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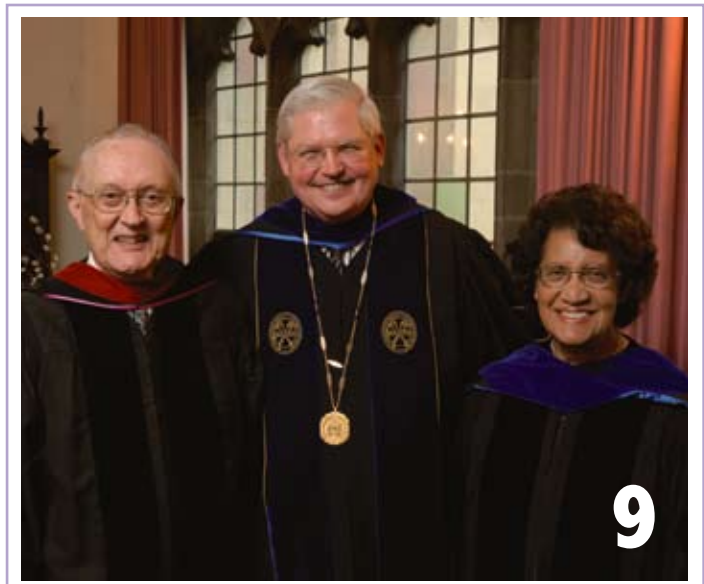
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Presidential Perspective

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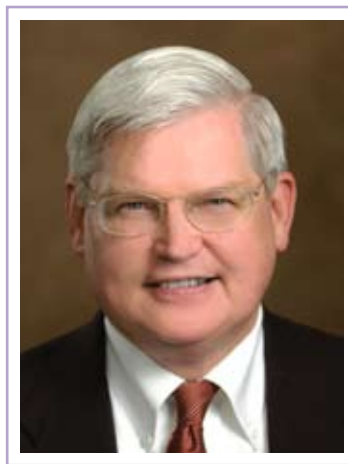
First, this confession: I love books—always have, always will. Books for me often become “old friends” who teach new lessons when visited a second or third or fourth time. I should also confess the pride I take in the *United Library*. (Please visit the United Library website at www.garrett.edu/library to learn more about this collection that ranks among the top ten largest theological school libraries in the nation.) Libraries for me have become places where I know that “old-print-friends” reside.

As a United Methodist minister, I know the challenge of moving from one place to another WITH BOOKS! I remember Elaine asking each time, “What are we going to do with all your books?” Early on I learned that one way to reduce the load was to give away books. So, over the years and across the continent I have left thousands of “old-print-friends” with human friends or with church and seminary libraries. In the process, I have also come to value well-tended library collections.

This summer, Garrett-Evangelical will assume exclusive ownership of the entire United Library collection, now approaching 400,000 items. For over twenty-five years the *United Library* was a partnership with our neighbor, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. However, Seabury is in a time of transition to new educational models. There was some fear that the 25 percent of the collection owned by Seabury might be scattered and a quarter-of-a-century of joint collection might be compromised.

Garrett-Evangelical has made an offer of \$600,000 to keep the collection

together and has continued to build this exceptional resource for scholars and the Church. Seabury accepted the purchase offer, allowing us to secure the entire collection and providing the Seabury community continued access to the collection. We will also, of course, continue our significant relationships with the Northwestern Library system.



Philip A. Amerson

We have an exceptional library staff under the leadership of Dr. Beth Sheppard. The purchase of the entire library collection is but one part of a vision for significant improvements in our library. Future facilities improvements at the seminary will include substantial upgrades in our library shelving, cataloguing, reference work and circulation. We will also want to build further endowment support for the library. Dr. Sheppard is helping us move toward incorporating the new electronic technologies and at the same time is committed to the *United Library* being a graduate research resource. For decades there have been predictions that the era of books and libraries would soon be coming to an end. “Digitization,”

it was said, will end the need to collect books. “You can’t stop progress” one fellow told me as he suggested schools should stop purchasing any books at all.

It is true that libraries are undergoing significant changes but, interestingly enough, more books are being published each year. “In 2008, there were nearly 480,000 books published or distributed in the United States, up from close to 375,000 in 2007.” (*New York Times*, January 27, 2009). A significant part of this “new demand” was the printing of out-of-print books.

When you visit the United Library website, you will find a Geneva Bible as part of the Keen Bible collection, which includes over 700 English Bible versions. There is the Hibbard Rare Book Collection with exceptionally rare items of Egyptology, Near Eastern archaeology and Semitic languages. The Methodist collection includes the papers of faculty like Milton Terry, Murray Leiffer and Georgia Harkness, along with 18th century journals, papers and letters of 18th and 19th century leaders like Ezekiel Cooper and William Colbert and several letters and documents by John Wesley, John Fletcher, and George Whitfield.

It is our vision that the extraordinary resources of the *United Library* will be strengthened. Would you be willing to help in this? There are some specific opportunities presented in this issue. I suspect you have some “old-print-friends” as well. Of course, the joy of learning and scholarship comes as we meet “new-print-friends” (some contemporary and some who wrote centuries ago). Please help us keep the *United Library* the first-rate, widely used and shared collection.

Garrett-Evangelical Seeks Funds to Purchase Seabury Portion of United Library and Build Endowment for the Future

In 1982 Garrett-Evangelical and Seabury-Western, the Episcopal seminary across the street, merged their library collections to form the United Library. Garrett-Evangelical, the larger of the two, contributed 75 percent of the volumes and assumed 75 percent of the financial responsibilities for the past 27 years.



Today the library is recognized as the ninth largest theological library in the United States, and trails the top five libraries by a mere 50,000 volumes. This merged collection has provided an unparalleled resource not only for seminary students throughout the Chicago area, but for clergy, laity, and scholars across the United States and internationally. Currently the library sends out interlibrary loans as far away as Australia and Germany and as near

as our sister theological schools in the Association of Chicago Theological Seminaries (ACTS).

In the past two years, two separate forces have focused attention on the library and its need for more financial resources. First, the current recession has taken a toll on Seabury-Western, and it has been forced to declare an emergency and sell its campus while reorganizing. The potential threat to Seabury's 25 percent stake in the library collection and the imminent sale of the Seabury campus created concerns about the collection. In April, the seminaries' respective boards of trustees agreed to a sell/purchase of Seabury's share of the collection, approximately 90,000 volumes, to Garrett-Evangelical for \$600,000.

Keeping the holdings together is important for several reasons. First, the merged collection has considerably more financial value than the respective holdings would have as stand-alone collections. Keeping the United Library intact ensures that it will continue to be one of the ten largest theological libraries in the United States, a rich cultural resource for the greater Chicago area which also claims the largest cluster of theological seminaries in the world.

Second, the merged collection is of much greater interest and usefulness to persons (laity and scholars alike) from a variety of religious traditions. The combination of strong holdings in United Methodism as well as Anglicanism, for example, is unique among libraries. Since both the Methodist and Episcopal denominations were spawned in the United Kingdom and Methodism was birthed from Anglican roots, this collection presents a rare opportunity to study the history and

growth of these two deeply intertwined traditions. The Seabury collection also contains a significant number of books by Roman Catholic authors making the United Library an important resource for both Protestant and Roman Catholic traditions.

Third, the United Library has an outstanding rare book collection. While many other seminaries do not have rare book collections, or have been forced to sell them off in times of financial duress, the United Library has placed a premium on how rare books enhance the learning experience. Christianity is a religion of the book and a religion that values the traditions and thought of prior generations, facts that come alive for students when they are exposed to the library's rare book collection. Currently the combined rare book collection numbers over 7,000 volumes. This includes an outstanding collection of early hymnals, often consulted by scholars around the world, a priceless collection of rare Bibles, and an extensive collection of 18th century Anglican prayer books, Psalters, and theological treatises.

Garrett-Evangelical must raise funds to cover the cost of the \$600,000 purchase price of the Seabury portion of the library. Funds are also needed to provide adequate shelving and storage for the entire collection on the Garrett-Evangelical campus. "Bringing the entire collection to the Garrett-Evangelical side of Sheridan Road will be immensely beneficial to our students and other library patrons," said Beth Sheppard, library director. It is estimated, however, that it will cost at least an additional \$1.3 million to provide adequate shelving and storage for the entire collection, bringing the total cost to \$1.9 million to buy out and house the Seabury portion of the library.

A second force has also focused attention on the need for more financial resources for the library, particularly for an enhanced library endowment. During a programmatic review of the United Library to establish priorities and new directions, Garrett-Evangelical learned that in comparison with other libraries of similar size, the budget for collection development is significantly underfunded. Although ninth in the United States in terms of its collection's size, the United Library's budget for purchasing new materials ranks 58th. This means the library does not place in the top 25 percent of U.S. theological seminaries in terms of funding, according to statistics provided by the American Theological Library Association. In relation to other United Methodist seminaries, while its collection is eclipsed only by Duke, it

trails Claremont, Drew, Duke, Perkins, and Wesley in funds available to purchase new materials each year.

Sheppard attributes this disparity to the fact that Garrett-Evangelical's library endowment for both collection and staff (currently valued at less than \$100,000) is "miniscule" in comparison with its peer institutions. She said it is not uncommon for library endowments at theological schools to be \$10 million or, in some cases, much more. Increased collection funding through a robust library endowment would provide better support for the seminary's Ph.D. program. "A strong endowment would allow the library to continue the level of excellence envisioned by its Garrett Biblical Institute and Evangelical Theological Seminary founders and avoid the fate of falling behind," she

said. "It would enable the collection to thrive and the library to be a true hallmark of excellence for the scholarly and church community."

Thus, in order to purchase and house the Seabury portion of the United Library, and to build the library endowment to a more adequate level, Garrett-Evangelical is seeking donors willing to assist in addressing these critical goals. Gifts are welcome at all levels, and many naming opportunities exist (see below for a partial listing of naming opportunities). For more information on how you can assist the seminary in achieving these important goals, contact Beth Sheppard, director of the United Library at Beth.Sheppard@garrett.edu, or David Heetland, vice president for development, at David.Heetland@garrett.edu.

SUMMARY OF LIBRARY FUNDS NEEDED

I. Purchase and House Seabury Portion of United Library

Purchase Seabury's 25% portion of library	\$ 600,000
Shelving, temporary storage & moving, & facilities modification	\$1.3 million
Subtotal	\$1.9 million

Naming Opportunities

Name entire Seabury portion of library	\$600,000
Name entire rare books collections	\$450,000
Name a room in library	\$100,000-\$500,000
Name a portion of rare books collection	\$100,000-\$200,000
Name a particular part of Seabury collection	\$1,000-\$75,000
Buy one or more books (with bookplate in book)	\$150 per book

II. Build Library Endowment

Build library endowment to appropriate level	\$10 million
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Naming Opportunities

Endow and name the library	\$5 million
Endow library director's position	\$2 million
Endow rare book curator position	\$1 million
Endow historian/archivist position	\$1 million
Endow a library book fund	\$25,000-\$1 million

Total Funds Needed

Purchase and house Seabury portion of library	\$ 1.9 million
Build library endowment to appropriate level	\$10.0 million
Grand Total	\$11.9 million



Interview with Beth Sheppard, Director of the United Library

Beth Sheppard joined the Garrett-Evangelical community in July 2007 as Director of the United Library. She brought the vision, creativity, and energy needed to transform the library into a state of the art learning resource for today's students and faculty—and she works tirelessly to make that vision a reality. Indeed, she accomplishes more in a day than many do in a week. Perhaps it is because she only recently settled into an office, and doesn't watch television—and many secretly believe she doesn't sleep! Whatever the reasons for her energy and creativity, Garrett-Evangelical is blessed to have her as head of the library in these challenging, yet exciting times.

Beth not only works tirelessly on behalf of the library. She also models outstanding stewardship by tithing her salary back to the seminary to create a library endowment—which she hopes will inspire others to do likewise—so that it remains a premier resource for scholars for generations to come.



Aware recently caught up with Beth for a brief Q & A, which is captured below:

1. What attracted you to Garrett-Evangelical?

The United Methodist heritage, of course. But also the fact that the Garrett-Evangelical's administration is open to innovation. While patrons see and use the books, there is a lot of technology behind the scenes that makes a library work. Garrett-Evangelical encourages me to explore new tools that help to make our library more efficient. An example is this year's purchase of Ariel Software, which allows us to send interlibrary loans of articles from our collection to scholars throughout the world in a paperless format. This is not only great for the environment, but researchers receive their articles more quickly when they don't have to wait for the mail.

2. What do you see as some of the greatest strengths of our library?

Actually, the greatest strength of the library is the staff. All of the library employees see library work as a calling and work very hard to make certain that our students and faculty have the resources that they need. As far as the collection is concerned, we have traditionally purchased very heavily in the subjects of Methodism and Anglicanism. We are unique in that scholars can research in both the Methodist tradition and the tradition from which it sprang within one library. We are also known for our Ancient Near Eastern Studies resources. As the largest theological library in the Chicagoland area, many students

and scholars use our library because we have very healthy holdings of modern Church history, theology, and Bible. Among the Association of Chicago Theological schools, we also are the designated school to collect resources for the Society of Friends, the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, and the Orthodox Church.

3. What do you see as some of the greatest challenges of our library?

The greatest challenge stemming from the purchase of the Seabury-Western collection is finding adequate room to store the collection while still maintaining generous and attractive space in the library for students to sit and study/read/learn. A real danger is to fill every inch with books instead of leaving room for study tables and carrels. A second challenge involves our very small endowment. The United Library has less than \$100,000 in endowed funds for the collection. Other sister United Methodist Seminary libraries have tens of millions of dollars in their endowments. As a result, we are very limited in the amount of programming we can provide and have a book and materials budget that trails behind those of Drew, Perkins, Duke, Wesley, and Claremont. We dream of having book signings, world-class displays of our rare books, how-to seminars, and other events, but with a limited endowment, every penny has to go just to buy books/databases and catalog them. We have the cake, but can't afford the icing!

4. What motivated you to tithe your salary back to the seminary to help strengthen the library?

I take the scriptural admonition to tithe very seriously. While the ministry of the local church is very important and I give there, too, tithing to Garrett-Evangelical is the primary way I financially support the work of Word and Sacrament. I can think of no more worthy cause than to contribute funding for the training of the Church's leaders. And, to put that support toward the library, which is integral to the learning experience of all the students who pass through Garrett-Evangelical's doors, makes it special. If ministry is about the Word, then in the library, one can

find the books and the electronic resources to inspire, illuminate, and elucidate the ongoing conversation between God and humanity.

5. What do you hope will happen as a result of your gifts?

Right now the library is vulnerable because its budget is so small. By creating an endowment that will be set up with a modest endowment draw, I hope to create at least a small stream of perpetual income that will grow a bit with the economy. Plus, I plan to make this fund unrestricted with regard to materials. That will give the library the ability to buy whatever is needed most and in whatever format is required to make it accessible to patrons. I am just one person giving toward the library. Imagine if we had 100!

6. What words of encouragement would you offer to someone considering making a gift to the library?

Setting up a gift for the library is amazingly easy to do. By having funds automatically deducted each month on a set day, giving is just a part of one's monthly budget and painless! Plus, even if not giving a lot at one time, slow, steady, and faithful regular giving really adds up over time.

7. Anything else you care to share about yourself?

My husband and I don't own a TV. Folk generally think that is a little odd. We have two Irish Setters named Tacitus and Oswald (you can tell we are geeks by the names of our pets! Oswald was named after Saint Oswald...)

Thank you, Beth, for taking time out of your busy day (hauling books across Sheridan Road to their new home at Garrett-Evangelical) to respond to our questions. Aware encourages its readers to visit the United Library website (www.Garrett.edu/Library), and to join Beth and others in financially supporting the present and future needs of the library. If you have questions or would like more information, you can contact Beth directly at Beth. Sheppard@garrett.edu.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Whether you are new to Garrett-Evangelical or if your current contact information has changed, please go to: <http://garrett.edu/index.php/update-your-information>. Be sure to register your email so you will get seminary news faster, receive access to a regular series of student stories to learn more about our current student body and, most important, help conserve our natural resources. **Thanks!**

Garrett-Evangelical Celebrates 152nd Commencement

On May 15, Garrett-Evangelical celebrated its 152nd commencement at First United Methodist Church in Evanston. The seminary awarded 72 degrees: six doctor of philosophy; two doctor of ministry; 45 master of divinity; 11 master of arts—in Christian education, in music ministry, in pastoral care and counseling, and in spiritual formation and evangelism; six master of theological studies; and two basic graduates in theological studies.

Garrett-Evangelical's 2009 Distinguished Alumni Awards were presented to Anne E. Streaty Wimberly, who graduated in 1993 with a Master of Theological Studies, and Noel Dwight Osborn, who graduated in 1953 from Evangelical Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity (See story on the following page.)

The Eliza Garrett Distinguished Service Award was presented to Benjamin J. Kendrick. During his 30 years as executive director of the Marcy-Newberry



Association in Chicago, Kendrick has helped the agency grow from two sites serving 2,000 people each year to 12 sites serving 35,000 annually with a budget of \$8.2 million. During a life of service to others, to his community, and to his city, Kendrick has received many honors, including being named Executive of the Year by The United Methodist Church and receiving the United Way Executive of the Year Award.



Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill Dean, professor, preacher, and chaplain at Boston University, delivered the commencement address, "The Days Own Trouble" Matthew 6:25-34. Hill advised listening students:

"Let the day's own trouble be sufficient to the day..."

"How do you face the day's own trouble, and keep it tied to the day, rather than letting it spill out and over into every day? Especially for those in the ministry, this is a crucial issue. A friend once told me (his initials are Phil Amerson) that in ministry it is not enough to generalize, nor even enough to specialize. Ministry requires you to improvise. True enough.

With regard to trouble, this verse says: expect it, accept it, address it, and forget it. At the end of the day, put out the mental trash on an imaginary front curb, wrapped in a bundle with the careful marking, 'the day's own trouble.'"

Hill, a United Methodist elder who has been preaching since 1976, is dean of BU's historic Marsh Chapel, professor of New Testament and pastoral theology, and preacher and chaplain to the university.

For more information about Benjamin J. Kendrick and Robert Allan Hill and for video and print versions of the commencement address visit our website at www.garrett.edu. Click on news.

Distinguished Alum Award Recipients

Annually, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary presents a distinguished alum award to two persons who have rendered extraordinary service in their ministries. One award is given to an alum who graduated 25 years ago or less and another is presented to one who graduated more than 25 years ago. The 2009 Distinguished Alum Awards are presented to Anne E. Streaty Wimberly and Noel Dwight Osborn.

Anne Streaty

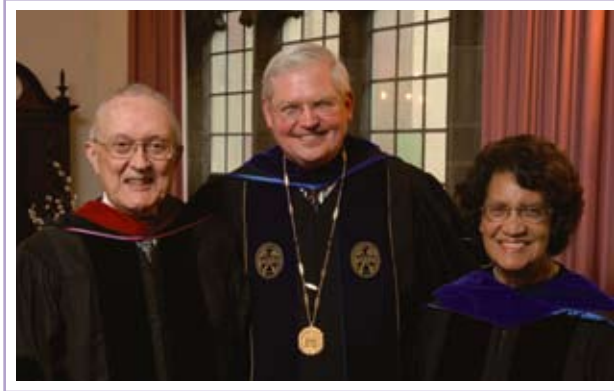
Wimberly

(Master of Theological Studies, 1993, Garrett-Evangelical) is professor emerita of Christian education at Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, where she was a faculty member for 16 years. She continues as the seminary's director of the Youth Hope-Builders Academy, a theological program for high school youth funded by the Lilly Endowment, Inc. She has been Visiting Professor at Africa University in Zimbabwe and will be Visiting Professor at Yale University Divinity School this fall.

Wimberly received a bachelor of science in education from Ohio State University in 1957; a master of music from Boston University School of Fine Arts in 1962; a doctor of philosophy in educational leadership from Georgia State University in 1981; and a master of theological studies from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in 1993. She undertook post-doctoral studies as scholar-in-residence at Claremont School of Theology's Institute for Religion and Wholeness, now called Clinebell Institute. At Boston University, where she completed doctoral coursework, she was the first woman and Black American to be a doctoral teaching fellow.

Wimberly is author of numerous articles and books, including most recently *The Winds of Promise: Building and Maintaining Strong Clergy Families*, with co-author Edward Wimberly (Discipleship Resources, 2007). She has received many awards and is included in the fourth edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers: The Best Teachers in America Selected by the Best Students*, as well as the ninth edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2004-2005*.

Noel Dwight Osborn received a master of divinity degree from Evangelical Theological Seminary in 1953, having previously earned the bachelor of fine



arts degree from The Ohio State University. After serving a parish in Ohio for two years, Osborn and wife, Emma, sailed to the Philippines as Evangelical United Brethren missionaries with the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, where they served for over 37 years. During several furloughs

Osborn studied at the University of Chicago and Vanderbilt University, receiving a doctor of philosophy degree from Vanderbilt in 1978.

In the Philippines Osborn served as Bible professor at Union Christian College and director of In-Service Training, North Central Luzon Conference of the United Church of Christ (1956-1966); trustee at Silliman University and translation coordinator for the Ilokano Interconfessional Bible Translation Project (1967-1973); and translation consultant for the United Bible Societies (1968-1992). He also served as adjunct professor of Old Testament at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, from 1985 to 1987 and from 1992 to 1994.

As a translation consultant assigned to the Philippine Bible Society, Osborn supervised the cooperative translation projects of the Bible into the eight major languages of the Philippines, working with both Protestant and Roman Catholic native speakers as translators. This was one of many worldwide projects of the United Bible Societies, working cooperatively with the Roman Catholic Church following the Second Vatican Council.

Osborn has a number of publications to his credit and was named an Honorary Life Member of the American Bible Society in 1993.

For more information about Anne Wimberly and Noel Osborn visit our website at www.garrett.edu. Click on news.

Reflections on a Seminary Class Reunion

By Delvin A. Roper

Garrett Biblical Institute Class of 1959

What was it like for me to return to the seminary from which I graduated 50 years ago? It was marvelous! It brought back a lot of good memories.

The current staff and students provided magnanimous hospitality! Though there have been many changes in five decades, Garrett's magnificent structure looks the same from Sheridan road. I was pleased to see that Howe's Chapel and prayer garden look the same as I remembered them. Perhaps the most startling change is that Garrett-Evangelical no longer sits on the shoreline of Lake Michigan. The lake has been filled in by Northwestern University some distance from where the shoreline used to be. This was sad to behold.

I think it was 15 years after I graduated that the two former Methodist and E.U.B. seminaries merged and took the name of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. I have no doubt that the uniting resulted in an enriched program for training men and women for Christian ministry. Each school brought rich resources to this union. I am deeply impressed with what Garrett-Evangelical is today! It appears to be on the "cutting edge" in pioneering excellent preparation for ministry in the 21st century.

Among the highlights of the two-day class reunion for me were: sharing time with former classmates and learning of their remarkable service across the years; receiving a "Memory Book" consisting of pictures and stories most of us had submitted prior to the reunion—a valued gift; getting to worship in the chapel again; visiting the United Library and viewing the Keen Bible Collection; dinner and a program with the president, Philip Amerson, the faculty, board of trustees, students, and two great vocal solos by a very talented African American student.

David Heetland gave a magnificent presentation on Garrett-Evangelical today and its plans for the future. Among the many interesting things he shared was one that particularly impressed me. It's the new MDiv Plus program being launched next year wherein each graduating MDiv student will be guaranteed a three year follow-up mentoring relationship from Garrett-Evangelical. This is a wonderful way to help new preachers and educators become firmly grounded in their new careers. Garrett-Evangelical is to be praised for such innovation and commitment...for such stewardship!

Class of 1959



Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary Class of 1959
50 year reunion held May 14-15, 2009 Evanston, IL

- *1st row, left to right;* Elizabeth Ann Shumate, John Dodson, Alice (McPherson) Hauan, Dorothy Burton, Duane Mevis, Roger Withee
- *2nd row, left to right;* Ruth (Butters) Ferris, Kathryn (Morton) Kenyon, Rose (Tashjian) Fox, Emory Burton, Robert McClean, Loren Mullins, Bruce Buller
- *3rd row, left to right;* Kelsey Jones, Rolla Swanson, Bill Arnold, Eldon Nolte, John Paul Eddy, Carol (Platt) Butler, Eugene Beye, Riley Case
- *Back row, left to right;* Bill Wiemers, David Koss, Del Roper

Our final event was attending Garrett-Evangelical's spring graduation at First UMC. We heard Robert A. Hill, Dean of the Marsh Chapel at Boston University deliver the commencement address. It was good to again visit this great church where Carolyn and I occasionally attended worship to hear Harold Bosley preach. We remember the ushers dressed in tuxes and wearing white gloves at that time. We also remember helping serve dinners along with several classmates in this church.

One final bonus of the reunion was the take-home gift of Murray and Dorothy Leiffers' book, *Enter the Old Portals*. This delightful book brought me close once more to the Garrett professors whose lives touched mine so deeply. The gift of this book, plus the warm welcoming at our reunion, leaves me with a renewed appreciation for the seminary which helped prepare me for the ministry which has truly blessed my life, and through me, the lives of many others.

Class of 2009



- (L-R) Row 1: Carol Hill, Ashley Nolte, Adrienne Trevathan, Charles Murray, Esther Lee, Meredith Graham, Cynthia Wilson, Grace Janeanne Baldrige.
- Row 2: Kathryn "Beth" Streiff, Ellen Rasmussen, Jason Hill, Anita Munden, Jennifer Tyler, Ross Baker, Krystal Bartlett, Jennifer Zeigler, SoYoung Kim.
- Row 3: Madeline Lockett, Susan A. Haller, Mary Lou Eubanks, Jin-Hee Kang, Amy Jo Ann Anderson, Ameer Miller, Barbra Lenz, Brittany Richardson, Kristina Cunningham, Brandon Cunningham.
- Row 4: Garry Wiley Gladney, Vashti-Jasmine Murphy McKenzie, Hyemin Na, Leah Gunning Francis, Yosub Namgung, Daniel Cho, Timothy Lathrop, Darius Hills, Soo Young Sue Kim, Myung-Sil Kim, Hwa Young Chong.
- Row 5: Eric Weed, Briton Holmberg, Nazim Fakir, Curlee Adams, CheonEui Oh, Jessica Duncan.
- Row 6: Donald Warren, Christopher E. Winkler, Joshua Sawyer, Christopher William Nahumck, Paul Elwood Gregersen, Elizabeth A. Fender, Kevin Dembinski, David I. Neville, Jr., Steven Anthony Cousin Jr., Michael Alphonso Cousin, Michael McMenamy, Scott Douglas Jagodzinske, Christine Lee Humrichouse.

Introducing a Few of Our New Graduates

Seventy-two persons graduated from Garrett-Evangelical in May—each with a remarkable story to tell. We wish you could meet every one of them. *Aware* introduces a few of them so you can see the rich diversity of their backgrounds and their promise for ministry. Besides their commitment to ministry, these students share something else in common—they could not have completed their education at Garrett-Evangelical without scholarship support. If you would like to ensure that Garrett-Evangelical continues to send forth graduates of this caliber, we encourage your generous financial support to our scholarship program. For more information on ways to give, contact David Heetland at 847.866.3970.



When It Comes to Beth Streiff's Future as a UMC Elder, Don't Confuse DNA with God's Will Being Done

Her mom and dad are United Methodist elders. Her fiancé, Jon, whom she met at Garrett-Evangelical, is preparing to be one. She is on the elder track as well.

Beth Streiff, who graduated with a master of divinity degree on May 15, said there was nothing inevitable about it, nothing in her DNA, no predestination and certainly no family coercion. Her parents—the Rev. Peggy Streiff, a district superintendent

in Mid-Ohio; and the Rev. Gary Streiff, pastor at Trinity UMC in Mansfield—never once pushed careers in ministry on their children. They encouraged them to follow their passions, and they did just that: Fritz is a music teacher and choral conductor at an Ohio high school; Gretchen works in student life at a university in Rhode Island; Peter just graduated from college and works in the music industry in Nashville; and Beth came to Chicago to teach science and math.

The fact that today Beth is a Licensed Local Pastor in the Northern Illinois Conference with plans to be commissioned next year and begin the ordination process has much more to do with her free will working in communion with God than it does with her pedigree. She believes this road not taken by her siblings will make all the difference for her. She has just been appointed pastor at Sharon UMC in Plainfield and been asked her to lead the effort in building a new faith community in neighboring Shorewood.

“As pastors, we get to do what we love—serving others and empowering them to take God with them wherever they are. I’m

excited about what it means to be Christian and help transform a world that seems so often to go wrong. We see hate and hurt. To be in a position to be an advocate for Christ’s love in the midst of that is such a blessing.”

Throughout her years at Baldwin Wallace College, she worked in outdoor education at camps in the East Ohio Conference. After earning a degree in education and certification in science and math, she accepted a teaching position at Frances Xavier Ward School at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago. She not only taught 5th-grade science and math, but was also in charge of 7th-grade catechism class and 5th-grade service project.

“These experiences gave me a sense of what it would be like to be in ministry,” she said. “I loved the kids, but I absolutely hated grading them and having 30 in a class.” She decided it was time to investigate possibilities at Garrett-Evangelical.

“I immediately felt like this is where I needed to be and what I was called to do,” she said. “Now here I am at the end of three years. This seminary has been transformative for me in the way I

see the world and the way I go out and experience and love people where they are. My experience here has opened my eyes to so many issues. There is a lot of pessimism in the world about God. Being here has taught me that we must share the optimism and hope of Christ in our lives, that we must trust in God, and that we must flower wherever we are planted.”

For the time being at least, she is planted in Chicagoland. Beth will marry Jon Wilterdink on Aug. 7 at First United Methodist Church in Evanston. Jon, who came to Garrett-Evangelical from Colorado, begins his third year of his master of divinity program this fall.

Beth’s younger sister, Gretchen, knew John first. When she was a graduate student at Colorado State working at a United Methodist church in Fort Collins, she attended a young-adult group he was leading. She learned that he was coming to Garrett-Evangelical for a Leadership Weekend. She

told Beth to, “Keep an eye out for this guy,”

“I kept inviting him to join us on campus,” Beth said, smiling. “We became friends and shared half-hour conversations over coffee.” The relationship began to shift gears when they ended up in a class together during the spring semester, “Introduction to Pastoral Care” taught by Dean Lallene Rector. “Dr. Rector should be given credit as matchmaker,” suggested Beth.

Beth had planned to return to Ohio after seminary to serve wherever she was needed. Jon planned to head back to Colorado. Not anymore. They both will seek ordination in the Northern Illinois Conference. “We both really, really like Chicago,” she said. “I lived in Streeterville when I was teaching. I really enjoyed the city. We both enjoy living here. We’re proud card-carrying members of the Field Museum.”

One more thing: Devoid of any discernable predestination, yet interesting nonetheless, is the fact that Beth’s parents and Jon’s father were classmates at Perkins School of Theology. “It’s a funny coincidence, and it makes sense,” Beth said. “We both grew up in households where other cultures and worldviews were respected. We’re both committed to being disciples of Jesus Christ. But we both have a lot of hope about the possibilities of being in dialogue with people from other faith traditions and seeing the beauty in that. ...

“Going into ministry, I am realizing how important my collegial friendships will be. Many of these have started here at Garrett-Evangelical, and are some of my closest friends. During our first year, we spent lots of night studying for tests together. The friendships that started with our faith experiences, and moved to sharing crazy nights of studying together are extremely special. These are friends that I cherish.”

Nazim Fakir’s ‘Long Journey’ Just Shifted into Higher Gear in Team Ministry with LaTonya Fakir, His Wife

Nazim Fakir was still reveling in the post-graduation glow a few days after Garrett-Evangelical’s May 15 commencement. He had just completed an extraordinary three years at the seminary while earning his master of divinity degree: student trustee, president of Garrett-Evangelical Black Seminarians, trailblazer, and first

graduate of the Urban Ministry Concentration. To cap it off, he was elected by his peers to preach at the Senior Chapel, delivering the sermon just hours before receiving his diploma.

Despite a long list of achievements, this devoted husband and father who left a successful career as a businessman and entrepreneur to attend seminary in Evanston, has taken nothing for granted. “I’m basking in the reality that I made it,” he said, shaking his head and smiling. “It’s been a long journey to this point.”



An ordained itinerant deacon in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, he will be ordained elder in August at the Michigan Annual Conference, where his commitment to church ministry began. In October he will be transferred to the Chicago Annual Conference in order to continue the appointment he began last October as senior pastor at Celia Gregg AME Church in Calumet City, IL. At Celia Gregg Church, he is focusing on teaching, stewardship and interpreting the Gospel in a socially relevant way.

“Calumet City is a place that needs the church to be concerned about it,” he says. “The change that needs to happen in many of these urban communities can only happen in the church. God has to be part of it. We have to be concerned about those we may not have been concerned about before. ... God dwells with those who are oppressed. That was the crux of Jesus’ ministry. If God is with those who are oppressed, then we need to be there as well.”

These words echo Nazim’s powerful Senior Chapel sermon (which can be heard as a podcast in the Media Gallery at www.garrett.edu). They also underscore his commitment to formalizing an Urban Ministry Concentration at Garrett-Evangelical in collaboration with the Seminary Consortium for Urban Pastoral Education in Chicago, better known as SCUPE.

“I was very intentional about this,” he said. “Our seminary sits just north of Chicago, very much a part of this great city. It needs to have a viable urban ministry focus. For many reasons it’s good

practice. It provides a breadth of understanding for seminary students. Many people today see the city as negative. But Biblically speaking, the city is where God is. The Bible talks about ‘the new Jerusalem.’ It was a city, a hustling, bustling metropolis. Also, as a student trustee and now an alum, I see a strong relationship between Garrett-Evangelical and Chicago as a drawing card that will bring many students here to study. This path needs to be firmly established.”

His father, Abdul “Duke” Fakir, is one of the Four Tops, an extraordinarily successful vocal quartet that recorded a long string of hits over many years, including one of the most popular Motown songs of all time, the No. 1 “Reach Out I’ll Be There.” Nazim said. “As you know, a lot of the children of entertainers aren’t doing very well. My peer group—kids of parents who were doing well financially—got into a fast kind of life. I hung out a lot. I partied.”

That all changed in 1996 when Nazim attended an Oak Grove Church weekend retreat with a men’s group in Bay City, MI, convened by Rev. Dr. Gregory G.M. Ingram (Garrett-Evangelical alum, Class of ‘75, and now Bishop Ingram). “That fellowship of men was unlike anything I had ever been on in my life,” Nazim said. “I had never been in a situation with men that was so wholesome and fun and healthy for my soul.” He and LaTonya joined the Detroit church shortly after the retreat.

“I began doing whatever I could at church every day. I wanted to be involved. I was into everything.

I wanted to be close to God. In December 1999, I came to a point of surrender: ‘God, I just want to do your will.’ It was as clear as day that I had been called to ministry.” He preached his first sermon on June 9, 2000, under the supervision of Bishop Ingram, who later encouraged Nazim to look carefully at his alma mater when considering seminaries.

“He told me about Garrett-Evangelical’s history and his involvement in the early days of the seminary’s Church and the Black Experience and Garrett-Evangelical Black Seminarians. He told me about the influence those students had on Garrett-Evangelical. That was very appealing to me, and this definitely turned out to be the right place for me.”

Nazim plans to return to Garrett-Evangelical next summer to begin studying for a doctor of ministry. LaTonya, who graduated from North Park University in May while working in the Garrett-Evangelical admissions office, begins work on a master of arts degree in pastoral counseling here this fall.

“She and I both graduated in May and will be ordained together this summer to pursue a team ministry,” he said. “This harkens back to my mentor, Gregory Ingram. He was senior pastor at Oak Grove Church and his wife, Rev. Dr. Jessica Ingram (Garrett-Evangelical, Class of ‘84) was assistant pastor.” May Nazim’s and LaTonya’s long journey in ministry get much, much longer as they work together for a new Jerusalem.



Little Did She Know It, but Community Organizing Was Amee Miller's First Big Step toward Seminary and Ministry in the Church

Amee Miller has used her work in social justice as big first steps toward exciting new careers. “I spent a lot of time in my 20s outside the church,” Amee said. “In fact, social justice was my church.”

That outside-inside dynamic would change at a surprising United Methodist Church in Lansing, Mich., and during three years at Garrett-Evangelical. Graduating with a master of divinity on May 15, Amee moved into a parsonage on June 15 as the pastor at Williamston United Methodist Church in the West Michigan Annual Conference. Commissioned as an elder, she will lead Sunday services there for the first time on July 5.

Amee grew up on a farm in western Ohio as the middle of three children. The nearest town was Tama, population 25. The

Millers attended Grace United Methodist Church in nearby Rockford. She left the farm for the University of Toledo, where she earned a bachelor of arts in English, and went on to teach at a junior high and charter school.

But she was drawn more to social-justice work than classrooms of teenagers after volunteering in college at a battered women’s shelter and organizing “Taking Back the Night” marches. She became most passionate about environmental and women’s issues, and landed her first job in community organizing at the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence in Okemos, Mich. “I was thrilled!” she said in a characteristic burst of enthusiasm with eyes and smile wide open. “I was getting paid to be an advocate.”

After going back to the farm to spend time with her dying father, she returned to Lansing to work in food justice, organizing community gardens and serving as “market master” at a farmers market she helped establish. “That was a really healing experience, life giving,” she said. “That was what I was doing when I got my call. I kept feeling that what I was doing I wanted to do inside the Church instead of outside. At community meetings or planning sessions for the farmers market, I found myself wanting to close us in prayer.” She didn’t, of course. She couldn’t, after all, but she wanted to.

After searching for a church but not finding one that fit, Amee was walking through her inner-city neighborhood one evening when she spotted a peace pole in a church yard... and then the

familiar cross and flame. She walked in, and was warmly greeted by an older man who invited her to a vespers class. The following Sunday, her multi-colored dreadlocks bouncing with each step, she joined the group for vespers. Their hair colors were shades of gray and white, she said, smiling at the memory. “I thought, ‘Oh, man, this is not for me.’”

She stayed anyway and before the evening was over had tossed out all of her stereotyped misgivings. This group was discussing books they had read recently, books by Marcus Borg and John Shelby Spong. They had all been heavily involved in the Civil Rights Movement. They were deeply theological. They were not afraid to ask difficult questions about God. The dreadlocked community organizer was hooked. Soon she became deeply involved at Central UMC—“a great old church across from the state capitol that was absolutely crucial to my call to ministry”—singing in the choir, teaching high school Sunday school, and attending Bible and book study groups.

Amee’s call to ministry came from lay speaker training, she said. “The secretary signed me up. I tried to get out of it. I gave my sermon, and a pastor told me I had a gift and to think about whether God was calling me to use it for the Church. That was really scary. I kind of had an idea who pastors were. I didn’t fit that mold. ‘I’m not that woman,’ I told myself. Besides, I loved my job.... It took some time for me to come to peace with the idea that God controls my destiny, regardless.”

With that settled, she decided to

explore opportunities at Garrett-Evangelical. “I knew several Garrett-Evangelical grads, and I liked their theology,” she said. “It was solid, Biblical, critical theology.” During a campus visit, she sat in on a class and was “immediately excited to be studying what they were studying. And when I walked into the Chapel of the Unnamed Faithful, I knew I would be worshipping there a lot. It felt strangely familiar.”

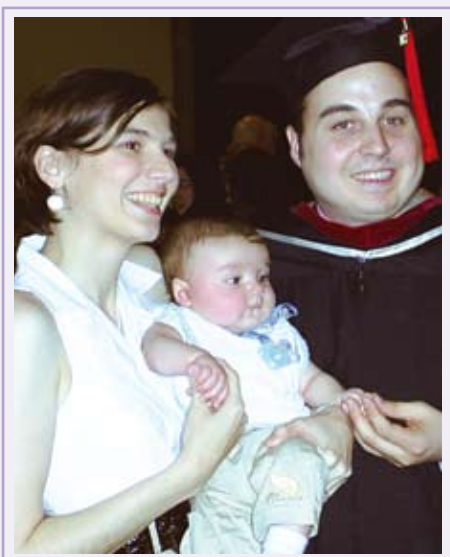
“These three years really have been a gift to me,” she said. “So

many people whom I know and don’t know are part of making that happen. I want to thank all of them. ... I made many friends here. I was blessed to be part of a great covenant group. I’ve had mentors here who have helped me know God better and myself better. I’m thrilled I came here. I’ve loved my experience. It hasn’t been easy, but it has been enriching.”

She discerned her call through a field education placement as a student local pastor for two years at Winfield Community UMC in

Winfield, IL. She preached her last sermon there on June 14.

In Williamston she plans to get a dog. “That’s my big plan—a pound puppy for sure.” At her new church, she said, “I will focus the coming year on learning who the members are and loving who they are and shepherding them forward from there.” It will be the kind of community organizing she was searching for in Lansing, the kind she can always end with a prayer.



Ross and Amanda Bakers’ Plans Amended on the Way to Graduation, But They Are Back on Track after Serious Illness, Urgent Surgery

Ross and Amanda Baker didn’t plan on a vocation in ministry... not when they were growing up in big, loving families in south central Kansas... not when they headed off to college... and not when they began dating while cast members in a rollicking, homecoming musical. Nevertheless, by the time

the Bakers got married in August 2005, both found themselves called to ministry. They had discovered their path—the same path—and they took off on an adventure in faith and leadership.

They decided to enroll in the Garrett-Evangelical master of divinity program. Ross postponed his matriculation for a year so they could enroll together. They planned to seek ordination as UMC elders and return to the Kansas West Conference to serve as pastors for neighboring congregations. However, after Amanda suffered a serious illness—shortly after giving birth to their first child, James—and underwent major surgery earlier this year, that plan was amended.

James Baker was born January 5 in Evanston. Shortly before his birth, Amanda developed anemia, resulting in blood transfusions, including four units on the day James was born. After his birth, Amanda’s anemia worsened and then Ross came down with pneumonia. The Bakers traveled to Kansas so that their families—the

Bakers in Wichita and the Bennetts in Lyons—could help care for James while Amanda and Ross recovered.

Ross recovered, but Amanda didn’t. Doctors discovered a large number of polyps in Amanda’s colon and concluded that they were causing internal bleeding and anemia, a condition that can be a precursor of cancer. “It was horrible,” Ross said during a recent interview in the seminary’s publications services department, where Amanda was working and James was sleeping in a portable crib.

Amanda nodded and said, “That was about as much of a rug being pulled out from under you as you can experience.” They developed an inside joke that provoked little laughter as they wrestled with their string of bad news and expressed anger at the God they love: “Really, God? Really? You can’t just give us this one?”

The news wasn’t all bad, though. None of four biopsies were cancerous, and there were no

cancer markers in the blood tests. Family, friends, and church members showered them with help and love and, back in Evanston, seminary students were raising money for them... \$3,200 to help them with living expenses as they tried to get their plans back on track.

The doctor's final diagnosis was juvenile polyposis syndrome. It is extremely rare and required immediate surgery. While the polyps weren't cancerous yet, they soon would be, and the condition would continue its massive polyp production. Within a week Amanda underwent four hours of surgery to remove her colon and put an end to the polyps forever.

"There were definitely times when I was angry and really felt alone," Amanda said. "Then I would turn around and there would be a box from Garrett-Evangelical or gift cards and blankets from my parents' friends and church

members who had hosted a baby shower. It would balance out that way. I would spend one night crying myself to sleep and the next day getting a huge show of love."

Once Ross was confident all life-threatening conditions had passed, that Amanda was on her way back to good health, and that she and James were well cared for, he decided to return to Garrett-Evangelical for his final semester. "We talked and prayed about it a lot," he said, noting that seminary administrators and faculty "were all extremely supportive and willing to help out." Ross returned to campus on March 1, traveling every other weekend to be with his family, who remained in Kansas.

"Thankfully my last semester was not as difficult as others had been," he said. "There were certainly difficult times when I wondered whether I had made the right decision. I was determined to graduate, and I made it through."

Ross graduated May 15. Amanda and James have rejoined him in Evanston and their modified plan has regained its footing. As Amanda grows stronger and resumes her studies, Ross will postpone an opportunity to spend a year in clinical pastoral education at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita to work at the reception desk and Cokesbury Book Store until Amanda graduates next May.

Ross and Amanda are still certified candidates seeking elders orders. They are still working toward commissioning in the Kansas West Annual Conference meeting in May 2010. They profoundly believe that the experiences of the past six months—while not part of their seminary curriculum and not part of the original blueprint for their march toward ordination—will serve them well in their ministries. "God willing," Ross said, less doubtful than sure that the answer is YES.

Second Annual Student Theological Conference

Garrett-Evangelical's second annual Student Theological Conference was well attended as 23 student presenters and their audiences fanned out in classrooms throughout the day to explore aesthetics and Christianity.

Students from nine Chicago-area seminaries and universities presented papers at the day-long conference in April about the role beauty has played in Christian history, theology, Bible, practical ministry, and ethics. Six Garrett-Evangelical students presented papers: Jeremiah Gibbs, Ryan Hanson, Charlotte Heeg, Barbara Javore, Hyemin Na, and Rene Schreiner.

The conference began with a morning musical devotion and featured an afternoon worship service

focusing on the beauty of creation and the experience of the holy through the senses. Joseph Malham, a full-time iconographer and artist-in-residence at St. Gregory the Great Church in Chicago, showcased his art and delivered a keynote address during the luncheon. Artwork by Malham and Yuliya Tsutserova, the featured student artist from the University of Chicago Divinity School, were on display at Garrett-Evangelical for a week before the conference.

The topic at the 2010 Student Theological Conference will be "Theological Reflections on Sex and Sexuality." For more information, contact Krista McNeil by email at krista.mcneil@garrett.edu or theological.conference@garrett.edu or by phone at 847-866-3923.

Anne Joh Joins Seminary Faculty as Associate Professor of Theology

Dr. W. Anne Joh joined the faculty at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary July 1 as an associate professor of systematic theology.

Joh has been an assistant professor of theology at Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Okla. Previously, she taught at Fordham University as a post-doctoral fellow and at Bard College as a visiting assistant professor.

“We are very excited that Dr. Anne Joh will be joining our theology faculty this fall,” says Academic Dean Lallene Rector. “Her recent work in Christology is groundbreaking, and you know you’ve made a good decision when theologians around the country spontaneously send in words of congratulations—and envy!”

Joh received a doctor of philosophy in theological and philosophical studies at Drew University, a master of divinity at Princeton Theological Seminary, and a bachelor of art at North Central College with a double major in religious studies and English literature and a minor in political science. A popular lecturer, she has been invited to speak at conferences across the United States and in Canada, South Korea, and India.

Joh has published a book and numerous articles in scholarly journals on a wide range of research interests, ranging from Christology to postcolonialism, constructive theology, race, and ethnic studies. The book, *Heart of the Cross: A Postcolonial Christology*, was published in 2006 by Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press. Her second book, *In Proximity to the Other: A Postcolonial Theological Anthropology*, is at press.



“It’s a real pleasure and privilege to join the distinguished faculty at Garrett-Evangelical,” she says. “The seminary’s reputation as a school with a long history of commitment to social justice issues and to rigorous theological scholarship was certainly a powerful attraction for me. I’m excited to begin this new journey with a community of ministers, scholars, teachers, and students—all committed to excellence in theological education that is open to learning from each other in the context of deep plurality and difference so that we may be transformed by, with, and through one another.”

Joh immigrated to the United States from Seoul, South Korea, with her family when she was nine. She grew up in Chicago during the 1980s and moved to the Northeast in the 1990s. She has two sons, Joshua, 16, and Alex, 10, and is married to Dr. Mark L. Taylor, the Maxwell Upson Professor of Theology and Culture at Princeton Theological Seminary. She enjoys cooking, reading, running, hiking, yoga, red wine, and all kinds of music, and finds the arts have always expressed the heart of theological vision much better than theology.



Class Notes & News

Victor Paul Furnish, GBI 1955, Dallas, Texas: A third and completely revised edition of his book, *The Moral Teaching of Paul: Selected Issues* was released in April 2009 by Abingdon Press. His earlier book, *Theology and Ethics in Paul*, first published by Abingdon Press in 1968, was re-issued by Westminster John Knox Press in June 2009. Appearing as one of the "classics" in the *New Testament Library* series, it has a new introduction written by Richard B. Hays of Duke Divinity School. According to Hays, "this study still stands as a landmark of twentieth-century interpretation of Paul, a work that has defined the framework for the ongoing discussion of Paul's ethical teaching."

Paul F. McCleary, GBI 1956, Clarkdale, Arizona, published *To Serve the Present Age: Methodism's Quest to be Faithful*. He traces the roots of Methodism's growth from the 18th century onward and discusses the elements in its establishment.



Thomas L. Butts, GBI 1957

Thomas L. Butts, GBI 1957, Monroeville, Alabama, delivered the commencement address at the 2009 graduation ceremony of Reid State Technical College on Friday, May 8. Dr. Butts has served United Methodist churches in Alabama and West Florida for 48 years. He retired from the active ministry in June 1998, and is presently Minister Emeritus of First United Methodist Church in Monroeville, Alabama. He is a columnist for *The Montgomery Advertiser* and *The Mobile Press*. He currently writes a weekly column for *The Monroe Journal* entitled, "An Encouraging Word." His sermons are frequently featured in professional Homiletical Journals.

David Hogue, GETS 1985, Evanston, Illinois, has been elected to serve a six-year term on the Board of Commissioners. David is professor of pastoral theology and counseling assessment.

Rev. Tamara Francis Wilden, G-E 1989 and 1990, has been named director of field education at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio beginning July 1, 2008. Tamara's husband, Philip is serving at Delaware, Asbury United Methodist Church.

James Metzger, GETS 1998, Decorah, Iowa, recently published articles in *Horizons in Biblical Theology* ("Where Has Yahweh Gone? Reclaiming Unsavory Images of God in New Testament Studies") and in *PRISM* ("Jesus on Economic Justice in Luke: Accommodationist or Subversive?"). His dissertation was published in 2007 by Brill as *Consumption and Wealth in Luke's Travel Narrative*.

Armando Rodriguez, GETS 1998, Chicago, Illinois, earned a PhD from Loyola University of Chicago. His dissertation was entitled, "Life From on High: The Eschatology of the Gospel of John in Light of Its Vertical Dimension." In August, he will be working as a missionary professor of Bible in Angola, Africa, sent by the Florida Conference of the UMC. He will be there with his wife and daughter for one year.

Jaqueline Ellen Collins King, GETS 2003, Coushatta, Louisiana, was ordained as an elder in full connection in the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church on June 8, 2009

Katie McKay, GETS 2007, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was appointed to First United Methodist Church of Baton Rouge as Associate Pastor in June. On October 17th, she will be married to Mr. Taylor Simpson, a fellow United Methodist and biomedical engineer in Shreveport, LA.

In Memoriam

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of the following alums who have died in Christ.

1940s

Woodrow W. "Tom" Kennell, ETS 1941, Indianapolis, IN, died on February 20, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Bernice.

Omer Leske, ETS 1942, Hector, MN, died on April 20, 2009. He is survived by his son, Allen.

Kenneth Everett Foulke, ETS 1943, Goshen, IN, has died. We regret that no further information is available at this time.

Sam Graf, ETS 1947, Aberdeen, SD, died on April 12, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Eilene.

1950s

George Wayne Brighton, GBI 1952, Newell, IA, died on April 28, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Norma.

Francis Sue Copeland, GBI 1953, Angola, IN, died on May 9, 2009. She is survived by her husband, Glenn.

John Zinsmeister, GBI 1956, Portsmouth, OH, died on March 22, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Mabel.

Harvey B. Wright, GBI 1957, Springfield, IL, died on May 11, 2009. He is survived by daughter, Hope.

1960s

Ken Voas, GBI 1960, Rapid City, SD, died on March 25, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Barbara.

Robert Lowery, GTS 1965, Gary, IN, has died. We regret that no further information is available at this time.

Joe Ricks, ETS 1965, Washington, IA, died on January 6, 2009. He is survived by his wife, June.

Georgios E. Philippas, GTS 1968, Niles, IL died on November 3, 2008.

1970s

Dorothea A. Dudley, GTS 1970, Bartlett, TN, has died. We regret that no further information is available at this time.

Zi Hyung Sa, GETS 1979, Appleton, WI, died on November 27, 2008.

1990s

Regina L. Roberts, GETS 1980, Los Angeles, CA, died on December 8, 2009.

Robert Birr, GETS 1981, Iowa City, IA, has died. We regret that no further information is available at this time.

Other Deaths

Helen Marken, who worked in the business office at Garrett-Evangelical from September 1976 until March 1994 died on January 7, 2009. Survivors include her son, Doug.

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CONVOCATION ADDRESS: JÜRGEN MOLTSMANN

Jürgen Moltmann, who has been named “the foremost Protestant theologian in the world” by *Church Times* of London, will be the keynote speaker at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary’s convocation on Sept. 9. He will deliver the Opening Convocation address, “A Theology for Life -- A Life for Theology,” at 11 a.m. in the seminary’s Chapel of the Unnamed Faithful.

Moltmann came to faith while a World War II prisoner of war and went on to serve as a widely celebrated professor of systematic theology at the University of Tübingen in his native Germany. He has written some of the most influential theological books of the past 50 years, including his luminous “*Theology of Hope*.”

“We are extraordinarily fortunate to have Professor Moltmann help us officially open our 2009-2010 academic year,” said Dr. Philip A. Amerson, Garrett-Evangelical president.