



Seminary Matters

Sacred Convocation May 27, 2011



Lorne Reddemann and Ian Wemyss

Master of Divinity Graduates

Lorne Reddemann was born in 1969. He was baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Vancouver. He and lived in Surrey, BC, with his wife Rita, for 18 years while working in a sawmill in nearby Vancouver until he was led to attend Concordia Lutheran Seminary in 2006. They have two children, Seth and Jadon. Lorne served his vicarage at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Saskatoon, SK.

Ian Wemyss was born in 1979 in Quesnel, BC. He travelled across Canada as a member of CREW Ministries and currently serves as one of its board members. Ian and his wife Miranda are a dynamic team who are passionate about sharing the love of Jesus. They were blessed with a son, Silas, last year. Ian received a BA from CUCA, completed the Director of Parish Services Colloquy program, and was placed at Hope Lutheran Church and School in Port Coquitlam, BC. He entered Concordia Lutheran Seminary in 2007 and served two congregations on his vicarage: Shepherd of the Valley, Salmon Arm, BC, and St. John's in Vernon, BC.

Concordia Lutheran Seminary closed its 27th academic year on May 27th with two graduates receiving both a Master of Divinity and Theological Diploma. Ian Wemyss was placed as associate Pastor to Zion Lutheran Church in Surrey, BC. Lorne Reddemann is awaiting a placement. Professor Kraemer announced vicarage assignments: Darren Dressler, Shepherd of the Hills/Redeemer, Airdrie/Didsbury, AB; Todd Guggenmos, Bethany, Campbell River, BC; Vincent Moore, Trinity, Abbotsford, BC; James Prophet, Zion, Yorkton, SK; and Mark Schultz, Immanuel, Usona, AB.



Receiving vicarage assignments: Dressler, Guggenmos, Moore, Prophet, Schultz.

The seminary was pleased to award Betty Ann Kehler, from Edmonton, the Friend of the Seminary Award for her life work, including committee service with CLS. She responded with a short address exhorting the grads and all in attendance to serve our Lord in our communities. At the Sacred Convocation, the Seminary also conferred the Pastoral Diploma – pending completion of colloquy - to Rev. David



Pres. Zeuch presenting the Friend of the Seminary Award to Betty Ann Kehler

Morton, currently serving in the East Kootenay Parish, BC.

Over 200 were gathered to hear the Rev. Mark Dressler, Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Saskatoon, SK, a member of the Seminary's Board of Regents, and an alumnus of CLS preach the sermon, "Incarnate Ones," exhorting the seminarians to be in the world bringing Christ to the people. Mrs. Roberta Nixon, member at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Regina, SK and a member of the Seminary's Board of Regents spoke "Representing the Laity of the Church" to the audience with an address outlining the "holy circle" of growth and service of lay people and pastors living and working in the church. The evening concluded with warm greetings amongst family and friends at a reception sponsored by the CLS Guild and FaithLife Financial.

If you would like to view the Sacred Convocation simply go to CLSTV on our website.

Concordia Community
Chorus directed by
Seminary Coordinator of
Music, David Mitchell





Spirituality Series Presenters: Drs. Hammermaster, Berg, McCormack, Hooper

Spirituality Lectures

Dr. Zeuch offered a series of six lectures on Spirituality during Semester 2 in winter 2011. The lectures were open to the public and formed part of the Master of Divinity course, Spirituality. Guest lecturers from different religious and cultural backgrounds spoke on topics that impact the history and practices of Christian spirituality. Dr. Colleen Hammermaster, who has her own psychologist's practice, spoke on "Spirituality and Human Strife." Dr. Joy Berg and Dr. John Hooper, professors at CUCA, presented "Spirituality and Musical Arts." Father Greg Faryna, from Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral, Edmonton, presented a colourful insider's look at "Eastern Christian Spirituality as expressed by Ukrainian Catholics in Canada." Rev. Dr. Robert Bugbee, LCC president, considered "The Pastor and Prayer." Dr. Patricia McCormack, from

the faculty of Native Studies at University of Alberta, spoke about "Aboriginal Spirituality and Christian Faith in Canada." Dr. Manfred Zeuch, president of CLS, concluded the series with "Elements of a Lutheran Spirituality."

Participants responded excitedly about the content and the delivery of the talks collected under the banner of the Spirituality Lectures. Attendees from the Edmonton area came over and over again to join students who were taking the class for credit. Many were thrilled with the breadth of information and perspectives of the subject matter and of the lecturers. People who tuned in via internet liked the opportunities to provide feedback and ask questions of the speakers and the people in attendance at the Seminary. Some of the series is still available at CLSTV on our website.



Spirituality Series presenter Father Greg Faryna showing liturgical paraments, including censer

President's Message

Concordia Lutheran Seminary chose the theme:

"Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field." Matt 9:38, for the year 2011-2012, and is sharing it with CLTS also. To form pastors, to serve the church for Jesus' sake, to preach the Gospel and to participate in the expansion of God's kingdom are not decisions the Church makes on her own. Neither are they simply options. These are her great privileges, given by the Lord himself as her tasks.

He told his disciples to ask God. To pray for more workers. This is the first "work" we as church can do: in thankful faith toward him who opened to us the doors of the Kingdom in Jesus Christ, sincerely and fervently to ask him to send more pastors and deacons and evangelists to the harvest field. Then, our further task is to support the means by which the Lord gives the task itself in the first place. This means recruiting, sending into formation, forming, graduating, and sending men—workers!—out into the field.

Both Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Edmonton, and Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saint Catharines are part of this work. The church has decided in convention that these houses of formation should continue their work, together. Both of us do so with less material means, true, unless and until it pleases the Lord to change this situation and provide more financial means to support them. The time has come for reviewing, restructuring, and reorienting our seminaries' work in LCC. The time has come to continue to pray that prayer, and to pray it even more fervently. It's time to devote our efforts to close cooperation, and even if we need to do this with fewer means (a smaller budget), we need to move on and up! We can't stop improving, let alone regress in the quality of our work and mission.

Due to the postal strike in June, we

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can't say yet for certain if we ended our fiscal year in a balanced financial situation. We will have to wait and give you these data later. But in the meanwhile, a new academic year is beginning, with new students already accepted and eager to begin! And with your renewed help, they will.

And so, we salute and thank all our friends, supporters, and donors, in this new academic year. Without you we could not have Canadian pastoral formation in our church. Thank you for your commitment to this place. We ask the Lord, here in the frontline, to keep blessing you and us, to keep opening your hearts, ears, eyes, minds, and hands, to see what CLS is doing, together with CLTS, and to understand these efforts and goals, and to support them with your prayers and gifts. Thank you and God bless!

Yours,

Dr. Manfred Zeuch



CLS team in front of house built during their visit, with home owners, Lilia and Jorge, and YLMHC staff

Servant Event at Ysleta

Chris Hill and Erin Mackenzie from Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care in El Paso Texas came to CLS as part of the seminary's Missionary for Lunch program. YLMHC carries out its three-fold goal of feeding the hungry, nurturing missions, and educating leaders in partnership with 11 affiliated mission sites/congregations in 13 distinct communities across El Paso and Northern Mexico. Students and faculty, encour-

aged by the opportunities the mission organization presented decided to work with TLMHC in early May. They elected to build a house in Mexico that will serve as a home for an extended family and a place for devotions for the neighborhood. The five Seminary students, Prof. Kraemer and Missionary Study Centre Director Rev. James Avery will never forget everyone's generosity and hospitality.

LCC Convention

Delegates took an important step at the LCC convention in Hamilton in June to solidify and expand the relationship between the church's two seminaries (CLTS, St. Catharines, and CLS, Edmonton). They gave overwhelming approval to a resolution that affirmed a formal document that was signed by both seminaries and by LCC's Board of Directors shortly before the convention began. This document, called a "Memorandum of Agreement," commits LCC to maintaining both seminaries. It commits the seminaries to a broad pattern of increased co-operation in many areas of their mission. By committing all parties to these key decisions—that is, keeping both seminaries open and drawing them closer together—this Memorandum of Agreement goes a long way toward resolving the cloud of uncertainty that has

hung over both institutions since the last LCC convention (2008) established a "Task Force on Cost-Efficient, Sustainable Seminary Education." It is true that the Memorandum does not resolve all of the issues that will have to be settled before the two seminaries can operate together as one entity on two campuses. This is the ultimate goal of the process that the Task Force set in motion. However, major steps can now be taken toward that goal as a result of this action at the 2011 convention. The broad outlines of a combined budget have already been set in place. Major development work will be conducted on behalf of both seminaries by LCC Financial Ministries. Student recruitment materials will be developed, and programs undertaken, by LCC itself. More courses will be offered by distance education at both campuses, so that stu-

dents at both schools can benefit from the expertise of faculty members at both ends of the country. Renewed efforts will seek to adopt and implement a single curriculum. Naturally many of the details of all of these initiatives need to be worked out. The Memorandum that has been adopted envisions the overarching goal of "increased cooperation" as an open-ended process. With that goal in mind, the Boards of Regents of both seminaries intend to meet together in September to begin working out some of these matters. But already now, both seminaries rejoice that a clear course of action has been agreed-upon, with a well-defined process to guide the future discussions. May the Lord of the church bless and guide all who will now be charged with fine-tuning and implementing the Memorandum of Agreement.

Pastoral Gathering May 17, 2011

As CLS held its 2nd annual Pastoral Gathering, a dozen guests, along with members of the seminary faculty, discussed issues concerning "The Pastor and Synod".

The afternoon opened with a keynote address by Dr. Edwin Lehman, president emeritus of Lutheran Church-Canada. He spoke about the proper understand-

ing of synod as a joyful walk together on the same path, a walk in which the people move together toward the same goal and look out for one-another's well-being.

With these thoughts in mind, the group divided into two, with each of these groups discussing two different sets of these dealing with the relation-

ship of pastor and synod.

Members of each group spoke about the insights gained from their discussions, as the plenary group continued the conversation. The day wrapped up with a wine and cheese reception.

The seminary looks forward to hosting the 3rd Annual Pastoral Gathering next year.



Pastors gathered to explore these presented by colleagues and responding to the keynote address

Sabbatical Week Enjoyable and Informative for All

From Monday, June 27 to Thursday, June 30, Concordia Lutheran Seminary, in conjunction with Concordia University College of Alberta, hosted a Church Workers' Sabbatical Retreat. The sessions were held in the Hole Academic Centre of CUCA. While especially geared for church workers, the week was open also for any interested lay people as well. Five pastors and one pastor's wife attended the week's sessions.

The main speaker for the week was Dr. Jonathan Strand, professor of philosophy and associate vice-president for academics at CUCA. Dr. Strand spoke on the theme, "How do you present and

defend your faith today, in a skeptical environment? A course in Christian Apologetics." In addition, papers were given by Dr. Edward Kettner on the possibility of Christian dialogue with the world's religions, and by Dr. Manfred Zeuch on Luther and the world's religions.

On Wednesday evening the group was treated to a Brazilian barbeque, prepared by Dr. Manfred and Vivian Zeuch. The barbeque was held at the home of Pat and Linda Moore. Pat serves as the president of the seminary guild.

The group was unanimous in its evaluation of the week: "it was a topic worth learning about and well worth the time."

Central District Theological Lay School

Dr. Zeuch and Dr. Kettner both had the privilege to teach at the 2011 Central District Theological Lay School in Thunder Bay and Winnipeg in May. Dr. Zeuch led the group in Thunder Bay through "Ethics for Daily Life." Dr. Kettner presented "The Catechism for Daily Life," demonstrating that the Christian faith and the Christian life go hand in hand.

Enthusiastic responses were received. One lay student wrote: "... I haven't been able to stop talking about my new insights of faith and God's work. I thoroughly enjoyed your lectures and our time together." Another student wrote, "Wow! What an experience! Thank you so much for your willingness to come to Thunder Bay to teach us. This ethics course has been very helpful to me."

Check the Central District and CLS web sites for future offerings.

Seminaries Sunday

Seminaries Sunday provides an opportunity for churches to focus on the value of the Synod's schools that have been established for the formation of pastors and other church workers. This year, both seminaries (CLTS, St. Catharines, and CLS, Edmonton) are

asking churches to consider scheduling Seminaries Sunday during one of the Sundays of the month rather than designating a specific Sunday. Electronic and printed resources are available to pastors and churches in the Synod.

Opening Service/ Founders' Day

Rev. Daryl Solie, one of the Seminary's first graduates and currently First Vice-President of Lutheran Church-Canada and pastor at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Regina, is this year's guest preacher for CLS combined Opening Service & Founders' Day Service.

The celebration will be held on Sept 10th at Concordia Lutheran Church at 3 p.m. The church is located at 5420-19A Ave., Edmonton, AB and its phone number is 780-461-8814. The congregation is providing snacks for fellowship following the service.

Quest Fall 2011 features Dr. Chambers and archaeology

The Fall 2011 Quest program will be presented on the four consecutive Tuesdays starting Oct. 11 and continuing Oct. 18, Oct. 25, and Nov 1. The speaker is the Seminary's new Academic Dean and Professor of Exegetical Theology (New Testament), Dr. Stephen Chambers. His topic is "The Stones Cry Out": Jesus and Archaeology. Dr. Chambers will share his first hand experience with archaeology, including his biennial field work at Hippos in northeastern Israel.

Check the Seminary's web site for more information including costs and registration details.

German Christmas Service

The German Christmas Service will take place on Dec. 11, 2011, at CLS Chapel, 3 p.m. Refreshments will be provided by Guild volunteers.

Thank you, seminary volunteers!



The seminary depends on faithful, hard-working volunteers who carry out a variety of tasks. This group of volunteers is putting together a mail-out just like the one that carries this newsletter to you. We welcome new volunteers. Contact Rhonda or Sandra at 780-474-1468 for more information about the ways you can help.

Distance Education

One of the strong recommendations approved by LCC convention was greater offering of distance courses. CLS has been diligently putting together the components for successful course delivery, including curricula, instructor confidence, and the technical support.

Feedback from students were positive. One student wrote, "I just want to say 'Thank you.' I was skeptical about having a class "long distanced" but I am really satisfied. I really enjoyed your style of teaching. You made it easy to follow. You were very kind and considerate with your assignments and exams. Making those slides accessible to us was extremely helpful for note taking."

Prof. Kraemer said, "each time we have a distance course we get better at it. I have to say that I really enjoyed everyone [joined together] and feel it was a richer experience for everyone to interact with each other. If we had been able to have the entire class together we would have gotten to know each other even more and the experience would have been that much richer."

New courses will be offered in this module this year.

Luther Countdown Convocation Rev. Torgerson, Oct. 27

This year's Luther Countdown festivities include three events. All the events feature Rev. Wilhelm Torgerson, a Canadian-born pastor of Selbständige Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche, as speaker and preacher. SELK is LCC's partner-church in Germany.

Oct 27, Thursday 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. Public Lecture at CUCA Auditorium on the theme: "Luther in Europe Today." This will be web cast on CLSTV.

Oct 28, noon, "Missionary for Lunch" for students and faculty/staff at the seminary, on Rev. Torgerson's mission activities in Germany and the "East Bloc."

The Countdown will conclude with Rev. Torgerson preaching at the Reformation Service, October 29, 7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church.

9907-114 St., Edmonton, AB T5K 1P7.

Refreshments and fellowship will follow the service.

Financial Report

CLS is working hard to keep costs down and be a good steward of the generous support of God's people for our future pastors.

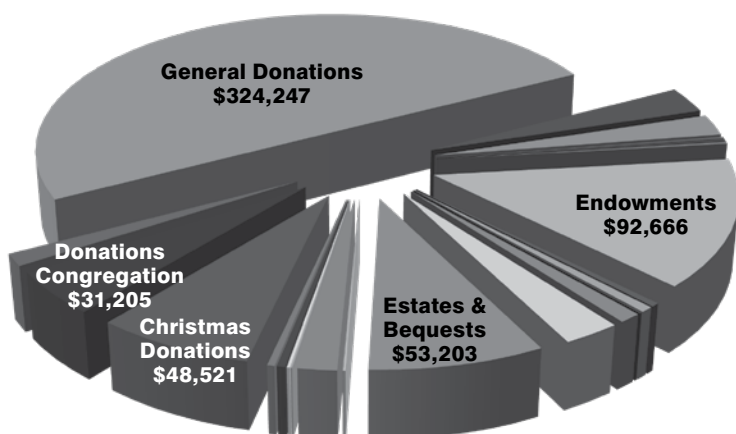
Here are a few examples of this generous support:

- * In spite of economically-challenging times, gifts received this year exceeded \$600,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30.
- * The CLS Guild includes over 1000 members who raise over \$12,000 in support that goes directly to seminar-

ians and their families.

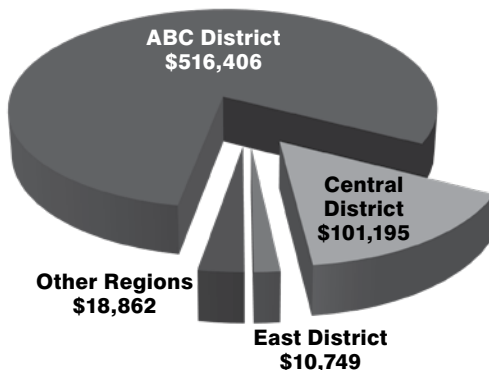
- * The CLS Endowment Funds now total 88 endowments with a principal value over \$3,000,000.

With your gifts, you assist in the formation of students to become your pastors. Thank you for your generous support, your prayers, and other expressions of encouragement of our students and their families. Please consider a donation for the new school year as we look to a goal of \$600,000.



Campaign sources of donations, 2010 to 2011

Regional Sources of donations, July 2010 to June 2011



Ways to Donate

It's possible to donate to the Seminary in a number of ways. You can donate in the ways itemized on the response card included with this newsletter (please do not send cash in the mail!); for convenience use the envelope included.

- Of course, we're always happy to see supporters and we will accept donations you bring in to the Seminary!
- You can make a donation to your local church; make sure it's designated for Concordia Lutheran Seminary.
- Donors cannot currently make credit card contributions directly to CLS, but you can make online contributions through CanadaHelps
- Pre-Authorized Debit donations can be set up (see the enclosed card or call the Development office, 780-474-1468).
- Endowment Funds and Planned Giving arrangements are now conducted through Lutheran Foundation of Canada. For contacts call the Seminary Development office or check the LFC web site at <http://www.lutheranfoundation.ca/>

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