



Alumni Reunion

Approximately 200 alumni, spouses, widows and guests attended the Concordia Seminary Alumni Reunion, held May 27-29 on the Seminary campus. This year's reunion included graduating classes from years ending in a "3" or "8."

On Tuesday evening (May 27), 65 of our guests enjoyed a buffet dinner and a view of the Cardinal/Astros baseball game from two "party suites" at Busch Stadium. The remaining folks attended a cook-out and reunion program at Koburg Hall.

On Wednesday, Seminary president Dr. Dale A. Meyer (Class of 1973) provided a Seminary update, and Prof. Anthony Cook, assistant professor of practical theology and director of educational technology at Concordia Seminary, gave a presentation outlining the many new resources for ministry offered by the Seminary for today's pastor. A luncheon, hosted by Diane Meyer, was held for the spouses and widows of alumni.

Dr. William Diekelman (Class of 1973) served as preacher at the Jubilarian Service.

Reunion activities culminated on Wednesday evening of May 28 with a reception at the Concordia Historical Institute and a banquet held in Koburg Dining Hall. At the banquet, Rev. Ottomar Schaefer (Class of 1943) was honored with the Erwin T. Koch Award, an award given to the oldest reunion attendee.

An optional bus tour of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod International Center and Lutheran Hour Ministries, took place following the reunion on May 29.

Alumni Homecoming

We are changing the concept of a one day homecoming event running parallel to the Day of Theological Reflection to that of viewing the week of reflection, symposium and workshop events as a homecoming opportunity.

Alumni from all graduating classes are invited and encouraged to return to their alma mater for the 2008 Theological Symposium. From Monday, September 22 through Thursday, September 25, a number of major presentations will provide an opportunity for reflection, discussion and fellowship.

On Monday evening, all alumni and their guests are invited to a special alumni homecoming reception to be held in Koburg Hall. During this reception, there will be an opportunity to reconnect with the Seminary, and with classmates and colleagues in ministry. There is no cost to attend the reception.

For more information on the Theological Symposium and/or registration information, contact the Office of Continuing Education and Parish Services at (314) 505-7486, ce@csl.edu or visit the Seminary's Web site at www.csl.edu.

Placement Updates

On April 22, calls to serve as pastors in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) were issued to 134 students at Concordia Seminary. In addition, 147 students received assignments to serve as vicars.

Of the 134 Concordia Seminary students called to serve as pastors in the LCMS, one is from the Seminary's Center for Hispanic Studies (CHS), and one is from the Seminary's Deaf Institute of Theology.

Of the 147 students who received vicarage assignments, nine are from the CHS. The vicarage assignments included one to serve in a mission field outside the continental United States in Kampala, Uganda, in East Africa, which was arranged through the LCMS Board for Mission Services.

In the days following Call Day, an additional 16 candidates have been placed and assigned their first calls, with four candidates currently waiting for their first call.

Three deaconess candidates have received their first calls, with two deaconess candidates awaiting assignment.

Retirements

Dr. Ronald R. Feuerhahn, professor of historical theology and Seminary archivist at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, retired at the close of the 2007-2008 academic year after 22 years of distinguished service. With his retirement, a distinguished career of international service to Lutheran church bodies on several continents is brought to a formal close.

Feuerhahn, a 1963 graduate of Concordia Seminary, was ordained at Trinity Lutheran Church, Cape Girardeau, Mo. He has served both the Evangelical Lutheran Church of England (ELCE) and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) extensively. From 1963 to 1967, he served as a missionary in England and Wales. He also served as pastor at St. David's Lutheran Church, Cardiff, Wales, from 1964 to 1970 and at Resurrection Lutheran Church, Cambridge, England, from 1970 to 1977. From 1977 to 1986, he was preceptor at Westfield House, the seminary of the ELCE, in Cambridge, England. He joined the Concordia Seminary faculty in 1986.

Feuerhahn became Seminary archivist in 1999 and has served on numerous committees and boards, including the LCMS Commission for Doctrinal Review, the LCMS Commission on Worship, and, while in Britain, the ELCE Board for Overseas Missions, the ELCE Lutheran Free Conference of Great Britain and the ELCE Executive Council.

Dr. Richard H. Warneck, professor of practical theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, retired at the close of the 2007-2008 academic year after 23 years of distinguished service. With his retirement, he brings to a close a long and distinguished career within The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), serving in numerous capacities and in various positions of leadership.

Warneck, a graduate of Concordia Seminary (B.A., 1957; S.T.M., 1968; Ph.D., 2000), was ordained in 1961 at St. John Lutheran Church, Ellisville, Mo. He served as assistant pastor (1961-1962) and senior pastor (1962-1974) of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ellisville, Mo. Warneck joined the Seminary faculty for the first time in 1974, serving as assistant professor of practical theology and director of field education and vicarage until 1977. He then served as pastor of Village Lutheran Church, Ladue, Mo., from 1977 to 1981, while he continued as part-time instructor at the Seminary, and as senior pastor of Grace Lutheran Chapel, Bellefontaine Neighbors, Mo., from 1981 to 1992, at which time he rejoined the Seminary faculty. He has also served on numerous boards and committees in the church-at-large, including The LCMS Commission on Church Literature, The LCMS-ALC Fellowship Commission, the Board of Doctrinal Review, the Concordia Pulpit Advisory Committee and The LCMS Church Growth Study Committee.

Alumni Phase "How Will They Hear?"

100% of our faculty, and three quarters of our staff are actively participating in our "How Will They Hear?" campaign. The advance phases of this campaign have resulted in pledges totaling more than \$45 million of the \$77 million goal. The participation of alumni in this campaign is critical to the overall success of this campaign.

Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) Program

Working under the Board for Pastoral Education, the synodical Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) Program Committee has finalized admissions procedures, including an application form and other documents, for potential students to this program. Key will be the roles of the local ministry to identify and nominate men, and of the district president to receive and review application materials and forward them to Concordia Seminary. Forms are available on the SMP webpage.

Concordia Seminary Sunday

Samples of materials congregations can utilize in celebrating Concordia Seminary Sunday are in the mail to pastors throughout The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. A special bulletin insert, an adult Bible study, sermon notes, a Seminary DVD and other worship resources are available to assist pastors and congregations in observing Concordia Seminary Sunday. The mailing also included a form to order these materials free of charge from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

The appointed Scripture reading in the new lectionary series makes Concordia Seminary Sunday an appropriate observance for the suggested Sunday. This year, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 is the Gospel lesson appointed for July 13, and “Workers for the Harvest” is the suggested sermon and Sunday theme.

While Sunday, July 13, is the suggested date for the observance of Concordia Seminary Sunday, the materials are designed to be used any time throughout the year. The observance is designed to serve as an annual opportunity for congregations to emphasize the importance of forming men for service in the pastoral ministry and women for service in diaconal ministry and enlist prayer support for this activity. It also serves to inform congregations concerning the ways in which pastors and deaconesses are formed for ministry and to encourage congregational activity in the process of identifying, informing and encouraging future pastors and deaconesses. The mailing also provides pastors the opportunity to identify prospective Seminary students and pass their names along to the admissions office at Concordia Seminary.

Wesselschmidt Edits New Psalms Commentary

A new book, *Old Testament VIII, Psalms 51-150*, part of the *Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture*, edited by Dr. Quentin F. Wesselschmidt, professor of historical theology at Concordia Seminary, was recently published by InterVarsity Press.

“We are not the first generation to read the sacred Scriptures,” commented Dr. Paul Raabe, professor and chairman of exegetical theology at Concordia Seminary. “We stand in the Great Tradition of many others in previous centuries who have faithfully read, confessed, taught and prayed the Scriptures. We owe a debt of gratitude to Quentin Wesselschmidt for his careful and thorough work in uncovering the interpretive treasures of ages past that can illuminate our own meditation on the psalms.”

Faculty Confers Special Honors

The Concordia Seminary faculty selected four individuals to receive special honorary awards and degrees during Commencement exercises on May 16.

Roger Wehrli received the Christus Vivit Award. A celebrated football player, Wehrli has set many team records and has been inducted into seven Halls of Fame. Wehrli gave strong public witness to his Christian faith in his notable speech at this induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2007 and demonstrates the character of that faith in service to his church and the community.

Dr. L. Dean Hempelmann received the Distinguished Alumnus Award. He has distinguished himself in a career of over 40 years spent in teaching, educational administration and pastoral ministry.

Dr. Carl F. Schalk, distinguished professor of music emeritus at Concordia University, River Forest, Ill., received the honorary degree of doctor of letters. Schalk taught graduate and undergraduate courses in church music from 1965 through 1994 at Concordia University, River Forest, Ill., where he was instrumental in beginning the Master of Church Music program, which has produced approximately 140 graduates serving throughout The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. He has written more than 80 hymn tunes and carols, which have appeared in more than 30 denominational hymnals in the United States, Canada, Europe, Japan and Southeast Asia.

Professor Dr. Hartmut Günter, long-time professor at Lutherische Theologische Hochschule in Oberursel, Germany, received the honorary degree of doctor of divinity. Günter has served congregations in Frankfurt, Oberursel and Gross Oesingen. He served as professor of Old and New Testament and academic dean at Oberursel (1960-1996). Günter's written contributions have been significant in formulating the theological position of SELK. He has addressed theological issues in more than 350 books, book reviews and articles.

LutherHostel 2008

LutherHostel 2008 will be held Oct. 4-7 on the campus of Concordia Seminary. LutherHostel is an event designed to provide growth in biblical knowledge and understanding, fun and fellowship, and a chance to gain helpful insights for daily living. It is offered for adults, age 55 and above.

The theme for the event will be "The Newest Oldest Generation: Still on Duty by God's Design." Participants will explore how they are still serving God and His church with the good works that He has prepared them to do at every stage of life.

Rev. Dr. Charles Mueller, Sr., and Dr. Mary Manz Simon will be the main presenters for LutherHostel 2008. Dr. Mueller is pastor emeritus of Trinity Lutheran Church, Roselle, Ill. and currently serves as staff associate with Wheat Ridge Ministries, Itasca, Ill. In the past, Dr. Mueller also served as president of the Southeastern District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and is the author of numerous books. Dr. Mary Manz Simon is a noted speaker and author with over two million books sold, a daily radio show, "Front Porch Parenting," airing on over 200 stations.

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