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Black/White Studies Program Begins

When the Reverend Rudolph R. Featherstone assumed his responsibilities as director of the Black/White Studies Program and assistant professor of theology and ministry at the Seminary, years of study, planning and negotiation began to come to fruition. The program, conceived and promoted by the Seminary, will be administered through the Council for Lutheran Theological Education in the Northeast.

The CLTEN Black/White Studies program is designed to weld together a growing Black Lutheran constituency in Northeastern United States, the Lutheran Theological Seminaries at Gettysburg and Philadelphia, their eleven supporting synods, and existing programmatic access in Washington, D.C., (a) to provide increased minority leadership for the Lutheran Church in America, and (b) to equip more effectively white candidates for ministry, to lead that Church in its mission to all people.

Committee

A CLTEN Black/White Studies Committee, composed of six black and six white members, will direct the program. More specifically, the Committee will serve as a forum where black theological education concerns can be explored; monitor the director of the program in his capacity as administrator, and the supervisor of black field education; develop proposed policies regarding the program and submit such proposed policies to the First Professional Degrees Committee for recommendation to the CLTEN Executive Committee; see that established policies for the program are implemented; and provide an annual evaluation of the program, the director of the program, and the supervisor of black field education.

The Black/White Studies program is being financed for the first three years by the LCA Division for Professional Leadership, the LCA Division for Ministry in North America, the Aid Association for Lutherans through a grant to the Gettysburg Seminary from its Seminary Support System, and, for the first two years, by a grant from the Lilly Endowment, Incorporated.

Dual Responsibilities

As director of the CLTEN Black/White Studies program, Pastor Featherstone has the following responsibilities: (a) counseling with black students on both campuses at least once during each semester; (b)

counseling with white students on both campuses with respect to minority ministries; (c) counseling with prospective black candidates for admission to the two seminaries; (d) general guidance and coordination of the program for CLTEN; and (e) coordination of interpretation of the program and its goals to the constituencies of the two seminaries.

As professor, Pastor Featherstone has the following responsibilities: (a) teaching one course per semester on the Gettysburg campus; (b) teaching one course per semester in the Lutheran House of Studies at Washington, D.C.; (c) selective participation in courses on the Gettysburg campus taught principally by others; (d) conferring with faculty members at Gettysburg and Philadelphia re curriculum and

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RUDOLPH R. FEATHERSTONE

Thulin Professor of The Art of Preaching

Dr. Richard L. Thulin assumed his position at the Seminary as professor of the art of preaching on September 1. He occupies a teaching position vacated by Dr. Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr. when he became president of the Seminary. Dr. Thulin came to Gettysburg from Springfield, Ohio where he had been professor, dean of students and director of field education at Hamma School of Theology.

With a B.A. degree from the University of California at Berkeley Dr. Thulin entered Augustana Theological Seminary from which he was graduated summa cum laude in 1955. For the two following years he completed six terms of graduate work in the Department of Religion and Art of the University of Chicago under the direction of Nathan A. Scott, Jr. In 1972 he received his Th. D. in systematic theology from Boston University School of Theology where his advisor was J. Robert Nelson.

Dr. Thulin served as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lowell, Massachusetts from 1957-64 and from 1964-68 as senior pastor of Bethesda Lutheran Church, New Haven, Connecticut. He has had extensive experience in radio and television in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Ohio.

His articles have appeared in the *Lutheran Companion*, *Hamma Bulletin* and *Frontiers*. Fortress Press and Augsburg Press published his book *Resurrection* in 1975.

At Hamma Dr. Thulin taught almost two dozen different courses. His administrative responsibilities were quite varied and demanding.

Dr. Thulin holds membership in: American Academy of Religion, American Academy of Homiletics, Association for Theological Field Education, American Institute of Nautical Archaeology, Foundation for Nautical Archaeology, and the International Oceanographic Foundation.

He was married in 1958 to Elizabeth Bergendoff. They have a son, Geoffrey, and two daughters, Leslie and Kendra.

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MARTIN LUTHER COLLOQUIUM
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Hale's Study Published

Who Are the Unchurched?, a report by Dr. J. Russell Hale, professor of church and community, has just been published by Glenmary Research Center.

During a 1976 sabbatical from the Seminary, Dr. Hale sought to learn the reasons why 80 million Americans prefer to remain outside a church. His study was supported jointly by Aid Association for Lutherans (Appleton, Wisconsin), the Glenmary Research Center (Washington, D.C.), the Seminary, and the Division for Mission in North America of the Lutheran Church in America (New York).

The report offers no prescription for evangelizing the unchurched but simply documents the experiences and attitudes of the unchurched. Dr. Hale traveled coast to coast interviewing young and old, rich and poor, uneducated and educated, laborers and professionals, big city and small town residents.

He lived among the unchurched, cumulatively for six months. He conversed with 165 persons in six heavily unchurched counties. Some had lived outside a church always; most had once been insiders but are now withdrawn.

No difference

A multitude of reasons were given for being outsiders: "Can see no difference between church members and other people;" "Churches are cold and harsh, always chasing money;" "Neglect and even discrimination;" "Churches are for the 'in' people or the affluent;" "There are too many rules and regulations;" and over exposure during formative years.

There were those who described their religious beliefs as in the process of formation and want to survey "all the options" before commitment. Dr. Hale refers to these as "pilgrims." One pilgrim said, "... the time may come when I will decide to become a member of the church. That may be today or tonight. But I'm going to do it on my own. Nobody is going to pressure me into it. I am a pretty independent guy. I am responsible for my own decisions and nobody else can make them for me."

Many, classed by Dr. Hale as "publicans," called church people phonies and fakers. Some criticized the large number of churches and sects and the practice of some churches knocking one another. "My mother-in-law tells me her church is the best. Her sister preaches at me all the time. Either they are all right, or none of them is right, or there's a right one somewhere in between. How do you know?"

True Unbelievers

The smallest group were the "true unbelievers," subdivided into atheists, agnostics, deists, humanists, and secularists.

Dr. Hale found few that felt guilty for being outside a church. One woman said that though she doesn't go to church regularly anymore she feels much more religious than before. Many simply said, "I don't know why I don't go to church. I really don't know."

One version went, "You are safer outside the church. Because then you don't hear the

NEW OFFICES RAISE QUESTION "WHO'S WHERE?"

Those returning to the Seminary this Fall may have needed a directory and map to locate offices and personnel. Through non-operating funds, received largely through the Sesqui appeal for capital uses, renovations were made during the Summer in Valentine Hall. The former classroom 202 was divided into office space for the president and his secretary, the dean and a board room. From this a whole chain of moves followed.

Consider this bewildering rearrangement: Mrs. Nunamaker now occupies the former office of the president's secretary; Thulin and Gobbel divide the former president's office; Mrs. Lyons is now on the switchboard; Sandstedt and Mrs. Miller are where the dean and registrar had been; Ridenhour is in Sandstedt's old office; Featherstone in Mrs. Lyon's office; Mrs. Schultz in Mrs. Miller's office; Mrs. Dear-dorff in Mrs. Schultz's office.

For good measure Dr. Spomer now occupies the office in the library vacated by Dr. Jordahl, and Kathleen Good is the new circulation assistant in the library.

Learning Resource Center

The old faculty lounge in Valentine is now a Learning Resource Center under the direction of Dr. A. Roger Gobbel. The old social lounge has been renovated as a lounge for use by the faculty and other groups.

The inconvenience and hard work which were necessitated by the construction in part led Clarence A. Benson to comment in his annual report to the Board: "I believe that the administration and Board of Directors owe the staff a special expression of thanks for the vast amount accomplished this summer, the great cooperation given by all of the staff members, and the very evident fact that they consider their important work more than just a 'job.'"

Word and what God requires of you. Then you're ignorant and God may be easier to you. But if you go to church and keep on acting the way you've always acted, God is going to hold it against you. You're in real trouble. You better believe it."

The use to which Dr. Hale's study can be put will depend on how the "data is mined." An analysis of the informants' notions of the "ideal church" might build a composite alternative picture of the sort of Christian community that would attract rather than repel, the author suggests.

Further exploration, he believes, would confirm that the turning point in confirmation or movement away from church is early or middle adolescence.

A strong implication of the report is that those outside the churches want and need to be heard and that learning to listen would be a starting point for churches. "Honesty may demand that the churches be reminded of their own need for renewal," he wrote.

"By telling us what they perceive the churches to be like, they (the unchurched) have also revealed much about them-

Matching Gifts Aid Seminary

Each year more persons take advantage of matching gifts in their response to the Seminary. Hundreds of companies are willing to match the gifts of their employees to the Seminary. During the last several years the total of these gifts has continued to rise. The Student Housing Appeal received \$6,210 from companies as matching gifts and the annual fund nearly doubled gifts in this category during the past giving year. Annual giving received \$1,400 during 1975-76 and \$2,720 in 1976-77.

Individual givers should check with their employers to secure the proper forms which must accompany a gift to qualify it for a match. A number of companies match gifts two-for-one and even three-for-one. Companies establish different levels for the minimum amount that they will match.

1st Paulssen Memorial Convocation

Dr. Karl H. Hertz, noted sociologist-historian from Hamma School of Theology, Springfield, Ohio, will be the featured speaker at the first Bertha Paulssen Memorial Convocation, to be held at the National 4-H Center, Washington, D.C., October 14-15. His major public address will deal with current problems in social ethics, "Two Kingdoms and One World," a lecture open to seminarians, clergy and laity on Friday, October 14, at 8:00 p.m.

In addition to the public lecture, Hertz will meet with a small group of selected discussants Friday afternoon and Saturday morning to discuss problems of the relationship between church and government. Twenty-five clergy and laity will participate, according to Dr. Walter Kloetzli, chairman of the Paulssen Memorial Committee.

The Convocation is the first implementation of the Paulssen Fund's objective—to provide opportunity for pastors and lay persons to discuss current issues related to the concerns of the late Professor Bertha Paulssen. It is the Committee's intention to move the location of the Convocation from place to place among the Seminary's constituency.

\$20,000

Corpus of the Memorial Fund now approaches \$20,000, James Tipton, development director, has announced. Almost \$10,000 has been paid on pledges to the Fund to date. Contributions, Mr. Tipton, said, are still being received.

Persons desiring complimentary tickets for the October 14 Hertz lecture should write the development office here.

selves. We owe these 'spies' a debt of thanks in our quest to solve the enigma: 'Who are the unchurched?' " is his conclusion.

Who Are The Unchurched? is available at \$2.00 per copy from the Seminary bookstore.

Institute for Luther Studies
THE MARTIN LUTHER COLLOQUIUM 1977

"Luther and the Authority of Scripture"

October 26 Seminary Chapel

Forenoon

- 10:00 a.m. Arriving for Coffee
10:30 a.m. Opening Remarks, President Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.
10:45 a.m. Lecture and Discussion: "Luther on Biblical Authority,"
David W. Lotz, Washburn Professor of Church History,
Union Theological Seminary, New York
12:15 p.m. Lunch

Afternoon

- 1:30 p.m. Lecture and Discussion: "The Authority of Scripture at Work: Luther's
Exegesis of the Psalms," Scott H. Hendrix, Associate Professor of Church
History, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, S.C.
3:15 p.m. Coffee Break
3:45 p.m. Lecture and Discussion: "Word and Witness: What Manner of Authority,"
Lawrence D. Folkemer, Professor of Systematic Theology, Seminary
Faculty
5:30 p.m. Closing Remarks: Eric W. Gritsch, Director of the Institute
6:00 p.m. Dinner

Evening

- 7:00 p.m. Musical Presentation: Seminary Choirs
Director of Music: Timothy E. Braband
7:30 p.m. The Festival of the Reformation
Presiding: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., president
Preaching: Gerhard A. Krodel, dean

Black/White

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course design with a view to making exposure to the black perspective a necessary part of graduation requirements; and (e) conferring with field education personnel of the two seminaries re the placement and guidance of black students.

Three or four courses will be offered at the Philadelphia Seminary each year, at least one of the courses dealing with black theology, the black religious experience, or ministry among blacks. Courses may be offered by blacks who are regular faculty members or by individuals designated as "visiting lecturers." The Director of CLTEN Black/White Studies will assist the Philadelphia Seminary in identifying prospective visiting lecturers, and shall consult with such lecturers regarding their courses. The Philadelphia Seminary shall report regularly to the Director of CLTEN Black/White Studies and to the Black/White Studies Committee on courses projected as future offerings.

The LCA Division for Mission in North America will provide the part-time service of a qualified black to give general supervision of black students of both seminaries in their field education experience, including first and second year field work, clinical pastoral education, and internship. He will provide such supervision in consultation and cooperation with the director of CLTEN Black/White Studies and the Seminary staff members primarily responsible for those facets of field education at the two seminaries. He will report as requested to

CLTEN's Black/White Studies Committee.

Pastor Featherstone was awarded the A.B. degree in 1956 by Gettysburg College, the B.D. degree in 1960 by the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, and the Th.M. in 1972 by Harvard Divinity School. He is currently completing his doctoral dissertation at Harvard Divinity School on "Sources of Human Dignity in the Works of Martin L. King, Jr."

Prior to initiating his doctoral studies at Harvard, Mr. Featherstone served as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, New York City (1960-61), of Incarnation Lutheran Church, Jamaica, New York (1961-65), and of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Detroit, Michigan (1965-70). While pursuing his doctoral studies he served at Harvard Divinity School as research assistant (1971-73), teaching fellow (1973), and instructor (1974-75). He also served as campus minister and counselor for blacks at Boston State College (1972-75), instructor at the Boston Theological Institute (1975), youth minister and counselor at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Roxbury, Massachusetts (1974-75), and chairman, Black Studies Department, University of Massachusetts, Boston Campus (1976-77).

The Reverend Mr. Featherstone has served on the LCA Board of Social Ministry and the LCA Consulting Committee on the Bicentennial of the United States; the National Committee of Black Churchmen; and the Association of Black Lutheran Churchmen. He was a Lutheran Church in America delegate to the Fifth Assembly of the World Council of Churches. While he was a pastor in Detroit, Michigan, he was active in the West Central Organization, the

AAL Gives Another Grant to Seminary

As part of its Lutheran Seminary Support System, the Aid Association for Lutherans has granted Gettysburg Seminary a total of \$22,600 for the 1977-78 academic year. This gift is sub-divided into four categories: Student Aid, Faculty Support, Institutional Support and Continuing Education.

The sum of \$3,900 has been allocated for student aid, either in the form of academic scholarships or grants-in-aid on the basis of need. Nominations of students to receive such assistance will be made early in the fall semester of the current academic year.

Faculty Support

Professors Jacob W. Heikkinen and Robert W. Jenson will receive portions of \$6,800 in support of their current sabbatical programs. The balance of these funds, allocated to advance the professional growth of the faculty, will be used for a mid-winter faculty retreat on the theme of "spiritual formation."

The sum of \$8,100 has been designated for the purchase of new equipment for video taping and audio taping. The present video taping equipment in the Practice Center is obsolete and incompatible with that which is used in most educational institutions. It will be replaced by two half-inch fully portable units. Plans also include the purchase of a high speed cassette duplicator and a reflex camera. This equipment will be used extensively in such areas as counseling and homiletics practicums, continuing education workshops and publicity and promotional projects.

Continuing Education

The allocation of \$6,800 will be distributed among several programs for the benefit of clergy from our constituency. Support will be provided for the Martin Luther Colloquium and the Spring Pastors' Convocation. Scholarship help will be made available for independent study programs and graduate study.

According to President Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., "The Seminary Support System is only one of many benevolent activities supported by the Aid Association for Lutherans. Each year it enables Lutheran seminaries across the country to undertake projects for the enhancement of theological education which might not otherwise be possible. We continue to be grateful for their support and for the fine spirit in which it is given."

The Aid Association for Lutherans is a fraternal life and health society with national headquarters in Appleton, Wisconsin. AAL has more than a million members in nearly 5000 branches.

Federation for Self-Determination, UIN-COM, United Community Ministries, Save Our Community Kids, and served on the Executive Board of the Michigan Synod of the Lutheran Church in America.

In 1959 Pastor Featherstone was married to Carmella Dolores Walker of Toledo, Ohio. They have one son, Sean Richard.

STUDENT HOUSING TOPS GOAL

It now appears that, when all gifts have been received, \$1,121,158.60 will have been received for the Student Housing Appeal. This represents 118% of the \$950,000 goal. It should be noted, however, that a number of congregations are still giving toward their designated goal and the total includes all of their anticipated gifts. It should also be noted that the total cost of the Student Housing project was in excess of \$1,200,000. This means that total gifts will be equal to about 90% of the total cost. The other 10% will be amortized.

The total gifts, when completed, represent \$768,231.22 from 124 congregations who accepted and have either completed or are paying toward completion of a particular goal; \$109,969.90 from 192 congregations who gave without accepting a particular goal; \$143,395.28 from individual gifts; \$53,402.20 provided by gifts through the Auxiliary (this was given on a \$40,000 pledge to provide furnishings for the housing); \$39,950 in grants and \$6,210.00 in matching gifts. Actual cash received to date is \$1,052,352.60.

In order to allow for all pertinent information to be gathered, a dedication plaque completed, and time for several congregations to complete their goal, the service of dedication has been set as a part of the spring meeting of the Board of Directors in April, 1978.

The following congregations will be recognized during the service of dedication:

Those who have provided a two-bedroom apartment (\$20,000 and over)

Grace, Lancaster
Holy Trinity, Lancaster
St. James, Gettysburg
St. Luke, Silver Spring,
*St. Matthew, York
Second, Baltimore
Trinity, Camp Hill
*Trinity, Somerset
Zion, Harrisburg

Those who have provided a one-bedroom apartment (\$15,000-\$20,000)

Ascension, Baltimore
*First, Carlisle
Good Shepherd, Wilmington,
*Holy Trinity, Hershey
Mt. Lebanon United, Pittsburgh
St. Mark, Williamsport
St. Matthew, Bloomsburg
Salem, Baltimore
Trinity, Ephrata

Those who have provided two dormitory rooms (\$10,000-\$15,000)

*Christ, Harrisburg
*Memorial, Harrisburg
St. John, Linthicum Heights
St. Matthew, Hanover
St. Paul, Baltimore, Rockdale
St. Stephen, Wilmington
Trinity, Hagerstown
Zion, Greensburg
Zion, Hummelstown

Those who have provided a dormitory room (\$5,000-\$10,000)

Advent, York
Bethany, Montoursville
*Calvary, Pittsburgh
*Christ, Duquesne
Christ, Elizabethtown
Christ, Gettysburg

Christ, Lancaster
Christ, Spesville
*Christ, York
*Church of The Savior, Williamsport
Edgwood, Wheeling
First English, Butler
First, Chambersburg
Friedens, Friedensburg
Grace, Butler
Grace, Red Lion
Grace, State College
*Harold Zion, Greensburg
Hebron, Leechburg
Holy Trinity, Beaver
Holy Trinity, Greenville
Holy Trinity, Irwin
Holy Trinity, Lebanon
*Immanuel, Erie
Loysville Parish
Messiah, Elliottsburg
Mt. Zion, Landisburg
Tressler Memorial, Loysville

*Messiah, South Williamsport
*Mt. Zion, Pittsburgh
Moxham, Johnstown
*Redeemer, Monaca
Reformation, Washington, D.C.
St. James, Huntingdon
*St. John, Baltimore, Brooklyn
St. John, Hagerstown
St. John, Lancaster
St. John, Lewistown
St. John, Rockville
St. John, Shiremanstown
St. Luke, Williamsport
St. Mark, Hanover
St. Mark, York
St. Matthew, Lancaster
St. Paul, Biglerville
St. Paul, Carlisle
St. Paul, Corry
St. Paul, Cumberland
St. Paul, Hanover
St. Paul, Huntington
St. Paul, Lititz
St. Paul, Millersburg
St. Paul, Spring Grove
*St. Paul, Uniontown
St. Paul, Washington, D.C.
*St. Paul, West York
St. Peter, Middletown
St. Peter, Neffsville
St. Peter, York
*Salem, Delmont
*Tabor, Kane
*Trinity, Bedford
Trinity, Johnstown
Trinity, Lemoine
Trinity, Wexford
Union, York
Zion, Harrisburg, Penbrook
Zion, Hollidaysburg
Zion, Johnstown
Zion, Wheeling

*Still contributing toward this goal

The following persons and organizations will also be recognized during the Service of Dedication:

Gifts from the following estates have provided either apartments or dormitory rooms:

Lucy M. Feiser Estate
Mamie Ragan Getty Estate
J. Guy Wolf Estate

Grants were provided by the following:
Aid Association for Lutherans
Lutheran Brotherhood

The following individuals have provided gifts of \$1,000 or more as memorials:

Mrs. Susan Lloyd Arnold in memory of Fred F. Lloyd

Mr. and Mrs. William Arnold in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Frank Arnold, Sr.
The Reverend Dr. Paul R. Clouser Memorial Fund
Dr. and Mrs. William H. Diehl in memory of The Reverend John H. Diehl
Mr. Robert C. Gohl in memory of Rose Gohl Greenawalt
Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, Hagerstown in memory of the Reverend Edward P. Heinze
Dr. and Mrs. Walter Kloetzli, Jr. in memory of Marguerite Gaffner Kloetzli
Mrs. Grace P. Myklejord in memory of The Reverend John H. Rice
Dr. and Mrs. Calvin Schildknecht in memory of Calvin Ezra and Edith Julia (Fisher) Schildknecht
The Reverend Dr. Abdel Ross (deceased) and Mrs. Mary Edna Kuhlman Wentz in memory of Professor Luther Kuhlman

The following persons have provided individual gifts of \$1,000 or more:

Miss Sigrid Andersen
Mrs. Marian D. Campbell
Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Fair
The Reverend Dr. and Mrs. Donald R. Heiges
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde R. Hendershot
The Reverend William Huddle
Mr. Arthur Larson
Mr. and Mrs. John M. Musselman
The Reverend Dr. and Mrs. Jacob M. Myers
Dr. and Mrs. Floyd D. Peterson
Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Rhoads
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Slepian
Mrs. Harper W. Spong
Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Stroehmann
1971/1972 Student Body
The Reverend and Mrs. James W. Tipton
Dr. Robert H. Witmer
Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Wolf
Mr. C. W. Wolfe

Although they will not be included in the Dedication Service, we would also, at this time, like to recognize gifts from the following congregations:

Gifts of \$2,500 to \$5,000:
Emmanuel, Lancaster
Emanuel, Pittsburgh, Bellevue
Epiphany, Baltimore
*First, Ridgway
Follmer Parish
Follmer Lutheran
St. John, Potts Grove
Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion
Redeemer, Lancaster
St. John, Pittsburgh
St. Matthew, Martinsburg
St. Paul, Fayetteville
St. Paul, York
Trinity, Freeport
Trinity, New Brighton
Trinity, Taneytown
Zion, Baltimore
Zion, Manheim

*Still contributing toward this goal

Gifts of \$1,000 to \$2,500:

Christ, Baltimore
Christ, Dallastown
Christ, DuBois
Christ, Sharon
Evangelical, Frederick
First, Beaver Falls
First, Greensburg
First, Mifflinburg
First, Pittsburgh
Good Shepherd, McKees Rocks
Grace, Camp Hill
Holy Comforter, Baltimore
Holy Trinity, Wilmington
Luther Memorial, York
Luther Place, Washington, D.C.
Our Shepherd, Saverna Park

Students and Their Parents Increase Gifts

Gifts from the student body increased greatly during the past year. A total of \$1,267.05 was received from individual students in comparison to \$137.62 the previous year. An increased awareness of the costs of theological education and appreciation of the Seminary can be at least partly attributed to this result. Parents of students have also continued to increase their gifts in the past several years. During the past four giving years gifts from parents have increased from \$962 to \$2,020 this past year.

The Seminary is grateful for this interest and support.

RECEIVE TWO BEQUESTS

The Seminary has received two generous bequests for its endowment fund. Income from a gift of \$55,199.65 provided in the estate of Bessie G. Hartman, Gettysburg, will be used for scholarship and student aid.

A bequest of \$5000 in memory of Dr. Donald B. Coover was made by his wife, Josephine E. Coover, Littlestown. Mrs. Coover was the daughter-in-law of Melancthon Coover who served as professor of New Testament exegesis and church history on the Seminary faculty from 1906-1916, and then as professor of New Testament language, literature and theology from 1916-1926.

Announce STM Courses

Eight courses have been scheduled in the Spring Semester, beginning February 2, 1978, for Master of Sacred Theology students, according to a preliminary announcement from the Advanced Studies Committee. All sessions are open to currently enrolled STM students and to new registrants.

The purpose of the Master of Sacred Theology degree program is to provide holders of a first theological degree, active in the ministry of the church, an opportunity to develop their biblical, historical, theological, and practical competencies for that ministry. Registration is open to everyone who is a graduate of any accredited school of theology and is active in the ministry of any denomination.

Classes in the STM program are held both at the Gettysburg campus and in Washington, D.C. Sessions are held once or twice weekly during both semesters. Inter-session or summer graduate courses at the Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia may be applied for credit. Washington Theological Consortium courses in the ten member schools are also open to registered Gettysburg students.

Two study options are offered in the degree program. The non-thesis track requires ten courses, the thesis track, eight. The student determines his or her own degree of specialization.

The projected Spring Semester courses include: The Book of Revelation (Burgess), Justification in the New Testament (Burgess), The Theology of St. Augustine (Folkemer), Technology and Ethics (Hoffman), Introduction to Martin Luther (Gritsch), Preaching and the Church Year (Ridenhour), Ministry to the Aging (Hale), The Church and Local Democracy (Bernhard and Kotler, at Wash., D.C.), and International Politics and Ethical Values (Hoffman and Hale at Wash., D.C.).

Inquiries and applications should be addressed to Dr. Joseph Burgess. Registration is arranged through the Registrar. Tuition is \$100 per course.

LAY SCHOOL WELL ATTENDED

Over 60 lay persons participated in the annual Lay School of Theology at the Seminary July 31 through August 6. The week's curriculum consisted of five courses taught by Dr. Herbert Stroup, professor of pastoral care; Dr. Howard Bream, professor of biblical studies; Dr. Gerald Christianson, professor of church history; and Dr. Leigh D. Jordahl, former professor of church history. Dr. Calvin Gilck, stewardship coordinator for the LCA in Philadelphia, lectured on Stewardship and the Christian Church. Professors Christianson and Jordahl led morning worship while evening services were led by participants. On Thursday evening the group traveled to Harpers Ferry, West Virginia for a picnic. The week was climaxed by a Communion Service on Friday evening, followed by the traditional talent night and party.

Palm, Palmyra
St. Jacob, Brodbeck
St. James, Ligonier
St. John, Bellefonte
St. John, Johnsonburg
*St. John, Liverpool
St. Mark, Hagerstown
St. Paul, Littlestown
St. Paul, McConnellsburg
St. Paul, New Stanton
St. Peter, Spring Grove
Salem, Lebanon
Salem, Marion
Sharon, Selinsgrove
Trinity, Baltimore
Trinity, Danville
Trinity, Harrisburg
Trinity, Mechanicsburg
Zion, Middletown
Zion, Williamsport

Gifts of \$500 to \$1,000

Christ, Duncannon
First, Apollo
First, Philipsburg
First English, Baltimore
Good Shepherd, Frederick
Lakeside, Harrisburg
Messiah, Clarkstown
Messiah, Lebanon
Mt. Zion, Goodyear
Mt. Zion, Lisburn, Cedar Point
Our Savior, Ravenswood
St. John, Northumberland
St. Mark, Clarksburg
St. Paul, New Cumberland
St. Peter, Salem
Zion, Marysville

*Still contributing toward this goal

Gifts of \$100 to \$500:

Bethlehem, Bendersville
Bethlehem, Ridgway
Calvary, Dover
Christ, New Bloomfield
Emmanuel, Bethesda
Epiphany, Harrisburg
Faith United, Mountainview
First, Altoona
First, Leechburg
First, Rural Valley
First, Tyrone
First, Windber
Good Shepherd, Bel Air
Good Shepherd, Greensburg
Grace, Mount Carmel
Holy Communion, Yeagertown
Hope, College Park
Hope Memorial, Smithton
Immanuel, Manchester
Lebanon, Kanesholm

Mt. Zion, Carlisle
Nazareth, Wilcox
Our Savior, Harrisburg
Pine Street, Danville
Port Royal, Port Royal
Redeemer, Williamsport
Reedsville, Reedsville
St. Andrew, Baltimore
St. David, Hanover
St. James, Altoona
St. James, Youngstown
St. John, Denver
St. John, Fairfield
St. John, Fredericksburg, Mt. Zion
St. John, Gallitzin
St. John, McKeesport
St. John, Steelton
St. Luke, Feagaville
St. Luke, Williamson
St. Mark, Oakland
St. Mark, Wilmington
St. Matthew, Erie
St. Matthew, Mt. Jewett
St. Matthew, Pittsburgh
St. Michael, Strasburg
St. Paul, Aurora
St. Paul, Conemaugh, Mundy's Corner
St. Paul, Greensburg, Foxville
St. Paul, Harrisburg
St. Paul, Ickesburg
St. Paul, Morgantown
St. Peter, Clear Spring
St. Thomas, Hooversville
St. Timothy, Baltimore
Salem, Salem
Trinity, Connellsville
Trinity, Ellwood City
Trinity, Steelton
Trinity, Verona
Zion, Blain
Zion, Glen Rock
Zion, Pittsburgh
Zion, Takoma Park
Zion, Williamsburg
Zora, Lebanon

Eighty-eight congregations also participated with gifts of \$1.00 to \$100.

We would also like to convey our gratitude to the thousands of individuals who gave during the campaign. Many gave gifts of \$1,000 or more as a part of their congregation's gift. We also received many gifts from individuals and businesses, outside of congregational gifts, from \$1.00 to \$1,000.

It is certainly possible that, during the five years since the beginning of the Appeal, errors may have been made in bookkeeping. Please notify the Office of Development at the Seminary concerning any corrections, particularly for the congregations and individuals who are to be listed on the dedication plaque.

Organ Committee Working

For several years it has been apparent the Moeller organ in the Church of the Abiding Presence has been in failing health. Organists and consultants have indicated the need for major decisions about the instrument which has served the community for over 35 years.

In the Spring, Dr. Herman G. Stuempfle, president of the Seminary, announced the appointment of an Organ Committee charged with the responsibility of surveying the prospects for rebuilding or replacing the organ. Committee members are: Professors Dexter Weikel and Parker Wag-nild of Gettysburg College; Timothy Braband, Seminary organist; Mrs. John H. Rissmiller of the Women's Auxiliary; Clarence Benson; the Reverend James Tipton of the Seminary staff; and Professor Herbert Spomer, member of the Seminary faculty and a professional organist. Professor Gerald Christianson serves as chairman.

The Committee has met with ten organ companies over the summer to determine the feasibility of a new or rebuilt instrument. It has also begun to seek gifts from individuals and organizations who wish to contribute to the project. The committee hopes to have a complete report in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Thulin

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Dr. Thulin brings another skill to Gettysburg. He is an avid participant and a nationally certified instructor in SCUBA diving. He taught diving at the Springfield YMCA and Wittenberg University. He hopes to maintain activity in the water.



RICHARD L. THULIN

ALUMNI NOTES

Oops!! Imagine how surprised Richard C. Wolf, '37, a member of the Seminary faculty from 1942-1949, must have been when the Newsletter announced his retirement from the Divinity School faculty of Vanderbilt University a year in advance. We are embarrassed and apologize for our error but rejoice with the Vanderbilt students that Dr. Wolf will be with them during this next academic year.

Dr. Frank H. Seilhamer, '59, president of Hamma School of Theology, received a doctor of divinity degree from Thiel College, Greenville, Pa., during its 103rd commencement May 21.

The Reverend James E. Henneberger, '57, has been named secretary for Latin America and the Caribbean with the Division for World Mission and Ecumenism of

FACULTY BRIEFS

Dr. Gerhard A. Krodel, dean and professor of New Testament, led a bible study on Acts 1-11 at the convention of the Central Pennsylvania Synod in June. His article on II Thessalonians is being published in the Proclamation Commentaries by Fortress Press.

Dr. Krodel has been appointed to serve on a three-person editorial committee which will supervise the second edition of Proclamation Aids by Fortress Press.

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Necrology

Robert J. Wolf, '17.
W. Refus Rings, '26.
C. Max Huddle, '30.
Glen B. Keidel, '44.

1976-77 Breaks All Records

For at least the sixth consecutive year the annual giving program has established a new record. The total for this past giving year (July 1, 1976-June 30, 1977) exceeds all previous years. Practically every category of giving set new record highs creating a total gift of \$81,004.42.

It is quite significant that a new level of giving was established in a year when individuals and congregations were also giving to the special Sesquicentennial Appeal and the Student Housing Appeal. It should be noted that during this giving year \$336,073.97 was received from congregations and individuals toward the Student Housing Appeal and \$27,249.90 was given to the Sesquicentennial Appeal. The Seminary also received \$102,899.65 from grants and bequests (not including the annual synodical grants). The total gifts from these categories make 1976-77 the second consecutive year that the Seminary has received over \$500,000 in additional support.

The entire Seminary community expresses its gratitude to each of you. 1976-77 was indeed a record year. CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU!

FOUR YEAR COMPARISON INCLUDING THE FINAL GIVING REPORT FOR 1976-77

	1973-1974	1974-1975	1975-1976	TOTAL 1976-1977
Alumni Loyalty	\$12,037.10	\$13,611.05	\$12,469.30	\$13,898.41
Auxiliary	19,100.07	21,285.96	19,412.85	21,469.26
Board of Directors and Committees				
Alumni	1,230.00*	1,691.00*	2,312.00*	2,859.00*
Non-Alumni	2,130.00	1,862.60	1,603.80	2,345.00
Congregations	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,568.00
Faculty				
Alumni	840.00*	395.00*	967.00*	908.00*
Non-Alumni	430.00	657.50	977.00	1,089.00
Friends	14,416.31			
Individuals		7,089.00	7,327.00	10,768.00
Business Friends		1,410.00	2,480.40	3,434.60
Washington Program		4,825.60	4,250.00	1,920.00
Paulssen Fund		2,410.00	4,072.00	3,972.00
Matching Gifts		0.00	1,400.00	2,720.00
Parents	962.00	1,060.00	1,778.00	2,020.00
Students	1,008.50	479.00	137.62	1,267.05
Staff				
Alumni	600.00*	820.00*	850.00*	665.00*
Non-Alumni	878.00	933.00	895.00	1,239.50
Miscellaneous (includes Memorials)	1,508.00	2,481.60	5,929.74	13,293.60
TOTAL	\$52,469.98	\$58,104.71	\$62,732.71	\$81,004.42

* This item is included in Alumni Loyalty Fund total, but is shown here for information. It is not a part of the Total listed.

LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD SUPPORTS INSTITUTES

From July 10-15 the Seminary conducted its annual "Pastors' Institute" on the theme "Process Theology and the Lutheran Theological Tradition." Twenty-two pastors were in attendance. Major lectures were delivered by Dr. Jacob M. Myers of the Gettysburg faculty and Dr. Lyman Lundeen of the Philadelphia Seminary. Gettysburg professors Drs. Lawrence D. Folkemer and Leigh Jordahl served as seminar leaders assisted by Professor Thomas F. Livernois of Susquehanna University and pastors Dr. Bryce Shoemaker and the Reverend C. Frank Terhune. Spirited discussion revolved around the Old Testament Conception of God, Process Thought, and the Lutheran Confessional Tradition. In the closing evaluation session the suggestions which received the strongest support for the 1978 Institute were: Interpreting Biblical Language and Concepts, Practice of the Spiritual Life, and Contemporary Theological Movements and Literature. The dates for the 1978 Summer Institute were established for July 9-14.

Over 20 pastors and lay leaders attended the September 15-16 seminar on "Evangelism and the Unchurched." The seminar, conducted by Professor J. Russell Hale, was a repeat, by request, of his spring seminar and was based on his extensive study of the unchurched in six representative regions of the United States. Professor Hale's findings have recently been published by the Glenmary Research Center in a book entitled *Who are the Unchurched? An Exploratory Study*. The book is available at the Seminary Bookstore.

Both the Pastors' Summer Institute and the September seminar were made possible by the generosity of the Lutheran

D. Min. at Gettysburg

Doctor of Ministry symposia for the current academic year begin this month on the Gettysburg campus. Ten newly enrolled D. Min. students in the cooperative program of the Gettysburg and Philadelphia seminaries will be participating.

Begun in 1974, the new professional doctoral program has enrolled 47 active ministers at the two schools. Three were granted degrees this year.

The primary focus of the program is on the practice of ministry. Academic components of the three-to-five year program include the completion of 24 semester hours of supervised study. The current symposia offerings meet three days monthly throughout the academic year and permit the student to complete half of the degree course requirements.

Intensive collegial colloquia are held at one of the seminaries each June and January. Colloquium I, for new students, will be held in 1978 at Philadelphia, May 30-June 16. Colloquium II, for students who have achieved candidacy, will be conducted June 5-9.

Four symposia courses begin here September 26. "Theology for Mission" will be taught by Dr. Richard Thulin. The "Collegial Case-Study Seminar" is offered by Dr. J. Andrew White. Dr. Lorenz Nieting will conduct the "Exegetical Seminar," dealing with current ILCW lectionaries. Students will also negotiate an Independent Study tutorial.

Applications for admission to the 1978-79 class, beginning its work in May, 1978, may be secured by writing Dr. J. Russell Hale, Director of Advanced Studies. Deadline for applications is February 1, 1978. The Advanced Studies Committee welcomes inquiries from active pastors.

Brotherhood Insurance Company.

Seminars in Continuing Education

Through the generosity of the Lutheran Brotherhood significant seminars will again be conducted by the Seminary during the academic year 1977-78.

Beginning Sunday, November 13 at 7:00 P.M. and continuing to Monday, November 14 at 4:00 P.M. Dr. Thomas E. Ridenhour, assistant professor of homiletics, will offer a seminar on "Preaching the Advent Pericopes of Series A." The seminar will be an exegetical-homiletical study of the Series A lessons for Advent and Christmas. The seminar is open to all Lutheran pastors and ministers of other denominations.

In the month of January three significant seminars will be held on the general theme "Critical Issues in the Church's Mission Today." From January 4 at 10:00 A.M. to January 6 at 4:00 P.M. the theme will be "The Problem of Religious Pluralism." January 9 at 10:00 A.M. to January 11 the theme will be "Evangelism Today." January 16 to 18 the issue will be the timely discussion of "The Gospel and Human Rights." These seminars will be sponsored by the Seminary in cooperation with the Divisions for World Mission and Ecumenism and Mission in North America. National church leaders and Seminary professors will serve as resource leaders. All three seminars are open to Lutheran pastors, ministers of other denominations, and professional lay workers in the church. Additional information will be available in the December Newsletter.

OFF AGAIN ON AGAIN GAS

During the bitter cold winter of 1976-77 the Seminary's allotment of natural gas was curtailed 60%. Thermostats were lowered, rooms closed off, library hours drastically cut and the temperature in the chapel lowered to 55 degrees. In all, nine buildings from the Folkemer residence to the chapel are heated by the central boilers. Classrooms, offices, library, chapel, and living space for faculty, staff and students had first-hand experience with the effects of the energy crisis.

The Seminary was informed in March that it is subject to 100 per cent curtailment of natural gas in this next year. Therefore, a backup system was mandated. During the summer the burners on the boilers were modified to make them convertible from gas to oil and a 20,000 gallon oil storage tank buried near the powerhouse. Ironically, those same boilers had been originally coal fired, then oil fired before being converted to gas in the early 1960's.

Depending on gas supplies the Seminary may never have to use the very expensive modifications forced upon it by the energy crisis. But, at any rate, sharply increasing prices will probably dictate a permanently lowered thermostat setting for those buildings heated by the central system.



Grounds crew with 20,000 gallon oil tank.

Auxiliary News

The 1976-77 giving year set a new record for the Auxiliary. This is particularly good news since giving lagged behind previous years until the final month. It is also good news since it means that the full \$10,000 has been provided for student scholarships during the year, and this provides a final payment in providing furnishings for the new Student Housing of \$11,469.26. This means that the Auxiliary has provided a total of \$53,402.20 on an original pledge of \$40,000. This 133% total gift is one of the factors which enabled the Student Housing Appeal to exceed its goal. CONGRATULATIONS!

The goal for the new giving year (which began on July 1) is again set for \$20,000. The first \$10,000 in gifts will be used for student scholarships. These scholarships are of great importance and many times enable persons preparing for the ministry to continue their education. The other \$10,000 (which we hope to surpass) will go toward the new project of helping to provide a much-needed organ for the Church of the Abiding Presence here on campus. You will hear a great deal more about the organ as soon as a company and a model have been selected. A special organ committee is now at work and hopes to have the new instrument by the 1978-79 academic year.

The packets of available materials will be sent to all Auxiliary keyworkers in October. Workers are requested to order materials (no matter when they plan to hold their annual appeal) as soon as possible.

We have still more good news in the form of a number of new keyworkers. The work of the Auxiliary will be greatly enhanced by the dedication of these persons as they work on behalf of the Seminary within their congregation.

NEW KEYWORKERS:

Central Pennsylvania Synod:

- District #3 - Mrs. Anna Mae Anderson, St. Matthew, Bloomsburg
Mrs. Raymond G. Spiane, Trinity, Shamokin
- District #4 - Ms. Eileen J. Schmid, St. Paul, Carlisle
Mrs. Jean Wilson, Mannsville, New Bloomfield
- District #8 - Mrs. Donald Heiges, Christ, Gettysburg

- District #9 - DISTRICT WORKER Mrs. Lavern E. Smith, Hanover
Mrs. Elmer Clabaugh, St. Matthew, Hanover
- District #13 - Glenn L. and Lorrene Blauch, Christ, Jonestown
Mrs. Hilda Kline, St. Matthew, Lebanon
- District #14 - Mrs. Pat Rickenbaugh, Trinity, McAlisterville
Mrs. Stewart Knepp, St. John, McClure
Mrs. Glen N. Bingman, Messiah, Troxelville
- District #16 - Mrs. Gretchen C. Caler, St. James, Turbotville
- District #19 - Mrs. Elaine Koontz, Trinity, Confluence
Mrs. Owen W. Saylor, Laurel-Trinity, Jenners-town
Mrs. E. H. Stuempfle, Zion, Meyersdale
- District #23 - Mrs. Mildred Hively, St. Mark, Williamsport
- District #24 - Miss Mabel Grove, Christ, Spry
Mrs. Joyce Klinefelter, St. James, York
Mrs. Marie Lehigh, Trinity, York

Maryland Synod:

- District #2 - Mrs. Betty Wachter, St. Paul, Jefferson
- District #3 - Mrs. Marie Pickett, Calvary, Woodbine
- District #4 - Ms. Jane Bennett, Christ the Servant, Gaithersburg
Mrs. John B. Doak, St. Stephen, Silver Spring
- District #6 - Mrs. Mary Krebs, Third English, Baltimore
- District #7 - Mrs. Louise Bergstrom, St. Paul, Newark, DE
Mrs. Ann Moss, St. Philip, Wilmington, DE

Western Pennsylvania

West Virginia Synod:

- District #2 - Mrs. Roberta Jacobson, Emanuel, Bradford
Mrs. Vivian Johnson, Tabor, Kane
- District #4 - Mrs. Ronald Swarm, Mt. Zion, Punxsutawney

About Our Format

With this issue the Newsletter returns to a typeface similar to that used in its first 14 volumes. In February our printer computerized his process, informing us that the old type face would no longer be available. If you have detected errors introduced through unfamiliarity with the new process, let us beg to remind you about the computer, that after all, it's only human.

- District #5 - Mr. Walter Reed, Emmanuel, Ford City
Miss Joan Atkinson, Trinity Freeport
Mrs. William B. Henry, St. Paul, Vandergrift
- District #7 - Mrs. Patricia L. Moore, Hope Memorial, Smithton
- District #8 - Mrs. Charles W. Gray, St. Mark, Jeannette
- District #9 - Mrs. Louise J. Nordsiek, Ascension, McKees Rocks
Mrs. E. J. Alexis, Christ, Ross Township, Pittsburgh
- District #10 - Mrs. Delna Hauer, Rosecrest, Monroeville
Mrs. Harry Balquist, Advent, Pittsburgh
Mrs. Margaret Gleason, Evaline, Pittsburgh
The Rev. William L. Hauser, Zion, Pittsburgh
- District #12 - Mrs. Arnold H. Knotts, Church of the Covenant, Grafton
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