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Remembering Distinguished Alum, Bishop Rueben P. Job (1928-2015)

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.
Our Students: Great Hope for the Church and the World!

Grace and peace to you. We have come through the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, seasons of anticipation, of recognition, and of experiencing again the reason for our Christian hope. Even so, the world still “lays in sin and error pining.” We grieve racial violence in our country, religiously motivated violence around the world, and the conditions under which young girls can become “suicide bombers.” Sadly, it goes on and on. Our inability to deal with the differences among us spawns an unending inhumanity against humanity.

Many of us find ourselves identifying with the father in the Gospel of Mark when he says to Jesus, “I have faith; help my lack of faith” (Mark 9: 23-24, CEB).

As Christians we are called to maintain hope in the face of adversities. We are called to spread the Good News of God’s grace and love, to live and work so that God’s grace and love may be manifest, and to believe that God will bring transformation to the world.

Our work here is focused on preparing persons who will bear witness to the Light of the world, who will proclaim our reason for hope, and who will lead change that can make a difference. This issue of Aware will inspire you anew, as it did me. In addition to celebrating the life and many gifts of Bishop Rueben P. Job, we also feature students preparing for various ministries. Many arrived on campus having already engaged in significant service work, and even one with 20 years experience as a Lutheran pastor! Their passion and commitment are cause for rejoicing. They are themselves inspired by the work of our graduates. You are one of the most compelling reasons they chose Garrett-Evangelical.

There are those called to the traditional congregational ministries, but combined with particular commitments, e.g., helping millennials find a place in the church for spiritual formation and practice or attending to mission concerns for housing needs and rural poverty. Our students are called to congregational pastoral care, psychotherapy, and hospital chaplaincy. They are called to collegiate ministry and teaching.

Students value their experience here. They appreciate being enriched and challenged by the diversity of our student body and faculty: the racial/ethnic/cultural multiplicity, the variety of theological perspectives, call, sexuality, nationalities, and the 35 denominations represented. The community found in worship, shared meals, and the classroom is sustaining to them. Students are inspired by faculty expertise, as well as by the mentoring care faculty provide. Students value our social justice legacy, and they are heartened by our engagement with the church and its struggles.

The seminary is strong. Last year, we received more than 12 million dollars toward our capital campaign goal of 100 million. We were awarded significant grants to enhance our teaching of preachers, to support the spiritual journeys and vocational discernment ministry of young Hispanic and Latino/a persons, and to build cultural competency in our students. Our enrollment is steady. A curriculum revision responsive to the needs of today’s church and world is underway. Our ties with the local church are being strengthened. We have increasing visibility in the Evanston community through anti-violence work with local police, through a community based public theology course in collaboration with the mayor’s office and the YMCA, and through sponsoring a Children’s Defense Fund Freedom School beginning in 2016. Our relationship with Northwestern is more vibrant with interfaith student service projects, participation in the Professional School of Continuing Studies, faculty ties with different departments, campus ministry, and more. And, we are engaged in creative partnership with Methodist Theological School of Ohio on environmental sustainability.

We have much to offer the world that is in desperate need of our gifts. Enjoy this issue, for it is the witness of your ministries and your support that make our effort possible. Thank you!
The Sprint that Turned into a Marathon

Jerre Stead’s Leadership Sets the Pace

When Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary publicly launched its Forging Our Future fundraising campaign back in October 2003 in honor of its 150th anniversary, a few people secretly wondered if the $35 million goal might be difficult to reach. Jerre Stead wasn’t one of them.

During his speech to the board of trustees, Stead, co-chair of the campaign and chair of the development committee, not only revealed the challenging $35 million goal, but also went on to promise an even more ambitious goal down the line. “When we reach this, we are going to raise our goal to $50 million,” he announced.

David Heetland, vice president for development at Garrett-Evangelical, remembered that he was stunned by the announcement. “Jerre came up to me after the speech and said, ‘David, I don’t know what possessed me to say that.’” “I don’t either,” Heetland replied.

Stead also announced in his speech that he and his wife, Mary Joy, intended to give a $1.2 million gift to the campaign. In earlier gifts to the seminary, they had funded the Jerre and Mary Joy Stead Center for Ethics and Values and the Jerre and Mary Joy Stead Chair of Christian Social Ethics. This gift, he said, would endow three full-tuition plus stipend scholarships for students at the seminary.

Just as Stead had expected, Garrett-Evangelical reached its $35 million goal three and a half years later in June 2006. Thanks to strong support from Garrett-Evangelical president, Ted Campbell, and alumni, friends, and trustees, Garrett-Evangelical was able to endow 50 leadership scholarships at the $400,000 level, endow three faculty chairs (Theology, Worship, Preaching), endow the preaching institute, and add $10 million to unrestricted endowment.

One month later, Philip Amerson became the new president of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and laid out his vision for the school. He envisioned an even stronger seminary and called for more scholarship support and a larger unrestricted endowment. In response to his vision, the board of trustees raised the fundraising goal to $60 million, $10 million more than Stead originally suggested. What was once considered a short sprint of a campaign was slowly becoming a marathon.

Phase Two was just as successful as Phase One. Garrett-Evangelical increased its number of leadership scholarships from 50 to 65 and increased commitments to unrestricted endowment to $24 million. Equally important, representatives from Garrett-Evangelical reached out to many alums as well as old and new friends to tell the seminary’s story and broaden awareness of Garrett-Evangelical’s leadership role in seminary education.

“Luckily, we reached our goal just as the economy was tanking,” Heetland said.

Phase Three

Stead, who in the meantime had become the chair of the board of trustees, was undeterred by the worst economy since the Great Depression. He stood up at the board meeting in October 2009 and said that Garrett-Evangelical needed to continue to run its fundraising race.

“We have reached our $60 million goal,” he said, “but we still have $19 million in deferred maintenance, we still need to provide more scholarship support, we still need to increase our unrestricted endowment, and we still need to endow more faculty positions.”
“Here is my proposal,” he continued. “Mary Joy and I will make an additional $5 million commitment to this campaign if the board as a whole matches our commitment and you raise the overall goal to $100 million.”

Not wanting to turn down a $5 million gift, the board voted unanimously to accept his challenge. The new goal was now almost three times the original amount.

Earnings from the Stead gift, earmarked for the seminary’s unrestricted endowment, helped to cover the costs of campus improvements, including the renovation of Loder and Lesemann Halls. Lesemann Hall was later renamed the Jerre and Mary Joy Stead Hall in honor of this gift.

By the time Amerson retired in December 2013, Garrett-Evangelical had raised a total of $76 million. The seminary was able to address much of the deferred maintenance, endow a faculty chair in spiritual formation, increase leadership scholarships from 65 to 80, and increase commitments to unrestricted endowment to $35 million.

The Final Lap

Lallene Rector took over as president of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in January 2014. By then, everyone involved realized that the Forging Our Future campaign had indeed turned into a marathon. The fourth and final lap had to be run by the new president.

Rector immediately started telling the story of Garrett-Evangelical and helping others understand what remained to be accomplished: increase the number of leadership scholarships from 80 to 100, endow more faculty chairs, increase commitments to the unrestricted endowment, and endow the seminary’s distinctive strengths, such as the seminary’s library and the Center for the Church and the Black Experience.

On October 23, 2014, exactly 11 years to the day that Stead announced the first $35 million campaign goal, Stead stood up again in front of the board of trustees and publicly kicked off Forging our Future: The Final Lap. He challenged the board members to play their role and finish the race by bringing the campaign to a successful conclusion before December 2017.

Once again setting the pace, Stead announced that he and his family planned to contribute another $9 million to the seminary’s unrestricted endowment. This commitment, the largest in the history of Garrett-Evangelical, will give the seminary the freedom to address future strategic goals and stay on the cutting edge of theological education. This brought the family’s total campaign gift to $15 million and brought the campaign total to $88 million.

“Through their giving, the Stead family has generously supported our four major goals—unrestricted support, scholarship support, faculty support, and program support,” Heetland said. “Additionally, Jerre has been an exceptional leader, motivating others to give and guiding us through the four phases of our campaign. We literally couldn’t have done it without him.”

“We try to give where we can make the most difference,” Stead said, explaining why he gives to the seminary. “We believe Garrett-Evangelical is making a big difference in preparing the kind of Christian leaders our churches and communities need.”

Garrett-Evangelical surpassed the $89 million mark on December 31, 2014. If you share the Steads’ belief that Garrett-Evangelical is making a big difference in preparing the kind of Christian leaders our churches and communities need, we hope you will join him and others in bringing this campaign to a successful conclusion. Every gift of every size is important and brings us closer to the $100 million goal. Outright gifts, pledges, and planned gift commitments are all welcome toward any of the four campaign goals: unrestricted endowment, endowed scholarship support, endowed faculty support, and endowed program support. For more information, contact David Heetland, vice president for development, at 847.866.3970 or david.heetland@garrett.edu.
Leonard Gaines

Hometown: Syracuse, New York

Home church: Bethany Baptist Church, Syracuse

Degree program: Doctor of philosophy

Other degrees: Bachelor of science in electrical engineering (Prairie View A & M University); master of arts in social sciences (Binghamton University); master of divinity (Phillips Theological Seminary); doctorate in higher education (Oklahoma State University)

My call to ministry: My call to ministry was influenced by reading about the life of the Rev. Dr. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., former pastor of the historic Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem, congressman, and civil rights leader. It was while reading his biography that I saw a man who was dedicated to eradicating racism, injustice, and social inequality in this nation. I wanted to be just like him in that he was used by God to effect change and to tear down barriers, often by unconventional means. Because I am passionate about areas that affect the lives of the poor and the disenfranchised, I have a particular concern about the moral issues of our day. This has led me to the study of theology and ethics.

Why I chose Garrett-Evangelical: I chose Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary for a variety of reasons. First, I was attracted to the mission statement of the seminary. It resonated with me and articulated beliefs that I could fully embrace. Second, I wanted to study under great thinkers such as Dr. Brent Waters and Dr. Stephen Ray. Reading their work provoked and challenged me. As a former assistant dean of institutional assessment, a major transition at this stage in my life required some critical decisions. Two visits to the campus convinced me that this was the place God wanted me to be. Finally, because I have an interest in bioethics, the location of Garrett-Evangelical could not have been more strategically placed in its proximity to centers for bioethics in this geographical region.

What has surprised me: My experience at Garrett-Evangelical so far has truly gone beyond my expectations. What has particularly surprised me has been the rigor of the Ph.D. program. There is a great amount of material to process in a short amount of time. Nevertheless, I have been challenged and stretched in my theology beyond imagination. I have found new colleagues who love God and who have compassion for the Church and the world. More important, I have found a place that is welcoming and that is aiding in my spiritual growth.

My future plans: I am drawn to teaching, chaplaincy, and the hospital setting, but, most important, I want to listen and be obedient and faithful to God’s call.

Allison Bevers

Hometown: Lindsay, Oklahoma

Home church: Lindsay United Methodist Church

Degree program: Master of divinity

Other degrees: Bachelor of arts degree in religion and a minor in public relations from Oklahoma City University.

My call to ministry: I received a call to ordained ministry in The United Methodist Church when I was on a fall retreat in my freshman year of high school.
I am passionate about reaching out to my generation—the millennial generation. I want to find out why they are not coming to church, and I want to change that, not so that we can secure the future of the church or have more people in pews, but because there is a generation of young people who are not hearing the good news of Christ and do not realize they are the beloved of God. That is heartbreaking to me.

**Why I chose Garrett-Evangelical:** I was interested in Garrett-Evangelical because I witnessed the kind of ministers the institution produces. I visited campus and immediately felt at home.

**What has surprised me:** I have been surprised by how different classes enrich each other. For instance, it is really interesting to consider things like Christian Public Worship in light of Church History and how theology developed. I also really enjoy the monthly breakfasts with Dr. Mark Fowler and other students in the congregational leadership program. Even though I am a first-year student, they have welcomed me as part of the family. For someone from the south who is far from family and friends, it has been an incredible source of comfort and support for me.

**My future plans:** My dream of ministry is to work in the local church. I am always brought to tears when I am asked to serve communion. I realize over and over again that I have been entrusted by God to share with God’s children the best news anyone could ever hear. For me, the place to do that is within the church community. This is where people gather for meals, for worship, for relationships, for service, for outreach to the world. It is a place that can have such positive influences on the world. I also think that The United Methodist Church is at a critical point in its history. I love the tradition and hymns and liturgy, but we can do more to reach out to millennials. We need to look honestly at where we are, where we want to be, and determine what needs to happen to get there.

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**Mollie Foster**

**Hometown:** Hutchinson, Kansas

**Home church:** First United Methodist Church, Leavenworth, Kansas

**Degree program:** Master of divinity

**Other degrees:** Bachelor of arts in liberal arts with a minor in leadership studies from Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas

**My call to ministry:** My call to ministry developed after I completed my undergraduate studies and was serving with the AmeriCorps program in Denver, Colorado, working with homeless youth in a transitional housing program. After completing my year of service, I answered my call to youth ministry. I served at First United Methodist Church in Leavenworth, Kansas, for over seven years. Despite my love for youth ministry, I could not ignore a persistent calling into ordination. I am passionate about inclusive congregational care to all ages and attending to the least, last, and lost.

**Why I chose Garrett-Evangelical:** I chose Garrett-Evangelical because of its progressive theology and diverse representation of voices. Being in the Chicago area provides an opportunity for me to learn in a different social context. I am certain that gaining a master of divinity degree at Garrett-Evangelical will aid in my calling to serve today and in the future.

**What has surprised me:** I am moved by the genuine care for student growth and church leadership from the professors and faculty of Garrett-Evangelical. I am grateful for my classmates and moved by their igniting and contagious passion to be bold leaders not only for the church, but for their communities and our world. I am in a constant state of knowing there is still more to learn! I am grateful to be here!

**My future plans:** I dream of becoming ordained as an elder in The United Methodist Church and answering my call to be a hospital chaplain or pastor in congregational care.
Woong Kee Kim

**Home country:** Republic of Korea

**Home church:** Manna Methodist Church in Seongnam, South Korea

**Degree program:** Master of divinity

**Other degrees:** Bachelor of business administration from Emory University Goizueta Business School

**My call to ministry:** At Emory, I met a great community at Journey Church of Atlanta. I learned a lot from them about what it is to be a true follower of Christ. Whenever I went back home to Korea, I became upset on seeing that my friends became lost in their journey with Christ when they went to college. I realized that it was hard for them to find a community that could keep them accountable. By comparing my faith journey in the States with what my friends were going through back at home, I learned the significance of community. Thus, I want to go back to Korea and provide the young people there with a strong church community that can keep them accountable throughout their walk with Christ.

**Why I chose Garrett-Evangelical:** My father is an alumnus of Garrett-Evangelical, and I lived here for about two years while he was studying. Even though I was very young and was at the seminary for a short period of time, Garrett-Evangelical and the Evanston area felt like home. Because I was planning to study for at least three years, I thought it would be nice to go to the place where I would feel most comfortable and welcomed.

**What has surprised me:** I was surprised by how much Garrett-Evangelical cares about social justice issues. Although I understood the importance of addressing social justice issues, I had never really focused on them before. I am glad that Garrett-Evangelical encouraged me to be more aware and active in this area.

**My future plans:** My dream is to be a full-time pastor who ministers to college students and young adults in Korea. However, my heart is open to further discernment during my seminary studies, and wherever God calls me, I will follow.

Christopher Beamsley

**Hometown:** Joliet, Illinois

**Home church:** St. John Lutheran Church (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America), Joliet

**Degree program:** Master of arts in pastoral care and counseling (clinical track)

**Other Degrees:** Bachelor of arts degree in religion and psychology from Augsburg College in Rock Island, Illinois; master of divinity degree from Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago.

**My call to ministry:** For the past twenty years, I have served as an ordained pastor, and it has been such a blessing to serve in this way. However, in the past few years, I knew that God was calling me to something different. It took a while to realize what God was up to, but with prayerful discernment (and the encouragement of my wife, family, and friends) I recognized that God was calling me “out” of the ordained ministry and into ministry as a clinical counselor/psychotherapist. While it was hard resigning from the congregation I was serving and saying “good-bye,” many of the parishioners affirmed the gifts they believed I would bring to that vocation. I will always carry that support and confirmation of this new calling with me.

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-Christopher Beamsley
**Why I chose Garrett-Evangelical:** As I was researching how I might gain the educational and clinical requisites for licensure, I came across the unique partnership between Garrett-Evangelical and the Center for Religion and Psychotherapy of Chicago. I appreciated how such a program would embody a fuller understanding of how people come to understand their own identity, purpose, meaning, and their relation to others.

**What has surprised me:** I was struck from the very beginning by the welcoming spirit of the staff and faculty at Garrett-Evangelical. Since day one, I have felt that they not only care, but are invested in me as a student and a person. I have also appreciated the passion of professors and fellow students for what they are teaching and learning.

**My future plans:** I look forward to opening my own practice—a practice that I hope will be a partner with, and resource for, local pastors and church leaders in providing the care people need in their journey toward living the life God dreams and intends for them.

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- Julia Puac-Romero

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**Why I chose Garrett-Evangelical:** You could say I saved the best for last. Garrett-Evangelical was my third and final seminary visit, and I just happened to visit right at the end of last year’s January term, smack dab in the polar vortex. You would think negative-degree weather would deter a Southern bred girl. It didn’t. Instead, the warmth I felt while exploring the campus, talking to President Rector, and just hearing about the staff, convinced me the cold was a small price to pay. You could say the lake winds whispered this was home.

**What has surprised me:** Garrett-Evangelical has given me far more than I expected from seminary. The teachers are incredible, and knowing there are professors here with great expertise on liberation and feminist theology never ceases to amaze me. Also, knowing how many students are passionate about social justice is inspiring. The sense of community and passion I find here just feels right.

**My future plans:** I plan to return to my home conference of Louisiana and continue to seek ordination as an elder in The United Methodist Church. If all works out well, I plan to stay in the conference and return to Louisiana with new tools as I continue with my ministerial calling. After all…big things can come in small (5’0” Guatemalan) packages.

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December 2014. We marched in the streets this week. That does not sound unusual since hundreds of thousands of Christians and persons of other faiths publicly gave material witness to their protest against the pattern of violence against unarmed Black citizens by White police officers. The tragic events in Ferguson, Missouri; Staten Island; Cleveland, and elsewhere in our country in recent months have pulled back the curtains that blocked the view for many—a view of the all-too-common systemic structures in our society that not only marginalize, but do open violence to, African-American persons. And public lament and protest are critical threads in the fabric of Christian theology and the history of the church.

What was different, however, was the presence of previously silent voices, including those of us who benefit from White privilege, calling out the injustices in the very structures that have blinded us to the suffering of others and rewarded us for not noticing. It was also a time for me to reflect on the profound changes that have taken place in pastoral care and counseling over the several decades I have served in ministry and in theological education.

“Coming of age” professionally in the early 1970s immersed me in a theological and ecclesiastical system that sharply distinguished between pastoral, priestly, and prophetic roles. While the lines between our pastoral and priestly roles could, on occasion, be crossed, our public witness was to be avoided or at least muted. Both explicitly and implicitly, we were taught to maintain low public profiles to avoid giving offense to some who might otherwise come to us for care and counsel. In a misapplication of 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, we were to “become all things to all people, so that we might by all means win some.” Theology and politics were separate domains.

In hindsight, this theological and political anonymity was probably driven by at least three forces. First, the field of pastoral psychotherapy was heavily indebted to psychoanalytic thought that insisted that the therapist serve as a “blank slate.” This enabled the client to view the therapist in whatever ways they needed in order to work through early life relationships. It was also driven by a cultural emphasis on a private religion, disconnecting faith from the lived experience of real people. It was OK to believe as long as one did not force that belief on others. Third, pastoral psychotherapy focused on the interior life of suffering persons, paying less attention to the social and cultural forces at work.

I am incredibly grateful that I have now lived long enough to see significant changes in my professional discipline and the shape of ministry. In the middle of the last century, family systems theories enhanced our vision of human suffering and opportunities for healing. More recently the concrete realities of culture and race, of gender and sexual orientation, were recognized for the ways they privilege and oppress. We have broadened our vision from the individual to the family, to the culture, and to the world. Pastoral caregivers and counselors increasingly recognize our call to participate in confronting the “principalities and powers” of this world. The isolated pastor’s study, hospital room, or clinical office is no longer an option.

In 2010, one of my professional associations, the American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC) developed and approved an Anti-Racist Multicultural Competencies document. My colleague, Dr. Pamela Holliman, serves as president of AAPC, and reminded us very recently of the critical nature of multi-cultural awareness for pastoral counselors, now focused specifically on the anti-Black racism that has become all too apparent. One sentence in that document is particularly poignant: “Anti-racist multiculturally competent pastoral counselors are committed to seeking justice ‘now’ because they see the urgency of the individual, organizational, and societal changes that must take place, and thus ask, ‘If not now, when?’”

We marched in the streets this week. It was a way to voice our lament and protest alongside our Black sisters and brothers. It was a way to proclaim that God’s intent for our world is different from all this. It was also a way to embody the deep connections between the church, the hospital room, the counseling office, and the world.
Mark Teasdale, E. Stanley Jones Associate Professor of Evangelism and director of the Doctor of Ministry Program, published *Methodist Evangelism, American Salvation: The Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1860-1920* (Pickwick Publications, 2014). Teasdale explores how the Methodist Episcopal Church combined evangelism with the “American gospel,” which he defines as “the good news of how others could experience the best quality of life possible, premised on the values and patterns of life held by white, middle class, native born Americans.” The book traces Methodist home missions as they engaged with diverse populations in the South, the West and the cities. It also explores home missions as part of American involvement in the First World War. Teasdale hopes the study will help The United Methodist Church to understand its present identity in light of its history. He writes, “The historical account in this offers students the best and worst of how a denomination defines itself and engages in mission.”

Osvaldo Vena, Professor of New Testament Interpretation, published *Jesus, Disciple of the Kingdom: Mark’s Christology for a Community in Crisis* (Pickwick Publications, 2014). Vena studies the Gospel of Mark in an attempt to recover the Markan community’s pre-Christian and pre-canonical concept of Jesus’ identity and mission, which he posits is that of disciple of the kingdom of God more so than teacher or Messiah. The study was prompted by Vena’s own struggle to answer Jesus’ question in Mark, “Who do you say that I am?” Through careful study of the Gospel of Mark’s Christology, Vena intends to demonstrate that all Christologies “are born not in busy minds detached from the real problems of the world, but in busy hands engaged in a praxis that tries to change the world.”


Diane Capitani (G-ETS 2002), Affiliate Professor and Director of the Writing Center, co-authored and published *Research and Writing in the Seminary: Practical Strategies and Tools* with Garrett-Evangelical alum and current doctoral student, Melanie Baffes (G-ETS 2010) (McFarland and Company, Inc., Publishers, 2014). Intended as a practical handbook, Capitani and Baffes draw on their own experience as students and as editors to explain the basic types of assignments in seminary (one per chapter including: book reviews, exegetical papers, essays, reflections, research papers, sermons, and journal articles). Each chapter contains examples from Garrett-Evangelical students and alumni.
Harold Miller: Still Serving, Still Committed

At age 98, Harold S. Miller, GBI 1956, is still active and engaged in ministry. After graduating from the seminary, he and his late wife, Muriel, enjoyed a long and fruitful ministry serving town and country churches in the Iowa Conference.

When it came time for retirement, they moved back to Jackson, Michigan, Harold’s home town. For many years they enjoyed traveling to visit friends and relatives, especially their daughter and granddaughters in Florida. But then a friend who knew of Harold’s musical talent alerted him to a nearby church’s need for an organist. Harold agreed to fill in until they could find a permanent replacement; nineteen years later, he is still “filling in.”

Each Sunday, he drives 11 miles to the village of Brooklyn where he serves as organist for the All Saints Episcopal Church. In the past, he also directed their choir. He still enjoys leading the congregation in singing the great old hymns of Christian faith and teaching them new ones as well.

Though a knee replacement surgery a few years ago slowed him down some, he still moves about confidently on a walker in his home and using walking sticks elsewhere. He hopes to continue at least for another three years until his 100th birthday, when his driver’s license will next be up for renewal. At that point, he relates with a warm smile and a hearty laugh, “I had better retire from both music ministry and driving!”

Harold remembers his years at the seminary with deep gratitude for “a liberal education.” Among his beloved professors were Georgia Harkness and Rocky Smith. In deep appreciation for the education and training that served him so well across his long career, Harold gives generously to the Annual Fund. For many years he has given monthly by means of an automatic withdrawal from his checking account.

Harold believes in the importance of preparing “bold, skilled, and articulate leaders” for the church he loves and still serves with a deep commitment. That’s why he finds so much satisfaction in assisting others with the kind of education that blessed him so deeply.

We give thanks to Harold Miller for his faithful support to Garrett-Evangelical!

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Distinguished Alum Award Nominations for 2016

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, 2015

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/alumni. Or contact April McGlothin-Eller at april.mcglothin-eller@garrett.edu or 847.866.3927.
On November 10, 2014, the Educating for Redemptive Community Conference was held at Garrett-Evangelical. The Conference marked the occasion of the retirement of Jack Seymour, professor of religious education. Seymour has been a member of the faculty at Garrett-Evangelical since 1988, serving as director of the joint Garrett-Evangelical/Northwestern University Ph.D. program from 1992 to 1997; as academic dean and vice-president for academic affairs from 1996 to 2006; and as director of the Ph.D. program from 2009 to 2012. A renowned Christian educator, Seymour has published over 90 articles and is the author and coauthor of 11 books including *Teaching Biblical Faith: Leading Adult Bible Studies* (Abingdon, forthcoming 2015) and *Teaching the Way of Jesus: Educating Christians for Faithful Living* (Abingdon, 2014). He also serves as editor of *Religious Education*, the journal of the Religious Education Association. He will continue to teach at Garrett-Evangelical on a part-time basis through its step-down retirement program.

The conference was a fitting celebration for Seymour, who has spent his career lifting up the importance of Christian education and who has mentored many Christian educators and scholars at Garrett-Evangelical. During the last 25 years, the seminary has awarded over 30 doctoral degrees in Christian education and congregational studies. Its outstanding graduates are employed by institutions of higher education, serve in leadership roles at the highest level of their denomination, and provide guidance, education, and pastoral leadership to countless congregations. As scholars, they have published over 28 books along with numerous articles and educational resources.

Educating for Redemptive Community was an opportunity to honor the legacy of Christian education at Garrett-Evangelical while looking at the future of the field at this seminary and in the wider church. The focus of the conversation was how we in faith communities glimpse and work toward redemptive community. The ministry of Christian religious education is at the heart of this work; teaching the faith tradition and its vision of redemptive community; participating in the education of the wider public about the healing of community; and engaging in partnerships and coalitions with others in mutual understanding, education, and action.

In 2013, upon the retirement of Margaret Ann Crain, Jack Seymour’s spouse and professor of Christian education at Garrett-Evangelical, friends and colleagues established the Crain Endowed Lecture in Christian Education and Deacon Studies. Now Jack Seymour’s name is being added to this fund, which will support future lectures and events such as the Education for Redemptive Community Conference. Reflecting on the future, Seymour said, “Margaret Ann and I are delighted to know that our work at Garrett-Evangelical will live on through the Crain and Seymour Endowed Lecture in Christian Education and Deacon Studies.”

If you would like to honor Jack Seymour on the occasion of his retirement by supporting this fund, you can send a gift to the development office at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, 2121 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL 60201. You can also make a gift online at garrett.edu/giving. For further information about this endowment fund, please contact David Heetland at david.heetland@garrett.edu or 847.866.3970.

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In Memory of John Hinkle, Former Faculty Member and Alum

John Hinkle, beloved former faculty member, passed away on August 28, 2014. Hinkle was a loving husband and father as well as a minister, missionary, clinical psychologist, and professor. He served as a missionary for The United Methodist Church to the Philippines from 1960-1964 and established a church in Iligan City, Philippines. Hinkle was a member of the faculty at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary from 1972-1999. He served on the National Committee for Psychological Assessment for The United Methodist Church from 1980-2000. Hinkle also maintained a private practice of psychology focusing on the assessment of ministerial candidates for over 40 years.

After retirement, Hinkle continued to live in the Chicago area and is survived by his wife of 25 years, Martha.

Garrett-Evangelical Remembers Former Faculty Member, John Walter Cason

John Walter Cason, church history and missions professor, passed away on November 3, 2014. Cason was a member of the Evangelical Theological Seminary (ETS) faculty in Naperville, Illinois, and, at the time of the merger in 1974, became a part of the Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary faculty.

Before joining the faculty at Evangelical Theological Seminary and later Garrett-Evangelical, Cason and his first wife, Maidel Kittrell, were Methodist missionaries who helped re-establish Cuttington College near Gbanga, Liberia. He earned his Ph.D. from Union Theological Seminary while serving as a missionary. After more than a decade in Liberia, Cason joined the staff of the Theological Education Fund of the World Council of Churches, working to support theological education in Africa.

In 1994, Cason retired to Chapel Hill, North Carolina with his second wife, Mary Smith Cason, who survives him.

Garrett-Evangelical Mourns the Death of Distinguished Alum, Rueben P. Job

Garrett-Evangelical alum, Bishop Rueben P. Job died on Saturday, January 3, 2015. Job served as bishop of the Iowa Conference from 1984 until 1992. Ordained as an elder by the Evangelical United Brethren (EUB) Church in 1957, he served churches in North Dakota, as a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force, on the staff of the General Board of Evangelism of the EUB Church (1965-68), and on the general staff of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism and Discipleship (1968-77).

In 1977, Job was appointed district superintendent of the Northern District of the South Dakota Annual Conference. He held this position until he became world editor of The Upper Room. For years he was active in the development of spiritual enrichment programs and materials and was the author or co-author of numerous works. Bishop Job is well-known for his book, Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living.

Job was named distinguished alum of Garrett-Evangelical in 1992. In addition to establishing the Rueben P. Job Endowed Scholarship, his inspirational life and work were also honored at Garrett-Evangelical through the establishment of the Rueben P. Job Endowed Scholarship in 2007 and the endowment of the Rueben P. Job Chair in Spiritual Formation, which was fully funded in 2013.

“Garrett-Evangelical continues to celebrate the life and ministry of Rueben P. Job. We are proud to call him one of ours,” said President Lallene J. Rector. “His faithfulness was transformative and, while we will miss him, his spirit and witness live on.”

Job is survived by his wife, Beverly, four children, Deborah, Ann, Philip, and David, and seven grandchildren. The family has requested that memorial gifts be made to the Rueben P. Job Endowed Scholarship at Garrett-Evangelical. Contributions may be mailed to the development office at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, 2121 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL 60201.
In Memoriam

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

1940s
Warren A. Nyberg, GBI 1946, Minneapolis, Minnesota, died December 6, 2014.
Lynn C. Rainsberger, GBI 1947, Wilmington, Ohio, died November 11, 2014.
Dwight S. Busacca, ETS 1949, Lebanon, Ohio, died September 12, 2014.

1950s
Noel Dwight Osborn, ETS 1953, Lebanon, Ohio, died October 2, 2014.
Robert Overmier, ETS 1954, Mattydale, Ohio, died October 2, 2013.

1960s
Dale D. Brown, GTS 1962, Battle Creek, Michigan, died November 14, 2014.
Paul Donald Williamson, GTS 1962, Granger, Iowa, died June 5, 2014.
Pong Ro Cha, GTS 1966, Morristown, New Jersey, died March 27, 2013.

1970s

1990s

2000s
Tracy Brooks, CSS 2003, Alpena, Michigan, died April 26, 2014.
Susanne Iris Wilczek, CSS, Salem, Wisconsin, July 17, 2014.

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Calendar of Events

Academic year lectures are Wednesday, 4:00 p.m., room 205 unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday, February 4
Promotion Lecture: Mark Teasdale, E. Stanley Jones Associate Professor of Evangelism, Garrett-Evangelical
Evangelism, the Queen of Theological Education
Contact Krista McNeil at 847.866.3903 or krista.mcneil@garrett.edu

Wednesday, February 4
Black History Month Opening Plenary: Stephen Ray, Neal F. and Ila A. Fisher Professor of Systematic Theology, Garrett-Evangelical
6:00 p.m., Chapel of the Unnamed Faithful
Contact Angela Cowser at 847.866.3984 or angela.cowser@garrett.edu
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Wednesday, February 25
Black History Month Lecture/Sermon: Cheryl Anderson, professor of Old Testament, Garrett-Evangelical, and JoAnne Terrell, associate professor of ethics, theology and the arts, Chicago Theological Seminary
HIV/AIDS and Violence
Contact Angela Cowser at 847.866.3984 or angela.cowser@garrett.edu
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Wednesday, March 4
Sabbatical Lecture: Brent Waters, Jerre and Mary Joy Stead Professor of Christian Social Ethics, Garrett-Evangelical
Creative Destruction, the Market State, and the Holy Spirit
Contact Krista McNeil at 847.866.3903 or krista.mcneil@garrett.edu

Wednesday, March 18
Guest Lecture: Dr. Richard J. Perry, Jr., professor of church and society, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
Environmental Racism
Contact Timothy Eberhart at 847.866.3972 or timothy.eberhart@garrett.edu

Thursday - Saturday, March 26-28
Stead Center for Ethics and Values Conference:
Re-imaging the Intersection of Evolution and the Fall
Contact Brent Waters at 847.866.3933 or brent.waters@garrett.edu
www.garrett.edu/ecfconference

Thursday - Saturday, April 16-18
Deacon Dialogue Conference:
Ministries of Compassion and Justice
Contact Virginia Lee at 847.866.4549 or virginia.lee@garrett.edu

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