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 alumni serve church and society around the world.
As classes were beginning this fall, we were privileged to have retired Bishops Ken Carder and Wayne Clymer on campus. Bishop Carder was the lecturer for our Academic Convocation and Bishop Clymer preached in chapel (www.garrett.edu/videos). What a joy it was to have these two wise and thoughtful leaders joining our community, if only for a few days.

I will always remember one particular anecdote shared by one of our graduates, who was a student at Evangelical Theological Seminary during the years that Bishop Clymer served as president on the Naperville campus. The story is that one afternoon a student came to then President Clymer’s office and said, “I need some help. I have never gone on a pastoral visit, and soon I will be appointed as a pastor of a congregation. Can you share with me how this is best done? What do I say? What should I do?” President Clymer looked at the student and said, “Grab your coat; let’s go and make a visit.” Then the two were off to visit a resident of a retirement community where the mentor modeled for the young seminarian how to go about a pastoral visit.

What a gift to have had these two bishops sharing and modeling their ministries for us. I have similar stories I could share about Bishop Carder. Both men are more than talkers and theorists—they are grab-your-coat theologians who over the years have helped the church practice what it preaches.

Recently, I saw another example of this when Dr. Jean C. Murphy decided she would celebrate her milestone birthday by completing 65 acts of spontaneous kindness. Her witness was then adopted by Second Baptist Church of Evanston and St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Parish. These two houses of worship worked together in an “Acts of Kindness Passing It On” ceremony, during which they pledged to participate in the Spontaneous Acts of Kindness Initiative. Couple this drive to action with a sermon preached by Dr. Dean Francis, pastor at Evanston First United Methodist, entitled “The Domino Effect,” in which he talked about the ways our acts of kindness and generosity have a multiplier effect. As Dr. Francis suggests, we can be the “pushers of Good News” in a world so full of anger and fear.

So, how does this active faith inspire works in the Garrett-Evangelical community? Well, we are entering a time of celebrating our 160th anniversary as an institution. You will be invited to the festivities ahead. There will be laughter, music, fine preaching, and good lectures. We will be remembering 160 great leaders who are a part of our legacy as a school (see page 15). You will be asked to make a special financial contribution during this celebration to help strengthen and sustain the seminary far into the future.

I have one other request—a request that is modeled by Bishop Clymer, Bishop Carder, and Dr. Murphy. It is this—let’s celebrate our 160th by noting at least 160 acts of kindness in the next year. There is a place on our website to post your brief one-paragraph stories of Grab-Your-Coat Theology, of faith in action, of being pushers of the Good News and for the common good.

Grab your coat! Let’s go!
The 2011-2012 Annual Report

We offer our heartfelt thanks to the 1,577 alums, 1,201 friends, 74 churches, 51 trustees, 26 corporations, 20 estates, and 15 foundations who supported Garrett-Evangelical in the 2011-12 fiscal year (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012). As stewards of this support, we have moved the Honor Roll of Donors online—a significant savings in printing and paper costs. We invite you to view the Honor Roll at www.garrett.edu/honorroll.

The $5.5 million received in gifts enabled Garrett-Evangelical to:

- educate more than 400 future Christian leaders;
- provide scholarship assistance totaling $2.3 million to deserving students;
- send 69 graduates into the world as pastors, deacons, Christian educators, and chaplains;
- make much needed repairs to the main building tower;
- hire two new faculty members to teach Sociology of Religion and Moral and Public Theology;
- expand the number of online courses offered;
- enhance continuing education opportunities for church leaders;
- add $3.1 million to the endowment;
- surpass the $70 million mark in the seminary’s $100 million capital campaign.

We are grateful for your support, and we invite you to help us again this year fulfill our mission of preparing bold Christian leaders for the church, the academy, and the world.

Development Office Summary

Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Gift Sources and Totals

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Forging Our Future: Phase Three Campaign Update

As the new school year began, faculty and students gave thanks for what Forging Our Future: Phase Three has already made possible: a new state-of-the-art classroom in Loder Hall as well as wonderful lounge areas, dining areas, kitchen facilities, and residential rooms with private baths. Faculty and library staff celebrated new offices and conference rooms in Stead Hall, and students celebrated additional scholarship support through new endowed scholarships. Faculty and students alike celebrated having the entire library collection in the main building and having an inviting reception area to welcome guests to campus.

Yes, much has already been accomplished in the seminary’s capital campaign, and the Garrett-Evangelical community is extremely grateful for the 14,153 individuals, churches, foundations, and corporations who have given $70.4 million toward the $100 million goal. These gifts have strengthened the seminary’s unrestricted endowment, enhanced the seminary’s living and learning facilities, and equipped the seminary to better prepare bold Christian leaders for many years to come.

However, much still remains to be done. With $30 million yet to be raised, Garrett-Evangelical hopes to:

• receive an additional $13.2 million in unrestricted campaign gifts;
• receive an additional $9.5 million in endowed scholarships;
• fully endow the Rueben Job Chair in Spiritual Formation;
• fully endow a chair in Global Christianity and World Religions;
• fully endow a chair in Methodist/Wesleyan Studies;
• endow some of the seminary’s distinctive programs (such as the library, the Church and the Black Experience, youth ministry, and the Plus program);
• Continue to upgrade the seminary facilities and address deferred maintenance issues.

If you share Garrett-Evangelical’s commitment to preparing bold Christian leaders, we invite your participation in the seminary’s Forging Our Future: Phase Three campaign. Gifts for any of the above goals are welcome and can be made as outright gifts, pledges over a five-year period, or planned gift commitments. Many naming opportunities are available for those who would like to leave a legacy or honor a loved one. For more information, contact David Heetland, vice president for development, at 847.866.3970.

The $100 Million Endowment Campaign for Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Update as of June 30, 2012

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In May of 2009, the graduating classes of Garrett Biblical Institute (GBI) and Evangelical Theological Seminary (ETS) celebrated their 50-year reunion by returning to Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary for commencement. One of these alums was David H. Koss, a 1959 graduate of ETS who had not returned to the seminary since his graduation. Koss participated in reunion activities, including senior chapel, a special dinner with trustees and old friends, and commencement at First United Methodist Church in Evanston. He also heard a presentation on Garrett-Evangelical’s Forging Our Future: Phase Three campaign and learned more about the seminary’s long-term goals. He was so moved by his experience that he revised his estate plans when he returned home and made major changes in the disposition of his assets.

After celebrating 75 years of life, Koss passed away in a hospital near his home in Jacksonville, Illinois on July 23, 2011. Shortly thereafter, with surprise and gratitude, the seminary learned that Koss had designated a $500,000 unrestricted bequest to Garrett-Evangelical.

Born and raised in Barrington, Illinois, Koss earned a B.A. from North Central College and a B.D. from Evangelical Theological Seminary. He also earned a Th.M. from Princeton Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. from Northwestern University. Koss grew up in the Evangelical United Brethren, later the United Methodist Church, and was an ordained Presbyterian minister.

For five years, Koss served as a United Methodist pastor in Earlville, Illinois before accepting the position of associate professor of religion at Illinois College in 1972. He reflected fondly upon his time as a pastor, but Koss found his home in academia. In 1991, just a few years after being promoted to professor of religion and philosophy (1985), Koss was installed as the Scarborough Professor of Religion and Philosophy, becoming only the fifth person to occupy this distinguished chair since its endowment in 1924. Koss was twice awarded the Harry Joy Dunbaugh Classroom Teaching Award, the highest teaching award given at Illinois College. It was not uncommon that his courses entitled “Religion in America” and “Renaissance and Reformation” would draw crowds, leaving Koss with over a hundred students per semester. Koss also served as the Illinois College organist. Koss was known for his passion and expertise in genealogy, which he approached with uncompromising scholarship. His research led to numerous published articles, including “Unscrambling the German-American Churches” in the Winter 1984 edition of Palatine Immigrant.

Koss enjoyed traveling to Europe to nurture his interests in history, theology, genealogy, and music. Over his lifetime, he and his long-time friends from Jacksonville, Illinois, Rudy and Sharon Zuiderveld, shared many domestic and international travel experiences. His fondest travel memories included his time of research at the Marburg State Archives in Germany and his road trip from Illinois.

Koss’s faith was not merely an academic exercise, but a central aspect of his life and identity. He held a deep faith, which brought him to active worship and service at First Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, where he shared his pastoral leadership, teaching, and study. He regularly attended three studies each week and co-led a contemporary theology class on Sunday mornings.

Shortly after Koss’s visit to Garrett-Evangelical, he decided to include the seminary in his will. His friend, Rudy Zuiderveld, said that David was impressed with the seminary and its strategic vision for the future and, therefore, had decided to remember the seminary in his will. The Zuidervelds were named co-executors of his estate and worked gladly and carefully to fulfill Koss’s wishes. The Zuidervelds also gave Koss’s extensive library of journals and pamphlets from his Evangelical United Brethren collection to Garrett-Evangelical’s library. Speaking of her dear friend, Sharon Zuiderveld wrote of David, “His mild manner and deference to friends belied his strong convictions and scholarship, even in his retirement.”

If, like David Koss, you have a commitment to strengthening the church, we invite your participation in the seminary’s Forging Our Future: Phase Three campaign. Outright gifts, pledges, and planned gift commitments are all welcome. For more information, contact David Heetland, vice president for development at 847.866.3971 or david.heetland@garrett.edu.
Garrett-Evangelical Welcomes Six New Trustees

Garrett-Evangelical announces the addition of six new members to its board of trustees: Kevin Armstrong, Sally Dyck, Tracy Smith Malone, Dorinda Pounds, Tom Scott, and Julius Trimble.

Kevin Armstrong is an ordained elder in the Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church. He served as senior pastor at North United Methodist Church in Indianapolis for more than 12 years. He has published a book with L. Gregory Jones on the work of a pastor entitled, Resurrecting Excellence: Shaping Faithful Christian Ministry (Pulpit and Pew). President Amerson remarks that Armstrong is one of the more remarkable pastors he has had the privilege of knowing.

In January 2012, Armstrong was named the president of the Methodist Health Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Indiana University Health Methodist Hospital. He was chosen for his qualities of leadership, understanding of relationships, and ability to bring about transformational change.

Armstrong is a graduate of DePauw University, where he earned a degree in political science (1982), and Duke Divinity School, where he earned his master of divinity (1985). Armstrong is married to Nancy Armstrong, director of finance and resource consultant at the Indianapolis Center for Congregations. They have one daughter, Jenna, a doctor of philosophy student at Michigan State University.

Sally Dyck, ordained in 1981, was consecrated as a bishop in 2004 and assigned to lead the Minnesota Area of the Church beginning in September of that year. She was assigned to the Northern Illinois Conference in 2012.

Before going to Minnesota, Bishop Dyck served as an elder in the East Ohio Conference, where she was a pastor and a district superintendent. She served on the board of directors for the General Board of Global Ministries from 1999 to 2004, chairing the personnel committee. She was a jurisdictional delegate six times and a General Conference delegate four times. In 2006, she was elected to the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches.

She received theological training from Boston University School of Theology (master of divinity, 1978), University of Geneva/World Council of Churches (graduate certificate, 1978); and United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio (doctor of ministry, Black Church Studies, 1989). Her upbringing in a Mennonite home instilled in her the understanding that personal piety is inextricably woven to peace and justice advocacy.

She has been married to the Rev. Kenneth Ehrman, a United Methodist elder, since 1976. The two have traveled the globe together by plane, bicycle, and on foot.

Tracy Smith Malone has served as the district superintendent of the Southern District of the Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church since June 2011. She is a graduate of North Central College (bachelor of arts), Garrett-Evangelical (master of divinity), and United Theological Seminary (doctor of ministry). Malone has been a successful pastor in diverse settings, including Wesley United Methodist Church in Aurora, Illinois; Southlawn United Methodist Church in Chicago; and most recently as senior pastor at Gary United Methodist Church in Wheaton, Illinois.

Malone’s experience in the church spans conference, jurisdictional, and general church roles. She has shared her gifts as an adjunct professor at Northern Theological Seminary in Lombard, Illinois, and has
served on The United Methodist Church’s General Board of Church and Society. She is a member of the board of directors for General Commission on Religion and Race for The United Methodist Church.

Malone was the first clergyperson elected as delegate from the Northern Illinois Conference for The United Methodist Church’s 2012 General Conference and served as clergy chair of the delegation. She is chair of the board of visitors for the Center for the Church and the Black Experience at Garrett-Evangelical.

Malone brings to the board of trustees a high commitment to theological education and a love for Garrett-Evangelical. She is an advocate for diversity of thought and participation in the life of the church at all levels of ministry.

Malone and her husband, Derrick, a State Farm Insurance agent, are proud parents of their two daughters, Alexis and Ashley.

**Dorinda Pounds**

is president and founder of Midwest Contractors, Inc. in Cedar Falls, Iowa, a Heavy Highway Construction company which repairs roads throughout Iowa. Since its inception in 1994, her company has received various recognitions and awards, including the “First Place Safety Excellence Award” from the Associated General Contractors of America.

Pounds and her husband, Tom, who is retired from his work as human resources director of Black Hawk County, are very active members of St. Timothy’s United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Having been acquainted with many Garrett-Evangelical alums, Pounds is particularly concerned about the indebtedness of seminary graduates. As a thoughtful and faithful person, she wants to ensure that the church has well-educated clergy who are not severely burdened by the expenses of their education.

Pounds brings with her strong knowledge about higher education, including serving for several years as a board member of Upper Iowa University. The Pounds have two daughters: one serves as director of diversity affairs and student programs and events at the University of Chicago, Booth School of Business, and the other is a doctor of veterinary medicine, owner of Oakwood Pet Clinic, PA in the Minneapolis area.

**Tom Scott** has 38 years of financial and actuarial management experience in the life and health insurance industry. He recently retired as senior vice president, Life and Group Operations, for CNA Insurance in Chicago, where he has been employed for the last nine years. Scott is a fellow of the Society of Actuaries and a member of the American Academy of Actuaries. Prior to his insurance career he spent five years as a Supply Corps officer in the United States Navy.

Scott is an active member at First United Methodist Church of Evanston, Illinois. He currently heads the capital campaign, is a member of the stewardship committee, and is a past chair of both the finance and the stewardship committees. He is a regular volunteer at the church soup kitchen, is one of the lay visitors to homebound members, and has led Disciple Bible study. His Methodist roots go back to his grandparents, Horace Greeley Smith and Edith Gorsuch Smith. Horace Greeley Smith was a Methodist pastor in the Chicago area and president of Garrett Biblical Institute from 1932 to 1953.

Scott’s philanthropic spirit has led him to prepare tax returns for the working poor through Ladder Up in Chicago, to serve as a board member of Youth Organizations Umbrella (YOU) in Evanston, Illinois, and as an English as a Second Language tutor in Chicago.

Scott and Maryellen, his wife of 43 years, reside in Evanston, Illinois, and have two grown children.
Julius Trimble has served as the resident bishop of the Iowa Area of The United Methodist Church since 2008. Trimble’s passion for ministry began early in his life when he attended Christ United Methodist Church in Chicago, where he was active in Methodist Youth Fellowship, Young Life Urban Ministries, and United Methodist camping. He answered the call to preach at age 16, served as the president of the youth fellowship, became a certified lay speaker as a teen, and was elected a local church lay leader by the age of 24.

Bishop Trimble was ordained as a deacon in The United Methodist Church in 1982 and an elder in full connection in 1985. Prior to being elected bishop, Trimble served as senior pastor of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Warrensville Heights, Ohio. He also served churches in Cleveland and Chicago and was superintendent of the Cleveland District from 1996-2003. Trimble also served the church as a member of the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Board of Church and Society of the East Ohio Conference.

Trimble is a graduate of Illinois State University, where he earned a degree in sociology (1976). He earned his master of divinity degree from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (1983) and his doctor of ministry degree from Ashland Theological Seminary (1999). Bishop Trimble continues to be a strong advocate for education and social justice.

Trimble and his wife of 33 years, Racelder, have three children: Cameron, Candiace, and Julius Thomas.

“Various circumstances required that I wear my collared shirt before this past Friday, but I can tell you with certainty that when I put it on this past Sunday morning, I felt a little different, a little more comfortable and a little less comfortable, a little more empowered and a little less powerful, a little stronger and a little more vulnerable, a little prouder and a little humbler.”

This is an excerpt from one of my blogs during my six-week immersion experience at Seth Mokitimi Methodist Seminary (SMMS) in South Africa this summer. Prior to this summer, I had never worn a clerical collar. Actually, I had a significant aversion to the very thought of doing so, even though I am pursuing ordination as a deacon in The United Methodist Church. And then my new community at SMMS held a collaring ceremony for me. I had no idea what this meant, but with the encouragement, excitement, and support of my new friends, I stood in a foreign land and accepted the grace and call from God that I had heard a hundred times before in a new and life-altering way.

I never saw my adventure to South Africa as a mission trip or a class. It was not simply something I needed to do to fulfill a graduation requirement. I didn’t know what to expect, but, you see, the last thing I expected to learn from my South African brothers and sisters was that they were now trusting me and sending me out into my ministry. Being collared is not about status, access, or power. It is about letting go of those things and binding ourselves to the One who has called us and sends us as humble servants in the world. This is what my South African community requires of me now. I am forever grateful.

Please feel free to read about more of my experience in South Africa on my blog.

Master of Divinity Student, Emily Lutz, South African Journey

A Dreamer’s Adventures in Ministry Blog
www.emilynlutz.wordpress.com
Cynthia Wilson has assumed the role as dean of students at Garrett-Evangelical. During the 2011-2012 academic year, Wilson served as interim dean of students. During that time, she worked closely with the seminary’s student body in creating a space for intentional community among diverse theological convictions and social perspectives. She has found, and continues to find, creative ways of providing support for the seminary’s students and their families.

“The Garrett-Evangelical tradition of having excellent leadership in the area of student life continues with the appointment of Cynthia Wilson as dean of students,” said President Philip Amerson. “Last year, working as interim dean she demonstrated her wisdom, imagination, and care for students. It is a joy to have her playing this significant role.”

Wilson is an ordained deacon in The United Methodist Church and a member of the Kansas West Annual Conference. She has received degrees from Dillard University and Southern Methodist University Perkins School of Theology. Presently, Wilson is completing her dissertation and is working towards a doctor of philosophy in liturgical studies and theology from Garrett-Evangelical. “Garrett-Evangelical has been on the cutting edge of theological education for decades. My journey here as a student has been invigorating! As a new member of the staff, I am honored to join such a visionary team,” said Wilson.

In addition to her role as the dean of students, Wilson brings the gift of music to the seminary. As an award-winning singer, she has performed all over the world, including Carnegie Hall and the Washington National Cathedral. She is committed to keeping God’s Word alive through biblically and theologically sound music that raises an awareness of the issues of justice, love, and liberation. Her work as a consultant to local churches and ministries in the areas of liturgy and sacred music has helped to produce the Songs of Zion (1981) and Zion Still Sings! For Every Generation (2007). Both of these United Methodist Publishing House worship resources fitly represent the ethos and pathos of indigenous Black church music and continue to enrich worship in the twenty-first century.

Eberhart brings a wealth of ministerial and educational experience. His unique role will serve the seminary and beyond. “I understand my vocation to exist in the spaces in between the academy, church, and public square,” states Eberhart. “In my teaching and scholarship, I seek to serve the mission of the church for the sake of the world God so loves. I am thrilled to be part of a seminary community that has long held together a holistic Wesleyan focus upon personal and congregational piety, social justice, and a faith that seeks critical understanding.”

Eberhart also serves as Garrett-Evangelical’s representative for the newly formed Seminary Stewardship Alliance (SSA), a consortium of schools dedicated to reconnecting Christians with the biblical call to care for God’s creation. Eberhart will assist in Garrett-Evangelical’s effort to meet SSA’s goal for member seminaries to teach, preach, live, inspire, and hold each other accountable for good stewardship practices.

Eberhart earned his bachelor of arts degree in religion from St. Olaf College, where he graduated magna cum laude, his master of divinity degree from the Divinity School at Vanderbilt University, and doctor of philosophy degree from Vanderbilt University. He has taught courses on ethics and theology at Garrett-Evangelical and in local church settings. Eberhart is an ordained elder in the Dakotas Conference of The United Methodist Church and has served on various boards and committees of The United Methodist Church as well as other community-based organizations.
Garrett-Evangelical is pleased to announce the appointment of Karla Kincannon as director of field education and the vocational formation and church leadership (VCFL) program. Since July 2011, Kincannon has been serving as the interim director of these programs. She has also been serving as Garrett-Evangelical’s artist-in-residence since 2010. In the last year, Kincannon has introduced numerous activities into the VFCL program to encourage creative expression through various mediums.

“After a nationwide search, the committee determined that Kincannon was the exceptional leader we were seeking to guide the critical program at the center of our internship and vocational exploration curriculum,” said President Philip Amerson. Her previous experiences as a campus minister, pastor, lecturer, adjunct professor, and artist have given her a wide skill set to utilize in her new position.

Kincannon received her master of divinity degree from Garrett-Evangelical, where she is currently pursuing her doctor of ministry degree. She is an ordained elder in the Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church and has served in numerous positions within the denomination. She is the director of SpiritArt Ministries, which seeks to educate individuals, groups, and institutions about the tools and movements of the spiritual life by employing creativity as a tool for inner growth. Kincannon has also contributed to various United Methodist publications and is the author of Creativity and Divine Surprise: Finding the Place of Your Resurrection (Upper Room, 2005). You can learn more about Rev. Kincannon’s work with SpiritArt Ministries and see examples of some of her artwork at www.karlakincannon.com.

Beginning October 2012, Angela Cowser was appointed assistant professor of sociology and director of the Center for the Church and the Black Experience (CBE). Cowser will concentrate on building a strong financial and programmatic foundation for CBE. An experienced fundraiser, Cowser has previously worked with The Industrial Areas Foundation, a national community organizing network; The Fund for Theological Education; and Lilly Endowment, and will aim to leverage these strengths on CBE’s behalf. Partnering with the CBE faculty at Garrett-Evangelical, Cowser will continue to explore relevant issues for the Black church and our communities. “My aim in directing CBE will be to find joyful and creative ways of working toward justice. CBE is a great vehicle to show faithfulness to Jesus. Whether it is fundraising, teaching, or building programs, it is all about expressing faithfulness to Jesus by working toward justice.”

“I am extremely excited to welcome Angela to Garrett-Evangelical,” stated President Philip Amerson. “Her vision for CBE is inspiring, and we all are anxious to see her successes in the coming years. Her remarkable gifts as director will be a great compliment to her instruction in the classroom.” Having recently completed her dissertation at Vanderbilt University, Cowser will also serve as assistant professor of sociology. “Teaching at Garrett-Evangelical and directing CBE is a great vocational opportunity for me,” said Cowser. “I am excited to join such a distinguished faculty and look forward to working with them.”

Cowser received her bachelor of arts in political science in 1982, a master of arts in international relations from The University of Chicago in 1988, and a master of divinity from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 2006. She completed her doctor of philosophy in ethics and society in May of 2012 from the graduate department of religion at Vanderbilt University. She is the recipient of numerous fellowships, honors and awards including most recently, the William J. Fulbright Foreign Scholarship in 2009 and The Fund for Theological Education Doctoral Fellowship in 2006 through 2008.
Marjorie Eckhardt, assistant to the president and assistant secretary to the board of trustees, retired on October 31, 2012, after 19 years of service. After careers in secondary education and human resources, she joined the seminary in October 1993. She has served as assistant to three presidents—Neal Fisher, Ted Campbell, and the current president, Philip Amerson—and has worked with five board chairs, including the current chair, Jerre Stead.

At the trustee dinner held on May 10, 2012, Marge was presented with Garrett-Evangelical’s Eliza Garrett Service Award, recognizing her exceptional service on behalf of others. The award is presented in the name and spirit of Eliza Clark Garrett, chief benefactor in the founding of Garrett Biblical Institute, a predecessor institution of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. In her faithfulness, Eliza Garrett provided us with an enduring and inspiring example of the blessing that comes from placing service to others above providing for one’s own particular desires. Marge has exemplified that service. In presenting the award, President Amerson said, “Marge’s long hours of dedicated labor on behalf of students, alumni/ae, board members, staff, faculty, friends and the entire church are hereby celebrated. Our gratitude is deep and profound.”

Commenting on her retirement, Marge said, “The Garrett-Evangelical family has a rich heritage, and I will truly miss the people who have been friends and colleagues over these 19 years. In attending to the myriad details that help to support the president and the board, I hope I have in a small way enabled the seminary to carry forward its mission of preparing bold leaders for the church and the world.”

Marge and her husband, Royce, who reside in Wilmette, Illinois, are looking forward to relaxing and traveling in retirement.

Erin Moore, who will succeed Eckhardt, joined the seminary at the end of September. She majored in business administration and communications at Monmouth College and has a wide range of experience working as an executive assistant to several chief executive officers and boards.

Transition in the President’s Office

Eleven years ago, Garrett-Evangelical invited Catherine Kapikian, well-known liturgical fabric artist and theological professor, to lead our community in creating a work of art. Her design, created in consultation with faculty, students, staff, and administration is a 90-inch wide circle of needlepoint and painted wood. Its many colors represent the richness of our diversity. The central cross depicts our shared identity in Jesus Christ. Members and friends of our seminary have crafted 27 needlepoint canvases, now nearing completion!

We invite you to be part of this community effort through your financial support. Your donations will help us complete this ambitious work of art. Gifts will pay for blocking of the canvases (around $30 each), travel expenses for Kapikian to oversee painting of the wooden portion, and other expenses needed to put the artwork in its place outside of the president’s office on the second floor of the main building.

For further information about this project, please contact Ruth Duck at ruth.duck@garrett.edu or 847.866.3978. You may send your contribution to the attention of the development office, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, 2121 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL 60201.

Community Art Project Nears Completion
Raydean Davis, Bicyclist and Scholarship Fundraiser

An avid bicyclist at 71, Raydean Davis (GTS, 1967) was one of 15,000 to sign up to ride in the 2012 RAGBRAI—a 500 mile bicycle ride across Iowa. With as many as 15,000 others who jump in along the way and support persons of 5,000, the bicycle ride becomes a small city of 35,000 people moving across the state.

Davis approached the ride with typical energy and enthusiasm and grabbed the opportunity to raise funds to provide financial assistance to Garrett-Evangelical students. He asked family, friends, colleagues, and acquaintances to make pledges to cover a number of miles. Proceeds were designated for the C. Raydean Davis Scholarship at the seminary. More than 60 friends, colleagues, and churches sponsored the trip, and approximately $10,000 was raised to assist deserving seminary students.

At the end of his ride, Raydean shared a daily report with his supporters, thanking them and sharing with them the challenges and the joys of the adventure. He reported, “Day Seven: A Cloud of Witnesses. The last day was a 75-plus mile finish for the event. When we arrived in Clinton, it seemed the whole population was lining the streets to greet and cheer us. I did not feel I had done anything great by riding a bike across Iowa, but I got caught up in the festive atmosphere. After all, sometimes in life we all need a standing ovation. We were truly surrounded by a cloud of witnesses. It reminded me that, in my faith journey as well, I am surrounded by a cloud of witnesses...people and churches who are encouraging and cheering. “Of course it was just a bike ride, but my friends and supporters made it more! The $10,000 that we raised for Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary will be used as a scholarship for as long as it educates and trains ministers. I am sure the person receiving the help will realize that he/she is surrounded by a cloud of witness which we call the church. Thank you, church.”

You can read more about RAGBRAI at www.ragbrai.com.

Distinguished Alum Award Nominations for 2014

Honoring Garrett-Evangelical graduates who exemplify outstanding service in ministry

Each year, one award 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 Theological Seminary, Evangelical Theological Seminary, or Chicago Training School). Candidates for these awards may be nominated by graduates, faculty, and friends of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. A variety of ministry settings will be considered.

Join us in celebrating our talented alums by nominating a colleague for his/her distinguished service as leader, scholar, pastor, counselor, or in any other form of ministry.

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

A nomination form is available at www.garrett.edu... Alums and Friends...Resources for Alumni/ae. You can also obtain a form by contacting Betty Campbell at Elizabeth.Campbell@garrett.edu or 847.866.3971. Nominations are accepted by e-mail, fax, or by U.S. mail at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary 2121 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL  60201.  Nominations must be received by June 30, 2013.
In Memoriam

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

1940s

Donald F. LaSuer, GBI 1947, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, died on August 26, 2012. He is survived by his son, Craig.

C. Samuel Overmyer, ETS 1943, Wakarusa, Indiana, died on August 25, 2005. He is survived by his three daughters.

Lyndon Schendel, ETS 1945, North Oaks, Minnesota, died on July 28, 2012. He is survived by his four daughters.

Lloyd P. Foster, GBI 1950, Janesville, Wisconsin, died on September 9, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Myrtle.

David J. Graff, ETS 1951, Missoula, Montana, died on September 16, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Laura.

Keith L. Griffith, ETS 1953, Lincoln, Nebraska, died on August 29, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Luella.

Charles B. Milburn, GBI 1959, Irwin, Pennsylvania, died on July 4, 2012. He is survived by his niece, Susan.

1950s

Owen E. Miller, ETS 1953, Freeport, Illinois, died on August 3, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Betty.

James Freddie Remley, GBI 1958, Mt. Lake Park, Maryland, died on January 9, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Jo Ann.

Darrell D. Sample, GBI 1954, Rockford, Illinois, died on July 30, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Patricia.

Ernest R. Twigg, GBI 1951, Pasadena, Maryland, died on July 29, 2012. He is survived by his daughter and two sons.

Gladys S. Twigg, GBI 1951, Pasadena, Maryland, died on June 14, 2012. She is survived by her daughter and two sons.

Leon V. Wallace, GBI 1956, Ankeny, Iowa, died on August 5, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Lorna.

1960s

Jane Hamilton Cooper, GTS 1963, Wichita, Kansas, died on August 9, 2012. She is survived by her husband, Harold.

1970s

R.A. Pegram, GTS 1970, Greensboro, North Carolina, died on August 26, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Melba.

1990s

Arthur David M. Heemer, G-ETS 1993, Indianapolis, Indiana, died on October 1, 2012. He is survived by his daughter, Toni.

2000s

Harry T. Cook (GTS 1964) recently published his eighth book: Long Live Salvation By Works: A Humanist Manifesto (Polebridge Press). He will begin a lecture tour through several states in Fall 2012 to discuss the book with audiences.

Lindsay R. Graham (G-ETS 2009) was named director of institutional research at Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, WV. In her new role, Lindsay will collect, analyze, report, and warehouse both quantitative and qualitative data specific to the college.

Amee Paparella (G-ETS 2009) was hired as the director and organizer for Women’s Advocacy at the General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church. The position is part of the Board’s Louise and Hugh Moore Population Project, whose mission is to work with and on behalf of women around the globe by advocating for the passage of just domestic and international policies.

James W. Hancock, GTS 1963, Knoxville, Illinois, died on September 20, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Minerva.

Michael W. Hurt, GTS 1968, Frisco, Texas, died on February 3, 2012.


Barbara R. Greicar, G-ETS 2004, Chicago, Illinois, died on September 7, 2012. She is survived by her husband, Gary.
In 2013, Garrett-Evangelical will celebrate 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 year. These stories will be shared on the seminary’s website and various publications in 2013 and beyond.

To nominate a Garrett-Evangelical alum who has provided exceptional leadership or innovation in his or her ministry, please complete the nomination form online at www.garrett.edu/160Leaders.

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.

www.Garrett.edu/160Years

160 Alums Nomination Form

Nominee: ____________________________  Graduation Year: ____________

Address: ____________________________  City: ________________  State: _____  Zip: _______

Phone: ____________________________  Email: ________________________________

Please describe the basis for this nomination. Illustrate as fully as possible the qualities, achievements, service, and leadership which support your nomination. Please attach additional biographical information if possible.

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Nominator’s Name: ____________________________  Date: _______________

Address: ____________________________  City: ________________  State: _____  Zip: _______

Email: ________________________________  Phone: ________________________
Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary is pleased to announce the establishment of the Rueben Job Institute for Spiritual Formation. The Institute was developed by the faculty of Garrett-Evangelical as a new initiative for continuing education in spiritual formation. In addition, the Institute has established unique partnerships with Hearts on Fire: United Methodist Spiritual Directors and Retreat Leaders, as well as A Covenant Community of Spiritual Directors.

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The Institute is named in honor of retired United Methodist Bishop Rueben Job (ETS 1957). Bishop Job has written extensively on Christian spirituality, and his book *Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living* is widely used across the church. “The creation of the Rueben Job Institute for Spiritual Formation brings great pleasure and delight,” said Bishop Job. “Garrett-Evangelical’s commitment to spiritual formation studies is to be commended, and I am pleased to know others will have this viable resource in the future.”

With over 25 years of leadership in the field of spiritual formation, Garrett-Evangelical continues to be at the forefront of spiritual formation studies. The seminary currently offers a United Methodist Professional Certification in Spiritual Formation, which was formally adopted by the denomination in 2000, and spiritual formation/direction specializations throughout its degree programs. In addition, the seminary is currently seeking funds to endow the Rueben P. Job Chair in Spiritual Formation. This endowed chair in spiritual formation will be among the first established in any Protestant seminary.

The Institute’s website will serve as a resource for those participating in the online courses offered by the institute. The first class, The Art of Mediation, will begin in January 2013. To learn more, visit the Institute’s website today.