

# Deacon Dialogue III

April 15-17, 2010

## Registration Form

Register online: [www.garrett.edu/deacondialogue](http://www.garrett.edu/deacondialogue) or complete the form below (one form per person). You may copy form.

### Personal Information

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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Please indicate all applicable information:

- Commissioned Minister towards:
  - Deacon's Orders
  - Elder's Orders
- Ordained Deacon
- Ordained Elder
- Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary Student

### Fees

**Registration:** \$150.00 per person - *Registration includes two lunches, one dinner, breaks, and conference materials.*

**Early Bird Registration:** \$130.00 before March 1, 2010

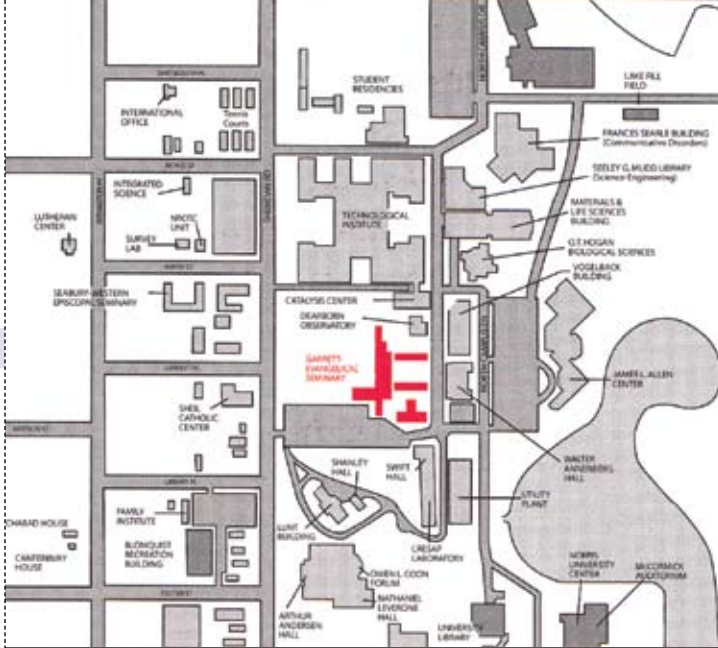
\*Banquet Dinner Selection:  
 Chicken     Vegetarian

Other dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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### Directions

For directions, visit the seminary's Web site at [www.garrett.edu](http://www.garrett.edu). Registration and parking information will be confirmed via email.

### Accommodations

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at special rates at the Hilton Garden Inn (\$129/room/night... 847.475.6400) and Best Western (\$109 per room/per night...847.491.6400). Same prices for single or double occupancy. Ask for the Deacon Dialogue room rate when you call.

### Contact Information

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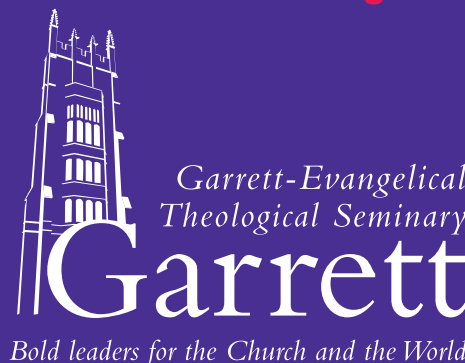
### Dr. Margaret Ann Crain

is Professor of Christian Education and Director of the Deacon Program at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. She serves on the Northern Illinois Board of Ordained Ministry and has been a delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference of 2004 and the General and Jurisdictional Conferences of 2008. She is a

member of the Commission on the Study of Ministry 2009-2012. Together with her husband, Jack L. Seymour, she is author of *A Deacon's Heart: The New United Methodist Diaconate* and several articles on the ministry of deacons in the UMC. They are also authors of *Yearning for God: Reflections of Faithful Lives* (Upper Room, 2003) and *Educating Christians: The Intersection of Meaning, Learning and Vocation* (Abingdon, 2001). She is currently part of a research project, *Greenhouses of Hope: Calling Congregations and the Practices that Nurture Young Leaders* which is sponsored by The Fund for Theological Education.

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*Opting for the Margins:  
The Promise of the United  
Methodist Deacon  
Deacon Dialogue III*

**April 15-17, 2010**

On the campus of  
**Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary**  
Evanston, IL

United Methodist Deacons need to speak clearly to the Church about who we are and what God has called us to do.

## *Opting for the Margins: The Promise of the United Methodist Deacon*

will provide an opportunity to meet together, hear from some of our most articulate Deacons, and share in the efforts to clarify, for the United Methodist Church, the unique contribution of Deacons to the mission of Jesus Christ.



# Schedule of Events

## THURSDAY

- 10:00 Registration at Garrett Place entrance, moving to cross tower Room at 1:00 pm
- 11:00 Opening Worship in the Chapel of the Unnamed Faithful
- 12:00 Lunch (provided with registration)
- 1:15 Conference begins
- 1:30 Where are we now?  
Staff from GBHEM sharing research and future expectations for the order
- 2:30 Sharing our good news
- 3:00 Break
- 3:30 Keynote Address:  
*Opting for the Margins: The Promise of the United Methodist Deacon.*  
Dr. Hendrik Pieterse, Director of Scholarly Research  
General Board of Higher Education and Ministry
- 4:30 Informal conversations and displays in Loder Lounge
- 5:30 Dinner in Loder Cafeteria

## FRIDAY

- 9:00 Morning Worship
- 9:45-12:00 Workshops: Deacons and Opting for the Margins
  - Sexual Boundaries
  - Hungry and Homeless
  - HIV/AIDS
  - Community Organizers
  - Public Education
  - Advocacy and Change
  - Youth Ministries in Mission
- 12:00 Lunch in Loder Hall
- 1:30 Report from the Commission for the Study of Ministry
- 3:00 Break
- 3:30 Panel Discussion on Opting for the Margins
- 4:45 Worship
- Dinner on your own in Evanston

## SATURDAY

- 9:00 Opening prayers and song
- 9:15 Our call to ministry at the margins: Next steps
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 Closing worship with eucharist
- 11:30 On your way.....

“Those of us who are part of the order of Deacon in the UMC continue to face challenges in interpreting it to the Church. Deacon Dialogue III will be an opportunity to gather with other articulate Deacons for deep conversations about our order. We need to speak clearly to the Church about who we are and what God has called us to do. I hope you will be part of these important discussions. Together we are renewed, clarified, and empowered. Come to the Dialogue!”

*Dr. Margaret Ann Crain  
Director of Deacon Program  
Professor of Christian Education  
Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary*

### The Dialogue will focus on ways Deacons...

- 1) Lead the Church in servant ministry, contributing to the mission of the United Methodist Church; and
- 2) Embody the interrelationship between worship and service to God in the world

### While considering two fundamental questions...

- 1) Where is God calling Deacons to ministry on the margins?
- 2) How do Deacons engage and educate the Church?

### Dialogue topics will include but not be limited to...

- Sexual Boundaries
- Hungry and Homeless
- HIV/AIDS
- Community Organizers
- Public Education
- Advocacy and Change
- Youth Ministries
- Chaplaincy

### Plus...

- Staff from GBHEM share research and future expectations for the order
- Report from the Commission for the Study of Ministry