FORGING OUR FUTURE: PHASE THREE

Garrett-Evangelical exceeds $60 million Forging Our Future campaign goal, announces two challenge gifts, and raises goal to $100 million.

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My mentor and friend was Herman B Wells. Dr. Wells was a dedicated lifelong United Methodist who cared deeply about education, faith, and his church. He once counseled that it helps to view human enterprises in fifty-year blocks of time. Herman was ninety-five years old when he gave me this advice; immediately, he leaned back in his chair and chortled, “Of course it helps to be my age if you are going to think in fifty-year time frames!”

Herman served as president and chancellor of Indiana University for more than sixty years. It was during the last decade of his life that I was privileged to serve as his pastor. He knew the episodic nature of history and the importance of taking the long view on matters of institutional life. Herman also taught of the value of communities nurtured by large dreams, dreams that required cooperation and that took time to mature.

I have been considering the gifts of taking the long view and of dreamers like Dr. Wells. We at Garrett-Evangelical have certainly benefitted from such dreamers. How blessed we are that our institutional family tree includes persons like Lucy Rider Meyer, John Dempster, J. J. Escher and, of course, Eliza Garrett.

This past October, our Board of Trustees decided to look beyond the present moment as they considered next steps for the seminary. They demonstrated that they too shared the vision of our earliest founders. They were bold, in the midst of this most serious economic recession, to authorize the raising of our capital campaign goal to $100 million. The plan is to reach this goal by 2017. (We have passed the $60 million goal.)

The trustees took this action because they heard about the increasing need for scholarship support for our students. They learned of the prospects for funding professorships in Spiritual Formation, Global Christianity and World Religions, United Methodist Studies, and Leadership. They also know of the much needed and long overdue renovation of our buildings. They took action to keep the school thinking beyond tomorrow. Dr. Wells would be proud.

It was Oscar Wilde who said that the cynic is the one who knows the “short term cost of everything but the long term value of nothing.” The earliest pioneers of Garrett-Evangelical were not cynics. They dreamed of founding educational institutions in eras that were full of crises and challenges.

It is difficult to believe that the first decade of the twenty-first century has passed and we too live with economic downturns, violence, and change. We have received a legacy of those who live beyond tomorrow. I give thanks to you who pray for us and support us. It is such a joy to see students entering each fall who may not know it, but they are the ones we will be counting on fifty years from now. It is for them and their children that Dr. Wells reminded me to think long term and dream large.
The year just ended, 2009, was an extraordinary year for Garrett-Evangelical. It was one of the most challenging years in the seminary’s history. The severe economic downturn, which many economists labeled The Great Recession, reduced the seminary’s endowment by 19%. (By comparison, Harvard University’s endowment was reduced by nearly 30%) This forced Garrett-Evangelical to freeze salaries, postpone hirings, and reduce its budget by nearly a half million dollars.

At the same time, it was one of the seminary’s most exciting years. Enrollment was the highest in many years, and the talent, commitment, and dedication of our students to transform the world in Christ’s name was equally high.

Late in the year the board of trustees took a bold step forward when it voted unanimously to raise the Forging Our Future campaign goal and extend the campaign deadline. Recognizing that the seminary’s long-term goals will require significant dollars over and above the campaign’s $60 million goal, an anonymous donor offered to make a $5 million gift to unrestricted endowment if the trustees would match this gift, expand the Forging Our Future campaign goal to $100 million, and extend the campaign deadline an additional five years beyond the original deadline. In noting the board’s unanimous acceptance of this challenge, Jerre Stead, chair of the board of trustees, said, “By accepting this challenge we are making history. We are helping to move Garrett-Evangelical from a very good seminary to a great seminary.”
• $10 million for scholarship endowment that will help us attract great students;
• $10 million in endowment that will fund five new faculty chairs and free up other funds for faculty support, thus helping us build and secure a truly great faculty;
• $5 million to support our development of great educational programs;
• $5 million to upgrade our physical facilities, and it may take even more than that; and
• $5 million in unrestricted endowment that will allow us to face an unforeseen future with confidence.”

“Hold on to your seats now,” he said, “because if you’ve added up those figures, you will realize that we have set an ambitious campaign goal of $35 million, substantially more than twice as much as Garrett-Evangelical has sought in previous campaigns. But we’re going to do this, however ambitious, because the heritage of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary warrants greatness. We want a future commensurate with our heritage.”

Eight thousand six hundred and fifty-one alums, friends, churches, and foundations responded to this vision of honoring the seminary’s heritage and forging its future, and in June 2006 the seminary announced it had exceeded its $35 million goal—just as Phil Amerson arrived as Garrett-Evangelical’s new president.

Dr. Amerson helped the seminary celebrate this marvelous achievement, noting that the original goals for scholarship endowment and unrestricted endowment had been exceeded, and that three faculty chairs (in theology, worship, and preaching) had been endowed. Thus, Garrett-Evangelical had taken a giant step forward in forging its future, especially in its ability to attract great students and great faculty.

Forging Our Future: Phase Two
(July 2006-December 2009)

Shortly after his arrival, Dr. Amerson also helped the seminary develop a new strategic plan which revealed that even though Garrett-Evangelical had taken a giant step forward, there was still much more that needed to be done if Garrett-Evangelical hoped to be a truly great seminary.

The planning process helped seminary leaders see that 70% of the seminary’s current endowment is restricted, significantly limiting its ability to develop new programs and stay on the cutting edge of theological education. The process also revealed that even though the seminary had exceeded its original $10 million goal for endowed scholarships, students were still choosing to go elsewhere, even if Garrett-Evangelical was their first choice, because the seminary could not provide them with the kind of scholarship assistance they needed—and which was often offered elsewhere. (In fact, it would take a scholarship endowment of $140 million—nearly twice the size of the seminary’s total endowment—to provide a leadership scholarship to every Garrett-Evangelical student.) Finally, the planning process reminded seminary leaders that even though the original $35 million campaign goal had been exceeded, several campaign components—faculty support, program support, and facility support—were not fully funded.

Thus, it was propitious—or perhaps providential—that just as the strategic planning process was pointing out the need for significantly more endowment dollars, Ernest and Bernice Styberg, honorary co-chairs of the original $35 million campaign, stepped forward with an additional $5 million challenge gift. The Stybergs’ new commitment prompted the trustees to extend the campaign and raise the goal from $35 million to $60 million.
The vision for the seminary remained the same: great students, great faculty, great programs, great physical facilities, and confidence in facing an uncertain future. Only the dollar goals changed:

- The goal for unrestricted endowment increased from $5 million to $25 million.
- The goal for endowed scholarships increased from $10 million to $24 million.
- The goal for endowed faculty support became $8 million.
- The goal for endowed program support became $3 million.

Many donors followed the Stybergs’ example and during Phase Two doubled their original campaign pledge. Others increased their pledge and extended payments several more years. A number of new friends were also introduced to the seminary’s vision for the future through Small Informational Gatherings and Ministry Sundays, and by the end of 2009 the number of donors to the campaign had grown from 8,651 to 11,640.

During this time, other needs also became apparent. Ted Campbell’s remarks on October 23, 2003 that it might take more than $5 million to upgrade the seminary’s physical facilities proved to be painfully true. A facilities audit revealed that the seminary had more than $19 million in deferred maintenance, much of it in Loder Hall and Lesemann Hall.

Dr. Campbell was amazingly prescient in another comment he made that night when he shared his vision for a strong unrestricted endowment that would provide confidence in facing an uncertain future. “A really great theological institution would know that there are some unrestricted funds available to face new situations and respond creatively to them,” he said. Little did he—or anyone else—know that in just a few short years the confidence of many educational institutions would be shaken to the core by the worst recession since the Great Depression in the 1930s. Those institutions that weathered the storm the best were, of course, those with strong unrestricted endowments, which enabled them to be creative, even in turbulent times.

Unfortunately the devastating economy forced the closing of Seabury Seminary, Garrett-Evangelical’s neighbor across the street, in June 2009. This provided Garrett-Evangelical with yet another challenge—and opportunity—to purchase Seabury’s portion of United Library. While the seminary hardly needed another financial challenge at the very time it was trying to trim its own budget, it recognized the critical importance of maintaining one of the premier theological libraries in the nation—and boldly offered to purchase Seabury’s portion of the library for $600,000. The remainder of the year was spent putting in new compact shelving and hauling 124,000 volumes across Sheridan Road to Garrett-Evangelical, a feat that was accomplished in record time under the capable leadership of Beth Sheppard, director of the library. This purchase ensures that the library remains one of the outstanding theological libraries in the world.
Even as Garrett-Evangelical weathered one of the most challenging years in the seminary’s history, it continued to make progress on the campaign. By the fall of 2009 it was clear that the seminary would reach its $60 million campaign goal by the end of the year—three years ahead of schedule. It was also increasingly clear, however, that the seminary should not conclude the campaign. The trustees recognized they needed to address the vision for great facilities by renovating Loder Hall and Lesemann Hall as soon as possible. They needed to address the vision for great programs by endowing its distinctive strengths. The Great Recession of 2008-09 reminded them that they needed to continue building the unrestricted endowment in order to be prepared for an uncertain future. And the vision for great students and great faculty—two essential components of a great seminary—continued to be underfunded.

Once again an angel appeared at the right time. In the fall of 2009 a donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, offered a $5 million gift to the unrestricted endowment if the trustees would match this gift and if they would raise the goal to $100 million—in order for the seminary to continue its quest to become a truly great theological seminary. The trustees unanimously accepted the challenge.

As the 2009 year ended, seminary leaders let out a big sigh of relief. One of the most challenging years had just ended—and Forging Our Future: Phase Two had come to a successful conclusion.

Forging Our Future: Phase Three
(January 2010-December 2017)

The visions that shaped the sesquicentennial campaign when it was launched in 2003, and were the basis for Forging Our Future: Phase Two, remain the basis for the final phase of the campaign—Forging Our Future: Phase Three. Once again, only the dollar goals have changed:

- The goal for unrestricted endowment has been increased from $25 million to $45 million
- The goal for endowed scholarships has been increased from $24 million to $40 million
- The goal for endowed faculty support has been increased from $8 million to $12 million
- The goal for endowed program support remains at $3 million

Let’s look at each of these goals in a bit more detail:

Build unrestricted endowment: $45 million
One of the most critical issues to be addressed through an enhanced unrestricted endowment is renovating seminary facilities with significant deferred maintenance. The earnings from an expanded unrestricted endowment will allow Garrett-Evangelical to renovate these buildings, thereby ensuring that the quality of its buildings matches the education within them.

An enhanced unrestricted endowment will also allow Garrett-Evangelical to address emerging needs in a rapidly changing world and to say “yes” to innovative ideas that grow out of its future planning.

As the recent downturn in the economy has reminded us, a strong unrestricted endowment is vital to the long-term strength of the seminary. Needs and strategic goals change from time to time. Earnings from an unrestricted endowment allow the seminary to address those needs and goals; act quickly, creatively, and with confidence; and stay on the cutting edge of theological education.
Build scholarship support: $40 million
While Garrett-Evangelical makes every effort to keep tuition low and financial aid high, most students still find it difficult to make ends meet. The seminary loses talented students each year who don’t enroll simply because they can’t afford it.

In order to ensure that all students called to ministry have access to a quality seminary education, Garrett-Evangelical must continue to expand its scholarship support. Endowed scholarships are needed at both master’s and doctoral levels.

The need is especially great for leadership scholarships to encourage the best and brightest to consider ministry. A $400,000 endowed scholarship would provide an annual award of $20,000—enough to provide full tuition plus a stipend for living expenses. Scholarships are also needed at other levels to enable all qualified students to pursue their call to ministry.

Build faculty support: $12 million
Our faculty brings the seminary to life through inspired teaching, mentoring, spiritual formation, debate, and ministry to the church at large. Yet faculty salaries are modest and often significantly less than teaching positions at universities, colleges, and even high schools.

Endowed chairs in key disciplines are a proven way to attract and retain outstanding faculty members and to ensure that key disciplines remain an essential part of the seminary curriculum.

Garrett-Evangelical was fortunate to receive multi-year grants for faculty positions in Methodist Studies and in Global Christianity and World Religions, but these grants will soon end. The seminary hopes to permanently endow these positions so that current and future students will have an opportunity for in-depth study in these areas. Garrett-Evangelical also hopes to endow several other faculty chairs that are distinctive to our curriculum, including a chair in Spiritual Formation and a chair in Congregational Leadership.

Build program support: $3 million
Garrett-Evangelical is seeking to endow its strengths. Some are long established, such as the seminary’s library. Others are relatively new, such as MDiv Plus. Each program that Garrett-Evangelical seeks to endow, however, is an important part of the seminary’s distinctiveness—which we hope will remain a permanent part of the Garrett-Evangelical experience.

Garrett-Evangelical’s library is recognized as one of the outstanding theological libraries in the nation. The budget for collection development is significantly underfunded compared to libraries of similar size, however. Although ninth in the United States in terms of its collection’s size, the library’s budget for purchasing new materials ranks 58th. Strengthening the library’s endowment will enable the collection to thrive and the library to remain a true hallmark of excellence. (See related story on page 14 regarding a challenge grant from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations to build the library endowment.)
The MDiv Plus program, which will formally begin with this year’s graduating class, is already being hailed as one of the seminary’s distinctive programs. It provides all interested MDiv graduates with three years of executive clergy coaching, continuing education, and a leadership certificate program (granted in partnership with Northwestern’s Kellogg School of Management).

Other distinctive programs that Garrett-Evangelical seeks to endow include the Church and the Black Experience, Youth Ministry, and Field Education.

“Great students, great faculty, great educational programs, great physical facilities, the ability to face an uncertain future with confidence—these are not impossible goals for an institution like Garrett-Evangelical,” states President Amerson. “However, one essential ingredient is missing. There must also be a far-reaching network of committed persons who believe in the seminary, embrace its mission, pray for it, and support it financially. In other words, these people become family to the seminary.”

We sincerely hope that you will want to be an enthusiastic member of the Garrett-Evangelical family, and help us successfully complete Forging Our Future: Phase Three. Here are some specific ways you can assist in this final phase of our endowment campaign:

1. You can pray for the seminary, its students, faculty, and staff, that we remain true to our mission of preparing bold Christian leaders for the church, the academy, and the world.
2. You can encourage those with gifts for ministry to consider the ministry—and to check out Garrett-Evangelical.
3. You can introduce others, who you believe have the financial ability and the interest in preparing future church leaders, to the seminary.
4. You can make a personal commitment to the campaign, either through an outright gift, a pledge over five to eight years, and/or a planned gift commitment. (See the related story Ways to Give on page 12 for more information.)

Some folks have asked why Garrett-Evangelical is expanding its campaign goal in these uncertain economic times. The answer is simple: Our churches and communities need bold Christian leaders now more than ever! The seminary’s mission for the past 155 years has been to prepare such leaders. If we are going to be true to our mission we must have a strong endowment, which makes possible a great seminary. Our heritage does not warrant a pretty good theological seminary, but a great one!

David Heetland, vice president for development, notes that people of vision continually expand the parameters of what we believe...
is possible. “At the beginning of our campaign,” he said, “we weren’t sure a $35 million goal was achievable. Some felt we should lower the goal. When the goal was later raised to $60 million, again there were those who felt the goal was not achievable. Now we are being challenged once again to stretch ourselves to fund areas still needing attention. The willingness of others to double or triple their original commitments, and to offer challenge grants, should inspire each of us to reconsider what more we can do.”

Garrett-Evangelical will be able to reach this $100 million goal only if many individuals, churches, foundations, and corporations become our partners. Therefore, we invite you to join us in forging our future. If you are willing to help in any of the above ways, or you would like further information, please contact David Heetland, vice president for development, at 847.866.3970, or email him at David.Heetland@garrett.edu.
Commemorative Gift Opportunities

There are many ways to support Garrett-Evangelical and leave a legacy through naming opportunities. We invite you to consider one of these ways to leave a legacy while you help us forge our future.

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Other commemorative giving opportunities are also available. If you have a particular interest that has not been listed, please contact us. We are happy to discuss other options for leaving your legacy through a gift to Garrett-Evangelical.
“While it may be presumptuous of me to say this, I consider myself a true graduate of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. I graduated from Evangelical Theological Seminary in 1950. However, as a veteran of World War II, using the GI Bill and serving as a youth minister in a Chicago church, I went to Garrett’s summer sessions in 1948 and 1949. Finishing early at ETS, I then went two quarters to Garrett in the school year of 1949-1950. After ordination in 1950, I spent three more summer sessions at Garrett, ending in the summer of 1954 when the World Council of Churches was meeting in Evanston. Thus, while graduating from ETS, I have more credit hours from Garrett than from ETS.

“All this is prelude as to why I give annually to G-ETS and why the seminary is in my will in addition to purchasing a seminary annuity that will give monthly payments to my wife as long as she lives. Before my retirement in 1987, I had served congregations as senior minister for eight, eight, and twenty-one years. After I officially retired, I served as an interim minister for seven congregations over a period of ten years, and I still preach two or three times a year in various congregations. In all those ministries, what I learned—better, what I experienced—in my seminary education in the 40s and 50s, served me well as a preacher, teacher, and pastor. I learned how to preach from Dr. Wayne Clymer, later a United Methodist bishop. Theological insight came from Dr. Harold Heininger, also later an EUB and then United Methodist bishop. My classes in counseling from Dr. Carroll Wise were instrumental in my being a sensitive pastor. And I still have my notes from Dr. Kraft’s class on the Psalms.

“Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary prepared me for a meaningful ministry (I don’t want to say “successful,” that’s for others to say). I trust that my contribution to the Annual Fund each year is helping my seminary prepare others for such ministry. I am retired from active ministry, but as a retired German Lutheran bishop said to the Gestapo during World War II, “A Christian is never retired.” This was his response to the Gestapo agent’s statement that since he was retired he did not have to risk his life criticizing the Nazi regime. “A Christian is never retired.” So one of the ways I keep from being a totally retired preacher of the Gospel is by financially helping Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary prepare others to preach, teach, and pastor in the Church of Jesus Christ, thus to proclaim Christ’s Gospel of grace, peace, and reconciliation for all people.”

Donald H. Heinrich, Class of 1950.

Why I Give to Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Ways to Give to Forging Our Future: Phase Three at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

There are many options for donors considering outright and/or future gifts in support of Forging Our Future: Phase Three. This article suggests some of those possibilities, and is intended for informational purposes only, not as legal or tax advice. In the case of most non-cash, tax-advantaged gifts (outright or future) to the seminary, donors are encouraged to consult with their own financial advisors.

**Outright Gifts**

Cash: Cash is the most common type of outright gift. For cash gifts a donor may deduct the amount of the gift up to 50% of adjusted gross income. There is a five-year carryover of unused amounts, thus enabling the donor to spread the gift over as long as six years.

Publicly-traded securities: Such gifts are deductible at the full fair market value and the unrealized gain is not taxable to the donor or the seminary. Again there is a five-year carryover of unused amounts.

Closely-held stock: Gifting closely-held stock results in a sizable income tax deduction for the donor and avoidance of tax on long-term capital gain.

Life insurance policies: A donor can make a gift of an existing life insurance policy by transferring all rights of ownership to the seminary. This gift may yield a
substantial deduction for income tax purposes. The
deduction is equal to the policy’s replacement value
or the donor’s basis in the policy, whichever is less. If
premiums remain to be paid on the policy and the donor
chooses to make those payments, a current income tax
deduction is allowed for each payment.

Charitable lead trust: Cash or marketable securities
can be placed into a charitable lead trust that provides
income to the seminary for a specified term of years. At
the end of the term of years, the assets in the trust revert
to the donor or to the individual(s) designated by the
donor. There is not a current income tax deduction for
this type of gift, but there is a gift (estate) tax savings.
Such a plan allows property to be transferred to family
members at a later date with a lowered tax cost. This
vehicle is particularly appropriate for donors with
relatively large estates.

**Future Gifts**

Bequests: The most common method of deferred giving
is the bequest. Cash, securities, real property, or personal
property can be left to the seminary through one’s will.
There are three common forms of bequests: a fixed
amount of money or a specific piece of property, a
percentage of the estate, or the residue (whatever is left
in the estate after specific bequests have been fulfilled).

Totten trust (“pay on death”) accounts: When an
individual sets up a “Totten trust” bank account, the
account balance passes to the seminary outside the
provisions of the donor’s will at the time of death. Until
that time, the donor retains the right to withdraw funds
as may be needed. Thus there are no federal income tax
savings allowed. At the death of the donor, the assets are
fully exempt from any applicable federal estate taxes.

Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and/or other
pension plans: An individual may designate the
seminary as the specific or contingent beneficiary of an
individual retirement account. Naming the seminary as
beneficiary of an IRA, especially if there is no surviving
spouse to whom the account could be made payable
under the estate tax marital deduction, is advantageous
because accrued IRA earnings otherwise may be
subject to combined income and estate taxes of 70%
or more. Other types of pension plans may also permit
beneficiary designation. The donor retains the right to
funds in the account as needed. Thus there are no federal
income tax savings allowed. At the death of the donor all
or a portion of the unused funds in the account will pass
to the seminary and, as such, will be exempt from any
applicable federal estate taxes.

Life insurance: A new life insurance policy may be
gifted to the seminary, with the seminary becoming
both owner and beneficiary of the policy. Subsequent
premium payments made by the donor are tax
deductible.

Retained life estate: Donors may choose to gift their
home, recreational home, or farmland and retain a
“lifetime interest” in the property. Ownership of the
property is transferred to the seminary, but full use and
control of the property are retained by the donor, who
continues to be responsible for taxes and general upkeep
and repair to the property. An income tax deduction,
based on the property’s current market value and the life
expectancy of the donor(s) is allowed. Upon the death
of the donor(s), the “lifetime interest” of the donor(s) is
terminated, and the full use and control of the property
are transferred to the seminary.

Charitable remainder trusts: Cash, marketable securities,
or real estate may be placed into a charitable remainder
trust. The trust can be established during the lifetime of
the donor or through the donor’s will. When the trust
is created, the donor determines a fixed payout percentage
of trust assets as valued annually (unitrust) or a fixed
payout dollar amount (annuity trust). When the trust
matures, either at the death of the last non-charitable
beneficiary or at the end of a specified term of years
(not to exceed 20 years), the seminary is the ultimate
beneficiary. An immediate charitable deduction is
available to the donor, based on the rate of return and the
length of time the trust is projected to be in existence.

Charitable gift annuity: In return for a gift of cash
or marketable securities, a donor (and/or another
beneficiary) receives an income for life, guaranteed
by the assets of the seminary. The donor receives an
immediate charitable contribution deduction. The
amount of the annuity income is based on the age of the
beneficiary(ies) and a portion of that income is tax-free.
At the death of the last beneficiary, the remainder passes
to the seminary.
Garrett-Evangelical has been awarded a $200,000 challenge grant from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations to help strengthen the library’s endowment. The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations (Jacksonville, Florida) were organized in 1952 under a living trust established by successful and well-respected businessman, Arthur Vining Davis. The foundations’ commitment to graduate theological education reflects the trustees’ belief that theological education makes an important contribution to this nation’s moral integrity and future. The seminary has received three previous grants from the Foundations for accessibility renovation, computerization, and library shelving.

Although ninth in the United States in terms of its collection’s size, the library’s budget for purchasing new materials ranks 58th. Dr. Beth Sheppard, director of the library, attributes this disparity to the fact that Garrett-Evangelical’s library endowment is “miniscule” in comparison with peer institutions. It is currently valued at less than $100,000, while it is not uncommon for library endowments at peer theological schools to be $10 million or more. In the proposal to the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations, Dr. Sheppard noted, “A strong endowment would allow the library to continue the level of excellence envisioned by its founders and avoid the fate of falling behind. It would enable the collection to thrive and the library to be a true hallmark of excellence for the scholarly and church community.”

In learning of the grant, President Phil Amerson commented, “I am extremely grateful to the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations for providing the impetus needed to challenge our alums and friends to join the Foundations in building our library endowment—and ensuring the long-term strength of this rich academic resource. I hope we can significantly build the library endowment so that our library remains one of the premier seminary libraries in the nation, and a center of academic excellence for our students and faculty.”

“The challenge grant could not have come at a better time,” noted David Heetland, vice president for development. “As we launch Forging Our Future: Phase Three, we hope to endow our strengths—and the library is certainly one of our greatest strengths.”

Every dollar given toward the library endowment will be matched by the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations—up to $200,000. Thus, a total of $400,000 will be added to the current library endowment of $100,000. While a half million dollar endowment is still small in comparison to the multi-million dollar endowments of some peer seminaries, it is a major step in the right direction.

Once that level is reached, we hope that friends of the library will continue to build the library endowment in the years ahead, so that we can strengthen our programming and have a book and materials budget that enables the library to remain one of the nation’s premier libraries. “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,” notes Dr. Sheppard. “We have the cake, but can’t afford the icing!”

Garrett-Evangelical hopes to meet the challenge by the end of 2010. Your gift to the library endowment will do triple duty: 1) it will help build the library’s “miniscule” endowment, 2) it will be matched dollar for dollar by the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations, and 3) it will count toward the seminary’s Forging Our Future: Phase Three campaign. Simply send your gift to Garrett-Evangelical and note that it is for the library endowment challenge. If you have questions, or would like more information about how you can help meet this challenge, contact Beth Sheppard at Beth.Sheppard@garrett.edu or David Heetland at David.Heetland@garrett.edu.
Garrett-Evangelical announces the addition of four new members to its Board of Trustees: Dr. James B. Beddow of Sioux Falls, SD; Rev. Bonnie E. Draeger of East Orleans, MA, and Sun City West, AZ; Ted R. Grossnickle of Greenwood, IN; and Robert E. Knowling, Jr. of Centennial, CO.

**James Beddow** is Founding Trustee and Executive Director of the not-for-profit Rural Learning Center based in Miner County, SD. The Center works to bring new hope and lasting change to small communities through collaborative initiatives in housing, health care, job creation, education, child care, and “Rural Green.”

Beddow understands the enormous potential in rural communities. A native of Woonsocket, SD, he first learned about small town (population 1,048) community engagement watching his father as mayor.

Previously, Beddow served as Vice President of Learning for the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society, 1995-2002 and President of Dakota Wesleyan University, 1981-1993. He has also been Vice President of Sioux Falls College, President of Colleges of Mid-America (10 colleges in South Dakota and Iowa), history professor and Academic Vice President at Phillips University in Oklahoma, and U.S. Army Captain.

He earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees (American history) at the University of South Dakota and a Ph.D. in American history at the University of Oklahoma. He also did post-doctoral study at Harvard University’s Institute of Educational Management.

**Bonnie Draeger,** a 1996 Garrett-Evangelical graduate, is a lifelong educator. She focused on religious education from 1988 to 2001, serving as Director of Christian Religious Education at First United Methodist Church in Columbus, IN; Director of Children’s Ministries at First UMC in Bloomington, IN; Coordinator of Ministries at Memorial UMC in White Plains, NY; and as Multifaith Program Associate at Auburn Theological Seminary in New York City.

Since 2003, Draeger has been President and Executive Director of In Marjolein’s Memory, Inc., a cancer education public charity. In 2007, her work was awarded a grant from the UMC General Board of Higher Education and Ministry as an emerging, deaconal, peace-with-justice ministry in the world.

Draeger is an ordained United Methodist Permanent Deacon in the Indiana Annual Conference. Bonnie and her husband, Wayne, have two married sons and four grandchildren.

**Ted Grossnickle** combines knowledge and experience in nonprofit consulting as a leader at Johnson, Grossnickle Associates and to the broader nonprofit community. He is known for his high integrity that results in strong, authentic relationships with his clients.

**Beddow has been very active in The United Methodist Church, having served as a Director of the National Association of United Methodist Colleges and Universities. He was Chairperson of the South Dakota Annual Conference Council on Ministries and a delegate to General Conference. He also served on the General Church’s Board of Higher Education and Ministry and on the Commission on the Study of the Ministry.**
UMC Leaders Advocate for Major Changes at Symposium on Ministry Studies

Two United Methodist bishops – Grant Hagiya and Alfred Gwinn – joined other church leaders in advocating for innovative, entrepreneurial approaches to reverse decades of declining membership during the Symposium on Ministry Study at Garrett-Evangelical late last year.

Podcasts of Keynote Addresses, Plus Faculty Papers Presented at Event Available on Seminary Website at www.garrett.edu/media
Seminary Explores Ethical Leadership, the Church and the Global Economy

The Ethical Leadership, the Church and the Global Economy Conference, Feb. 25-27, 2010 at Garrett-Evangelical, will bring key academic, business and church leaders together to explore ways faith communities can become agents of transformation in the new economic reality of the Midwest and the world.

“The changing global economy is having a dramatic impact on our communities, our congregations and the mission of the church itself,” says Dr. Mark Fowler, Vice President for Vocation in Ministry. “In order to have some focused conversation and to look at possible responses for church leaders, congregations and the academic community, we have organized a conference that brings together the best of those who have led us in thinking about these issues.

Conference goals are threefold: 1) to refine and focus the impact of the global economy and formulate strategic directions for the church’s response; 2) to establish relationships across the church and the academy to think strategically and ethically in order to address the changing realities in our communities and institutions; and 3) to shape the work we will do as leaders and members of the church and the academy to impact the effects of the global economy in this time of change.

Distinguished speakers include Richard Longworth, author of Caught in the Middle: America’s Heartland in the Age of Globalis and Max Stackhouse, Professor Emeritus at Princeton Theological Seminary and international speaker on faith and globalization

For more information, including the conference schedule, and to register online, visit www.garrett.edu/elc or contact Wendy Kneer at 847-866-3961 or wendy.kneer@garrett.edu.

Deacon Dialogue III to Focus on Ways Deacons Lead Church in Servant Ministry

Opting for the Margins: The Promise of the United Methodist Deacon will be held April 15-17 on the seminary campus. It is the third in an ongoing series of Deacon Dialogues at Garrett-Evangelical led by Dr. Margaret Ann Crain, Professor of Christian Education and Director of the Deacon Program at the seminary.

“Those of us who are part of the Order of Deacon in the United Methodist Church continue to face challenges in interpreting it to the church,” Crain said. “Deacon Dialogue III will be an opportunity to gather with other articulate deacons for deep conversations about our order.”

Highlights will be the keynote address, “Opting for the Margins,” by Dr. Hendrik Pieterse, director of scholarly research at the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry as well as GBHEM staff sharing research and future expectations for the Order of Deacon. There will also be a report from the Commission for the Study of Ministry, a panel discussion on “Opting for the Margins,” and workshops on the various areas of deacons’ work.

Garrett-Evangelical has been a leader in the Order of Deacon since the order was created at United Methodist Church’s 1996 General Conference. Today, the seminary’s Deacon Program provides those called to ministry as a deacon various routes to prepare them academically. They also find nurture and support through regular gatherings, counseling during the discernment process, and major conferences, including the Deacon Dialogues.

For more information or to register to attend this event, contact Margaret Ann Crain at 847.866.3973 or margaretann.crain@garrett.edu.
Bishop Wayne K. Clymer, former faculty, Bradenton, FL, was recognized with the A Award by Asbury College for his service to the United Methodist Church and to theological studies. Clymer was professor, dean and president of Evangelical Theological Seminary.

Chet and Helen Sheldon, GBI 1948, Bloomington, IL, received the Loyalty Award from Illinois Wesleyan University on October 10, 2009. The Loyalty Award honors the alumni and friends of Illinois Wesleyan for their dedication to the university through service or strong financial support.

George W. Chaffee, GBI 1949, Grand Rapids, MI, celebrated his 90th birthday on July 2, 2009 with his family. George enjoys all of the volunteer opportunities at Clark Retirement Community in Grand Rapids, MI where he has lived now for 10 years.

Richard Tholin, ETS 1952, Evanston, IL, has been honored by North Central College as a distinguished scholar and leader in seminary education with its Outstanding Alumni Award. Tholin was a teacher, administrator and senior scholar at Garrett-Evangelical where he served as vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty.


Ronald Goetz, GTS 1962, Richland Center, WI, published a book entitled *Clear and Definite Words* by Wipf and Stock. Ronald was the first occupant of the Reinhold Niebuhr Chair of Theology and Ethics at Elmhurst College. His daughter, also a seminary graduate, edited the book.

Timothy Hume Behrendt, GTS 1963, Cold Brook, NY, and his wife, Peggy Spencer Behrendt were featured in the August 2009 Mohawk Valley healthcare newspaper, “In Good Health.” They run a 245-acre site called “Shawangunk Nature Preserve” as a not-for-profit ecology learning center.

James Morgan, GTS 1970, Claremont, CA, retired from the Florida Annual Conference as of July 1, 2009 after 44 years of full-time ministry. He and his wife moved to California and in the retired relationship he is assisting the pastor at First UMC in Upland, CA as his volunteer assistant.

Edwin R. Beck, GBI 1983, Hamilton, OH, continues to serve in the parish. He has two country churches that have had good growth. He recently underwent triple bypass surgery.

Ardyth K. Johnson, GETS 1983, Harley, WI, has retired from active ministry. He served as founding pastor of Faith Community Church in Franklin, WI, and at Greendale Community UCC and First Congregational Church in Sheboygan, WI.

Charlotte Nold, GETS 1990, Chicago, IL, celebrated 20 years of being pastor at St. John UCC in Chicago on September 20, 2009.

Dave Swinton, GETS 1991, Harlan, IA, completed the Association of Chicago Theological Schools Doctor of Ministry program in Preaching awarded through McCormick Theological Seminary in May 2009.

Kent Svendsen, GETS 1992, has been named as an Ambassador of Good Will. Svendsen is an ordained Elder in the Northern Illinois Conference and a retired Army Reserve Chaplain. He has served as both an advisor and a Board of Visitors member for the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation. He helped develop a human rights training program along with many other projects.

Mickey J. Havener, GETS 1993, Columbia, MO, has started a business that specializes in moving seniors (www.movingforseniors.com). She also coordinates 100 volunteers who provide four worship services per week and pastoral care for inmates at a county jail. The jail ministry has recently evolved into re-entry ministry for recently released inmates from the Montana Department of Corrections.

Sue D’Alessio, GETS 1998, Pasadena, CA, accepted a new position in the California-Pacific Annual
Conference and the Claremont School of Theology as executive director of leadership development. Before her departure from Wisconsin, she was honored for her service as the director of connectional ministries.

Carole Hoke, GETS 2000, Peoria, IL, was ordained into the United Church of Christ on May 31, 2009.

Rev. Gregory D. Gross, GETS 2003, Chicago, IL, was a member of the 2009 Caravan of United Methodist Deacons to Zimbabwe. This caravan, sponsored by the General Board of Higher Education & Ministry, consisted of 12 UM deacons from across the US who embarked on a 16-day immersion to experience the current realities related to HIV/AIDS.

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In Memoriam

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Haxton Huber Patterson, GBI 1954, Fort Meyers, FL, has died. We regret that no further information is available.

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(See article on page 17.) - Visit the website, www.garrett.edu/elc for more information or contact Wendy Kneer at 847.866.3961 or by email at wendy.kneer@garrett.edu.

Wednesday-Thursday, April 7-8
The Styberg Preaching Institute: The Weed that Takes over the Garden: Preaching the Reign of God to a Complacent Church - Workshop led by Dr. John Dally, Visiting Associate Professor of Preaching and Missional leadership. For additional information and registration, contact Dr. Gennifer Brooks at 847.866.3888 or gennifer.brooks@garrett.edu.

Monday-Tuesday, April 12-13
Jerre and Mary Joy Stead Center for Ethics: The Liturgy and Ethics Conference - Contact the Stead Center for Ethics and Values at 847.866.3933 or ethics.center@garrett.edu.

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Deacon Dialogue: Opting for the Margins
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Wednesday, April 21
Sabbatical Lecture, Dr. Reggie Blount, Assistant Professor of Formation, Youth, and Culture - Contact Patty Baker at 847.977.3903 or patty.baker@garrett.edu.

Friday, April 30
The Third Annual Student Theological Conference - Visit the website, www.garrett.edu/stc for more information or contact coordinator, Krista McNeil at 847.866.3923 or by email at krista.mcneil@garrett.edu.

Saturday, March 20, 10:30 a.m.
Women Thinking at the Intersection of Race, Sexuality and Coloniality
Panel discussion supported by the Gladys Crane Lecture Fund for Women’s History Month facilitated by Dr. Nancy Bedford, Harkness Professor of Applied Theology - Contact Kay Burlingham to register to attend: 847.866.3988 or alum.relations@garrett.edu.

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Academic Lectures are Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. room 205 unless otherwise noted.