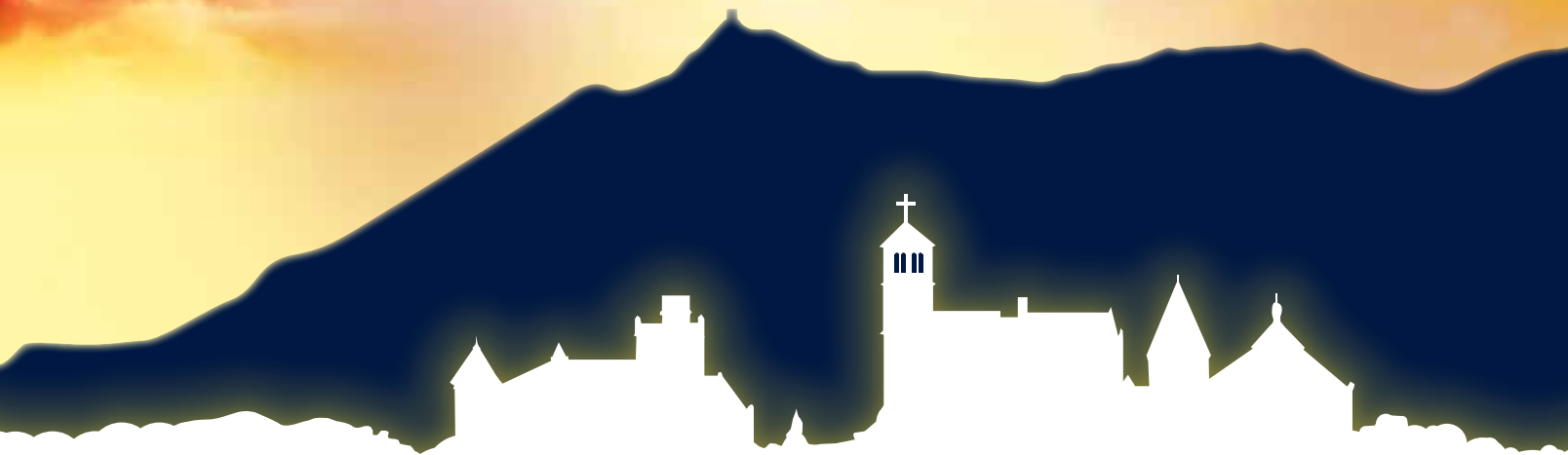


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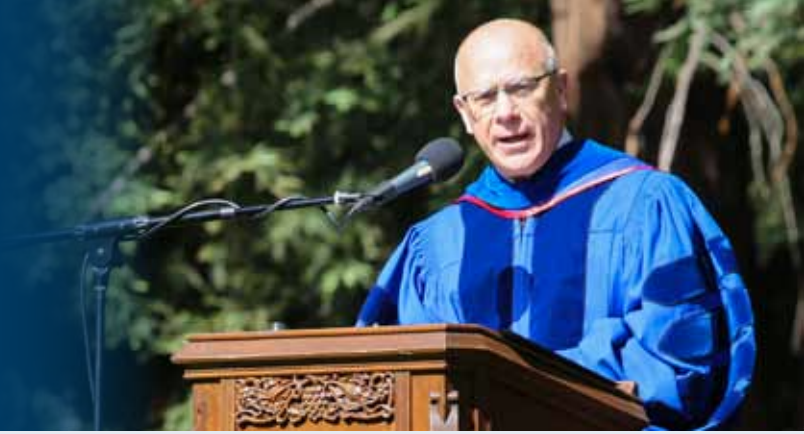
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# FROM THE PRESIDENT



*“We want only to communicate to you an experience we have had that here and there in the world and now and then in ourselves is a New Creation, usually hidden, but sometimes manifest, and certainly manifest in Jesus who is called the Christ.”*

— Paul Tillich, *The New Being*, 1955

## Dear SFTS Alumni and Friends,

Throughout the 143-year history of San Francisco Theological Seminary, the educational experience has been profoundly revelatory. Yes, there is academic rigor. Yes, one must learn the declensions of Greek and Hebrew. Yes, one must read what other theologians have said about the nature of God and humanity.

But students have also learned to listen for and recognize the voice of Jesus, not as words on a page or red-letters in a Bible, but as the authentic revelation of God in human life and history. Somewhere in the midst of an SFTS education—in the midst of a paper, a prayer, a party, a precept—there is an encounter with the risen Christ. And when that happens, SFTS students in every era are changed and become evidence of the New Creation.

That’s what SFTS has always done: Moved by God’s Spirit, we prepare men and women for innovative ministries of justice, peace, and healing. And across the years, SFTS graduates have been engaged in remarkable and distinctive ministries in a vast array of settings. Graduates of SFTS move into their communities to share the good news and encourage the church’s hopeful, loving engagement with the world.

The evidence of God’s New Creation continues to be manifest in some remarkable changes this year at SFTS:

- ✚ Beginning next year we are offering a new, dynamically different M.Div. curriculum, shaped by our creative, energized faculty.
- ✚ We are launching the Center for Innovation in Ministry, with an exciting kick-off event October 16 and 17, 2014. Come and join us!
- ✚ We have put three courses online, with several more waiting in the wings.
- ✚ We have designed three new certificate programs.
- ✚ We are exploring a new partnership with Silliman University in the Philippines.
- ✚ We are consolidating the campus by building a new student village and several new faculty homes to replace some of the older apartments and houses off-campus that we are now in the process of selling.
- ✚ Through a series of decisions, we have put in place the foundation for financial sustainability over the long

haul. Our innovative 20-month, \$6 million fundraising initiative, Chapter 1: Designing A Mosaic for Ministry, is providing the financial bridge to the future. Have you made your pledge yet?

There is a new spirit of excitement and energy among faculty, students, and staff. And, more than 1,300 people have been on campus throughout the most recent academic year as participants in various SFTS-sponsored events, many of them for the first time. In countless ways people are experiencing the power of resurrection faith at work in the world.

In this issue of Chimes, we are featuring a number of “firsts” that SFTS has initiated or provided leadership for over the years. It is a recognition and celebration of the many ways that this seminary has been in the vanguard of the Church’s attempt to meet the important challenges of a particular time and place. This is by no means an exhaustive catalog of such “firsts,” whether for SFTS itself or for the Church broadly speaking. But it is meant to remind us that “now and then in ourselves and here and there in our world there is a New Creation.” I hope you enjoy this sampling. Perhaps it will bring to mind other such moments in which you yourself participated, or through which you have been inspired.

**Grace and peace to you in this season of Easter,**

**Rev. Dr. James L. McDonald**  
*President and Professor of Faith & Public Life*

*P.S. – Over the next several months we will begin rolling out some new identity materials for the seminary. These will include a new logo and tagline. The website ([www.sfts.edu](http://www.sfts.edu)) will have a new look and feel as well, and will be easier to navigate. These new identity materials do not mean that the seminary has morphed into something strange and unrecognizable. Rather, I believe you will experience these changes as strong affirmations of SFTS at its highest and best. I hope you will recognize yourself in these new materials and take delight.*

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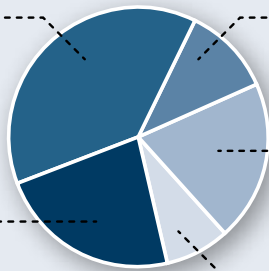
With strategic assets in excess of \$70 million, including property and the endowment, San Francisco Theological Seminary is poised to respond to God's call from the future.

**Revenue**  
(FY 2014):

**\$7**  
million

**38%**  
Income from  
Endowment

**23%** Mosaic  
Initiative  
(Annual Gifts)



**8% Other**  
(Property Leases, Fees)

**20%** Conferences, Events,  
Student Housing

**11%** Tuition

## Our plan

Our "Financial Equilibrium Plan" is a five-year roadmap to long-term financial sustainability. Below are three key funding sources:



### Mosaic Fundraising Initiative

**\$6** million  
over 20 months

Re-establish a pattern  
of higher annual giving



### Campus Property Plan

**\$21** million  
Summer 2014

Sell peripheral  
campus property



### Capital Campaign

**\$20** million  
2015-2017

Fund construction of new  
student and faculty housing  
and campus renovations

## Our endowment

Gifts given over many years for the permanent support of SFTS. Earnings on endowment are used to fund operations.

2014  
*Approximate*

**\$42**  
million

2018  
*Projected*

**\$58**  
million

### How our current \$42 million endowment ranks



**Top 20%**  
of 273  
Association  
of Theological  
Schools



**8th of 10**  
PC(USA)  
seminaries



**1st of 9**  
Graduate  
Theological  
Union schools



Rev. Dr. James McDonald and Rev. Dr. Jana Childers with the president, dean and faculty of the Silliman University Divinity School.



Adlai Amor, Rev. Dr. Jana Childers, and Rev. Dr. James McDonald.

# A Voyage Through the Philippines

## SFTS enters into historic agreement with Silliman University Divinity School

By Rachel Howard

At a Committee on Theological Education (COTE) meeting last September, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) General Assembly, Rev. Dr. Neal Presa, called for seminaries to develop and strengthen educational partnerships with Asia. He explained that Asian and Asian American populations are among the fastest-growing racial ethnic groups in the United States. “Therefore, theological education in the coming years must faithfully and strategically address the attendant issues and realities, both theologically and culturally.”

San Francisco Theological Seminary has taken this call to heart. In Feb-

ruary, SFTS President Rev. Dr. James McDonald, Dean of the Seminary Rev. Dr. Jana Childers, SFTS Trustee Adlai Amor, and SFTS Alumnus and former General Assembly Moderator Rev. Dr. Bruce Reyes-Chow traveled to the Philippines to formalize an educational partnership with Silliman University Divinity School.

This agreement facilitates the promotion of areas of common interest between the two educational institutions, including faculty and student exchanges, the sharing of resources, and research collaboration.

McDonald and Silliman President Dr. Ben S. Malayang III formalized the new relationship with the signing of a memorandum of understanding on the Silliman campus.



“We are thrilled to begin a new partnership between two historic institutions with deep roots in the Presbyterian Church,” said McDonald. “This is an incredible opportunity for both the Silliman and SFTS communities. The cross-cultural exchange facilitated by this agreement will provide students from both settings with even broader

*See Philippines, page 28*

# Center for Innovation in Ministry Launch

*Creative, visionary  
ministries are born  
here and change the  
world as they grow.*

THURSDAY, OCT. 16  
FRIDAY, OCT. 17

Plenary speaker Jane McGonigal will lead us through exploration of the question: How can ministries leverage the power of games to tackle issues of poverty, hunger, and violence? Cutting-edge ministry leaders will join her in discussions to challenge the way we think about ministry.



*The Center for Innovation in Ministry  
is a place where faith leaders will come  
together to explore, assess, and support  
creative models of ministry.*

Jane McGonigal is today's leading speaker on the application of game-design to the real world. She argues that game designers are experts in making difficult tasks engaging, and that we should draw on their smarts as we frame the challenges of our time. She is currently an advisor and affiliate researcher with the Institute for the Future in Palo Alto, California.

# Sing a New Song

Center for Innovation in Ministry Sponsors Event with Rev. John Bell

By Barbara Chaapel

Voices rose in song in an overflowing Montgomery Chapel on March 18 as those from the San Francisco Theological Seminary community and beyond joined in learning and singing hymns new and old. Rev. John Bell, a Church of Scotland minister and self-described resource worker in worship and liturgy, was on campus to lead two workshops: *The Effect of Sung Text on Popular Belief* and *Embracing Musical Diversity as a Gift of God*. Bell, a member of the Iona community, hails from Glasgow, Scotland, and travels the world teaching the community-building power of music.

The more than 150 participants learned that you don't need to be a vocal expert to sing; in fact, you don't even need printed music! "The congregation has the words, and then John teaches the music, one line at a time, often in parts," says SFTS Chaplain and Associate Dean of Student Life, Rev. Scott Clark. "He can take a congregation of people who may or may

not think they can sing and help them create beautiful music."

Bell offers fresh musical styles that join tradition and innovation, sometimes using old hymnal tunes with new words, sometimes familiar words with new tunes. He also teaches music from the global church, believing that engaging other cultures through music enriches worship. Clark especially appreciated Bell teaching songs from Korea, since SFTS has a significant Korean student population.

Fittingly, the music-making day with Bell was sponsored by SFTS' new Center for Innovation in Ministry. "The Center's mission is about living innovation in ministry together," explains the Center's Program Manager, Rev. Sherri Hausser. "We want to be a place where visionary ministries are born and then change the world as they grow. We want to bring scholars and practitioners from around the world to SFTS to share innovative ideas and to explore and support creative ministry models."



## Coming in February

Rev. John Bell will return to SFTS in February 2015 to lead another workshop as part of the seminary's new Certificate in Worship Leadership program. Designed for lay leaders, pastors, and anyone who leads worship, the certificate offers four classes over nine months that focus on music, spoken word in worship, prayer, and visual arts. See page 7 for more details.

Bell is a prime example of such creative collaboration. He writes his songs and liturgy not alone but with colleagues in the Iona community. Together they have produced more than 15 collections of songs and a wide range of liturgical materials used around the world, particularly by the laity.

Hausser is thrilled that the music Bell shared is already reverberating in two congregations that participated in

*See Bell, page 28*

# MAY 2014 BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

The meetings in early May of the Board of Trustees resulted in exciting developments for SFTS. These include the approval of a new Mission Vision statement and changes to the Master of Divinity program.

## New Mission Vision

*Moved by God's love in Jesus Christ, San Francisco Theological Seminary prepares women and men for transformational ministries of justice, peace and healing, which advance the church's hopeful, loving engagement with the world.*

*As an ecumenical Christian graduate school, we offer a rigorous education, focused on critical theological reflection that equips graduates from all walks of life to meet the urgent needs of our times through both time-honored and innovative ministries.*

*Founded in 1871, and rooted in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), SFTS values dialogue and engagement with other religions and faith traditions. Our grounding in the Reformed tradition fosters faith-filled engagement in public life and service to others.*

*Located on the Pacific Rim and inspired by the diverse global expressions of Christian faith, we partner with educational institutions throughout the world to enrich our program and expand our understanding of God's redemptive work in human history.*

*SFTS is a founding member of the Graduate Theological Union, a consortium of Protestant and Catholic theological schools in the San Francisco Bay Area. SFTS students take classes at all the GTU seminaries as well as the GTU's centers and affiliates for the study of Judaism, Buddhism, Islam and other world religions.*

## New M.Div. Curriculum Approved by Board

After extensive development by SFTS faculty, the Board of Trustees approved a new M.Div. curriculum that will increase student access to the seminary's most popular program. Beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, students will be able to take advantage of a wide variety of changes to the M.Div. curriculum, outlined below.

### Reduction in the number of required credit hours

The number of required credit hours has been reduced from 81 to 72. SFTS has made this reduction while maintaining the required courses and rigor of the core curriculum. The revision redistributes requirements and electives, and includes a new requirement in spirituality.

### Incorporation of a Tutorial Model

In addition to maintaining seminar-size courses, the new curriculum will feature the "Oxford-Cambridge" tutorial model, in which small groups of students meet regularly with a professor to master a specific subject through a mentorship-style learning experience.

### Weekly Interdisciplinary Campus-wide Lectures

Under this new model, all M.Div. students and professors will participate in a weekly interdisciplinary lecture given by a different professor each week using a common theme each semester. This series will provide valuable context and an opportunity for dialogue that supplement the core courses of the M.Div. program.

### Adoption of an externship model

Replacing the third-year internship program is an externship model of education, which will offer students the opportunity to apply for ordainable, yearlong positions after completing the classroom requirements of the degree. This new model, once it is in place, will provide students the benefits of an internship, with the added benefit of earning an income while engaging in on-the-job learning.

### Additional Opportunities for Online Courses

Four courses of the M.Div. curriculum will be placed online throughout the 2014-2015 academic year, which will greatly increase student flexibility.





REV. JOHN BELL



REV. DR. JANA CHILDERS



REV. SCOTT CLARK



REV. JEFF GAINES

## SFTS Offers New Certificate in Worship Leadership

By Rachel Howard

In March, San Francisco Theological Seminary launched a new accelerated program for lay leaders, pastors, and others who help shape worship services. This Certificate in Worship Leadership focuses on strengthening skills in four key areas: music in worship, spoken word in worship, prayer, and visual arts. Offered in the format of four day-long Saturday workshops, this program is highly accessible to working professionals, and is the third such academic program that has been launched by SFTS during the 2013–14 academic year.

The first course in this program included two workshops led by Rev. John Bell of the Iona Community (see story on page 5). If you missed either of these incredible events, don't worry—Bell will be returning next February

to lead another Music in Worship course (more details coming soon).

The next course of the Certificate program, *Spoken Word in Worship*, will be led by Rev. Dr. Jana Childers on Saturday, June 7. Participants in this daylong workshop on the SFTS campus will explore oral interpretation skills and the dynamics of perceiving and evoking the written word. They also will learn how to apply the values and habits of an actor to the act of worship leadership.

Additional courses include *Prayer and Words for Worship*, led by SFTS Associate Dean of Student Life and Chaplain Rev. Scott Clark, on Saturday, September 27; and *Praying a Liturgical Environment*, led by Rev. Jeff Gaines, pastor of Seventh Avenue Presbyterian Church in San Francisco, on Saturday, November 8.

For more detailed information about program courses can be found online at [www.sfts.edu](http://www.sfts.edu).

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Education  
Program**

*One of the First*

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**Admit  
Women**

# WAY

By Rachel  
Howard

May is that time of year when San Francisco Theological Seminary accomplishes its mission. Commencement signals the end of the academic year as well as the beginning of a new year. With a rigorous theological education firmly under their belts, SFTS graduates embark on the next chapter of their lives and ministry. And, with spring in full bloom, an air of excitement and expectation permeates our beautiful San Anselmo campus as spring enters full swing.

A palpable energy inspires and renews the SFTS community following the approval of a new Mission Vision statement by the seminary's Board of Trustees in May, which establishes a solid foundation and direction for our future. The Board also approved a bold new M.Div. curriculum designed and enthusiastically embraced by the entire SFTS faculty (page 6).

A new brand has been completed and will be rolled out this fall. The new brand does not represent a departure from who we are; rather, as Rev. Dr. James McDonald explains in his opening letter in this issue of Chimes, we believe you will "experience these changes as strong affirmations of SFTS at its highest and best."

What is truly exciting, in the midst of all this newness, is the opportunity we have been offered

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Take, for example, our blossoming Center for Innovation in Ministry, which we will launch in a series of events October 16 and 17. In April, the Center's Program Manager, Rev. Sherri Hausser gathered 25 influential thinkers, theorists, and doers on the SFTS campus to be a part of shaping the new Center.

Among those gathered were Phyllis Tickle, founding editor of the Religion Department of *Publisher's Weekly*; Rev. Tom Ehrich, writer for Religion News Service, church consultant, and Episcopal priest; Dr. Marcia McFee, who connects worship professionals to their passion and depth of spiritual leadership through ritual arts; Rev. Lee de León, a pastor serving Hispanic and immigrant communities, whose family has helped plant more than 90 churches; Deborah Blue, executive director of the Department of Compassion, Mercy, and Justice of the Evangelical Covenant Church in Chicago; incoming seminary student Brandon Robertson, founder of the Revangelical movement; Rev. Chip Hardwick, director of the Theology, Worship, and Education office of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) - and the list goes on.

Why did this prestigious group take time away from their families, their work, and their homes to travel across the state and across the country to SFTS? Because they all see in this seminary, and in the people who comprise the seminary community, the same things we see: educational innovation and leadership, coupled with the inclusivity that

welcomes all of God's children. They also recognize the importance of the new Center's role in facilitating the sharing of ideas, the forging of new partnerships, and the exploration and initiation of new forms, settings and expressions of worship.

Those who belong to the SFTS community know that innovative leadership and inclusivity have been

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defining characteristics of SFTS for as long as the seminary has been in existence.

## Opening Doors

In 1911, eight years before women earned the right to vote, SFTS became one of the first Presbyterian seminaries to begin admitting women to its ranks of students. SFTS took this step more than a decade before seminaries in other parts of the country. Exactly 50 years later, in 1961, Bay Area native Dr. Robert Lee arrived back from New York to teach social ethics at SFTS. Lee, a sixth-generation Chinese American, was the first Asian American to serve as professor at a seminary anywhere in the United States.

Four years after Professor Lee's arrival, the SFTS community became deeply involved in the civil rights movement that included the March on Selma in 1965, a 50-mile march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama to support the extension of voting rights to African Americans. Some students and faculty flew to Selma to support the march, while others on campus raised money to charter a bus and drive more than 60 hours, one way, to tend to the needs of marchers. We will be honoring this event at the 2015 Alumni Reunion (page 26).

Fast-forward to 2011. SFTS became the first PC(USA) seminary to adopt a formal statement announcing

full inclusion of lesbian, gay, transgender, and bisexual students. This year's Distinguished Alumna Pam Byers worked diligently to reverse a PC(USA) policy that barred members of the LGBT community from being ordained (page 24).

## Leading the Charge in Theological Education

In 1970, SFTS became one of the first seminaries to offer a Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) program. From its inception, the D.Min. program was highly successful. It attracted clergy from a wide variety of denominations and geographical locations and became the largest D.Min. program among all of those offered by the Association of Theological Seminary (ATS) schools. The D.Min. degree evolved from the earlier Doctor of the Science of Theology degree, which the seminary developed in the 1930s.

In the early 1980s, SFTS became one of the first Protestant seminaries in the country to develop a Program in Christian Spirituality. Our Diploma in the Art of Spiritual Direction (DASD) represents another seminary first. This unique spiritual direction program enables students to help people discern their individual calls, as well as prepare students to assist groups and entire organizations to discern where God is calling them. In January 2014, SFTS enrolled its 20th class of DASD students in this one-of-a-kind program.

Today, SFTS remains the first and only Presbyterian seminary to offer an accredited Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program. The Shaw Family Chair of CPE, established in 2006, is the first fully endowed chair in the discipline of CPE in an institution of theological education. People come from all over the country to participate in this program, which allows students to learn in the field with the close support of seminary faculty.

## Proud History, Proud Future

Every member of the San Francisco Theological Seminary community can be proud of the new ways in which our seminary has blazed new paths in the world of theological education. Throughout our history we have relentlessly risen to meet the challenge of preparing the next generation of leaders to serve in faith ministries of justice, peace, and healing.

Yet we look to our history not to dwell in it, but to remind ourselves that the leadership expressed by our seminary today was written into the very fabric of our being almost 150 years ago. As SFTS Director of Advanced Pastoral Studies Rev. Dr. Virstan Choy reminds us, "God calls us from the future and awaits our response." We are listening and we hear this call.

*As SFTS Director of Advanced Pastoral Studies*

*Rev. Dr. Virstan Choy reminds us,*

*"God calls us from the future  
and awaits our response."*

*We are listening and we hear this call.*





# PATRICK KIPTUM: Running toward God's call

By Eva Stimson

Patrick Kiptum left his home in rural Kenya 22 years ago and came to the United States to attend college on a running scholarship. Now he is applying the same discipline and enthusiasm that enabled him to run a four-minute mile at Oklahoma State University to his studies at San Francisco Theological Seminary (SFTS).

As he nears the end of his first year in the M.Div. program, Kiptum says seminary “is really stretching my knowledge.” Asked about favorite courses, he says he loves them all—and then singles out Hebrew, a course many other students find daunting. He mastered the Old Testament language while keeping up with other classes, driving a bread-delivery truck part-time, and being husband to Jennifer, who is studying to be a paralegal, and father to two active sons, ages 4 and 11.

Kiptum has cut back on his running—because he’s too busy studying, not because of San Anselmo’s hilly terrain. “It’s a good place to run,” he insists. “You can get really strong.”

Kiptum says he has wanted to be a pastor since he was a teenager. “I just put it aside for a while.” He majored in computer engineering in college, than ran professionally for 16 years. He ran miles, marathons, and everything in between. Racing took him to Guatemala, Venezuela, Peru, and Colombia, places he otherwise might never have had the opportunity to visit. He also coached other adult runners—amateur athletes eager to improve their performance.

*“Christianity  
is a lifestyle.  
It’s not about  
going to church  
once a week.  
It’s about  
how you live,  
24 hours a day.”*

After retiring from the professional running circuit in 2012, Kiptum worked as a bus driver in New Mexico and began tuning in again to God’s call. Because he had found a church home at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Santa Fe, he looked online for Presbyterian seminaries and was drawn to SFTS. A couple of local Presbyterian pastors encouraged him to apply for admission.

Kiptum hopes to incorporate his experience as a running coach into his future ministry, perhaps working as a chaplain in a sports setting. “Many sports figures have big egos,” he observes. “They think they own the world. I was once there. I know how they think. I want to tell them there’s more to life than sports—and to make good use of their talents.”

Pastors and coaches play similar roles, he believes. “As a pastor, you’re encouraging church members to mature in faith. When you’re coaching, you’re telling people to practice in order to develop skills.”

And practicing is essential for Christians as well. “Christianity is a lifestyle,” Kiptum says. “It’s not about going to church once a week. It’s about how you live, 24 hours a day.”

# CONGRATULATIONS 2014 GRADUATES!

*Below is the list of degree candidates as of May 14, 2014 for the most recent academic year. The following are expected to graduate pending the completion of the requirements for their degree or diploma.*

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Nemesvamos, Hungary

**ROBBIN DEL NAGRO**  
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Clover was  
ordained this

April, and will continue serving in his new role as the Minister of Word and Sacrament, and as Communications Director, at the Reformed Church of Bronxville in New York. He greatly looks forward to continuing his spiritual direction work with congregants, as well as expanding his work to a nearby underprivileged neighborhood in Yonkers, New York.



**Rachel Pence**  
**M.Div. 2014**

Immediately after graduation, Pence will take a

month-long road trip across the country to Charlotte, North Carolina, where she will start a year-long Clinical Pastoral Education residency at Carolina Medical Center.

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Seoul, Korea

## MABL

**JOO YOUNG PARK**  
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Castro Valley, California

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Seoul, Korea

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Japan

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WARREN**  
San Anselmo, California

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Palo Alto, California

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Nyack, New York

**VERONICA COLLETTE  
DISE-HODGE**  
Beaufort, North Carolina

**CAMERON FULLER HIGHSMITH**  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**YO SUB KIM**  
Federal Way, Washington

**JAMES S. KIM**  
Hayward, California

**YUNG ME SUH MORRIS**  
Pleasant Hill, California

**RACHEL GALLAGHER PENCE**  
Jacksonville, Florida

**ROCHELLE E. RAWLS-SHAW**  
Richmond, California

**DANIEL LEE ROBERTSON**  
Blue Springs, Missouri



**Rochelle  
Rawls-Shaw**  
**M.Div. 2014**

Rawls-Shaw was  
commissioned by

the San Francisco Presbytery to serve as a Commissioned Lay Pastor in her home church of Sojourner Truth Presbyterian Church in Richmond, California.



**Cathy Close  
Schneider**  
D.Min. 2014

Through her dissertation work at SFTS, Schneider has developed a way to teach families of those with Alzheimer's how to create support networks to cope with struggles surrounding the illness. She provides this education through performances in a variety of cities around Washington state.

**STEPHANIE HARRIS RYDER**  
Mill Valley, California

**IAN VELLENGA**  
Henderson, North Carolina

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Arnold, Maryland

**DENIS GERARD  
DONOGHUE, S.J.**  
Portland, Oregon

**LINDA FLATLEY**  
Lake Forest, California

**CARIETA CAIN GRIZZELL**  
Wichita, Kansas

**SOLOMON HAILU**  
Chula Vista, California

**WONDUK JANG**  
Daegu, Korea

**OHKOOK KWON**  
Korea

**HANJIN LEE**  
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**JO ANN SCHAADT**  
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**CATHERINE CLOSE SCHNEIDER**  
Gig Harbor, Washington

**LOUSIALE 'OLOPAKITEA UASIKE**  
Redwood City, California &  
Tonga

**CHERIE RAY C. WHITE**  
Mexico

**DANIEL ROSS WILSON**  
Enumclaw, Washington



**Yo Sub Kim**  
M.Div. 2014

Currently a youth minister in Bellevue, Washington, Kim plans to pursue Clinical Pastoral Education after graduation and become a chaplain in either the military or in a hospital setting.

# Becoming a Better Rabbi

By Patricia Corrigan

When Rabbi Joel Zeff enrolled in San Francisco Theological Seminary (SFTS), he was concerned that the congregation he leads in Sacramento might consider his pursuit of a doctoral degree distracting for him. They don't.

"My congregation loves the idea. Their response has been, 'Wow! We're getting a better rabbi out of this!' So here I am, being trained to be the first Presbyterian Orthodox rabbi," Zeff says, laughing.

Zeff, 57, is the spiritual leader at Keneset Israel Torah Center. In his 30-year career, he has served as a congregational rabbi in Los Angeles and also as a dean and faculty member at two post-graduate institutions in Israel. In fall 2013, Zeff entered the D.Min. program at SFTS that offers special emphasis on pastoral care and counseling.

"Over the years, it has become very clear to me that spiritual growth, religious growth, can't be separated from the emotional and psychological aspects of a person, because it's not solely a cognitive thing," Zeff says. "I knew that for me to offer

*"In our discussions, we really open up, become vulnerable, and that has provided a new perspective for me. I feel more spiritually alive than I have in quite a few years."*



RABBI  
JOEL  
ZEFF

Jewish tradition to Jews as a way to enhance their lives, I needed a firmer grasp of those elements of human personality, as that's not part of Orthodox rabbinical training. But for a

long while, I didn't have time to do anything about it."

Eventually, changing circumstances paved the way for Zeff to accomplish his goal.

In September 2012, he accepted the job in Sacramento—on a commuter basis—after his academic position in Israel ended. Zeff's wife, Donna, his nine children, and his nine grandchildren all live in Alon Shvut, a town 20 minutes south of Jerusalem. "I go home for Easter break, winter break, and the Jewish holidays in the fall," he says, clearly relishing the irony in that statement. "I also will go back to Israel for the summer."

Once settled into his role at the synagogue, Zeff explored pursuing his long-held dream to better understand what makes people tick. He read online about a pastoral counseling program. When he called the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, he was told to contact Dr. Scott Sullender, Associate Professor of Pastoral Counseling at SFTS.

"I wrote to him with my odd story, and he responded that he wanted to help," Zeff recalls. Sullender's response touched Zeff. "I'm a rabbi—I help others—and here was someone who wanted to help me."

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NELSON MANDELA  
1918-2013

# COSTLY DISCIPLESHIP

## SFTS Honors the Life and Legacy of Nelson Mandela

By Barbara Chaapel

The week after Nelson Mandela's death in December of 2013, people around the world held memorial celebrations honoring the former South African president and anti-apartheid activist. Wanting to honor Mandela in the seminary community, San Francisco Theological Seminary President, Rev. Dr. James McDonald, asked Professor Rev. Dr. James Noel to plan a fitting tribute for the leader whose life and commitment to justice inspired millions.

"There were so many memorials immediately after Mandela's death; I decided to wait several months and do something more substantive," says Noel, the H. Eugene Farlough Chair

of African American Christianity. To help the seminary community look forward as well as backward in honoring Mandela, Noel called on two friends—Rev. Dr. Allan Boesak, a native of South Africa, and Dr. Dwight Hopkins, of Chicago—to come to San Anselmo to speak about Mandela's legacy.

The result was a March 8 event, "Where Do We Go from Here? Nelson Mandela's Legacy and the Freedom Movement in South Africa and the U.S.A." More than 135 students and alumni/ae gathered to hear the theologians discuss continuing issues of race and injustice in their two nations. Noel reported that for some graduates, it was their first time back

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*(From left to right)  
Dr. Dwight Hopkins,  
Rev. Dr. Allan Boesak,  
and Rev. Dr. James Noel pause  
for a photo after an event  
honoring Nelson Mandela.*

Workshop draws students and scholars from the Bay Area and beyond

By Charles Wei

In late February, residential and online students in San Francisco Theological Seminary's Muilenburg-Koenig History of Religion Seminar gathered on campus for a two-day workshop on "Dimensions of Spirit." More than 60 people attended the workshop, including 20 scholars from the Bay Area and from around the world.

The Muilenburg-Koenig Seminar is funded by an SFTS alumnus, Rev. Dr. Robert Koenig, in memory of James Muilenburg, Gray Professor of Hebrew Exegesis at SFTS from 1963 to 1972. Muilenburg was best known for pointing out the limitations of form criticism and inaugurating the field of "rhetorical exegesis," a movement extraordinarily influential in the closing decades of the last century. Koenig studied with Muilenburg during his time at SFTS.

The semester-long seminar, of which the two-day workshop was a part, is now in its fifth year. SFTS Professor of Church History Dr. Christopher Ocker coordinated the workshop, and taught an online section of the seminar during the spring semester.

Each year, a new seminar theme is chosen by participating faculty members. Seminar participants study the year's theme in the contexts of the Bible, church history, theology, and related fields, such as cultural anthropology, the histo-

# Dimensions of Spirit

ries of other religions, and the sociology of religion. Papers presented at this year's workshop focused on the themes of spirit in ancient Judaism, medical conceptions of spirit in the New Testament, problems in 15th-century demonology, Calvin's struggle with concepts of world spirit, communication with the dead in 18th-century Judaism and 19th-century Anglicanism, and Dominionism in American politics today.

"One of the things that loomed much larger in the workshop than I had expected was how the reality of individual spirits, good and bad, demons and angels, was something that seems very pervasive across cultural contexts, including in the Bible, the Reformation, and certainly at the present time," Ocker observes. "You have to contend with the fact that there are segments of society in which spirits are an extraordinarily real and important element, not just in how people view the world but in how people actually live."

"The Spirit of Evil," a lecture by Anthea Butler, Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, focused on Pentecostalism and its role in Dominionism, a movement that mobilized some sectors of the Christian right in the last U.S. presidential election and is likely to do the same in the next election. Butler explained how the belief



"Saul and the Witch of Endor" painting by Jacob van Oostanen, Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam

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# WHY BODIES MATTER

## Theology meets cognitive science at Heidelberg symposium



(From left to right) Dr. Annette Schellenberg and Dr. Annette Weissenrieder present at “The Body Matters: Embodiment as Paradigm of Theological Anthropology” in Heidelberg, Germany

*The empty grave caused no break in the work begun by Jesus, but it signaled a new beginning, a salvific turn.*

By Dr. Annette Weissenrieder

A missing body—the absence of Jesus’ body in the grave—marks the beginning of the Christian faith. The empty grave caused no break in the work begun by Jesus, but it signaled a new beginning, a salvific turn. The Christian story of the representation, transformation, and meaning of the body began early. *The body matters.*

In theology and biblical studies, which have long been under the influence of idealism and Cartesian dualism, the body has occupied a peripheral position at best. Recently this tendency has begun to give way. Many factors have contributed to this shift, not least being the current theological interest in anthropology, and particularly in the disciplines called *embodied cognitive science and the philosophy of embodiment*. The challenge these disciplines pose to theology was the theme of a January symposium entitled “The Body Matters: Embodiment as Paradigm of Theological Anthropology” at the Ruprecht-Karls-University in Heidelberg, Germany. I organized the symposium, along with Dr. Michael Welker and Dr. Gregor Etzelmüller,

both from Heidelberg. The event was partly funded by the Marselius Institute, a center for interdisciplinary studies with “embodiment as paradigm of an evolutionary anthropology” at its core.

Such dialogue partners help to recover a theological tradition in which mind and body comprise a single entity. In this tradition, the mind not only is dependent on the body, it is constituted by physical impulses; the mind is inherently embodied. Metaphors, for example, are more than words, ideas, and literary devices; they are represented physically in the brain.

At the symposium, Dr. Annette Schellenberg, Associate Professor of Old Testament at San Francisco Theological Seminary, used examples from Job to show how the Hebrew Bible understands the human being as embodied. She demonstrated how Job, Job’s friends, and God engage the body with regard to dignity, character, emotions, and, for the people, relation to God. Andreas Wagner, of the University of Bern in Switzerland, observed that Genesis 1 portrays an embodied

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# Completing Her Husband's Work

Wife of late SFTS Dean Rev. Dr. Lewis Mudge publishes his last book

By Rachel Howard and Charles Wei

Rev. Dr. Lewis S. Mudge, former dean and professor emeritus of San Francisco Theological Seminary, was working to complete a book on the global recession when he died in 2009. His wife, Jean McClure Mudge, was determined to finish the project her husband had started. Five years later, she finished editing her husband's book, which was published recently with the title *We Can Make the World Economy a Sustainable Global Home* (Eerdmans).

"Lew's intent [in writing this book] was to start an ongoing dialogue with both persons of faith and anyone eager to consider our ecological and economic crises in a fresh theological and practical light," explains Jean Mudge. "Daily conversations with Lew in the months between the book's start and his death helped guide me in making decisions about a variety of his sources."

Lewis Mudge was widely known in the church as a theologian-ethicist, statesman, and leader of ecumenical dialogue. While serving as dean of SFTS, Mudge broadened the scope of faculty research and was instrumental in supporting the efforts of faculty members to publish their work. He was a respected and much-



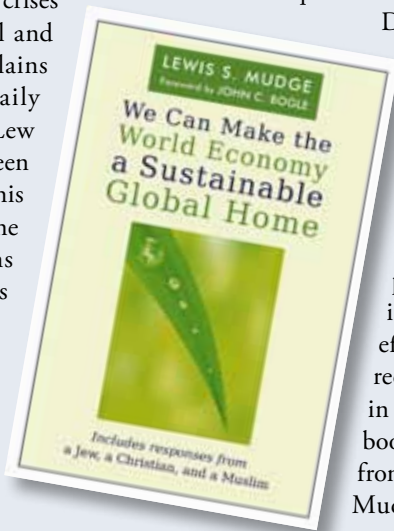
Rev. Dr. Lewis S. Mudge and Jean McClure Mudge

loved member of the SFTS community.

"SFTS has never had a colleague or dean quite like him," says current Dean of the Seminary, Rev. Dr. Jana Childers.

In his newly released book, Mudge offers fresh theological, political, and practical insights into the causes and effects of the global recession that started in 2007. Though the book focuses on events from several years ago, Mudge's open-ended suggestions are still relevant today. Included in

the book are responses from Jewish, Christian, and Muslim perspectives contributed by Elliott N. Dorff, John C. Knapp, and Djamel Eddine Laouisset. The introduction to the book



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was written by John C. Bogle, founder and CEO of the Vanguard Group and a well-known economist.

On May 15, Jean Mudge and Dr. Christopher Ocker, Professor of Church History at SFTS, were panelists at a GTU book forum focusing on the recent book release.

Mudge earned his BA and PhD from Princeton University and his M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary. After holding posts at Princeton, the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, Amherst, and McCormick Theological Seminary, he joined the faculty of SFTS in 1987.

Mudge's other books include *One Church: Catholic and Reformed* (1963), *The Crumbling Walls* (1970), *The Sense of a People* (1992), *The Church as Moral Community* (1998), and *Rethinking the Beloved Community* (2000).

*We Can Make the World Economy a Sustainable Global Home* is available now in paperback on Amazon.com.

# FACULTY UPDATES



**Rev. Dr. Virstan Choy**, Director of Advanced Pastoral Studies and Associate Professor of Ministry, taught a seminar with Rev. Sarah Moore-Nokes

(M.Div. 2003), General Presbyter of Winnebago Presbytery, on “Change, Collaboration, and Conflict” in April as part of the Certificate in Executive Leadership Program at McCormick Theological Seminary. Graduates of this program will be able to continue their studies in the new Diploma in Executive Leadership Program at SFTS in fall 2014 because of the two seminaries’ partnership in Advanced Pastoral Studies.

Choy participated in a Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion consultation on “Teaching Religion and Theology to a Changing Student Body” May 21–23. The Wabash Center will provide funding for Choy and other members of a project team on “Contextually and Culturally Attentive Approaches to Teaching Doctor of Ministry Students” to research and develop new practices in teaching, dissertation advising, and project supervision over the 2014–2017 period. This fall, the new SFTS Center for Innovation in Ministry will host the group and serve as an incubation site for their work.



**Rev. Laurie Garrett-Cobbina**, Shaw Family Chair for Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), co-convened the “Womanist Reflections: Remembering Fannie Lou Hamer” conference at SFTS May 10. She will be attending the 2014 African and African Diaspora Women in Religion and Theology Conference on the theme “Womanist Theology: Texts of Terror, Texts of Empowerment: Reimagining Sacred Canon in African Womanhood” in Legon, Ghana.

Hawkins will end her summer coordinating a retreat for spiritual directors, “Deepening Our Trust: Living Authentic Questions,” on the SFTS campus, July 21–25. Rev. Marjorie Thompson will be the keynote speaker and will lead participants through an exploration of the Clearness Committee model of discernment.

on in African Womanhood” in Legon, Ghana, July 6–10. Also while in Ghana, she will be meeting with students and faculty at Spiritan University College. SFTS and Spiritan will be partnering for a CPE class that Garrett-Cobbina will teach at Spiritan in summer 2015.



**Rev. Vanessa Hawkins**, Interim Director/Instructor in the Program in Christian Spirituality, participated in a Black History Month lecture and dialogue series hosted by St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Marin City, California, in February. She preached and gave two lectures, one on “Critical Race Theory and Education” and the other on “Reading the Aethiop in Acts 8:26–40 Through the Lens of Art and an African American Hermeneutic.”

In May, Hawkins co-hosted with Rev. Laurie Garrett-Cobbina the “Womanist Reflections: Remembering Fannie Lou Hamer” conference at SFTS, where she presented a paper on Womanist spirituality. She will serve as a committee assistant at the 221st General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Detroit, June 14–21. In July, Hawkins will attend the 2014 African and African Diaspora Women in Religion and Theology Conference on the theme “Womanist Theology: Texts of Terror, Texts of Empowerment: Reimagining Sacred Canon in African Womanhood” in Legon, Ghana.

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**Dr. Elizabeth Liebert**, Professor of Spiritual Life and Director of the Program in Christian Spirituality, spent the fall semester as a Residential Scholar

at the Collegeville Institute, St. John’s University, Collegeville, Minnesota. In addition to working on her current book manuscript, she led a seminar for Institute scholars entitled “Social Discernment: A Spiritual Practice for Institutions.” In November, she offered a retreat on “The Way of Discernment” for the St. John’s community and friends, and in December, she offered “Benedictine and Ignatian Discernment and Their Implications for Today” with Sr. Joshue Behnen, OSB for the Benedictine Institute of St. John’s University. In April, Liebert traveled to Heartland, Kansas, for two lectures in the Omaha Seminary Foundation Heartland Lecture Series, “Discernment in an Age of Complexity” and “Prayerfully Navigating the Complexity: The Social Discernment Cycle.” She has recently been appointed permanent part-time consultant for the Congregational Leadership Team of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, as well as Director of Novices for the United States, Ontario, and Manitoba. She returns to full-time teaching in fall 2014.



**Dr. Christopher Ocker**, Professor of Church History, gave a lecture called “Who’s Afraid of Universal Spirit: The Reformation,” in the international Muilenburg-Koenig History of Religions Workshop, “Dimensions of Spirit,” which he organized, at SFTS in February. He delivered a paper called “Language of God and Oaths to the Devil: A Historical Case for the Inspi-

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ration of Hearers” at the “Reason, Revelation, Experience, and the Body” conference at SFTS in March. In April, he flew to the United Arab Emirates to deliver a public lecture sponsored by the NYU Institute in Abu Dhabi. The lecture was called “Islam and Christendom: Pope Pius II and the Entanglement of Civilizations.” Ocker looks forward to working with D.Min. students at SFTS in the new Executive Leadership track to explore the links between Christian and non-Christian traditions, complex systems, and spiritual leadership today.



**Dr. Annette Schellenberg**, Associate Professor of Old Testament, presented a paper on the body in the book of Job at a conference on embodiment in Heidelberg, Germany, in January. The conference was organized by Dr. Annette Weissenrieder, SFTS Professor of New Testament. In February, Schellenberg led a four-week adult-education series on the Book of Genesis at Montclair Presbyterian Church, Oakland. Also in February, with Dr. Greg Love and Dr. Annette Weissenrieder, she led a workshop on the crucifixion of Christ at Seventh Avenue Presbyterian Church, San Francisco.



**Dr. Scott Sullender**, Associate Professor of Pastoral Counseling, was elected editor of Reflective Practice: Formation and Supervision in Ministry for a three year term, beginning July 1. Reflective Practice is a professional journal that seeks to understand, expand, and promote theory, learning,

and reflection in the practice of supervision and formation in various ministries from diverse cultural and religious perspectives. These ministries include Clinical Pastoral Education, chaplaincy, pastoral counseling, spiritual direction, and contextual education. For more information about Reflective Practice, please visit [www.reflective-practice.org](http://www.reflective-practice.org).



**Dr. Annette Weissenrieder**, Associate Professor of New Testament, organized a conference on cognitive science and theology with Dr. Gregor Etzel-müller and Dr. Michael Welker, professors at the University of Heidelberg. The theme of the conference, which took place in January, was “Embodiment as Paradigm of Theological Anthropology.”

Weissenrieder was invited by archeologists in Rome and Naples to visit catacombs and archeological sites in May. These sites are normally closed to the public. She has also been invited by a group of archeologists and New Testament scholars to visit sites in Turkey in July. She will introduce the group to the Apollo Temple in Didyma and explore its relationship to Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians. Also in July, she will attend the 45th international conference on Karl Barth’s theology, which will focus on illness and healing, and a conference on the Septuagint, where she will present a paper on Job’s anthropology in the Septuagint.

From September to December, Weissenrieder will be a visiting scholar at the University of Erfurt in Germany, where she will work with Prof. Thomas Bauer on a new edition of the Vetus Latina of the Gospel of Luke.

## Dr. Ocker named 2014 Distinguished Faculty Lecturer

By Rachel Howard

Each year, the Graduate Theological Union (GTU) faculty honors a professor who embodies the scholarly standards, teaching excellence, and commitment to ecumenism that define the GTU. This year, the Council of Deans has selected Dr. Christopher Ocker, Professor of Church History at San Francisco Theological Seminary, as the 2014 Distinguished Faculty Lecturer.

Nominations for this award are made by each GTU member school to the Council of Deans, with the rule that nominators may not submit names from within their own schools. The Council then makes the final selection. Ocker was nominated by three different member schools, an extremely rare occurrence. Notably, he has also been nominated by at least one member school each year for the past three years.

“As an educational institution with a commitment to maintain the highest standards of research and scholarship, SFTS is immensely proud of Dr. Ocker’s body of work and very happy to see him honored in this way,” says Rev. Dr. Jana Childers, Dean of the Seminary and Professor of Homiletics. “And as a community of colleagues, students, administrators, and staff, we are thrilled. The honor is so richly deserved we cannot help but be delighted.”

Since this distinction was established in 1976, there have been 38 distinguished lecturers, six of whom have been from SFTS: Dr. Benjamin Reist (1985), Dr. Anne Wire (1992), Rev. Dr. Lewis Mudge (2003), Rev. Dr. Philip Wickeri (2009), Rev. Dr. James Noel (2012), and now Dr. Christopher Ocker (2014).

Ocker’s lecture will be Thursday, November 6, at 7:00 p.m. on the GTU campus. Please join us in congratulating him on this well-earned honor.



# WALKING <sup>with</sup> the ANIMALS

By Rachel Howard

How does a graduate of San Francisco Theological Seminary (SFTS) find herself swimming with dolphins in Bimini, walking with lions and cheetahs in South Africa, feeding elephants in Kenya, working with wolves in Colorado, and playing with otters and seals in Carmel? Just ask Dee Cooper, a 2011 D.Min. graduate of SFTS.

“When I was a little girl, my friends used to call me Mowgli [after the boy in *The Jungle Book*, by Rudyard Kipling] because I had such a profound connection with animals,” Cooper explains with a smile. “Squirrels, dogs, cats—all kinds of animals.”

This connection with animals didn’t initially affect her chosen career path. Originally from

## An Alumna’s Experiences with the Healing Power of Play

Texas, Cooper earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from Texas Tech University. While in college, her membership in a sorority had such a positive impact on her that after graduation, she became a Panhellenic Advisor in the Dean of Student’s office, while earning a Master of Education in Higher Education Administration and Psychology. She later served as the Greek Advisor at Wichita State University in Kansas.

Both experiences working with students awakened in her the desire to accompany people as they journeyed through their lives. Many students came to her seeking guidance when facing challenges, but Cooper found herself limited in the level of support she could provide, especially as it related to faith. This led her to Gordon-Conwell Divinity School, where

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## 2014 ALUMNI REUNION

# Shared memories, inspiring speakers

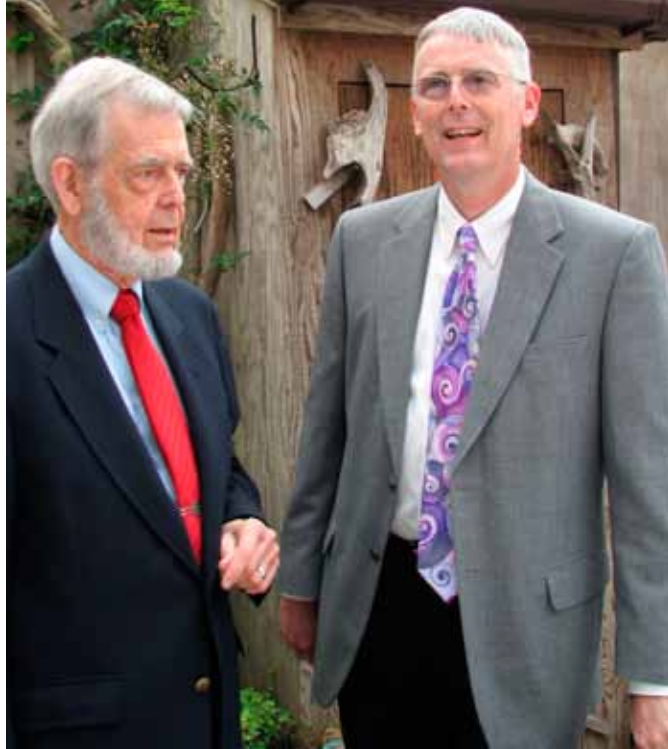
By Eva Stimson

Compelling speakers and the opportunity to reconnect with old friends drew graduates of San Francisco Theological Seminary (SFTS) to the San Anselmo campus for the 2014 Alumni Reunion, April 3–5. This year’s speakers brought to podium and pulpit examples of how to translate faith into action on such issues as poverty, human trafficking, and the environmental crisis.

Rev. Greg Wood (M.Div. 1989) crossed the country from his home in Richmond, Virginia, to attend the reunion with his dad, Rev. Wilbur Wood (BD 1964). “We’d been back to the seminary many times, but never together,” he says. Attending their 25th and 50th reunions together, he adds, “was something my dad had been talking about for 10 years.”

Two of Greg’s uncles were also students at SFTS. “We have quite a bit of family history there,” he says. Father and son enjoyed comparing the similarities and differences in their seminary experiences separated by a span of 30 years.

“My dad washed dishes in the cafeteria to put himself through school,” Greg says. “When I was there, the seminary had no cafeteria.” But they both took classes from Professor Surjit Singh, who began teaching at SFTS in 1951, just before Wilbur arrived, and retired in 1988, the year before Greg’s graduation.



*Father-son graduates Rev. Wilbur Wood (BD 1964) and Rev. Greg Wood (M.Div. 1989)*

Celebrating their 50-year reunion—and their 50th wedding anniversary—this year were Hope and Masayoshi Kawashima. They first met at an evening celebration of Japanese culture organized by the seminary. Masayoshi, who grew up in Japan, was invited to cook and provide entertainment.

“They asked me to sing some Japanese songs,” he recalls. “I told them I couldn’t sing without accompaniment.” So someone introduced him to Hope, who played the piano. He learned that Hope’s grandparents had emigrated to the United States from Japan. She wasted no time in recruiting him to organize concerts for patients at a local hospital where she worked as a music therapist.

Hope graduated in June 1964 and the two married a week later. Masayoshi received his degree from the seminary in 1965. “The seminary means a lot to us,” he says. “We are so grateful.”

The weekend began Thursday evening with the annual Faith & The Common Good Lecture, which featured speaker Dr. David Batstone, Pro-

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*Masayoshi and Hope Kawashima celebrated their 50-year reunion—and their 50th wedding anniversary—this past April.*



# ALUMNI UPDATES



**1964 (MASM) Hope (Omachi) Kawashima** sang at Carnegie Hall in New York City in 2013 and at the Kennedy Center in

Washington, D.C., in January 2014 with her husband, Mas Kawashima (1965 M.Th.); her daughter, and her grandson. They sang in the New American Choir with Christian artist Michael W. Smith. She is retired but continues as a substitute organist for United Japanese Christian Church in Clovis, California, and St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Fresno.



**1969 (M.Div.), 1975 (D.Min.) Rev. Dr. R. Michael "Mike" McLellan**

is pastor emeritus of First Presbyterian Church in Tracy, California, where he began serving in 1988. He is volunteering with Tracy Volunteer Caregivers, the Grand Theatre for the Performing Arts, and United Way. He was named Professional of the Year for Tracy in 2002 and continues an active ministry to the whole community. He and his wife, Marietta, also have a home in Portland, Oregon, where they are active in St. Luke Lutheran Church. McLellan is also a fused-glass artist and shows his work in local galleries.



**1978 (M.Div.) Rev. Jeffrey Cheifetz** completed his fifth interim pastorate, this one at First Congregational Church in San Jose,

California, in October 2013. He and Amy Shoemaker co-founded Sanctuary for the Arts ([www.sanctuaryforthearts.com](http://www.sanctuaryforthearts.com)) in Oakland. Sanctuary for the Arts, a spiritual community based in the arts with a vision for bringing heal-

ing and reconciliation, has received funding from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s 1001 New Worshiping Communities initiative. Cheifetz's daughter, Laura (2004 M.Div., McCormick), serves the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation as Executive Director of Church and Public Relations. His son, David, is an artist ([davidcheifetz.com](http://davidcheifetz.com)), and he and his wife welcomed a baby daughter in September. Cheifetz says he and his wife, Diana, "cannot quite believe we are old enough to be grandparents."



**1982 (M.Div.) Rev. Dr. Thomas Murray** served for two years after seminary as a pastor in Bayfield, Colorado. From 1984 through 2003, he

served as an Army chaplain, achieving the rank of Colonel and retiring after serving as the NATO Command Chaplain. He has served for the past 10 years as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in McAlester, Oklahoma. He received a Doctorate in Systematic Theology in 1999 and continues to contribute to the life of the church through teaching at a local college.



**1988 (M.Div.), 2006 (D.Min.) Rev. Dr. Gloria D. Johnson-Wilson** is an ordained Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, serving at St. Paul Church in Berkeley, California. She is also an associate minister at First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, in Alameda. Before retiring, she served in the U.S. Army for 27 years, 14 years as a chaplain and 13 years as enlisted personnel. Since retiring, she has served as Clinical Staff Chaplain with the Veterans Administration and as a Hospice chaplain with a local health-

care agency. She was a consultant with Public Broadcasting Station KQED in the Early Education "Ready to Learn" literacy program.

Johnson-Wilson completed her Clinical Pastoral Education at Stanford University Hospital and the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Palo Alto. She is also a Marriage and Family Therapist Intern with the state of California. She was recently appointed to the Justice Commission for the Northern California Region, Disciples of Christ, and is a member of the California Council of Churches Impact Board.



**1988 (M.Div.) Rev. Heather Hennessey**

is enjoying retirement and is still married to Randy Haynes. They live in Redding, California, but travel widely to enjoy kids and grandkids. She spent five years as a pastor in Geyserville, California, and the past 20 years as a pastor in Redding. "I loved parish ministry," Hennessey says, "but I'm loving retirement even more!"



**1988 (M.Div.), 1989 (MA) Dr. Theodore Louis Trost** recently completed a four-year term as chair of the Religious Studies department at the University of Alabama. He is on sabbatical with his family for the 2013-14 academic year and is serving as Visiting Research Fellow in the School of Philosophy, Religion, and History of Science at the University of Leeds, England. Trost is working on two writing projects in Leeds: an edited and annotated collection of early writings by the 19th-century German church historian Philip Schaff and a book chapter on the "religionless Christianity" of U2 on their 1997 album

## ALUMNI UPDATES

Pop. He recently published a chapter in the book *Finding Fogerty: Interdisciplinary Readings of John Fogerty and Creedence Clearwater Revival* (edited by Tom Kitts), entitled “‘Devil’s on the Loose’: Creedence Clearwater Revival and the Religious Imagination.” He is also completing a review of poems composed by SFTS graduate and poet laureate James Hawley.



**1989 (D.Min.) Rev. Dr. Richard (Ric) Cavnes Neese** received a Lilly Endowment National Clergy Renewal grant in 2005. This

enabled him and his wife, Nancy, and their 10-year-old grandson, Austin, to launch a “jubilee” sabbatical pilgrimage to Georgia, where Neese’s faith journey began a half-century earlier. They proceeded to visit Monticello, Williamsburg, Gettysburg, and Washington, D.C. Later in the summer, their entire family celebrated the bicentennial of Lewis and Clark’s “Corps of Discovery” with a weeklong whitewater rafting expedition on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in Idaho. After a weeklong immersion in the dramas of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Neese and his wife completed the sabbatical with a monthlong Rick Steves’ guided tour of

England, Wales, and Scotland. In Neese’s absence, 13 gifted pastors/teachers from Oregon and California filled the pulpit at Chapel by the Sea in Lincoln City, Oregon, where he served from 1997 to 2012. “This was my first (and only) sabbatical in 42-years of ordained ministry—but what a joy!” he says.

Neese retired from the Presbytery of the Cascades in 2012.



**1993 (MA) Dr. Chris Seeman** has taught at various universities throughout the Midwest, most recently at Walsh University

## Pam Byers named 2014 Distinguished Alumna

By Patricia Corrigan

**P**am Byers, a ruling elder at Old First Presbyterian Church in San Francisco, has been named San Francisco Theological Seminary’s 2014 Distinguished Alumna for her work removing a ban on the ordination of gay and lesbian Presbyterians. Byers earned a Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS) over a 10-year period while working as executive director of Covenant Network of Presbyterians.

When Byers helped to found that organization in 1997, she thought it might take 10 months to change the policy that excluded gays and lesbians from ordination as ministers, elders, or deacons in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). “It was such an obvious reform, but it took 14 years,” says Byers, 66, who describes taking the job as a call. “Still, it was very satisfying to see that goal achieved on my watch.”

Byers, who already had a PhD when she enrolled at SFTS, says she



Julie Bernstein photo

entered the seminary master’s program because “the opportunity for lay people to get a serious theological education is a real luxury.” She adds, “It helped a great deal with my work, being better able to understand and frame theological and biblical argu-

ments and also to understand church history.”

Jerry Van Marter, a distinguished SFTS alumnus and director of the Presbyterian News Service of the PC(USA), served on the Alumni Council’s nominating committee that chose to honor Byers. “What the committee found compelling,” he says, “is that Pam built Covenant Network into one of the most effective and inclusive organizations in the entire church, and those values really embody what SFTS is all about.”

On a personal note, Van Marter added, “I was thrilled when Pam’s name bubbled to the top. She is a seminary graduate who has chosen to live out a Christian vocation as a lay person rather than a minister, and she is well known and much loved in the Presbyterian Church for her perseverance.”

Byers, who retired in May 2011, lives in San Francisco with her husband, Jeffrey, and is actively involved in her presbytery.

in North Canton, Ohio. He recently published his dissertation, *Rome and Judea in Transition: Hasmonean Relations with the Roman Republic and the Evolution of the High Priesthood* (New York: Peter Lang, 2013; American University Studies Series VII, Theology and Religion, vol. 325). In addition to teaching graduates and undergraduates, Seeman also co-directs a lifelong learning academy for the general public. He and Bob Coote are also planning to co-author a book on Mark's gospel.



**1996 (DASD), 2003 (M.Div.) Rev. Dr. Diana Nishita Cheifetz** is a spiritual director who works with pastors and people of color. She

has provided individual and group direction with the Program in Christian Spirituality at SFTS for Companions on the Inner Way, the Youth Ministry Spirituality Project, and the Diploma

in the Art of Spiritual Direction, as well as for various retreats and conferences. Her website is [www.spiritual-directionforpastors.com](http://www.spiritual-directionforpastors.com). Having found both listening and speaking to be powerful callings, she completed her D.Min. in Preaching at McCormick Theological Seminary in 2012. Her thesis is entitled, *Tiger in a Teacup: An Asian American Woman's Journey Toward a Stronger Preaching Voice*. Cheifetz says, "My husband, Jeff, and I are the proud parents and grandparents of progeny whom we want to be like when we grow up!"



**2000 (D. Min), 2006 (DASD) Dr. Alexandra Guliano**, a board certified chaplain (BCC), ministers as Parish Director of

St. Therese Parish in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and serves as on-call chaplain for Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.



**2002 (M.Div.)**

**Rev. Chris Enoch** graduated in 2002 after 10 years in seminary. After serving a church in Riverside, California,

he accepted a call to Third Presbyterian Church in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, in 2006 and has been there ever since. He says, "My wife, Susie, and I are empty-nesters now and have settled in well in the greater Pittsburgh area."

**2003 (M.Div.), 2005 (M.Div.)**

**Miguel Santamaria and Rev. Amy E. Gatje-Santamaria** became the parents of twins last year. Sam and Jake, now almost 2 years old, joined their sister Elizabeth, who is 4. Amy is a Palliative Care Chaplain at Tampa General Hospital in Tampa, Florida, and Miguel is an ACPE Associate Supervisor at The Partnership for Clinical Pastoral Education in Clearwater.

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## Join us at General Assembly in Detroit!

San Francisco Theological Seminary President Rev. Dr. James McDonald, Dean of the Seminary Rev. Dr. Jana Childers, Theological Student Advisory Delegates, and other members of the SFTS community will participate in this bi-annual national gathering of the PC(USA) in Detroit, Michigan. SFTS will host two events open to all who wish to register:

**JUNE 17, 7:00pm - 8:30pm, Free**

### SFTS Dessert Reception: Innovating in Ministry

Enjoy dessert, learn more about the innovations taking place on campus, and converse with current staff, faculty, and students. Register for this free event through the Office of the General Assembly website at [oga.pcusa.org](http://oga.pcusa.org).

**JUNE 18, 11:30am - 1:30pm, \$30**

### Luncheon: Reconnect with Alumni and Friends

Learn more about the seminary's exciting new Center for Innovation in Ministry from McDonald, Childers and APS Director Rev. Dr. Virstan Choy. Please register through the Office of the General Assembly website at [oga.pcusa.org](http://oga.pcusa.org).

## FROM THE ALUMNI COUNCIL

## An Exciting April Meeting

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE OF THE MARCH ON SELMA:**

The 2015 Alumni Reunion, scheduled for April 9–11, will include an observance of the 50th anniversary of the March on Selma. SFTS has invited a number of speakers to join us in marking this historic moment, who will be confirmed soon.

**ALUMNI MOSAIC INITIATIVE:**

The Council heard a report from Alumnus and Trustee Rev. Dr. Steve Wirth on the continued progress of the Alumni Mosaic Initiative, a key component of the seminary's \$6 million major gift campaign, which runs from November 2013 to July 2015. Chair of the campaign committee is Alumnus Rev. Herb Valentine, former moderator of the General Assembly.

**BUSINESS AND ACADEMIC UPDATES:**

The Council heard the most positive reports in years on the seminary's business operations and academics from CFO Barbara Brenner Buder and Dean of the Seminary Rev. Dr. Jana Childers. Bruder's presentation covered plans regarding the sale of non-core campus real estate to finance new construction on campus and replenish some of the endowment. Childers discussed curricu-

lum revisions and dramatic changes in the way teaching and learning will be enhanced at SFTS.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Alumni Council Executive Committee: Sept. 22–23, 2014

Alumni Council: Oct. 14–15, 2014



## Alumni Survey Results

The Advancement and External Relations team would like to thank the almost 450 alumni who responded to February's alumni survey! Rev. William Bruce McQueen of Lyons, Colorado, a 1971 M.Div. and 2004 DASD graduate, was the winner of a two-night stay in Shaw Guest House or a one-week stay in the sabbatical apartments on the beautiful San Francisco Theological Seminary campus. Congratulations, Rev. McQueen!

Your responses have helped us better understand you and your interests, your work, and your wishes for SFTS. Below are a few of the numbers:

**80%**  
of you found receiving **CHIMES** to be an important way to stay connected with the seminary

**61%**  
of you are interested in participating in **ONLINE COURSES**

**48%**  
**USE SOCIAL MEDIA** to stay connected

**43%**  
are interested in joining an **SFTS ALUMNI AFFINITY GROUP** to share ideas online

**32%**  
are interested in serving on the **ALUMNI COUNCIL**

Through the survey, we also found that a number of alumni are interested in helping SFTS in a variety of ways:

✓ **Provide internship opportunities**

✓ **Help recruit students**

✓ **Help raise funds**

*Thank you all for your responses and continued engagement—  
Look forward to more from us soon!*



## Deborah Arca's Guide to Online Communications

By Rachel Howard

In the modern world, there are countless ways to communicate electronically: e-mail, Twitter, Facebook, blogs, websites, Vine, Instagram...and the list goes on. If your head is already spinning, don't worry – you're not alone. With so many tools at our fingertips, it is easy for church

leaders to become overwhelmed when trying to determine how to best communicate with their congregants.

But this is where Deborah Arca comes in. Former Program Manager for the SFTS Program in Christian Spirituality, Arca is currently the Managing Editor at Patheos (www.patheos.com). This popular online blog boasts millions of monthly viewers, and al-

lows people to “engage in a global dialogue about religion and spirituality, and to explore and experience the world's beliefs”. As a tech-savvy church-goer, Arca has some advice as to which online tools are most helpful to pastors and churches, not only to stay connected with congregants, but with other churches throughout the country and the world.



**A Website:** “This is the most important online tool a church can have. A church's website is really an extension of church hospitality, where people go if they want to find out how to visit or connect with a church. If you can only have one online presence, a website should be it.”

Many of today's churches already have a website, but if your church doesn't have one, or you are considering planting a new church, there are a number of online tools available. **Weebly.com** or **Wordpress.com** are both online tools that allow you to build your own website; however, if this task seems too daunting, you may want to consider hiring a student web designer.

congregation once a week on Sundays. But having a presence on Facebook allows you to share in peoples' joys and sorrows throughout the week. It also allows you to pose questions to congregants, engage in conversation, provide information about an upcoming sermon, and tap into the general pulse of your community.”

If you want to sign up for **Facebook**, keep in mind that you can either start a “Facebook Page” for your church, or an “Individual Page” for yourself as a pastor. Either way, posting at least once weekly will keep your online community engaged.



**E-mail Blasts:** “This is another very important way to communicate with your congregation especially regarding upcoming news and events.”

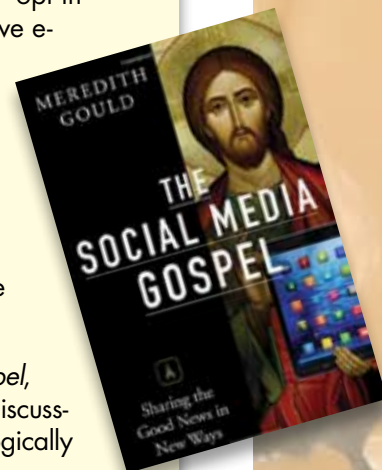
The online tools **Constant Contact** and **Mail Chimp** are both tools that make e-mail blasts easy. Both allow you to

maintain e-mail lists and send out nice-looking e-mails to your congregations as often as you like. With both tools, it is important to note that your congregants need to “opt in” (i.e. sign up) to receive e-mails to avoid having your account flagged as spam.

**Learn More:** For those interested in starting or enhancing their online communities, Arca suggests the following resources:

✚ *Social Media Gospel*, by Meredith Gould, discusses how to think theologically about digital ministry.

✚ *The Definitive-ish Guide for Using Social Media in the Church*, by Rev. Dr. Bruce Reyes-Chow (M.Div. 1995), provides how-tos with a convincing rationale for why social media matters for the church.



**Facebook:** “Think of Facebook as an extension of your church community, a way to enhance communication with your congregation. You may typically see your

With all these online tools available, should online communities replace face-to-face interactions? “Absolutely not!” says Arca. “Online communications are simply a way to extend, enhance, and expand in-person communications, not replace them.”

# Phillipines

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opportunities to grow and serve in God's world."

Silliman University Divinity School offers a variety of programs, including revised Bachelor of Theology and Master of Divinity (M.Div.) programs; two-year M.Div. thesis tracks with majors in biblical studies, theology, pastoral ministry, Christian education, and spiritual care; and a Master of Arts in peace studies.

Prior to visiting Silliman, the SFTS cohort joined with a PC(USA)

delegation to meet with church partners in the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP). The devastation left by Typhoon Haiyan was still readily apparent. One of the strongest tropical cyclones ever recorded, Typhoon Haiyan swept through the region in November 2013.

Silliman has been heavily engaged in the response to Typhoon Haiyan. After the storm hit, the university deployed students, staff, and faculty to the affected areas to assist in rescue and relief efforts and helped students connect with missing loved ones. Relief work by the UCCP is still underway.

"We heard amazing stories of heroism and heartbreak, courage and confusion," McDonald says. "The UCCP is working every day to bring relief and hope to the suffering in their communities. I am proud of the way the PC(USA) is seeking to be a faithful partner in solace and solidarity."

On the new relationship with Silliman, McDonald continues, "This partnership opens the door to a host of opportunities to broaden and deepen our understanding of what God is doing in the world and how we can be a part of it. Together, we can better envision and help embody the global church of Jesus Christ."

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# Bell

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the SFTS workshops. "After one of the workshops, a musician, a clergy person, and multiple church members stayed behind to talk about the life-giving nature of music that is especially present when it is the work of the people and not just the experts," she says. Another pastor who attended told Hausser that the following evening, members of a Bi-

ble study group "never got to the Bible study" because they were so excited to share what they had learned at the seminary. "The pastor said he walked into the room to teach and found his people already leading!"

These are the outcomes and connections organizers of the Center for Innovation in Ministry look forward to fostering. Created as part of the seminary's strategic plan, the Center will officially launch in a two-day event October 16

and 17. Jane McGonigal, a world-renowned game designer and futurist, will be the event's plenary speaker. A national bestselling author and game designer, McGonigal will lead us as we explore the unlikely intersection between Church and electronic gaming. Cutting-edge ministry leaders will join her in challenging the way we think about ministry.

"Jane McGonigal is outside the religious circle, but we think she will bring cre-

ative ideas to people of faith that will allow us to address real needs," says Hausser. "It's an incredible time of change in the Church and the world. SFTS can be a hub for bringing people together to embrace this change and to think creatively both inside and outside the walls of the church about effective ministry."

More information about the upcoming Center for Innovation in Ministry launch event will be available soon at [www.sfts.edu](http://www.sfts.edu).

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# Rabbi

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One of the prerequisites for the SFTS degree program is at least one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) or its equivalent. "I have a master's in Jewish history and I am an

ordained rabbi, but I've had no CPE training," Zeff says. "I am doing that now at a hospital in Sacramento, concurrently with my degree program, and I also meet with a psychologist who is acting as a mentor for me."

Zeff is enthusiastic about his weekly seminars with Sullender and Dr. Lily Stearns, an adjunct professor.

"All my previous training was scholastic, and now we are talking about the spirit, the soul, emotions," he says. "In our discussions, we really open up, become vulnerable, and that has provided a new perspective for me. I feel more spiritually alive than I have in quite a few years."

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## Spirit

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in demons, coupled with the belief that an individual Christian has power over those demons, translates into an agenda for political dominance.

Ocker says the workshop is intended to expose participants to the points of view of a variety of scholars. “We try to understand how the world works for specific groups of people living in particular contexts,” he explains. “That in turn affects the way we understand

ourselves and how we see and live in the world. It is very much about understanding living faith. To learn to do this is to be more fully, more compassionately human. It is also a fundamental skill for anyone seeking to innovate new and more effective forms of Christian service.”

This year’s workshop succeeded in “blasting away established categories, breaking down walls, and producing fresh insight,” Ocker adds. Presenters, respondents, students, and guests discussed a wide variety of exciting scholarship. He believes students were

left with the challenge to develop their own theological and pastoral approaches to a society that includes vastly different ways of knowing and understanding. Ocker wonders how one even begins to account for all of the apparent contradictions that exist in such a society.

“It’s a very exciting question,” he concludes, “and that’s what we’re working on for the rest of the semester.” Ocker looks forward to the exciting scholarship next year’s seminar will bring surrounding the potential topic of “Secret Religions.”

## Body

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dominion, in which the world is put under the human being’s foot.

Gerd Theißen, of the University of Heidelberg, contended that the early Christian message was expressed through both the individual body and the social body—bodies not intended for incidental use or manipulation but for the experiences of baptism, Last Supper, and resurrection. My presentation focused on the bodily aspects of the “inner human being” in 2 Corinthians 4:16, concepts that influenced Luther and the Reformation. Paul’s definition of the inner human being corresponds to recent anthropological

concepts of embodiment. According to Paul, the visible outer human being has an inside that is not detached from the body but must be grasped from a physical perspective.

Etzelmüller described how the biblical traditions understand the new creation as an embodied process. He said the concept of embodiment entails both the evolutionary continuity of humanity and spaces of freedom for human reason to operate. Violence has shaped the evolution of humanity throughout history, permanently endangering the space for human reason. The doctrine of original sin calls attention to this condition. The “new creation” refers to a process of overcoming this condition through the healing of Jesus, the sharing of communion,

and the building up of congregations as the body of Christ.

Welker discussed the impact of the concept of embodiment on Christology. The embodied God initiates socially creative processes beyond the elementary bodily functions of nutrition and reproduction, he said. In this sense, resurrection can be understood as an intensification of the incarnation. The resurrected Christ builds up a community of witnesses who are transformed into members of his body, making them the embodiment of the resurrected Christ.

An absent body marks the beginning of Christian faith. The bodily perspective in the Hebrew Bible, New Testament, and theological studies deserve still further considerations. *The body matters.*

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The international makeup of SFTS also impresses Zeff. “We have a student from Ghana, one from Iran, somebody from South America, a lot of Korean students—it’s amazing,” he says. “Right now I’m doing a presenta-

tion on the ethics of assisted suicide with a new student who is a Muslim.

I’m looking at it from the point of view of traditional Jewish law, and he will present an analysis of traditional Islamic law. It feels good to come from different perspectives, but from what brings us together, not what pulls us apart.”

How does Zeff feel about being the only Jew in the program?

“I love it! I am so invigorated by that, because for the past 30 years of my career, I’ve been operating more or less in a Jewish universe, parallel to the rest of world. Now people ask me how as a Jew I view issues, and we compare and contrast that view with other traditions. It’s so refreshing!”

# Animals

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she earned an M.Div., and later to SFTS for doctoral studies.

Her passion for animals became a part of her professional life when she received a grant from the Lilly Foundation after graduating from SFTS. Through this opportunity, she explored how play and engagement with animals could transform peoples' lives. And what she found, during a three-month sabbatical spent traveling the world, profoundly touched her.

"I watched with amazement the melting away of guardedness and the opening of people through these human-animal connections," she says.

Cooper tells the story of a trip with her church to a Colorado wolf sanctuary. She and the others watched with amazement as a member of the congregation—a rigid rule-keeper who could sometimes be harshly judgmental—interacted with the wolves. As the wolves approached the man and licked his face, it was "as if a wax mask melted off of him," Cooper says.

"I was struck with amazement as I realized we were seeing him as he truly was. I noticed my own tears and turned to see others crying in laughter as we saw this man for the first time in the way that God sees him, and in the way that God sees each of us."

The power of play to heal both humans and animals is profound, Cooper says. "In the animal world, play is essential and vital for survival. When animals are traumatized, they, like humans, stop playing. The first step towards healing is starting to play again."

Cooper continues, "I feel that animals have, on many levels, been given the wonderful opportunity to teach us to play, to laugh, to be open to the

*"But ask the animals,  
and they will teach you;  
the birds of the air, and  
they will tell you; ask  
the plants of the earth,  
and they will teach you;  
and the fish of the sea  
will declare to you. Who  
among all these does  
not know that the hand  
of the Lord has done  
this? In his hand is the  
life of every living thing  
and the breath of every  
human being."*

—Job 12:7-10

wild side of ourselves that we might often push down or ignore."

An animal played an integral role in her own healing 13 years ago, when she found herself battling breast cancer. As the leader of an 800-member congregation, she found there wasn't space for her to express the fear or other emotions she was experiencing. She was able to find strength from her golden retriever, Sophie.

"Her presence was probably one of the most healing things in my journey through cancer," Cooper says. In Sophie's presence, Cooper could express



Cooper and her dog Sophie.

any emotions she was feeling and be met with unconditional love. When they moved to Colorado and Sophie was diagnosed with cancer of her own, Cooper provided the same love, support, and companionship to Sophie.

The healing connection Cooper experienced with Sophie has led her to start a non-profit called Sophie's Spirit, which will train canine-human teams to respond to and serve people who have experienced trauma. As a result of her travels during her sabbatical, she also plans to start a business, Adventures of the Wild at Heart, which will take people around the world to experience the transformative power of relationships with animals.

Cooper stresses that the benefits of human-animal interactions extend beyond well the individual. "If we can expand our compassion to creatures, we—by our very human nature—expand compassion to humanity as well."



# Mandela

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on campus in years. “If this is the kind of event the seminary is committed to doing, I’ll be back often,” one graduate said.

Hopkins, Professor of Theology at the University of Chicago Divinity School, addressed how the church has contributed to injustice throughout its history. He traced the beginning of the European Christian slave trade to 1455, when Pope Callixtus III gave Prince Henry of Portugal permission to conquer distant lands and their people in the name of Christ, “drawing on the authority of God to justify the oppression of dark-skinned people. In the modern era,” Hopkins continued, “missionaries took African land and resources in exchange for Bibles.”

Nineteenth-century theology asked if dark-skinned people were created in God’s image, raising the question of their humanity. According to Hopkins, this core question can be linked directly to the rise of black liberation theology in the United States. In 1966, a group of African American pastors published a statement in the *New York Times* and *Los Angeles Times* calling on churches to address race in America and its impact on jobs, education, segregation, and income disparity. “Jesus was already working for social change with the poor in black communities,” Hopkins said. “The church needed to go where Jesus was.”

That place is reconciliation, Hopkins said, and true reconciliation can only follow social justice. It is not a matter of “feeling good,” but of “suffering unto death, a sacrifice for the sake of the other.” Such was Mandela’s sacrifice.



*Students from the Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel Assistants Program at Atlanta’s Morehouse College came to the Mandela event as part of their California “Seminary Swing” tour.*

Boesak, a South African pastor and anti-apartheid activist currently teaching at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, challenged his listeners to understand that the struggle for justice did not end when Mandela walked out of prison in 1990. “We may have thought we buried the ghosts of racism,” he said, “yet they rise again. The gap between rich and poor in South Africa is the largest on earth, and it is growing in the U.S. as well.”

“To make Mandela’s legacy the sacred thing it ought to be,” Boesak continued, “we must embrace costly discipleship and work until justice and dignity are restored to all people. We must step away from the perception that the transition in South Africa was easy and . . . that it was the work of Mandela alone. Such distortions of history do not honor him.”

Noel chose a quote from a sermon by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as the event’s theme because Noel believes progressive people of good will in both South Africa and the United States cannot go backward. “Just because both nations have now had black

presidents does not mean the discourse about race is over,” he says.

What does this mean for theological education? Noel believes issues of race are not obvious to seminarians today. “The pendulum has shifted to the right, and liberation theology is talked about only as a cliché,” he says. “Students need to be trained to do social analysis and to connect race, class, and gender.

“There is often a disconnect between spirituality and social justice, with spirituality focused on the individual rather than community,” Noel continues. “While students often begin their sentences with ‘I think,’ Mandela always began with ‘we.’ He identified with the community that sustained him. Spiritual practice should always prepare you to face prison and death if need be. If seminaries don’t understand this, what hope is there?”

Boesak concluded his address with this challenge: “Believing there is nothing you can do, that power relations are fixed and unchangeable, is a lie. We can and must challenge and change power relations in the direction of justice.”



*Rev. Dr. James McDonald and Faith & The Common Good Lecturer, Dr. David Batstone.*



*Dr. Ellen Davis, Professor at Duke Divinity School, gives a lecture on "Destroyers of the Earth: Prophetic Critiques of Imperial Economics"*

## Alumni Reunion

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fessor of Ethics at University of San Francisco. In 2001, Batstone found out that his favorite Bay Area restaurant was the center for a human trafficking ring. This revelation spurred him to take a leave of absence from his career as a venture capitalist and co-found Not For Sale, a nonprofit organization that seeks to end modern-day slavery.

Rather than relying on charitable donations to fund his cause, Batstone promotes an investment-centered model that empowers the people he is trying to help. Not For Sale partners with businesses to employ formerly enslaved people and create products that can be sold at a profit, with a portion of the proceeds going to fund anti-trafficking efforts. To date, Batstone's organization has helped start eight successful for-profit businesses around the world. He hopes more organizations will move towards this model in attempts to solve today's most challenging social issues.

On Friday morning, empires—both ancient and modern—were the

focus of a lecture by Dr. Ellen Davis, Amos Ragan Kearns Distinguished Professor of Bible and Practical Theology at Duke Divinity School, who has written extensively on environmental and interfaith issues. She used texts from Ezekiel and Revelation to develop her topic, "Destroyers of the Earth: Prophetic Critiques of Imperial Economics."

Both John (in Revelation) and the prophet Ezekiel criticized the destructive effects of economic imperialism, Davis said. John's visions targeted the Roman Empire, while Ezekiel took on nations such as Tyre, which used its strategic location to control commerce and impoverish the less advantaged. Davis drew parallels between the oppressive practices of Rome and Tyre and the consumer-driven economics promoted by large corporations today, contending that both despoil the earth God created. Davis urged Christians to resist all modern forms of economic exploitation to protect peoples' rights to vital resources.

Next, Rev. Glenda Hope, a 1969 graduate of SFTS, led visiting Alumni and the local community through a sermon titled "You are God's beloved...Now what?" Drawing on

Psalms 139:7–18 and Luke 3:21–22, Hope challenged listeners to spread God's love outside the walls of the church.

Hope practices what she preaches. She has worked for more than 41 years serving the people of San Francisco's Tenderloin District, an area long plagued by poverty and violence. She and her late husband, Charles, also an SFTS graduate, founded a variety of ministries in San Francisco, including SafeHouse, a place of rehabilitation for women seeking to escape prostitution. Hope's sermon included stories of several of the women aided by SafeHouse.

Later that evening, a celebratory dinner and dance at the Alumni Reunion gave participants opportunities to share memories and stories. This year's reunion brought together alumni/ae from 21 graduating classes—from 1951 to 2012. Among those gathered were members of the class of 1964, who were celebrating their 50th reunion, and the class of 1989, marking 25 years since graduation. The seminary looks forward to honoring the classes of 1965 and 1990 at another reunion next spring.

# IN MEMORIAM

## 1945 (MA) Elizabeth Lorraine

**Walborn** died February 25. Born September 13, 1916, Walborn met her husband, A. Philip Walborn, at Whitworth University in 1937. She graduated from Whitworth in 1938 with a BA in sociology. She and Phil married in 1940. They continued their education at San Francisco Theological Seminary, where Lorraine earned an MA in Christian education and Phil an M.Div. in 1945. Walborn supported her husband's lifetime dedication to church stewardship as he served Presbyterian churches in California, Washington, Montana, and Utah as well as in England. She and Phil enjoyed traveling and sharing memories in the form of travelogues. Walborn is survived by two daughters, four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



## 1956 (MA)

### Patricia Waddell

**Light**, of Park Rapids, Minnesota, died August 25, 2013. Born March 30,

1930 in Spokane, Washington, Light was a graduate of Whitworth University and received a Master's degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary. In 1953, she married Robert Light; they had two daughters, Robin and Pamela.

Light was coordinator of educational programs in Presbyterian churches in Omaha, St. Louis Park, Minneapolis, and Las Vegas, and in Methodist churches in Fridley, Minnesota, and Park Rapids. In Las Vegas, she was editor of a monthly newspaper for senior citizens of Southern Nevada. While living in Edina, she worked for the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. Her

community involvement included serving on the boards of Heartland Concert Association and Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council and singing in the Park Rapids Classic Chorale.

Light is survived by two children, Robin Thomas and Pamela Light; four grandchildren, Megan and Kyle Thomas, and Ryan and Samantha Light Bone; and two great-grandchildren, Landon and Brooklyn Bone.



## 1956 (M.Div.)

### Rev. Frederick Arlin Nave, 84,

died November 24, 2013. He inherited an adventurous spirit from his father,

Charles Arlin Nave, and his mother, Adelaide Elizabeth Worth, who worked their way around the world until their son's birth March 2, 1929, in Seattle, Washington. Nave grew up in Seattle and graduated from the University of Washington with a Bachelor of Science in botany. Pursuing God's creativity through science led him to a deep and abiding faith. Sensing a call to the ministry, he enrolled in San Francisco Theological Seminary, where he completed an M.Div. in 1956. He married another seminary student, Joanne Arlene Grace, in 1955.

Nave served as pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Portland, Oregon, and as director of Camp Menucha, east of Portland. He then served as pastor of Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church in Portland for 30 years until retiring in 1993.

Nave paid for college and seminary by working as a commercial fisherman. He and his family spent many sum-

mers on their 23-foot houseboat in the San Juan Islands and Alaska's Inside Passage. He and his wife traveled to more than 36 countries. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Joanne; sister, Marian; daughter, Jeanette Laird; twin sons, Douglas and Dwight; and five grandchildren.



## 1956 (M.Div.)

### Rev. Allan C.

**Parker Jr.** died July 15, 2013 in Seattle, Washington. He was born September, 11, 1930, in Los Angeles,

the son of Allan Curtis and Edith Elizabeth Parker. He married Jean Marie Standal in 1951. He graduated from the University of Washington in 1953 with a Bachelor of Arts in history. He received his M.Div. from San Francisco Theological Seminary and was ordained to the Presbyterian ministry in 1956, serving as pastor of churches in Kansas and Washington.

Parker left the Presbyterian ministry at his request in 1961 and was ordained in the Episcopal Church in 1963. He served parishes and missions in the Dioceses of Olympia, Missouri, and Ohio. As director of the Adult Day Care Center at Columbia Lutheran Home in Seattle, he led workshops on aging and was an advocate for the aging before the state legislature. Parker was diocesan hospital chaplain, vicar of St. David's, Seattle (now Shoreline), and rector of Trinity Church, Seattle, where he served until retiring in 1996. He became rector emeritus at Trinity in 2002.

Parker's wife died in 2004. They were the parents of six children: Michael, Edith Anne, David, Janet, Annamarie, and Amy.



**1962 (B.Div.)  
Rev. Dean Charles  
Ellern** died November 27, 2013, in Los Gatos, California. He was born June 26, 1936, in Lewiston, Idaho, and

grew up in Spokane, Washington. He graduated from Whitworth University in 1957, from UCLA in 1959, and from San Francisco Theological Seminary in 1962. Ellern spent the bulk of his life working with Presbyterian churches and community organizations in the greater Bay Area. He was a member of the Presbytery of San Francisco and a fellow member of the American Academy of Social Sciences from 1967 to 1975.

Ellern is survived by his wife, LaVonna; children, Nadean, Kirk, and their families; twin sister, Donna, and brother, David.



**1964 (MCE)  
Rev. Maurice  
Clelland (Clell)  
Bone**, 78, died February 4, 2014 in Isanti, Minnesota. Born June 6, 1935, the son of Rev.

Maurice David and Clelland Winans Bone, he graduated from the University of Dubuque in 1959 with a Bachelor of Arts in sociology and a speech minor. He earned a Master's in Christian Education from San Francisco Theological Seminary in 1964. He served in the United States Army from 1960 to 1962 and worked as a youth minister from 1964 to 1971. After moving to Minnesota, he worked for Volunteers of America (VOA). Ordination allowed him to conduct funerals and weddings as part of his duties with VOA.

Northland Recreation Laboratory

(Rec Lab) held a very special place in his heart. His father was involved in the early days of the organization and encouraged Bone to attend in 1959. It was there that he met his wife, Mary Ellen. They were married for 53 years. Bone served on the board as president and attended Rec Lab and Winter Labs until his death. He also served on the Isanti City Council and as a volunteer for the fire department, as sheriff's chaplain, and as an election judge.

Bone is survived by his wife; three children, Sue Ellen Bone, Jonathan Bone, Stephen Bone; and 11 grandchildren.



**1964 (M.Div.)  
Rev. Edward  
Waddill** died October 21, 2013. He was born in Wink, Texas, May 21, 1933, the son of Rev. H.

Peyton and Mary Barnett Waddill. He received a BA in history from Trinity University, an MA in music education from the University of North Texas, and an M.Div. from San Francisco Theological Seminary.

Ordained in 1956, Waddill served as pastor of four Texas congregations: First Presbyterian Church in Clarksville, Grace Presbyterian Church in Temple, First Presbyterian Church in Angleton, and First Presbyterian Church in Alpine. In his last pastorate, Waddill learned that the building of the old Wink Presbyterian Church, where he had been baptized in 1933 while his father was pastor, had been incorporated into the Alpine church as its fellowship hall.

Waddill is survived by Katherine, his wife of 53 years; daughter, Michele; son, Karl; sister, Lanelle Taylor; brothers, Douglas and Steve; four grandchildren, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.



**1970 (M.Div.)  
Larry Temple  
Miller**, 69, died March 20, 2014. Born April 20, 1944, the son of Paul and Millicent Miller, he

grew up in Fort Worth, Texas. Miller graduated from the University of Texas-Arlington and received an education degree from Sonoma State University. He earned an M.Div. from San Francisco Theological Seminary in 1970.

Miller taught elementary school in Englewood, Colorado for 10 years. He then worked for the Colorado Education Association and the Oklahoma Education Association, retiring in 2011. A ruling elder at First Presbyterian Church in Oklahoma City, Miller organized Youth In Mission, a program that sent First Church youth to work on mission projects in Oklahoma City and throughout the United States.

Miller is survived by his wife of 34 years, Lolietta; son, Heath; daughter, Heidi Carlson; and grandchildren.



**1975 (D.Min.)  
Rev. Dr. Richard  
H. Skelley** died January 15 in Lincoln, Nebraska. He was born June 6, 1928, in Monticello, Iowa, the son of

Howard and Marie (Ehrisman) Skelley. He married Marion Deischer December 22, 1947. Skelley attended the University of Dubuque and the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, graduating from seminary in 1963. He served in Nebraska as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in O'Neill, Bethany Presbyterian Church in Chambers, and Faith Presbyterian Church in LaVista, where he retired in

1992. He earned a D.Min. from San Francisco Seminary in 1975.

Skelley is survived by his wife, Marion; daughters, Catherine L. Hershberger, Constance L. McElvain, and Christine L. Patten; brothers, Philip, Paul, and Peter; sisters, Carol Fox and Julie Aerni; three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

**1978 (M.Div.) Ken Stewart Meece**, 63, died March 18, 2012, in Eureka, California. He was born April 17, 1948, in Casper, Wyoming, the son of Charles Stewart and Mary Louise McFarland Meece, the second of their three children. He graduated from Occidental College, Los Angeles, in 1970 with a major in philosophy and religion. In 1973, Meece began a bicycle journey across Europe and Asia. From his travels, he learned that personal crises can be paths to rebirth.

Meece's greatest adventure was marrying Lynne in 1979 and becoming a father to her son, Conrad. The birth of their daughter, Sarah, brought great joy. Meece attended San Francisco Theological Seminary to pursue a career as a hospital chaplain. His first ministry was in Santa Rosa, where he developed a community-based chaplaincy service in seven hospitals and 15 nursing homes. Meece then served as chaplain for a state prison in North Bend, Oregon, and as director of Spiritual Care Services in Eureka and Fortune for the St. Joseph Health Care System. He visited patients and families, organized volunteer chaplains, chaired the hospital clinical ethics services, and introduced residents to the practice of contemplative prayer.



**1982 (D.Min.)  
Rev. Dr. Burton  
Wayne Crist**

died February 18, 2014 in Quinter, Kansas. He was born September 14, 1921, in Quinter to D. Floyd and Nellie Crist. He received his Bachelor of Arts from McPherson College in 1943 and his M.Div. from Bethany Theological Seminary in 1946. As one in the first generation of Brethren elders to be called into pastoral ministry, he was ordained March 14, 1942.

Crist found his lifelong partner when he married Dorothy Elizabeth Jones on December 25, 1951. For the next 35 years, he and Dorothy ministered to Brethren congregations in Illinois, Washington, California, and Kansas. During his time at Imperial Heights Church of the Brethren in Los Angeles, he brought a junior college into the community following destructive rioting in Watts in 1965. He received his D.Min. from San Francisco Theological Seminary in 1982.

Crist is survived by his sister and brother, Eulalia Sanger and D.A. Crist; children, Danese Stahl, Robert Crist, David Crist, and Thomas Crist; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



**1983 (M.Div.)  
Rev. Thomas E.  
Armstrong**, 67, of

Hermitage, Pennsylvania, died December 12, 2013 after an extended battle with lung cancer. He was born October 7, 1946 in Hastings, Michigan, the son of Myrl Eugene and Bernice Springer Armstrong. He retired in 2012 after serving for the last 10 years of his ministry as stated clerk of Upper

Ohio Valley Presbytery. Survivors include his wife, Sherry Brest Willison; two sons, David Armstrong of Pittsburgh and Steve Armstrong of Tamarac, Florida; two stepdaughters, Eva Drobezko and Amy Mendicino; and five grandchildren.



**1988 (D.Min.)  
Rev. Dr. C. Richard  
Craghead**, 81, died

November 26, 2013. Craghead was born July 7, 1932, and worked as a writer,

minister, and professor. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in religion and a Bachelor of Theology degree from Warner Pacific College in Portland, Oregon. Ordained in 1958 in the Church of God, Anderson, Indiana, Craghead served in a variety of editorial and educational roles. His rich baritone and ability to interpret classical Christian music were hallmarks of his life and ministry.

Craghead served Church of God congregations in Portland and in Sacramento, California. He also served as vice president of the West Coast Youth Fellowship and as president of the Northern California Youth Fellowship. In 1974, he joined the faculty of Warner Pacific College as associate professor of Christian education, religion, and journalism, serving there until his retirement in 1994. He was awarded the Burlington Resources Foundation Faculty Achievement Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1991 for his work as a teaching mentor and role model.

Craghead earned an M.Div. from Anderson University School of Theology in 1970 and a D.Min. from San Francisco Theological Seminary in 1988. He was named Distinguished Alumnus of the Anderson University School of Theology in 1991. He is

survived by his wife of 56 years, Ardys Craghead; daughter, Laurie Craghead; son, Mitchell Craghead; and sister, Marilyn Blechschmidt.



**1987 (M.Div.) & 1998 (DASD) Rev. Ron Reese** died November 18, 2013, in Seattle, Washington after battling cancer for a year and a half. Reese graduated from San Francisco Theological Seminary with an M.Div. in 1987 and returned to earn his Diploma in the Art of Spiritual Direction in 1998. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie.



**2004 (D.Min.) Daitsu Myogen Steven Stucky,** died December 31, 2013, in Rohnert Park, California. He was 67. Born March 6, 1946, in Chicago, Stucky grew up in Newton, Kansas, in a family of Mennonite farmers. As a conscientious objector during the Vietnam War, he helped youth in inner-city Chicago discover alternatives to gang life.

Stucky studied meditation at San Francisco Zen Center and completed all but the dissertation for a D.Min. in pastoral counseling from San Francisco Theological Seminary. His training in Internal Family Systems psychotherapy was reflected in his work as a spiritual teacher and counselor. He was guiding teacher at Dharma Eye Zen Center in San Rafael and co-leader of the Buddhadharma Sangha at San Quentin State Prison.

Stucky's influence on Buddhism in the West widened as he served as board president of the Soto Zen Buddhist Association and on the faculty of Shogaku Zen Institute. He became co-abbot and central abbot of the San Francisco Zen Center.

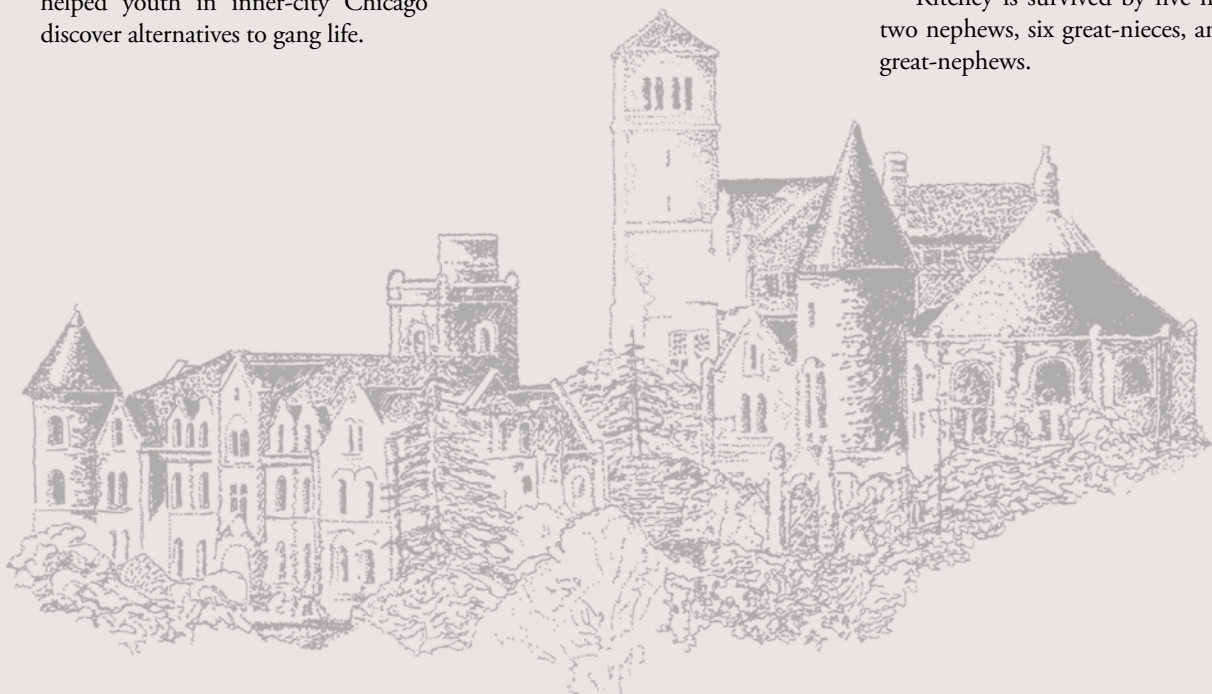
Stucky is survived by his wife, Lane Olson; son, James Asher; daughters, Hannah Dominguez and Robin Williams; and grandchildren, Zhora, Chloe, Dylan, and Harley.



**2009 (D.Min.) Rev. Dr. Rebecca (Becky) Balenger Smith Ritchey** died January 12 in Winchester, Virginia. She was born July 23, 1945, in Berkeley County, West Virginia, the daughter of N. Eleanor Thatcher and Raymond S. Balenger. After graduating from Presbyterian School of Nursing in Charlotte, North Carolina, she was sent by the Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church to work as a nurse in the Jesus Hospital in Chunju, South Korea. Returning to the United States, she married Rev. Fred Smith and the two moved to Georgia, where she taught high school.

After Fred's death, she attended Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and married James G. Ritchey. She earned a D.Min. from San Francisco Theological Seminary in 2009 and returned to South Korea to teach English at Honam Seminary in Kwangu. She also helped start a spiritual direction training program, which was believed to be the first in South Korea.

Ritchey is survived by five nieces, two nephews, six great-nieces, and six great-nephews.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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## JUNE 5

### Building for the Future – Summer Construction Kick-off Celebration

Mingle with members of the SFTS and San Anselmo communities for ice cream and snacks on Geneva Terrace, 4-7pm. Come learn more about the design for the new SFTS campus, talk to the real estate developers, and meet with Ross Valley Fire Fighters! More details are available online at [www.sfts.edu](http://www.sfts.edu).

## JUNE 7

### Certificate in Worship Leadership: Spoken Word in Worship

A day-long workshop led by Rev. Dr. Jana Childers, Dean of the Seminary and Professor of Homiletics & Speech Communication, the second class in the new Certificate in Worship Leadership. 9:00am – 4:00pm, Montgomery Chapel and Montague Hall. To register go to <http://tinyurl.com/SFTSJune7>.

## JUNE 9 – JULY 18

### Summer Seminars

For those seeking continuing education, professional development, and class auditing opportunities, our June and July Summer Seminars are for you! Please visit [www.sfts.edu/student/continuing\\_education](http://www.sfts.edu/student/continuing_education) for complete course listings and enrollment information.

## JUNE 14 – 21

### SFTS at the 2014 General Assembly

See page 25 for detailed information.

## JUNE 16

### Campus Construction Begins

Construction for new faculty and student housing will begin June 16, 2014 and is scheduled for completion in August 2015.

## JULY 21-25

### Retreat: Deepening Our Trust with Marjorie J. Thompson

This five-day retreat for Spiritual Directors will provide an opportunity to renew, refresh, and reconnect through daily contemplative worship, plenaries, and afternoon peer practice. Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/deepeningourtrust> to register.

## AUGUST 10 – 15

### Companions on the Inner Way Zephy Retreat, Lake Tahoe

Retreat by author Brian McLaren, in which participants will explore our language for God and our experience of God, and the tension between the two as an area for spiritual growth. For more information, please visit [www.COTI-Way.org](http://www.COTI-Way.org).

## AUGUST 20

### Furniture Fair

Each year, SFTS students have the opportunity to “shop” for free gently used furniture and other household items. If you have items to donate, please drop them off in Lower Alexander Hall on Sunday, August 17 and Monday, August 18.

## AUGUST 25 – 29

### Welcome Week

The SFTS community will welcome new and returning students with a variety of community activities.

## AUGUST 30

### Seminary to the Sea Hike

Each year before the start of the fall semester, a brave group of SFTS students, faculty and staff makes the 12-mile hike from the SFTS campus to Stinson Beach. A cookout at the beach caps off this wonderful SFTS tradition. For those not inclined to hike, drivers are needed to bring hikers back to campus.

## SEPTEMBER 2

### Fall Classes Begin

## SEPTEMBER 5

### Breaking Ground Ceremony

Join the SFTS and San Anselmo communities for food and celebration atop one of the first Iain foundations in the brand new student village. More details available soon at [www.sfts.edu](http://www.sfts.edu).

## OCTOBER 16 & 17

### Center for Innovation in Ministry Launch

Join us as we launch the new Center for Innovation in Ministry, where creative, visionary ministries will be born and change the world as they grow. More information coming soon at [www.sfts.edu](http://www.sfts.edu).

## NOVEMBER 6 - NOVEMBER 8

### Inquirers' Weekend for Prospective Students

Part academic seminar, part spiritual retreat, the SFTS Inquirers' Weekend will introduce you to the robust theological education and reflective community environment offered by San Francisco Theological Seminary.

## DECEMBER 5 & DECEMBER 6

### 40th Annual Lessons & Carols

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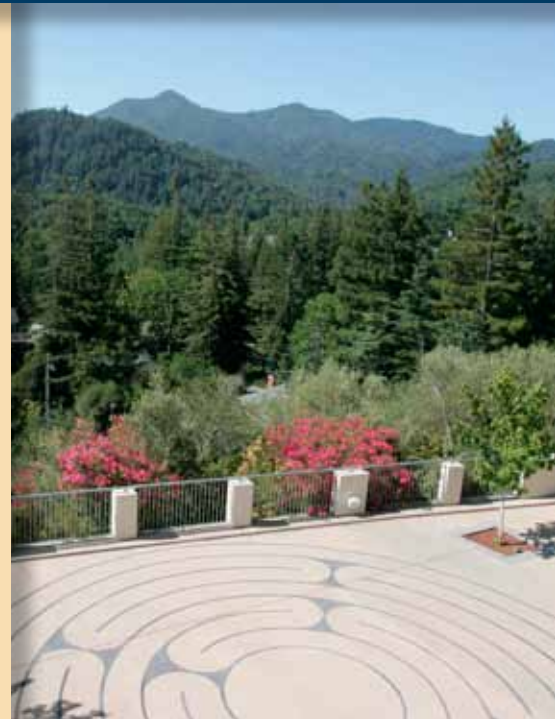
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