of 1990 that I accepted the “call” to ministry, pushed and prodded by those theologically-trained revivalists who had now been coming for several years. In May of that same year, Dr. Wright learned that I had accepted the call to ministry. His first question to me was, “Where are you going to attend seminary?” There was only one seminary in Memphis, so I answered that I would attend Memphis Theological. Dr. Wright asked if I would consider coming to Chicago and promptly sent three applications overnight from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, McCormick Theological Seminary and Chicago Theological Seminary. He said that if I would come to Chicago, his church, Trinity United Church of Christ, would send me to seminary. I completed the applications, and, after much fear and prayer, my wife and I decided to leave Memphis with three children, ages 6, 11, and 12, in tow. August 30, 1990 found the five of us living in Chicago—in just 4 months, God had changed our zip code!

Theological education was like water in a very dry desert—from October 1990 to May 1993, I wondered often where it had been all of my life! I came to seminary with undergraduate and graduate degrees from Langston University and the University of Memphis, respectively, but this journey was like a dream come true. Theological education answered the questions spawned by those theologically-trained revivalists. The classes, papers, projects, experiential education internships,

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Clinical Pastoral Education, and historical-critical study of the Bible opened my mind and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. Never had my thirst and enthusiasm been both quenched and stirred as it was by seminary studies. I felt as though I had come face to face with God, purpose, and destiny as never before.

Dr. Wright was a wellspring of knowledge and an Eli for my searching soul. I must say that theological education is not a panacea for everyone, though it was the right shoe and right size for my aching feet. Seminary cannot make one saved or filled with the Holy Spirit—God does that! Dr. Wright often reminded me that one must enter seminary first with a relationship with God such that the scholarship received can be informed by that relationship. Scholarship alone cannot do ministry—in the beginning must be the God relationship! I believe theological education is critical for anyone who wants to encounter the “other” stuff that can’t be learned through observing mentors. It requires the participation of the person—studying to show yourself approved.

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I appreciated the honesty with which my professors acknowledged the complexity of connecting the “robe” of academia with the “hood” where people lived, moved, and had their being. Theological education offers authentic inquiry into our times with an eye and ear for hearing and doing ministry with thoughtfulness and integrity. Not unlike Isaiah, our unclean tongues, when touched by the hot coals of theological education, are inspired to say, “Here I am (prepared), send me.” Yes, faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God! It was through the hearing of seminary-trained clergy that my life was changed.

Lest I throw out the baby with the bathwater, I do not mean to say that all of the sermons and Sunday school teachers of my youth did not create in me an ear to hear. They gave me what some call a “gut theology” nurtured by the patience and love of my parents and maternal grandparents. But my “gut theology” was challenged to think critically and pray fervently while in seminary. Theological education created in me critical self-awareness; seminary integrated those learnings and differences that “gut theology” can sometimes dismiss. My Doctor of Ministry mentor, the late Dr. Samuel Dewitt Proctor, said in his book, *The Substance of Things Hoped For: A Memoir of African-American Faith*, “My seminary took the plastic off the Bible and made it a living book with a message infinitely stronger than I had ever dreamed possible.” I agree wholeheartedly, though I learned that there are some for whom such knowledge is blasphemy.

I thank God for the hearing that led to the journey that is mine now to rejoice. I thank God for providing the missing piece of theological education to my quiver and quest after God’s own heart.



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REFLECTIONS FROM THE *Class of 1970*

THE CLASS OF 1970 GRADUATED—but did not graduate—40 years ago this spring. While they received their degrees, the class of 1970 asked to cancel its commencement exercises in light of the events that took place at Kent State and elsewhere that spring. Craig Rennebohm describes this provocative era in CTS and world history:



The years 1967 to '70 took us through Dr. King's assassination and the Democratic Convention (with troops on the Midway), and through some of the most difficult days of the Vietnam War. Yet at the heart of our life together was a vital and common spirit, a shared sense of purpose and direction. CTS was a collective effort, preparing for ministry by being in ministry—whether in the field, in the classroom or late in the evening at Jimmy's. Seminars on Love, the Self, and Prayer, a hastily organized weekend at the President's home during the last days of school to make sure we knew how to baptize, marry and bury, [Professor] Ross Snyder deferring our grades in Christian Existence a year to see over time what we had learned, and a faculty learning and building a curriculum together with us—it was a remarkable time and place. Fitting that we didn't graduate in the traditional manner, but shared instead communion: one last act of community before journeying on.

We've asked members of the Class of 1970 to come together as a community again, and reflect on the journey since.

Craig Rennebohm (B.D. 1970)

Still in active ministry and daily grateful for the years at CTS, I continue to invent faith language and create spiritual culture with local congregations, rooted in the pioneering work of Ross Snyder. I do pastoral care with thanks to Phil Anderson and wisdom gleaned about house churches and the value of small group life. Constructive Theology with Tom Ogletree and Process Theology with Widick Schroeder provide an ongoing framework for looking at life and the world.

After graduating, I spent three years working on the streets with the Blackstone Rangers as part of an innovative field work program designed to introduce CTS students to urban ministry. I'm still on the street, having worked for the last 24 years in Seattle as a chaplain with folks who are homeless and struggling with mental illness, substance abuse and profound trauma.

Arnold Enslin (B.D. 1970)

The events and challenges of the late 60s are well-known. For me personally, they were nearly overwhelming. Regardless, the context was invaluable in my faith-development and ministry.

Initially, I wondered if I was "retreating from the larger issues" by gravitating toward the more manageable ministry of pastoral care and hospital chaplaincy. Through my internship, I recognized that one of my gifts was relational and could be best honored in this specialized ministry. Instead of retreating, I discovered that the foundation and education I received at CTS was supportive. It began an ongoing process that informed and shaped my ministry that followed. I credit CTS for starting me on this journey.

I was ordained in the United Church of Christ and, after serving as a parish pastor in Minnesota for fourteen years, returned to my deeper calling as chaplain and educator. I served as Chaplain-Manager and CPE Supervisor at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, ND from 1989 until my retirement in 2004.

Nelson Stover (B.D. 1970)

During my high school years in East Lansing, Michigan, under the tutelage of Truman Morrison, Robb Lapp (B.D. 1957) and Cameron Byrd, I became aware of the presence of social injustice. In the summer of 1960, I got onboard the youth group bus to Wadley, Alabama. Over the next few years, the three clergy elders helped me realize I was hearing the call to service. I decided that the Church constituted one of the most responsive institutions in the realm of civil rights and determined that CTS would prepare me for that endeavor.

After my graduation and subsequent ordination, I asked the UCC ministerial committee to assign me to the social ministry of the church. This involvement took me around the world, several times, over the next 20 years.

By 1991, I came to realize that traveling the world to help the poorest of the poor live a better life, while both rewarding and challenging, missed the fundamental issue underlying both persistent social injustice and environmental degradation. As a result, I began to write and lecture on the magnitude of cultural transformation required in the 21st Century. Some of my Indian associates and I launched the Global Grassroots Education Project, a Universe-referent approach which develops and delivers a curriculum teaching science and religion in a common context—the emerging natural world.

Ron O'Brien (B.D. 1970)

In making significant decisions, it's natural to seek a situation where one feels comfortable. In the fall of 1966, when I enrolled at CTS, I was bucking that tendency: I did not expect to be especially comfortable there. In fact, opportunities for discomfort were a prominent consideration in my decision to attend. I was not a big city guy, and felt the need for urban exposure. Neither was I a social activist, but knew that I would be challenged in that arena too.

The tensions of personal growth lasted throughout my seminary experience. After four years I was ready to decompress, and quickly disappeared into the hills of Eastern Kentucky, far from urban America. Most of my working life has been spent as a Human Resources Manager for a hospital, not in the ministry.

I don't consider my years at CTS wasted, however, perhaps because they helped me figure out who I was not. Then, too, there was the passion of André LaCoque, who drew me into the Old Testament, the wonderful child development insights gleaned from Martha Snider's nursery school program, and the often unconventional language and techniques of her husband, Ross, as he tried to yank us all from our ruts and into a more "fully human" phenomenological existence. While my seminary experiences may not have led directly to professional accomplishment, they have informed and advised my life.

Anne Kreml (M.A. 1970, M.Div. 1975)

Several years after graduation, my husband Warren Kreml (B.D. 1957, D.REL 1969) and I looked for a church that would call us as a team. None responded. Then we learned of a vacancy for an Associate Conference minister on the Nebraska Conference staff. We applied and moved to Lincoln, Nebraska in the summer of 1976. It was a wonderful choice. David Jamieson (B.D. 1978) was Conference Minister. I have never known a more faithful and compassionate person.

After working there 20 years, I received a call from the Northern California Conference to be an Associate Conference minister. While northern California had the same number of small churches as Nebraska, the ministers and congregations were much better informed and expected different attitudes in solving problems. I learned a lot.

Then I ran into some medical problems. I could not drive to churches or meetings, so Warren gave up his work to drive me wherever I needed to go. He was so good to me. I am so grateful for the work I could do for so long.

I'm grateful, too, for the interest our children and grandchildren take in church. Our oldest daughter graduated from San Francisco Theological Seminary. Her son, my grandson, has felt a call to ministry and is looking at seminaries with the hope of starting in the fall! And our oldest granddaughter has asked me to perform her wedding ceremony next year.

It's been a good life. Warren passed away in 2009. We were married 58 years.

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Beverly Dale



Beverly Dale

In 1989, shortly after graduating from CTS, **BEVERLY DALE** (M.Div. 1985, D.Min. 1988) arrived in Philadelphia, where she quickly became a fixture on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania

as General Minister and President of the Christian Association. Known by many as “Rev Bev,” she led the Christian Association for twenty years in its efforts to embody progressive Christianity. This August, Bev left the University to establish her own consultancy for body justice and sexuality ministries. She recalls praying about this decision with some humor: “OK, God, I am a grandmother of two. If you’re going to use me, do it now.”

Yet as she enters into this new calling, Bev is emphatic: “This is where I need to be, where I am trained to be, and where I am called to serve.” This is a new independent ministry for her but not a new calling. Bev has long been interested in issues of sexuality and gender equality, and at Penn she began a women’s ministry early in her tenure. Eventually, she began to shift more and more from gender issues to sexuality issues, and she found Penn students an eager audience. She describes them as “not just lost, but hungry to learn how to be ethical in their sexual decision-making.”

Increasingly, Bev and the Christian Association tried to fill this need, leading numerous presentations and discussions with topics like “Young Christians Living in the Hook-up Culture” and “Sexy Holiness or Holy Pleasure: Finding the Sacred in the Bedroom.” Bev’s presentations often involve music, poetry, theater and dance. She has developed characters who talk about a

wide range of sexual experiences, some outrageous and some profoundly sad. “There’s a lot of trauma,” Bev says, “but also a lot of things we can laugh about.”

This country, she adds, is full of people who are sexually wounded and traumatized. For example, one in four women will be sexually assaulted while in college; one in seven men will be sexually abused in their lifetime. This is just the tip of the iceberg, Bev says, and pastors must be prepared for the whole host of sexual issues they may face in their congregations. This is why Bev plans to make working with seminaries and pastors a main focus of her new ministry. Last fall, she came and performed for Scott Haldeman’s “Ritualizing LGBTQ Lives” class at CTS. He says Bev’s monologues “opened up conversation about issues that churches too often and for too long have tried to ignore or silence. Seminarians who encounter this work will not be able to ignore the complexities of the lives of the people they serve and will be enabled to engage those among whom they minister around questions of body and sexuality in more sensitive and more challenging ways.”

Bev originally came to CTS because of its pragmatic orientation and because she knew Phil Anderson would help make her a good pastor. But she got more out of the experience than she ever thought she would: CTS, she reports, with its embrace of feminist Christianity and the GLBTQ community, has equipped her well for work as a pastor, chaplain, and now a consultant for body justice and sexuality ministries. Bev wishes CTS well in its new building and asks for prayers for her new ministry.

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Announcing the first CTS Study Tour to Israel and the West Bank

JANUARY 16–30, 2011

Our mission to transform the world toward justice and mercy opens new doors this year as **Drs. Rachel Mikva** and **Susan Thistlethwaite** offer a January term course traveling to **Israel and to the West Bank**. In our travels, we will explore the rich history of three faiths in the land and the diverse communities building their lives there today. We

will meet progressive peers working on the same issues in Israel that we work on here (poverty, discrimination, civil rights, refugees/immigration, environment, pluralism, GLBTQ issues, etc.), and engage in dialogue with many of the stakeholders in pursuit of peaceful coexistence. “This is not simply a tour of important religious and historical sites,” says Dr. Mikva. “We will have the opportunity to speak at length with so many interesting and inspiring people. It is the beginning of relationship with our partners in world repair, and a challenging encounter with competing visions for the future. There is no substitute for first-hand experience in bringing the Bible to life, and in understanding the complex realities of the Middle East.”

The journey is being facilitated by the Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel, a vital and creative team of educators and activists who have strong relationships within the Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities. CTS has been raising funds to subsidize the cost of the journey, so that all students can afford to participate.



The Western Wall plaza and the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem. Photo: Rachel Mikva.



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PEOPLE TO PEOPLE: A Pilgrimage through China

by *Merlyn Lawrence*

DURING THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR, I was offered the wonderful opportunity to join the Global Ministries Council of Theological Students and its People-to-People Pilgrimage to China, a two-week trip in May and June of 2010. Below are some highlights and observations from my trip, part of the on-going endeavor to involve my church, First Congregational of Glen Ellyn, and my Seminary, CTS, in reflection about what it means to serve a Global Mission.

Sunday morning, Jinyong Church

Jinyong Church, a few miles outside of Xi'an, graciously welcomed us to Sunday morning worship. Long before service began, its one thousand members raised their voices in hymns of praise. When it came time for prayer, all stood, while some congregants dropped to their knees on the hard floors and began to pray aloud. Prayer continued for twenty minutes, rhythmically increasing in volume and power as each individual voiced their prayers reverently and earnestly, tears flowing down many cheeks. At last the pastor's voice was heard, and the congregation's communal prayer slowly softened into virtual silence.

Nanjing Union Theological Seminary

China has four levels of seminaries: national, provincial, regional, and municipal. Nanjing Union Theological Seminary, founded in 1952, is the only national seminary and is accredited to confer the Master of Theology degree. It closed down during the Cultural Revolution, and reopened in 1981. Currently about two hundred students pursue undergraduate or graduate studies.

China does not have enough qualified pastors or church leaders. To meet the needs of its rapidly growing congregations, the most important mission of the church in China is theological education. Nanjing trains teachers, pastors and church leaders, and provides continuing education. "Through our collective labor as a student body we express our gratitude to God by building up this campus into a garden of prayer," one student leader told us.

Nanjing Massacre Museum

The Nanking Massacre decimated the city (now known as Nanjing) in less than two months between 1937 and 1938, slaughtering more than 300,000 Chinese in outrageous acts of rape and violence. But the legacy left there by U.S. missionaries and other foreigners deeply impressed me. Many of them stayed in China despite warnings to evacuate, risking their lives to be in solidarity with the people and to do what they could to help. They were instrumental in creating the international safety zone responsible for saving hundreds of thousands of lives in Nanking. As I stood witness to the horror of war and the worst of humanity's evils, I felt, too, that I stood on holy ground, witness to the faithful work of those missionaries.



Henan Province and Zhoukou City

Henan is one of China's largest, and poorest, provinces. HIV/AIDS-related deaths have left scores of orphaned children in the rural villages. Among 1,200 churches in Zhoukou, there are only 6 ordained pastors and 32 elders, all of whom serve the church on a volunteer basis.

During our two days in Henan, we visited several villages, a hospital, a seminary, churches, schools and other projects sponsored by Global Ministries, sometimes in collaboration with the Amity Foundation. By far one of the most gratifying encounters was with the children of the villages. As we walked through one village, the children started to follow and engage with us, the crowd swelling as we completed our course. In another, an elementary school with a high population of orphans surrounded us with a hundred playful and laughing children, happy to be photographed as they raised their hands in peace signs. What a way for us to end our pilgrimage to China—sent off by the children from those rural villages in love and peace.

Clockwise from top left : Jinyong Church, photo: Global Ministries. Children at Henan Village, photo: Global Ministries. Nanjing Massacre Museum, photo: Merlyn Lawrence.

New Vision

At each place we visited, our Chinese brothers and sisters offered us wonderful hospitality. Energized by their faith, we return home holding them in our hearts and prayers, inspired with new vision and mission for the Church of Jesus Christ.

The trip to China was an eye-opening opportunity for me, one for which I will forever be grateful to Global Ministries and CTS for granting. It let me glimpse what it means for our Chinese sister and brothers to live lives of faith in a formerly dominantly communist country, and to witness the rapid growth and development of Christianity and church in China. Through the experience, I have a new affinity with our Asian partners in faith, renewed dedication to global ministry and a joyful commitment to share the story.

Merlyn Lawrence, an M.Div. Student at Chicago Theological Seminary, served on the Global Ministries Council for Theological Students this past year. A member of First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn, she is currently serving as a Licensed Minister and Intern at Lyonsville Congregational Church in Indian Head Park, Illinois.

Theological Field Education at CTS

by Deb Derylak

TEACHER, PASTOR AND ACCLAIMED AUTHOR Barbara Brown Taylor has described vocation with these words: “Our offices are the ‘texts’ of our lives... but the ‘subtext’ is the common vocation to which we are all called.... Whatever our individual offices in the world, our mutual vocation is to serve God through them.”

At CTS, we take this “subtext” to heart, recognizing that as individuals, churches, schools and organizations we are called by God together to transform society toward greater justice and mercy. And so, at CTS we recognize that theological education and ministerial formation are a multi-dimensional, lifelong enterprise that isn’t just the task and privilege of seminaries and theological schools. Congregations and other ministry contexts are essential partners in the nurturing of vocation, along with our most essential partners: the students themselves, and the Spirit of God which guides us.

All M.Div. students must therefore complete two units of Theological Field Education: one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), which places students in supervised group settings where they explore and develop their own ministry practices with persons in situations of extreme need; and one unit of field placement, which entails supervised, experiential service-learning and leading within a congregation and/or a faith-related organization. Both CPE and field placement emphasize an action-reflection model of learning, where students gain hands-on experience in ministry while also engaging in deep reflection about their own professional—and personal—development.

The entire M.Div. curriculum at CTS is “contextual”—courses and site placements alike nurture students’ exploration of the Christian tradition, integration of thought and feeling, and embodiment of ministry as a way of life within contemporary communities of faith and action. The field education experience takes this exploration, integration and embodiment a step further, by providing an “immersion” of sorts, into particular “offices” of ministry. Actively bridging classroom and context, students are challenged to explore their particular callings to practices of ministry and service; to grow personally and professionally;

to clarify their commitments to Christian vocation; to refine skills and illuminate gifts; and to articulate a theological position on ministry.

At CTS we have a rich diversity of students—spanning decades and denominations, ethnicity and experience, calling and career goals, and so wonderfully on. No matter where a student may be on his or her life path or vocational journey, theological field education can provide a pivotal learning experience. Thanks to our position as an urban center, students have a wealth of possibilities for finding CPE and field placement environments that will help shape them into the ministers they seek to be; they may then shape these experiences through learning objectives unique to themselves. In these times of ministry praxis each student develops the sense of pastoral creativity, integrity, imagination and identity that is distinctive and sustaining for his or her own life in ministry—the particular “text” of one’s vocational journey.

This has been an exciting year for Theological Field Education at CTS! We’ve been deepening our reading of the “subtext” of our common vocation by enhancing peer reflection opportunities for both students and field placement supervisors; expanding our connections to new potential field placement sites; intentionally viewing our field placement learning objectives through the lens of our overall MDiv competencies; enjoying site visits with our field placement students and supervisors; sustaining collegial connections with local CPE supervisors; and more. We are indeed called together to nurture theological education and ministerial formation, and to transform society towards greater justice and mercy. Together, as a teaching and learning community, let us strengthen our response to God’s call!

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Deb Derylak

THEOLOGICAL FIELD PLACEMENTS FOR THE 2010–2011

ACADEMIC YEAR:

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ANDREA BILLHARDT

Haymarket Center (Chicago); Rev. John Hassey, Supervisor

TIAUNA BOYD

Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference (Chicago); Dr. Iva Carruthers, Supervisor

BRIAN CLARY

St. Paul's United Church of Christ (Monee, IL); Rev. Peggy Johnson, Supervisor

JEFFREY DODSON

United Church of Hyde Park (Chicago); Rev. Larry Turpin, Supervisor

ASHLEY GRABER

Edgebrook United Church of Christ (Chicago); Rev. Gregory Sabetta, Supervisor

JOHN HARRIS

Institute for Positive Living (Chicago); Rev. Marrice Coverson, Supervisor

DICK HATTAN

Advocate Health Care (Oak Brook, IL); Rev. Bonnie Condon, Supervisor

JAMIE HAWLEY

First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn (Glen Ellyn, IL); Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel and Rev. Seth Ethan Carey, Supervisors

CHAKA HOLLEY

SOUL/Southsiders Organizing for Unity and Liberation (Chicago); David Hatch, Supervisor [Summer 2010]

ETHAN JEWETT

The Episcopal Church of the Atonement (Chicago); Father John David van Dooren, Supervisor

EMILY JONES

Urban Village Church (Chicago); Rev. Christian Coon, Supervisor

GISEOK JOO

Trinity United Church of Christ (Chicago); Rev. Otis Moss III, Pastor

LEAH KABIRA

Chicago Community Mennonite Church (Chicago); Rev. Megan Remer, Supervisor

KOOPER KNEBEL

The Night Ministry Youth Outreach Team (Chicago); Rabbi Menachem Cohen, Supervisor

ANDY KRING

College Church of the Nazarene (Bourbonnais, IL); Pastor Kendall Franklin, Supervisor

MERLYN LAWRENCE

Lyonsville Congregational Church (Indian Head Park, IL); Rev. Robert von Trebra, Supervisor

LISA SEIWERT

ISAAC/ Interfaith Strategy for Advocacy and Action in the Community (Kalamazoo, MI); Rachael Tanner, Supervisor

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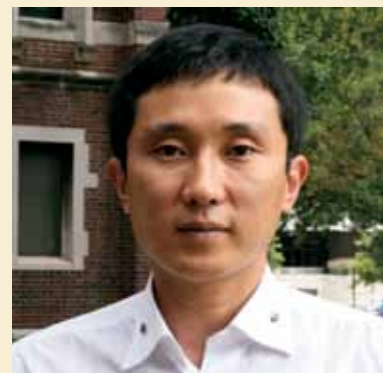
Community Church of Wilmette (Wilmette); Rev. Tripp Hudgins, Supervisor



Allison Baker



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our seminary, our future

A “Critical Presence” in China

by Doreen and Michael McFarlane

THROUGHOUT OUR LIVES, THE TWO OF US have enjoyed many adventures as individuals, and together as a couple, from classical singing to parish ministry and teaching. Still, we could never have imagined the last four years in China from which we have recently returned.

We were called in 2006 by the Global Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ, to serve as a “Critical Presence.” Such a person is not a missionary *per se*. A missionary generally enters another country with the purpose of not only helping people, but also “converting” them to Christianity. Too often missionaries pursuing this agenda have pushed or even forced their culture on the people of the host country, not realizing that these people may have their own connection with the Divine. In China, as a result, government policy forbids such missionaries from entering the country. However, it does not preclude the possibility of welcoming people of diverse religions and cultures to exchange ideas and share lives. Such an opportunity was offered to us, and although we were given a few general instructions which we followed carefully, we always felt not only free but deeply cared for in China.

We began our work in the huge city of Nanjing, serving our mission partners, the Nanjing Union Theological Seminary, for three years. At that time, the seminary had 25 faculty members, 5 visiting professors and 170 full-time students (90 of whom were female). In 2009, the seminary moved to a new campus and now has the capacity to greatly increase its enrollment. Doreen taught Biblical Hebrew, Greek, and various forms of Biblical Interpretation (including post-modern). Michael served as the seminary’s choir director and taught Western sacred music.

Our time in Nanjing was rich with ways to become a “Critical Presence,” including building relationships with Chinese faculty, students, and neighbors. We lived for the first two-and-a-half years on the downtown campus which became a virtual flower garden for much of the year thanks to the talents of a gifted gardener couple whom we befriended. The campus had been part of the historic Safety Zone during the infamous Japanese occupation of Nanjing in 1937. Every year on December 13, air raid

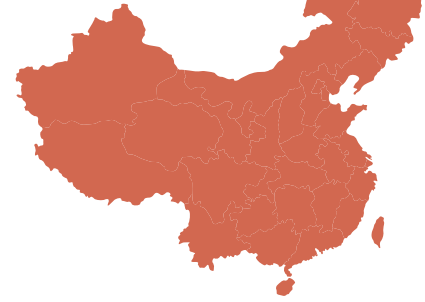
sirens would moan through the city as a reminder of the rape and murder of so many women and the slaughter of soldiers and civilians alike. We were in Nanjing on the 70th anniversary of that ghastly time, so we had a chance to stand with the Chinese people as we “remembered” together how cruel humans can be to each other.

Our students in Nanjing were all seminarians training for parish ministry or to become biblical scholars and theologians, so of course they were Christians. They are members of the official Church of China, which is government approved, as is the seminary. Our presence could be understood as “critical” because China desperately needs educated clergy and seminary professors in order to keep up with its rapidly growing Christian population. There are only eighteen seminaries in China, and most of them are more like Bible schools. The Nanjing Union Theological Seminary is the premier seminary in China and is doing an excellent job. We trust that our work there contributed to its flourishing. Doreen introduced some of the latest scholarship, while Michael presented a taste of the glories of Western sacred music. His choirs gave seasonal concerts which always filled the chapel beyond capacity. He even made a CD of Chinese hymns performed by himself (baritone) and a talented student (soprano) in English and Chinese!

When our time in Nanjing came to an end, we began very different but equally exciting assignments in the fabulous city of Shanghai. Doreen taught courses in American Culture and American Christianity to masters- and doctoral-level students at the University of Shanghai, while Michael served as choir director and concert coordinator for the Shanghai YMCA. Doreen worked at the YMCA, too, teaching American Culture to seniors. Both of us led a weekly English club with about 40 young adults at a downtown branch.

Unlike in Nanjing, a large portion of the people with whom we interacted were non-Christians. Most were without any religion—the legacy of Mao Tse-tung’s “Cultural Revolution” in which all forms of religion were outlawed. So, we had to ask ourselves: in this setting, what might it mean to serve as a “Critical Presence” when one is not permitted to proselytize? We determined that, as in our work in Nanjing, the best we could do

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was to try to model what it means to be a Christian: to lovingly and freely volunteer our time, to be kind and generous to all, to talk about our own faith when asked, and to live as people who care for others and trust in God. It was important to us that none of this be forced, but rather flow out of our own real lives, with all their very real challenges and joys.

Did we succeed at being a “Critical Presence” in China? Of course, only our Chinese colleagues and friends would be able to tell you that. But, we can say this: we enjoyed our work in China. We came to deeply love the Chinese people and will always hold them in our prayers and hearts. We tried our best to stand with them in their places of deepest need. We learned from them as much as we could about their ancient culture and their current way of life.

Below: Doreen McFarlane, center, with her Biblical Hebrew class at Nanjing Seminary.

Now, we are home, and look forward to six months of church visits to talk about our experience. Our lives have been changed, our hearts have been warmed, and it is our hope that we truly have been a “Critical Presence.” Whatever we were, the Chinese were a “Critical Presence” to us. The faith of the Christian people in China is mature and profound. Their sense of duty and responsibility is strong. Their willingness and eagerness to welcome the stranger is warm and deep. We will miss them. The living out of “Critical Presence” is not always simple but the results are twofold: mutual respect and mutual love.

The Rev. Dr. Doreen McFarlane (Ph.D. 1998) and Rev. Michael McFarlane (M.Div. 1995) are ordained UCC pastors. Doreen has also published three books: Weddings with Today’s Families in Mind: a Handbook for Pastors (Pilgrim Press, 2007), Funerals with Today’s Families in Mind: a Handbook for Pastors (Pilgrim Press, 2008), and The People Are Holy: the History and Theology of Free Church Worship (co-written with Graydon Snyder, Mercer Press, 2005).





joyful SERVANTS: St. Pauls UCC Bids Farewell to Tom and Colleen Henry

by Jana O'Brien

HE CLAIMS HE NEVER wanted to be a parish pastor. But on June 30, 2010, the Reverend Thomas R. Henry (B.D. 1969) retired as Senior Pastor at St. Pauls United Church of Christ in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood, after serving 36 years building the 167-year-old church into one of the most vibrant congregations in the UCC.

Tom Henry emerged from CTS intent on a career in religious mass communications. But when his employer, the Community Renewal Society's Communications Department, downsized in 1973, it led to a crossroads. He could endure the uncertainty of unemployment with a newborn daughter at home, or diverge from his career plan and accept an offer to become Associate Pastor at St. Pauls.

The responsibility of parenthood drove his fateful decision to "try his hand" at parish ministry for what he thought would be a few years. Yet, eight years later, he was called to the Senior Pastor position. And 28 years later, on June, 27, 2010, his congregation and the wider Chicago community gathered for a celebration dubbed "Henry Hurrah!" honoring Rev. Henry and his wife of 41 years, Colleen Yoder Henry (M.A. 1969), for their remarkable ministry partnership.

The Henrys' story was told in a documentary titled, "Joyful Servants in the City," in which Tom described three key factors he felt drove the church's success during his tenure:

- **WORSHIP CRAFTSMANSHIP:** Pastor Henry has a keen eye for the graphic arts as well as an ear for words—skills which complemented a passionate focus on worship design. Henry's sermons became a worship centerpiece, inspired in style by the "arting a story" approach taught by CTS professor Ross Snyder and renowned for their ability to turn real-world, often humorous experiences into meaningful spiritual lessons. In partnership with Colleen and St. Pauls' music leaders, the church became well-known for the integral role vocal and instrumental music played in the spiritual life of the congregation.

- **WELCOMING CONGREGATION:** Pastor Henry made certain that all who entered the doors at St. Pauls felt welcome. This openness was not limited to those of varied demographics, but also included sexual, political, and spiritual orientation. Before it became a United Church of Christ slogan, "No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here" was the philosophy of St. Pauls. The Henrys made sure they themselves, as well as the church staff, laity, events, and all points of communication, clearly and continually reinforced this open and affirming message.
- **STRATEGIC PLANNING:** Interested in mass communications and marketing, Reverend Henry embraced the strategic planning disciplines more commonly used in business settings. He worked with St. Pauls lay-leaders to identify the church's optimal role in the community and denomination-at-large, developing and continually updating long-range plans to implement and build on this position.

Rev. Henry's open-minded leadership style and team orientation, combined with Tom and Colleen's warmth and sense of humor, added to the "secret sauce" that helped drive the church's remarkable growth and reinvigoration to become a spiritual centerpiece in Lincoln Park, the broader Chicago community, and the UCC at large.

In pondering his career, Rev. Henry says, "CTS opened up my head and my heart. I gained new understanding of the Bible and that there are many ways of being the Church. I also became a more open and affirming person." CTS honored the pastor with an honorary doctorate in 1989 and a certificate of achievement in 2009.

The Henrys plan to spend their retirement doting more on their grandchildren, and Tom hopes to continue pursuing creative spiritual outlets such as writing and possibly teaching at the seminary level.

Jana O'Brien is a member of St. Pauls UCC and a former CTS Trustee currently serving on the Visiting Committee. She executive produced "Joyful Servants in the City," the documentary honoring Tom and Colleen Henry. To purchase a DVD, contact janaob@comcast.net.

Above left: Senior Pastor Tom Henry, along with Associate Pastors Jeff Carlson (M.Div. 2002) and Avena Ward (M.Div. 2000), officiates at the church's annual German Totenfest service. Above right: Tom and Colleen Henry

a call to STEWARDSHIP

by Bernard Chris Dorsey

A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO, my six-year old daughter asked me about the early childhood development center she attended while in preschool. Because of changing enrollment patterns and budgetary challenges, the center, affiliated with a small liberal arts college, had to close after more than 30 years of serving the community and providing a solid educational foundation for countless numbers of children. When my daughter asked me about visiting her “old school,” I delicately explained to her that the school was no longer open because they didn’t have enough money to continue operating. In typical six-year old fashion she responded, “Can’t we just send them some money so they can keep the school open?”

The most recent economic recession continues to weigh heavily on many institutions of higher learning all across the country. Some institutions have to make major cuts; others are considering more drastic measures like merging with other institutions or closing their doors altogether. This is certainly the case within theological education as many seminaries and divinity schools make tough decisions in order to remain financially viable in continuing their respective missions.

At CTS, we have weathered the economic storm *so far*. This is due in large measure to the agreement with the University of Chicago that will provide us with a brand new state-of-the-art facility. As you have read in this issue of *Tower News*, change is happening all around us and we must meet the challenges that come with that change. As any other not-for-profit institution of higher learning, we depend heavily on the generous support of individuals and organizations that are committed to the same values and commitments that we hold. In times of prosperity and times of challenge, we look to our alumni/ae, trustees, friends, churches and other organizations to help us continue our mission.



In a recent conversation with colleagues about the state of funding for theological education, we discussed trends in philanthropy and what motivates people to give to seminaries. We simply cannot take for granted that our constituency understands the continued need for philanthropic support. Unlike public institutions, we receive no funding from the government. Unlike a business, law or medical school, we cannot simply increase tuition because we realize that our graduates do not pursue jobs with lucrative incomes that could give them the wherewithal to pay back outsized loans.

We continue to rely on support from friends like you. Through the CTS Annual Fund, you can ensure the strength and ongoing vitality of CTS through gifts of unrestricted income on a yearly basis. These gifts sustain the seminary’s efforts to support students through scholarships, enhance academic programs, and develop religious leadership for the local church as well as wider society. Your gifts help ensure that the mission of CTS, *preparing women and men in the understandings and skills needed for religious leadership and ministry*, can continue even in these tough economic times.

Thankfully, CTS is still able to provide an innovative curriculum responsive to the issues of today and relevant to the needs of tomorrow’s religious and community leaders. Our students study contextual theologies, engage interfaith discourses and texts, and prepare for ministry through rigorous and reflective theological field education. We hope you will invest in the future of our students, our seminary, and the wider faith community.

Please consider using the enclosed envelope to make your contribution to the CTS Annual Fund.

Rev. Bernard Chris Dorsey is the Vice President of Development & Marketing at Chicago Theological Seminary.

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EXCERPTS FROM “We Are The Ones We Have Been Waiting For”

The Student Response to the May 15, 2010
Commencement Faculty Charge
given by Dr. Lee H. Butler

by *Waltrina N. Middleton*

Yes, the river is flowing very fast and it is great and swift. It may seem as if we are going to drown from the pull of the current. But we will—we must go.

It may appear safe to stay close to the shore. It may appear diplomatic to tread safely along the banks. But we have a responsibility to be obedient to the beckoning of our elders who charge us to let go of the shore and push off into the middle of the river.

Dr. Hunt, Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, distinguished honorees, family and friends—you have been our light. You are the village keepers who have enveloped us and inspired us with your wisdom and aptitude. Your gentleness and love has given us the strength and the courage to enter into this sacred space, raise tough questions and the tenacity to go out and tell it on the mountain...

We accept the charge as activists and freedom fighters, doctors without borders and ambassadors of peace who must lead the march and block roadways of injustices. We are the ones who are right now, in this moment, leading the way and simultaneously, honoring our past and valuing our future...

I am letting go of the shore now. I am letting go of the word struggle and fear and I am pushing off into the middle of the river. On this day, we, the graduating class of 2010 of Chicago Theological Seminary, rise with passion and vigor, honoring the words of artist Khali Kwodwo: “It is my divine right to be successful and prosperous. Today I begin to demand it. To claim it and to own it!”

Celebrate those who are with you.

Gather yourselves.

Declare, “We are the ones we have been waiting for!” Now go to the middle.

“There is a river flowing now very fast. It is so great and swift that there are those who will be afraid... Know that the river has its destination. The elders say we must let go of the shore, push off into the middle of the river, keep our heads above the water.

And I say, see who is there with you and celebrate. Gather yourselves. Banish the word struggle from your attitude and vocabulary... We are the ones we have been waiting for!”*

...Dr. Butler—our beloved elder, griot, mentor and friend—we accept the faculty charge, with the profound understanding of the weight of servitude and the depths of depression in a world hungry for peace and urgently searching for pieces of a dream.

We accept your charge in a world where same gender loving people are excluded from basic human rights—like the right to serve openly in the military or the right to be married. We accept your charge in a world where women are still nameless and voiceless and where racism still breeds—no longer hidden behind white sheets or burning crosses, but now under the guise of liberalism, sometimes under the guise of theology and the academy and some not disguised at all. It just sits there like a raisin in the sun—ready to explode. In the face of these things—we clench tightly your charge and our calling and we go out into the middle of the river.

MITSUO AOKI (B.D. 1943) passed away on August 19 at the age of 95 in his Hawai'i home. Mits, as he was known, served as Pastor of several UCC Hawai'i Conference churches and founded the Religion Department at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. He was best known for his work on the issues of death and dying and received several awards, including the Hospice Hawai'i Lifetime Achievement Award. A 2003 documentary called "Living Your Dying" focused on his work with cancer patients. Born in Hawai on Hawai'i Island, Mits moved to the mainland where he attended college in Missouri. In addition to his education at CTS, he attended Union Theological Seminary before returning to Hawai'i to begin his ministry. He is survived by son Galen and daughters Sophie Ann Aoki and April Aoki.

DONALD BLOESCH (B.D. 1953) passed away August, 24, 2010 in Dubuque, Iowa at the age of 82. Bloesch served as Professor of Theology at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary from 1957 to 1992, when he became professor emeritus. In addition to his degree from CTS, he earned a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Chicago and did postgraduate work at Oxford, Tubingen, and Basel, where he studied with Karl Barth. The author of more than 50 books, Bloesch was a renowned evangelical theologian, a past president of the American Theological Society, and a beloved teacher, colleague, and husband.

LESTER L. BOWERS (B.D. 1953) passed away in March at the age of 85. Loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend, Les was a man of courage and integrity and his love for his family and for his fellow man defined his life. Les was born on January 18, 1925 in Eugene, Oregon. He met his wife, Betty Bowers, during their studies at the Northwest Christian College and the University of Oregon. The two were married in 1945. Les and Betty created a rich life together. After serving as a minister near Chicago, Les and Betty were drawn back to the San Francisco Bay area where Les became the minister of the Congregational Church of Sunnyvale and later, an administrator at Lockheed Martin. Les is survived by his wife Betty and his three children, Allison, Andrea, and Barrett.

ROBERT G. KEMPER (B.D. 1961) passed away in July at the age of 75. Raised in Illinois and Michigan, Bob graduated from Cornell College in Iowa where he studied English and Philosophy. He was Senior Minister Emeritus of the First Congregational Church of Western Springs, Illinois, serving that congregation from 1973 to 1998 as Senior Minister. Throughout his career, he pursued literary interests. From 1968 to 1973, he was an Associate Editor of *The Christian Century*, a weekly journal of news and opinion. He also wrote seven books on ministerial issues, including *An Elephant's Ballet*, an account of his struggle with sudden macular degeneration. At CTS, he was at various times a student, an adjunct professor of homiletics, an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree recipient, a member of the Board of Trustees, and a Life Trustee. He is survived by his wife, Margie, and their three grown children, Ed, Ginny and Betsy.

HELEN MESERVE BAYLISS (M.C.E. 1948) passed away at the age of 88 on August 29. Born in Boston, Massachusetts, Helen graduated with a BA in Sociology from Wellesley College in 1943, and married the late Samuel L. Bayliss in 1954. They raised George, Karen and David from Sam's previous marriage and four children of their own: Mark, Lawrence, Katherine and Michael. A fifth child, Ruth, died in infancy. After working to establish the Civic Council for Migrant Workers in Hoopston, IL, Helen moved to Brownsville, TX, where she served as a member of the board and president of Settlement House, Director of Christian Education at First Presbyterian Church, and a fourth grade teacher at Immaculate Conception. Sam and Helen retired to Bandera, TX, and enjoyed volunteering with the National Park Service. She is survived by six children and stepchildren, and twenty-one grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

RONALD E. PRIBYL (M.Div. 1962) of Schaumburg, Illinois passed away in July at home with loving family by his side from complications of carcinoid cancer. Born August 9, 1931, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Roosevelt University and completed two years in the Army, one of those in Japan, during the Korean War. He earned a Masters of Divinity degree from CTS and the University of Chicago. He served churches in Western Springs, Port Byron, Rockford and Palatine, Illinois, as

well as in Kansas City, Missouri, and he also worked for the state of Kansas as a director of vocational rehabilitation. He retired in 1996, as pastor of St. John United Church of Christ in Palatine, and was later honored as pastor emeritus there. He is survived by his wife, Fran; son, James; and daughters, Janet, Becky and Jennifer.

CATHEY A. RENNICK (M.Div. 1985, D.Min. 2002) of Brillion, Wisconsin passed away in February at the age of 52. Born in Wyandotte, Michigan to Sylvio John and Dianne Gail (née Piskor) Bucci, Cathey spent her early life in Detroit, Michigan. She graduated from Theodore Roosevelt High School and went on to attend Olivet College, where she received her B.A. in 1979. Also in 1979, Cathey married Neil Rennick, and together they raised 3 daughters: Elisabeth, Sarah Jane and Rebekah Rennick. Cathey became ordained to Christian ministry in 1985. From 1985 until 2009, she served churches in southeast and northeast Wisconsin. Cathey was a writer as well as a preacher and won Wordsmith Honorable Mention awards from the Milwaukee Journal in 1992. She had her work published in numerous publications. Cathey loved to cook, garden, hike, walk and watch movies. Most of all she loved spending time with her family and friends.

HENRY R. RUST, a Life Trustee of CTS and member of the Board of Trustees from 1975–1984, passed away in March after a sudden illness. A native of Joliet, IL, "Rusty," as many called him, graduated from Grinnell College in 1941 with a B.A. and from Andover Newton Seminary with a B.D. in 1945. In 1947, he became secretary for Young People's Work for the Division of Christian Education of the Board of Home Missions, a position he held until 1955, when he was selected by the Board of Home Missions to establish a new church in Whittier, California. Beginning with "30 families, a parsonage and five acres of avocados," the church grew to more than 900 members. Returning to the Chicagoland area in 1974, Rusty served as the pastor of the Union Church of Hinsdale until his retirement in 1984. Even in retirement, he remained a faithful supporter of the Seminary, hosting CTS events at Pilgrim Place in Claremont, CA. He is survived by his wife, Georgia.

1960s

BARRY CALLEN (D.REL. 1969) has written or edited 35 books, and for the last 20 years he has been the international editor of the Wesleyan Theological Journal. He is also the corporate secretary of Horizon International, a major ministry to AIDS orphans in five nations of Africa.

JONATHAN WAGNER (M.DIV. 1962) writes: “A tutorial course under the guidance of Ross Snyder prepared me to be a lifetime learner. His nurturing of research methods and insistence on including ideas in tension has kept me needing additional bookshelves. Retrieving lost(?) library books from Perry LeFevre’s office taught me creative ways to stack books that I am reading. Young grandchildren destroy any order attempted.”

1970s

BONGANJALO GOBA (TH.M. 1976, TH.D. 1979) writes: “I am a former student and faculty member at CTS and served as the first Africa Executive of the Africa office of the United Church of Christ as well as the Disciples of Christ. I have fond memories of CTS with its outstanding faculty. I was part of the early group of seminarians who supported our faculty under Professor Perry LeFevre in the formation of the Coop bookstore. The theological education I received at CTS will always be the best in enabling me to be theologically relevant in our global context. I engage today in leadership development because of the wonderful educational experience I received at CTS.”

CHARLES SKINNER (M.DIV. 1973) writes: “My wife, Christine, and I came to Costa Rica 2 years ago, when she was invited to start and provide career services for the 200 Masters Degree students from over 60 nations at the United Nations mandated University for Peace. Visitors are welcome. Best wishes to all alumni from a great school providing the best education I have ever received. Contact us at charleskinner@earthlink.net.”

1980s

S. KIM COFFING (M.DIV. 1987) is Assistant General Secretary in Education and Advocacy for the United Methodist Church’s General Commission on the Status and Role of Women.

TOD GOBLEDALE (M.DIV. 1983) and **ANA GOBLEDALE** began serving on August 1 in the United Kingdom at St. Andrew’s United Reformed Church Brockley and St. Michael’s United Church New Cross in London. Tod writes: “Another adventure!”

VYRON SCHMIDT (D.MIN. 1984) has begun a three-year term as a member of the Anabaptist Disabilities Network’s board of directors.

PETER TERPENNING (D.MIN. 1985) was recently elected Moderator of the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Church of Christ. He had previously served as Vice Moderator.

1990s

MICHELLE HUGHES (M.DIV. 1995) was installed in June as the Intentional Interim Pastor of the Congregational Church of Park Manor, UCC in Chicago. She has been Associate Chaplain at Elmhurst College since 2005.

STEPHAN ANGEL (D.MIN. 1997) will be installed on November 7, 2010 as Pastor of Eden United Church of Christ in Chicago.

SALLY IBERG (M.DIV. 1998) was installed as Senior Pastor of Pilgrim Congregational Church in Oak Park, Illinois on September 19.

2000s

BOB BOND (M.DIV. 2005) is an Intentional Interim Minister in the Metropolitan Community Churches. At the General Conference of the UFMCC this July, he received the Ed Paul Award for his extraordinary pastoral leadership as the intentional interim pastor of Safe Harbour MCC.

DANIELLE BUHURO (M.DIV. 2005, D.MIN. 2008) has accepted a C.P.E. Supervisor-in-Training position at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, IL.

DAVID DALRYMPLE (PH.D. 2007) and **BONNIE BOYCE (S.T.M. 2007)** moved to Huntington, West Virginia in 2008 as Bonnie accepted a call to the Spring Valley Presbyterian Church. David continues his practice as a Jungian Analyst and the Executive Director of Accreditation for the American Board for Accreditation in Psychoanalysis, Inc. David also teaches in the Religious Studies Department at Marshall University.

CARLOS FERNANDEZ (M.A. 2008) is currently enrolled in a Master of Library and Information Science program at Florida State University.

DAMON JONES (M.A. 2002, M.DIV. 2005) was ordained on July 25, 2010 at Calvary Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois in the American Baptist Churches-Metro Chicago region. After CTS, he received a D.Min in Christian Education from United Theological Seminary where he is a Faculty Mentor. Damon will also begin teaching as an Assistant Professor at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology in Fall 2010.

PEGGY KAY (PH.D. 2005) is teaching part-time at the Washington National Cathedral in World Religions and Spirituality and researching part-time as an independent scholar.

BOB LAROCHELLE (D.MIN. 2007) is the pastor of Congregational Church of Union, UCC, in Union, Connecticut. He is also a full-time high school counselor and former high school varsity baseball coach. His first book, *Part-time Pastor, Full-Time Church*, released in 2010, explores the growing trend toward bivocational and part-time ministry.

JOSH STEWARD (S.T.M. 2007) received his first appointment with the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church to pastor the New Virginia and Medora churches.

CTS fall & winter happenings

VISITOR DAY on **October 13** welcomes prospective CTS students for chapel, information sessions and other events.

DR. SEUNG AI YANG will speak at Convocation on **October 13** in the Graham Taylor Chapel at noon.

CTS WILL HOST AN ADVENT LECTIONARY WORKSHOP on **October 20** at Plymouth Congregational UCC in Grand Rapids, MI. The Rev. John Thomas will lead a lecture and discussion on the theme, "Purple Preaching When It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas." All are invited. For more information and to register, visit www.ctschicago.edu or call (773) 322-0245.

FIRESIDE CHATS, offered on periodic Wednesdays throughout the academic year, will feature Rabbi Herman Schaalman, revered Jewish leader and long-time CTS adjunct professor, on **October 27** at 5:15 PM.

THE J-TERM STUDENT TRIP TO ISRAEL/WEST BANK will take place **January 16 – 30**. See page 19 for more detail.

DR. JULIA SPELLER will speak at Convocation on **February 9** in the Graham Taylor Chapel at noon.

COMMUNITY WORSHIP takes place **each Wednesday** during the fall and spring semesters in the Graham Taylor Chapel, beginning at noon. Worship is followed immediately by Community Lunch in McGiffert House. Community Lunch is free for all CTS students. Faculty members, staff, and guests are encouraged to make a modest cash donation to underwrite expenses.



For an up-to-date listing of CTS events, please visit www.ctschicago.edu.

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