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Aware is published quarterly by the development office for alums and friends of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, a graduate school of theology related to The United Methodist Church.

Founded in 1853, the seminary serves more than 500 students from many denominations and various cultural backgrounds, fostering an atmosphere of ecumenical interaction. Garrett-Evangelical creates bold leaders through master of divinity, master of arts, master of theological studies, doctor of philosophy, and doctor of ministry degrees. Its 4,500 living alums serve church and society around the world.

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A favorite expression of my grandfather was, “The latchstring is on the outside.” It was his way of saying, “You are always welcome in our home.” The notion of a latchstring came from the design of a door in pioneer cabins where a string could be pushed through a hole high in the door. It allowed a latch on the inside to be opened from the outside. At night, or in times of danger, the string would be pulled inside preventing unwanted entry to outsiders. My grandfather meant his words as an expression of enduring hospitality toward friends.

I hold that latchstring mentality is a great temptation in the contemporary church. Somehow it is believed that all ministry should be designed to encourage people to come to us. Ministry, in this sense, means that everything needs to be focused on “getting ‘them’ in the door and into the pew.” As a person who spent much of my ministry in the parish, I understand the value of strong congregations. Still, too much focus in recent years has been exclusively on how we welcome people into our doors and sanctuaries. At its most vibrant, Christianity is an outward-focused faith, as well as one that welcomes persons inside our places of sanctity and security.

There are many ways to move outside our doors to other places of ministry. One exceptional ministerial vocation is that of chaplain. Chaplains are those who are called to work in a setting beyond the church building. Chaplains may be attached to “secular” institutions like hospitals, prisons, military units, police departments, colleges, and universities. Increasingly, we also see ministries that may not be labeled as “chaplains” but nevertheless these are persons who work beyond the latchstring.

When I think of my grandfather’s life, I know that, as a layperson, he served others in many ways. He served on a school board, farmer’s co-op, and was known for his care of the sick, the widow, the orphan, and those who faced economic crises. This service beyond the latchstring was a part of the reason he provided hospitality in his home to many. In my years as a parish pastor, I discovered that the health and vibrancy of a congregation were clearly linked with the multiple ministries that took place in the world beyond the church doors. In fact, the growth and health of the congregations I served were correlated with our involvement in ministries where chaplains could assist us in our outreach efforts. Thankfully, Garrett-Evangelical has a long tradition of encouraging and preparing persons for such ministries that represent us and help us serve beyond the latchstring.
In a recent “speculative glimpse,” Daniel Aleshire, executive director of the Association of Theological Schools, reflects on the challenges facing theological seminaries in the United States in the decades ahead in light of the astonishing racial and ethnic diversity that is in the process of reconfiguring American society. Aleshire has in view population projections according to which no single racial or ethnic group will constitute a clear majority by midcentury. He further notes the impact of this demographic shift on the shape and practice of Christianity in the nation, given the high levels of religious commitment among immigrant communities. Indeed, this rich diversity of Christian expression occasioned by immigration and migration flows is nourished by a global shift in which non-Western cultures are increasingly the “heartlands” of Christian presence, growth, and vitality.1

Aleshire is clear that to be effective in this emerging context, theological schools in the United States will need to learn to “live with the gifts and complexities of multiracial and multiethnic Christianity instead of talking about it theoretically.” Yet he worries that many theological schools lack the requisite interpretive skills to negotiate these sweeping changes effectively.2

Aleshire’s worries are well taken, but apply equally to the denominations to which many of these seminaries are related. The reality is many of these churches, too, have little material experience with the “gifts and complexities of multiracial and multiethnic Christianity.” For example, The United Methodist Church in the United States remains 93 percent white, with Blacks, Latinos/as, and Asians combined constituting five percent and “other/mixed” a further two percent of total membership.3 And while much is made of the denomination’s rapid growth outside the United States (principally in Africa), the fact is the United Methodist Church engages this diversity largely episodically and at a distance, such as through mission trips and General Conference debates. This means church-related seminaries like Garrett-Evangelical will need to engage the challenge of a rapidly pluralizing American Christian context on two fronts simultaneously: recalibrate institutional mission and resources to embrace this changing reality effectively while remaining vitally connected to a denominational stakeholder that may at times find it difficult to appreciate the rationale and urgency for such educational innovation.

Reorienting oneself for productive engagement with times of paradigmatic change is a delicate undertaking, fraught with both risk and opportunity. This is especially the case for institutions of teaching and learning, as Aleshire’s earlier comments attest. Vexing questions do indeed confront us. Just what does it take to educate effective Christian leaders for a U.S. society in which the world—including the Christian world—is no longer “over there” but “right next door?” What virtues, competencies, and skills do students need for fruitful ministry in such a context? And, perhaps most important, how do seminaries become laboratories of holy innovation and inspired creativity for leadership formation in a world church now everywhere?4

I do not pretend to know the answers to such questions. Instead, I close with two modest suggestions as we theological schools continue to discern our place and contribution in this emerging landscape. The first is for a theological approach to institutional change one might call “prophetic dialogue,” to borrow missiologists Stephen Bevans and Roger Schroeder’s phrase: an interpretive “dance . . . based on the beautiful but complex rhythm of dialogue and prophecy, boldness and humility, learning and teaching, letting go and speaking out.”5 How might such a
posture of “bold humility” assist institutional discernment in negotiating the delicate interplay between innovation and tradition, risk and resistance, novelty and lethargy? The second suggestion calls on seminaries to lead in cultivating and advocating for what educators Veronica Mansilla and Howard Gardner have called “global consciousness”—a disposition that prompt human selves to “place their immediate experience in the broader matrix of developments that shape life worldwide, to construct their identities as members of world societies, and . . . to orient their actions accordingly.” How might a global consciousness become for theological schools and churches a “global theological imagination” able to guide faithful experience, identity, and action in these changing times?

As I wrestle with such questions in my teaching and learning, I am grateful to be part of a seminary community deeply committed to rigorous and creative engagement with the “gifts and complexities of the multiracial and multiethnic Christianity” taking shape before us.

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2 Ibid., 383.


6 This phrase was coined by missiologist David Bosch in his book Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in Theology of Mission (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 1991), 489.


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Luce Renews Support for Global Christianity and World Religions

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary has received an additional $225,000 grant from the Henry Luce Foundation for the continued support of a professorship in global Christianity and world religions. The foundation originally awarded a grant in 2009 to insure that students preparing for ministry have a deeper understanding of the religious landscape in the United States and our world. The renewed grant provides extended funding through 2016.

“Garrett-Evangelical is grateful for this additional encouragement to our commitment to provide students with awareness of the emerging global realities and religious dynamics among the great faith traditions of our world,” said seminary president, Philip Amerson. “We will continue to seek funding so that this faculty position will be permanent.”

Hendrik Pieterse, who has served on the Garrett-Evangelical faculty since 2010, will continue in his position as associate professor of global Christianity and world religions. Prior to his arrival at Garrett-Evangelical, Pieterse served as the director of scholarly research and book editor for the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) of The United Methodist Church in Nashville, Tennessee.

Since 2010, Pieterse has been instrumental in establishing a solid set of courses at Garrett-Evangelical in this critical area. He brings remarkable experience regarding the church in Africa, and he is making new connections in other parts of the world. Pieterse has become a respected member of the seminary community, and he continues to explore interfaith and multi-religious settings in his teaching and work.

The Henry Luce Foundation was established in 1936 by Henry R. Luce, the co-founder and editor-in-chief of Time Inc., to honor his parents who were missionary educators in China. The foundation’s current partnership with Garrett-Evangelical allows the seminary to provide a needed boost to the curriculum in the areas of global Christianity and world religions.
Like many couples, Orpha Laurie and her husband, John, discussed their wills and their wishes for charitable bequests at times during their marriage. They agreed that they wanted to help people in need and support projects that reflected their values. However, it was not until after John died in 2009 that Orpha realized their wills did not leave anything to charity. She decided it was time to act on their intentions.

“Since John’s passing, I have become aware that life is fragile, and it is good to have things in place,” Orpha said “We agreed it is important to remember charity as well as family.”

Orpha wanted to be sure she made the right choices in leaving a legacy, so she started attending seminars and seeking professional advice on the best way to leave contributions to worthy causes. She learned that, in addition to leaving a bequest in one’s will, one can create a charitable trust, purchase a gift annuity, or buy a life insurance policy that names the charity as beneficiary.

“My financial planner is well versed in insurance, so we chose a life insurance plan,” noted Orpha. “The good thing is that you can determine a premium that fits your budget, and that determines the amount of the policy.”

Having determined how to give, Orpha next set out to determine where to give. The church has been an important part of her life ever since she was a little girl growing up in rural South Dakota. Today she is retired from a career in banking, and the church remains an essential part of her life. She has been a member at Glenview United Methodist Church in Glenview, Illinois, for nearly fifty years.

Over the years, Orpha realized that many of the pastors at Glenview were Garrett-Evangelical graduates. She was also aware that Garrett-Evangelical students served as interns at the church. So she called David Heetland, vice president for development at the seminary, to learn about the seminary’s needs and goals.

David met with Orpha and her financial planner and told them about the various goals of the seminary’s $100 million campaign. Orpha knew that many of Garrett-Evangelical’s students struggled financially to get through seminary. Thus, she was immediately attracted to the goal of providing more scholarship support to Garrett-Evangelical students. When she learned that she could establish the John and Orpha Laurie Endowed Scholarship through an insurance policy, she and her financial planner agreed this was a wonderful way to leave a legacy.

“I determined that Garrett-Evangelical would be the owner and beneficiary of the policy,” Orpha stated. “I am paying the premium by sending my check to the seminary, which creates a tax benefit by making an annual charitable contribution. It is like giving an annual gift that will later on provide scholarship assistance to some deserving student.”

Orpha smiled and then said, “In spite of the fact that the seminary is anxious to award more scholarships, David has assured me that he is praying for my longevity! In fact, he helped me to see that I could assist students now as well as in the future.” Orpha is doing this by making an annual gift, in addition to the insurance premium, which is awarded each year as the John and Orpha Laurie Annual Scholarship. Orpha was thrilled to receive a thank you letter from her first scholarship recipient recently—and looks forward to the time when she can meet the recipient in person.

After she finalized her charitable estate plans, Orpha joined Garrett-Evangelical’s Council of Laity to help others understand how they can help make sure our churches and communities have strong Christian leaders. She has written about the seminary in the church newsletter, has shared in church what she has done, and has encouraged others to consider doing likewise.

“It gives me a great sense of satisfaction to know I am leaving a legacy that reflects my values, and that students in the future will be able to pursue their call to ministry because of the John and Orpha Laurie Scholarship,” said Orpha. “I hope others will consider what legacy they want to leave and I encourage them to consider Garrett-Evangelical.”

If you share Orpha Laurie’s commitment to prepare bold Christian leaders, we invite your participation. Outright gifts, pledges, and planned gift commitments are all welcome. For more information, contact David Heetland, vice president for development, at david. heetland@garrett.edu or 847.866.3970.
Leadership Circle of Congregations

Wesley United Methodist Church of Naperville — a Leadership Circle Church every year since 2006.

Rosie Eiler and Jason Reed

Churches and church organizations who give at least $1,000 during any fiscal year are recognized as members of the seminary’s Leadership Circle of Congregations. In this issue of Aware, we are pleased to feature one of these congregations—Wesley United Methodist Church of Naperville—a Leadership Circle Church every year since 2006.

Wesley United Methodist Church is located in the heart of Naperville, Illinois, and is the oldest congregation in the area at 181 years old. However, it is the congregation’s progressive ministry that makes Wesley distinctive. “Our Wesleyan heritage of social holiness is in the DNA of this congregation. We serve in the world and bring the needs of the world back into worship to be lifted up in prayer,” says Jason Reed, pastor at Wesley for the last 12 years.

A congregation of 275 members, Wesley United Methodist Church has made a commitment to the United Methodist connection, even in these tough economic times. The church has continued to pay its apportionments in full and is dedicated to being a Rainbow Covenant Church, with mission giving every month to a ministry in the connection. Committed Council of Laity member, Rosie Eiler, regularly lifts up the need for scholarship support at Garrett-Evangelical and motivates the congregation to meet their goal of continuing to be a Leadership Circle Church.

For several decades, Wesley has been one of the most theologically progressive churches in the area. Wesley hosts an End The Occupation group focused on justice for the Palestinians. They became a Reconciling congregation in 2002, the first one in DuPage County. They helped establish Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity, the Naperville Recycling Program, and the Ecumenical Adult Day Care that provides an alternative social daytime environment in a protective setting for frail adults, including those with Alzheimer’s disease. They also host an active Kid’s Day Out program that has been serving families for more than 40 years.

“What inspires me about Wesley is the koinonia found in this community,” said pastor emeritus, Duane Mevis. “Their commitment to mission, locally and globally, is at the heart of what it means to be the Church.”

Mevis spoke from Henryville, Indiana, where he was on a mission trip with 12 volunteers from Wesley. This was their eighth consecutive year participating in a Volunteers In Mission disaster response trip. They were helping to rebuild after a tornado ripped through the area a year ago damaging or destroying nearly 500 homes.

A 1959 graduate of Evangelical Theological Seminary, Mevis has a long history with Wesley, serving first as a student pastor while studying at Evangelical Theological Seminary, then returning to serve as senior pastor from 1981-90. While serving Hinsdale United Methodist Church in 1995, the Duane and Carol Mevis Scholarship was established celebrating 35 years of ministry. When he retired in 1997, Wesley invited him to return as pastor emeritus and to assist with pastoral care and mission work.

Wesley is proud to be a Leadership Circle Church and continues to support the scholarship annually. The Mevses feel honored to have a scholarship in their names and are glad to help fund support for students responding to their call to ministry today. Duane says, “It has been a real joy for Carol and me to meet a procession of students called to ministry, come to Garrett-Evangelical for training and then go out to serve. I am glad Wesley continues to play a role in preparing future leaders for the church.”

Are you interested in learning more about the Leadership Circle of Congregations and/or the Council of Laity? For more information, contact David Heetland, vice president for development, at david.heetland@garrett.edu or 847.866.3970.
Garrett-Evangelical’s mission of training bold leaders for the church is fulfilled in a multitude of ways. Our graduates serve in churches and communities throughout the United States and the world as church leaders and administrators, local church pastors, pastoral counselors, chaplains, and educators. In this issue, we celebrate our alums who serve as chaplains—wherever need exists.

Chaplains are often clergy who feel called to extend the love, healing, and justice of Christ in ministries beyond the local church. These clergy serve in institutions whose primary purpose is in areas such as health care (hospitals, hospices, and continuing care communities), the military (see related article on page 11), prisons, police and fire departments, and social service settings. Although they serve in environments different from the local church, chaplains, who may be elders or deacons, serve in equally critical ways.

Garrett-Evangelical takes seriously the need to provide training, support, and guidance for students who may be called to serve in these settings. The seminary’s field education program offers students the opportunity to identify, test, and refine their call in placements that include local churches, social justice organizations, hospitals, and retirement communities. Master of divinity students are required to complete two years of field education in addition to their academic requirements. Clinical pastoral education (CPE) units may also be earned through the field education program.

A field education placement at Presbyterian Homes in Evanston, Illinois, was formative for Janet Aldrich (G-ETS 1997). A member of the United Church of Christ and now in her 18th year of chaplaincy at Presbyterian Homes, Aldrich has done landmark research on spiritual care of patients with dementia. The core of her research has been special worship services which incorporate sensory elements, art, and music with well-learned hymns and scriptures. “On a number of occasions,” Aldrich says, “we have witnessed residents who have not spoken for a long period of time repeat the Lord’s Prayer, sing old gospel hymns, or respond by facial expression or gesture to a seminary student serving as a musician or liturgical dancer. These are truly ‘Holy Spirit moments’ that make my academic research come to life!”

Cathy Rafferty (G-ETS 1999) currently serves as a chaplain at the Chelsea Retirement Community in Chelsea, Michigan. For Rafferty, an internship at Presbyterian Homes, as well as a unit of CPE at Evanston Hospital, opened her heart and mind to the possibilities of chaplaincy. Rafferty sees chaplaincy as a specialized ministry. She says, “I feel quite strongly that some persons are called to chaplaincy rather than to being pastors in local congregational settings,
and I appreciated the ways in which Garrett-Evangelical and the United Methodist denomination have helped me to explore and live into that understanding.”

Michael Garren (G-ETS 1999), chaplain at University Hospitals, Cleveland, Ohio, experienced his call to chaplaincy during his first CPE placement. He says, “The biggest thing I learned at Garrett-Evangelical was how to work collegially with others who have differing theologies or even differing religions from me. The diversity at the seminary and encouragement of the faculty to foster debate, as well as acceptance, is something I use on a daily basis.” Garren says, “I learned that I can be God’s presence in the midst of pain, loss, and even agony. Through my CPE experience, I became a better child of God: healthier and whole.”

United Methodist chaplains, as well as pastoral counselors, life coaches, transitional intentional ministers, and specialists are endorsed by the United Methodist Endorsing Agency (UMEA) for their appointments. Recently, the UMEA acknowledged United Methodist clergy who also serve as volunteer chaplains for police or fire departments and critical incident responders with a first-time ever connectional “thank you” and conference on self-care. Recognizing the isolation of chaplains from their faith communities and the difficulty that extension ministers generally have of staying “in connection,” UMEA, in collaboration with Ruth Duck, professor of worship at Garrett-Evangelical, organized “A Day of Remembrance and Care” for caregivers, pastoral counselors, and chaplains on November 1, 2012.

The conference concluded a month-long art exhibition featuring the work of art therapist Harriet Wadeson. Wadeson, the keynote speaker, described her personal use of art as a means of healing during her sojourn with cancer (recounted in her book, Journaling Cancer in Words and Images, Wadeson, 2011). Bonnie Draeger (G-ETS 1996) shared highlights from her book, When Cancer Strikes a Friend: What to Say, What to Do, and How to Help (Draeger 2012). Margaret Jones (G-ETS 2001), also inspired
Heerey Foundation Establishes Chaplaincy Grants

Garrett-Evangelical proudly announces that it has received a grant from the Bernard Heerey Family Foundation to provide annual full-tuition and a stipend to three students fulfilling their field education requirements as student chaplains in a hospital setting. Through this commitment by the Heerey Foundation, the seminary is able to further its mission of providing unique, hands-on experience for students in its field education program. In addition, Garrett-Evangelical is proud to join with the Heerey Foundation in accomplishing its goal of lifting up and promoting the importance of hospital chaplaincy as a calling.

The seminary was pleased to award scholarships for the 2012-2013 academic year to Jozlyne Williams and Lauren Wallem, second year master of divinity students from Illinois, who are serving at Evanston Hospital, Evanston, Illinois.” A third award has been made to Uziel Hernandez, a master of divinity student from Tennessee. Hernandez will begin his field education at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Illinois, this summer. All three students are very thankful to the Heerey Foundation for their support. Wallem says, “I have been a student for my whole life, and while I love the classroom and thrive in intellectual study, having the opportunity to step into a hospital as a chaplain intern and get my feet wet in ministry has been truly amazing.”

All at Garrett-Evangelical are immensely grateful for the generosity of the Bernard Heerey Family Foundation for its support of the seminary’s field education program and the important calling of hospital chaplaincy.
Jennifer Hill Anderson graduated from Garrett-Evangelical in 2002 with a master of divinity degree. Even then, the idea of chaplaincy was already part of her plan for ministry.

Chaplaincy became an option for me when I was in college and heard God’s call through the voices of campus ministers and other ordained clergy who said to me, “Jen, have you ever considered being a pastor? You have gifts for ministry.” I began talking about seminary with one of the religion professors at Eckerd College. He inquired about my denominational background and pointed me in the direction of some United Methodist and Presbyterian (USA) related seminaries. Not quite certain about ministry, I volunteered for a year in England to work with children and youth. While in England, I decided to apply to Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. I was accepted and started seminary six weeks after returning from my year abroad. Though still not 100 percent sure about being ordained, I did at least acknowledge that if I was going to answer my call, I would need to attend seminary. I always felt my call to ministry was leaning toward chaplaincy, but I did not know in what setting. During my first semester, I spoke with military recruiters who visited Garrett-Evangelical and determined that the U.S. Navy was a good fit. From that moment on, I started to apply what I was learning in classes to the setting of military chaplain.

Garrett-Evangelical provided me a solid theological foundation through classes, engaged professors, and relationships with other students. The faculty, staff, and students shaped my initial understanding of ministry and role as pastor. Garrett-Evangelical helped me understand my call to chaplaincy in the greater context of ministry.

I remember people saying, “The United Methodist Church teaches you how to think and not necessarily what to think.” I feel that Garrett-Evangelical did that for me. My education has given me a solid theological foundation, but paired that with practical application. One of the most helpful classes I took while in seminary was “Pastor and People” with Mark Fowler, associate professor of church leadership. This class helped me make the connection between book learning and how I let that inform how I go about being a pastor. The diversity at Garrett-Evangelical also set me up for success in a pluralistic ministry setting. I learned from my peers what their denominations emphasized and believed. This has helped with understanding some of my colleagues in the Navy Chaplain Corps.

Military chaplaincy seems a foreign thing to many people. What I would like people to know about my ministry is that essentially I am a parish pastor. I have a congregation, and that congregation sometimes floats around at sea, flies in the skies above, or resides on a military base in the United States or overseas. I provide worship services and studies; I make sure people of other faiths have what they need (space, time, sacred texts, etc.) to practice their religion; I provide care for all; and I advise commands on morale, ethics, and religious needs. Military chaplains work in a pluralistic environment, but we never do anything that is outside of our religious organization (ecclesiastical endorser).

If you are planning to be a chaplain, I encourage you to do a clinical pastoral education (CPE) residency. CPE further develops and forms you. You will understand yourself more deeply as a person, peer, and pastor. It will help you understand professional ministry, and it will help you navigate institutional ministry. The amount of self-reflection and group reflection may be painful at times, but you will learn. And you will be so much the better for it.

Make sure you practice good self-care. In order to care for others, we must learn to care for ourselves. Practice healthy habits.

Finally, establish good boundaries. Know your limits.

As bishop-in-residence, Lee is working in the areas of spirituality, spiritual formation, and United Methodist studies and polity. She lectures, mentors, and advises students seeking guidance in spiritual practices and in United Methodist policies and procedures. Lee is also serving as an affiliate member of the church relations and vocational formation committee of the board of trustees.

When asked about the opportunity to serve the Garrett-Evangelical community, Lee said, “I feel God’s call to accept the invitation to serve as bishop-in-residence at Garrett-Evangelical. I am excited about the possibilities as we continue to work together in mission and ministry for the transformation of the world across the church. My hope is to help in this transformation by participating in equipping those entering pastoral ministry.”

Upon confirmation that Lee accepted the invitation to serve as bishop-in-residence, President Philip Amerson said, “We are delighted to have someone with Bishop Lee’s experience and spiritual depth joining the Garrett-Evangelical seminary community. I can only begin to imagine the ways she will help us pray better, serve more joyfully, and give witness with fresh sensitivity to the movement of the Spirit.”

Lee made history in 2000 when she was the first African American woman to be elected bishop in the North Central Jurisdiction. Lee was elected on July 14, 2000, in Middleton, Wisconsin, and was assigned to her home area of Michigan, an unusual action that had not occurred for 40 years and required special action of the jurisdictional conference. After one quadrennium of service in Michigan, Lee was assigned to the Wisconsin Area in 2004.

A graduate of United Theological Seminary (M.Div. and D.Min.), Lee began her ministerial career as a chaplain intern at Adrian College prior to her graduation from seminary. She was appointed to serve Residence Park United Methodist Church in Dayton, Ohio, and then served as assistant to the dean for educational administration at Methodist Theological School in Ohio. She also served as an associate pastor at Central United Methodist Church in Detroit and as pastor of Conant Avenue United Methodist Church of Detroit. Lee was appointed to serve as the district superintendent for the Detroit East District in 1995, where she served prior to being elected to the episcopacy.

Lee served as chair of the Black Clergywomen of The United Methodist Church (1996-98) and has been a member of a number of annual conference committees, including the Board of Ordained Ministry. She has served as a speaker for numerous schools, retreats, and conferences and is a two-time delegate to General Conference. She is a contributing writer in several publications and has served as an adjunct professor of spirituality at Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit.

Lee is married to Lamarr V. Gibson, and they have three children: Garvey, a registered nurse; Amon, an educator; and Afi, a United Methodist pastor; as well as 12 grandchildren.
Dorothy Jean Furnish Scholarship Nearing Goal

Some months ago friends, colleagues, and former students of the late and esteemed Dorothy Jean Furnish (Garrett Biblical Institute 1945 and Garrett Theological Seminary/Northwestern University 1968) launched an endowed scholarship in her memory. Furnish served on the seminary’s faculty as professor of Christian education from 1968 to 1988. In addition to many other books and workshops, Furnish published a history of the rise of the profession of director of religious education in the 20th century.

The Dorothy Jean Furnish Scholarship will aid a graduate student in pursuing a Ph.D. in Christian education, the same field in which Furnish so distinguished herself. The minimum needed to establish the scholarship is $25,000, and the current status of the fund is just $3,000 short of that goal. Friends, alums, and others whose lives have been touched and inspired by Furnish’s personal warmth, committed mentoring, and engaging teaching style are invited to make a gift or pledge (payable over five to seven years) to fully endow the scholarship as a tribute to this friend and colleague.

Contributions may be sent to the development office, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, 2121 Sheridan Rd., Evanston, IL 60201, marked “Furnish Scholarship,” or make your gift online.

160 Alums Who Changed the World

In conjunction with the seminary’s 160th anniversary, Garrett-Evangelical is recognizing 160 alums who have helped transform the world.

In 2013, Garrett-Evangelical is celebrating 160 years of creating skilled, bold, and articulate leaders for the church, the academy, and the world. We celebrate the men and women who have dedicated their lives to ministry and seek to honor 160 alums in the coming years. These remarkable stories are already being shared on the seminary’s website and updated each week.

Nominations are still being accepted. To nominate a Garrett-Evangelical alum who has provided exceptional leadership or innovation in his or her ministry, complete the form at www.garrett.edu/160Leaders.

The nomination form may also be downloaded and emailed to seminary.relations@garrett.edu, faxed to 847.866.3989, or mailed to Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, attn: communications office, 2121 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL 60201.

All alums, living or deceased, from Garrett-Evangelical or any of its predecessor institutions, are eligible. Nominations will be accepted through December 31, 2013. Additional materials—such as a biographical sketch, curriculum vitae, newspaper clippings, or other supporting documentation—may be included or sent separately as appropriate.
Alum News

William M. Schwein (G-ETS 1966) has coauthored a book, *The Poet & the Preacher: Writing 100 Words about 100 Words* with fellow DePauw graduate, Barbara Melum Carnal. The two renewed an old friendship and, as a result of their mutual love of words, discovered a challenging word game.

Victoria A. Rebeck (G-ETS 1989) has been appointed director of provisional member and deacon ministry development, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, effective April 8, 2013. Rebeck will administer the professional certification program in specialized areas of ministry and provide counsel to participants, annual conferences, colleges, and seminars on certification studies and the certification process. She will also work on providing formation events for commissioned deacons, assisting in developing and planning continuing education events and retreats, as well as professional development and spiritual growth for deacons, diaconal ministers, and clergy.

Christal M. Bindrich (G-ETS 2000) published a book titled, *Take the plunge: A case for committing to intuition, dreams*. The book provides a personal testimony into precognition, intuition, and life after death to offer peace of mind about the afterlife and awaken others to make their own spiritual breakthroughs.

Steve Trefz (G-ETS 2005) has been awarded the Journal of Ministry Excellence Award by the board of directors of the Association of Doctor of Ministry Education for his recently completed D.Min. thesis, “‘Picturing’ Lay Ministry: Photovoice and Participatory Group Spiritual Gifts Assessment.”

Matthew Charlton (G-ETS 2011) has been awarded a grant from the Louisville Institute’s Pastoral Study Grant program. He was selected from a highly competitive pool of applicants to work on a joint project titled “The Flourishing Life: Practicing Divine Wisdom.” The project is based around themes derived from the biblical wisdom literature with the intention of illuminating neglected or misunderstood biblical resources for the spiritual health and wholeness of individuals and the church.

Chris Quick (G-ETS 2011) was elected State’s Attorney for Lawrence County, Illinois. He ran on a platform of bringing methamphetamine under control, reducing the number of out of county prisoners, and saving the taxpayers money.

In Memoriam: Betsy Hendrickson, Life Trustee

Elizabeth “Betsy” Hendrickson, life trustee of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, died on March 6, 2013, at the age of 89. She was born in Rhinelander, Wisconsin on July 12, 1923. She received a bachelor’s degree in chemistry at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

On June 14, 1947, after finishing graduate school at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., Betsy married Philip Hendrickson, who was in his last semester at Harvard Business School. Together they formed a loving, giving team. She and Phil moved to Green Bay in 1950 where they raised a family of three children, made lasting friendships and made significant contributions to the community as volunteers and philanthropists.

Hendrickson was active in many community service organizations and received many awards for her volunteer service. Elected to Garrett-Evangelical’s board of trustees in 1986, she served faithfully until 1998, when she retired and was elected a life trustee.

In 1994, her passion for theological education led the Hendricksons to establish the Philip and Elizabeth Hendrickson Endowed M.Div. Scholarship and the Philip and Elizabeth Hendrickson Endowed Ph.D. Scholarship, making it possible for two students to follow their calls to ministry.

Betsy is survived by her husband of 65 years, Philip; son, Scott (Jan) Hendrickson of Port Washington, and daughter Sara (Chris) Fortune of Madison. She is also survived by six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.
In Memoriam

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

1940s


**Lloyd G. Lafler**, GBI 1944, Anaheim, California, died on February 12, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Hannah, and two daughters.

**Masako Niimi**, GBI 1949, Nagoya, Japan, died on January 25, 2013. She is survived by her husband, Yoshiro, and three daughters.

1950s

**Charles Birchmier**, GBI 1956, Marion, Iowa, died on February 11, 2013. He is survived by three children.

**Kendall W. Cowing**, GBI 1955, Charlotte, North Carolina, died on February 4, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Della, and five children.

**Warren R. Ebinger**, ETS 1954, Gaithersburg, Maryland, died on January 6, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and three children.

**Verner William Falk**, GBI 1959, Cincinnati, Ohio, died on December 28, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and four children.

**Earl D. Martin**, GBI 1955, Lynchburg, Virginia, died on February 22, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, and three children.

**Donald H. Thomson**, ETS 1954, Holt, Michigan, died on February 26, 2011. He is survived by his wife, Vergelee, and four children.

**Maxine V. Williams**, GBI 1959, Watertown, South Dakota, died on January 31, 2013. She is survived by her sisters, Ruth, Grace, and Pauline.

1960s

**Warren D. Light**, GTS 1967, Mantua, New Jersey, died on October 8, 2012. He is survived by three children.

1970s

**Susan Adams**, GTS 1970, Carmel, California, died on March 17, 2013. She is survived by three children.

**Calvin G. Daniels**, GTS 1970, Hines, Minnesota, died on January 26, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and four children.

**Charles D. Grauer**, GTS 1971, DeWitt, Michigan, died on April 3, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, and three children.

**Arlene R. Haney**, G-ETS, Evanston, Illinois, died on March 22, 2013. She is survived by five children.

1980s

**Karen T. Ebert**, G-ETS 1989, Wausau, Wisconsin, died on March 27, 2013. She is survived by her parents, Peter and Beverly, her husband, Wesley, and two children.

**Nancy G. Sparks**, CSS 1988, White Pine, Michigan, died on March 4, 2013. She is survived by her husband, Wayne, four children, and four stepchildren.

Other Deaths

**Natalie Closson**, administrative secretary at ETS and G-ETS, died on February 2, 2013. She is survived by two children.

Distinguished Alum Award Nominations for 2014

Each year, two Garrett-Evangelical graduates are selected to receive Distinguished Alum Awards. One is given to a Garrett-Evangelical alum who graduated more than 25 years ago and a second award honors a Garrett-Evangelical alum who graduated 25 years ago or less. Nominees should embody the principles of Christian service in effective ministry and be graduates of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary or one of its parent bodies (Garrett, Evangelical, or Chicago Training School).

**Nominations must be received by June 30, 2013**

Awards will be presented at commencement of the following year. Persons previously nominated will be considered and will not require a second nomination to insure their consideration.

A nomination form is available at www.garrett.edu...Alums and Friends...Distinguished Alums. Or contact Betty Campbell at Elizabeth.Campbell@garrett.edu or 847.866.3971.
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-Rev. Sarai Case

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-Bishop Zothan Mawia

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