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Dear Friends,

As we consider what it means to be a new kind of seminary for the 21st century, we know only that what we are doing is opening ourselves to the leading of the Spirit of the living God. In other words, as Bob Dylan put it, “the answer, my friend, is blowing in the wind.”

Peter Yarrow, of Peter, Paul, and Mary, called Dylan’s song “part of the secular liturgy of our times...you can hear in this a yearning and a hope and a possibility and a sadness and sometimes a triumphal proclamation of determination. The ‘answer is blowin’ in the wind’ means we will find the answer. So it’s a matter of interpretation and, frankly, I think

Bobby was probably right and legitimate in not giving a specific interpretation.”¹

Yet, we who still live, and move, and have our being from the Spirit that “blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes”—we too can also find a sacred meaning for our times in these words: “the answer is blowing in the wind.”

Over the summer, the Center for Innovation in Ministry received a grant from Kaiser Permanente of Northern California to develop a program that will close the gap between spiritual communities, historically marginalized groups, and mental health providers. A major goal of the program—called Project Trust—is to create a training model that will expand consumer access to mental health resources for individuals with histories of cultural trauma. The project expects to develop a collaborative network of mental health professionals, pastoral care providers, and community activists who can offer culturally sensitive care. The initial phase will focus on African American individuals, and sexual and gender minorities in Christian congregations in Oakland and San Francisco.

What excites me about this endeavor is not only the project’s goal itself—improved access to mental health services for underserved populations—but the idea of the partnership itself: a theological seminary partnering with a secular health care provider to better serve the community. The partnership makes it possible to do something that neither institution could do on its own. Each needs the other; each adds value to what the other is doing. Something new can happen as a result of our work together.

Exploring new possibilities for partnerships is important to the future of SFTS. Last spring, the Board of Trustees established a special committee to explore a wide range of possible partnerships that could enhance SFTS’ ability to carry out its mission and increase its long-term financial sustainability. These might mean embedding ourselves in a university or college, forging a closer relationship with another seminary or graduate school of theology, or partnering with a secular institution to expand our engagement with health, technology, social entrepreneurship, community development, etc. All options are on the table.

A new kind of seminary for the 21st century will be born of the Spirit. We are listening, watching, waiting. We are open.

Grace and peace,

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

1. Heard on Weekend Edition Saturday, Brian Naylor, “Blowin’ In The Wind” *Still Asks The Hard Questions*, October 21, 2000.

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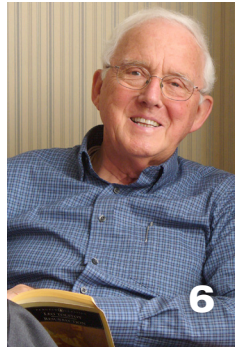
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ACADEMICS

Rice Family Chair in Spirituality Embraces Dr. Wendy Farley

By Eva Stimson



As many as 100 people filled Stewart Chapel and Scott Hall at SFTS for a series of October events celebrating the installation of Dr. Wendy Farley as the first occupant of the Rice Family Chair in Spirituality.

"It would be hard to overstate our excitement about Wendy Farley's joining the SFTS faculty," said Rev. Dr. Jana Childers, Dean of SFTS.

Farley helped plan the program for her installation, which included an opening concert of Appalachian folk music, a powerful installation service and address, and a panel of scholars with diverse perspectives on spirituality and social justice.

But Farley said of the installation, "I don't really think it was about me. It was about the history of the spirituality program at SFTS and the people who supported and developed it. I'm deeply grateful to inherit a program that is so loved and strong and has had such good leadership."

Among those attending was Farley's predecessor, Dr. Elizabeth Liebert, SNJM, who taught at the seminary since 1987, and laid the foundation of the Program in Christian Spirituality. Also attending were members of the family of the late Howard Rice, in whose honor the chair was created. Rice, who taught at SFTS from 1968 to 1997, was a pioneer in introducing Protestants to spiritual formation practices.

Rev. Scott Clark, Chaplain and Associate Dean of Student Life at SFTS, said the prayer offered by Rice's granddaughter, Rev. Hannah



Above: Dr. Rachel Harding (University of Colorado) presents her views during the afternoon panel discussion while Dr. Luther Smith, Jr. (Emory University) and Dr. Sophia Park (Holy Names University) look on.

Dreitcer, a pastor in the St. Louis area, was a highlight of Farley's installation. Howard Rice's daughter, Rev. Wendy Rice Dreitcer (now deceased), and her husband Rev. Andrew Dreitcer had made their home at SFTS, making this a heartwarming reunion with Andy and their daughter Hannah once again on campus.

"I was amazed at the beauty of Dr. Farley's installation address," Clark said, describing it as "both academically rigorous and poetic."

The panel discussion on the topic "Spiritual Practices for the Mending of the World" was very timely, Clark added. "It offered perspectives on what we can do in a world that is torn and hurting." Farley

Above: Rev. Hannah Dreitcer, granddaughter of Howard Rice, offers a prayer during Dr. Farley's installation. Also pictured (l. to r.), SFTS Board of Trustees Chair, Enitan Adesanya, SFTS Dean Rev. Dr. Jana Childers, Rev. Andrew Dreitcer, and Dr. Wendy Farley.

said the panelists' diverse backgrounds and interests—from cross-cultural and African American studies to Buddhism, social justice, and other fields—showcased "the richness of spirituality."

The panelists included Dr. Rachel Harding, Assistant Professor of Indigenous Spiritual Traditions at the University of Colorado; Dr. Brooke Lavelle, co-founder and President of the Courage of Care Coalition; Dr. Sophia Park, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and Philosophy at Holy Names University; and Dr. Luther Smith Jr., Professor Emeritus of Church and Community at Emory University's Candler School of Theology.

"Farley has already begun to put her stamp on the Program in Christian Spirituality," Dean Childers added. "For years we have been assigning Wendy's books to our students. Of the many blessings the last couple of years have brought to the seminary, the arrival of Wendy Farley is one of the happiest!" ✝

"I'm deeply grateful to inherit a program that is so loved and strong and has had such good leadership."

—Dr. Wendy Farley, on the occasion of her installation as the first occupant of the Rice Family Chair in Spirituality



SFTS Receives \$2 Million Gift from Shaw Family

Shaw Institute Casts an Expansive Vision

By Eva Stimson

Spiritual care, interreligious partnerships, an interdisciplinary curriculum, and a global reach are all part of the exciting vision for an expanded Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program at San Francisco Theological Seminary. SFTS alumnus Rev. Dr. John Shaw's \$2 million gift will achieve this vision with the creation of the Shaw Institute for Spiritual Care and Interreligious Chaplaincy.

"We are so grateful for this transformative gift! Through his own personal experience, John Shaw saw the power of Clinical Pastoral Education to be life-changing for those engaged in ministry. He also saw in Professor Laurie Garrett-Cobbina a faithful person with extraordinary abilities and deep spiritual, social, and emotional wisdom, who could put his vision for cutting-edge theological education into practice. His gift will catalyze profound, powerful changes in the practice of ministry for clergy and others in service-oriented professions," President James McDonald said.

And while CPE remains at the core of the new Institute's mission, the gift's impact will stretch well beyond the bounds of the traditional CPE program, said Rev. Dr. Laurie Garrett-Cobbina, Shaw Family Chair for Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care and Education at SFTS.

"The Shaw Institute is a vision of the future of theological education as well as a vision for church, society, and all caring professionals," Garrett-Cobbina said. "The Institute is incarnational education at its best!"

Garrett-Cobbina, whose endowed chair was first created by a previous Shaw gift, is the visionary behind the newly expanded program. She describes the Shaw Institute as a "school within a school." She said the Institute will embody the seminary's commitment to transformative theological education by engaging students in practical spiritual care and service in their communities.

"The people of God need skilled caring professionals who know how to facilitate



The gift of the Shaw Family will catalyze profound, powerful changes in the practice of ministry. From left to right, SFTS President Jim McDonald, Rev. Dr. John Shaw, Rev. Dr. Laurie Garrett-Cobbina, and daughter, Julianne Shaw.

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**—Rev. Dr. Laurie Garrett-Cobbina,
Shaw Family Chair for
Clinical Pastoral Education,
Assistant Professor of Pastoral
Care and Education**

groups, engage suffering, understand trauma and grief and their complex socio-cultural roots, care for the dying, and bring real transformation to such situations," she said.

The Shaw Institute will develop partnerships with healthcare organizations, medical schools, nursing schools, law schools, and social science/social care departments. Garrett-Cobbina envisions continuing education offerings to help nurses, physicians,

lawyers, social workers, and chaplains enhance their caregiving skills.

An important goal for Shaw Institute scholars is to learn to build relationships with and offer spiritual care to people of varied cultural and religious backgrounds. In what she describes as "a ground-breaking learning experience," Garrett-Cobbina led a CPE unit in Ghana, West Africa, in 2015 for students from SFTS and a university in Ghana. An important goal of the Shaw Institute, she said, is "to offer CPE in international contexts to meet the growing interest in ministry competence in a globalized world."

The Institute's curriculum spans a wide range of disciplines, with courses that explore the history of health care, professional and biomedical ethics, research literacy, preaching and pastoral care, trauma and grief, social justice, and other topics.

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Waetjen Revisits Matthew in Series of Seminars on Campus

By Cynthia Ahart Wood

Dr. Herman C. Waetjen, a beloved figure who graced the lecterns and haunted the library of the San Francisco Theological Seminary for 34 years as Professor of New Testament, was back on campus this fall with his sixth book and a series of seminars, held specifically for SFTS alumni.

Invited to host live online seminars on the topic of the Gospel of Matthew as the book was released, Waetjen was held over for an on-campus program when the digital program quickly sold out. The online seminar, four 90-minute interactive lectures broadcast from SFTS on consecutive Tuesdays, started in late September; the weekend program took place in late October in his old stomping grounds in Scott Hall. All participants received handouts prepared by Waetjen, including copies of his own translation of the Greek text of Mathew’s gospel.

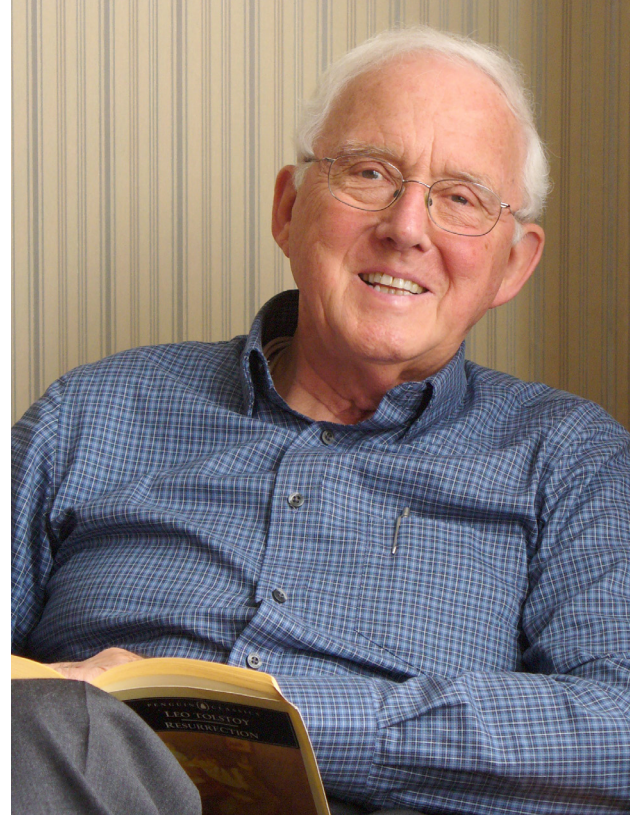
Waetjen was enthusiastic about seeing a number of his former students—and expressed excitement about his debut on the Zoom teleconferencing platform, which connected him with 30 participants dialed in from as near as Marin County, California, and as far as Minnesota, Tennessee, and Oregon.

“The delightful part of this medium was we could talk to each other,” he said. “I could see their pictures in front of me!”

Waetjen gave alumni an exclusive opportunity to go “beyond the book” as he shared insights developed since his manuscript was completed more than a year ago.

“Some of those insights related to the significant differentiation between Greek anthropology and Hebrew anthropology,” Waetjen said. “I talked about Hebrew anthropology as a duality of both soul and body,

while Greek anthropology is not a duality, but a dualism — Greeks divorced the body from soul. For Greeks, the soul is eternal, but the body is mortal; in Hebrew, body and soul exist intimately related, one cannot exist without the other.”



By using a close reading of the Greek text and the literary-critical activity of consistency-building, Waetjen’s interpretation results in what he deems an “experience” that brings the modern reader closer to the experience of the original addressees of the gospel.

“He did a wonderful job on the seminars, and gave a great gift to the seminary,” commented Floyd Thompkins, Director of the Center of Innovation in Ministry. “It was an extraordinarily successful class, well-attended, and Herman was on fire, just like he usually is!”

Waetjen’s sixth book, *Matthew’s Theology of Fulfillment, Its Universality and its Ethnicity*, is a 392 page volume issued by Bloomsbury Publishing on October 19 that updates earlier commentary published by Waetjen in 1976. This new volume proposes a fresh look at the gospel, presenting it as a “book of Genesis” that introduces the New Testament by announcing the origin of a New Humanity.

Written for seminary students and pastors, his new book brims with “a feast of observations and glistening formulations for the preacher and that upcoming sermon,” according to the pre-release review from Dr. John H. Elliott, Professor Emeritus of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of San Francisco. “With an acute eye on the social and cultural context of Matthew’s narrative, Waetjen unpacks the theological implication and actual good news in the reformulation and expansion of the gospel tradition,” wrote Elliott.

Waetjen’s online seminars were hosted by the Center for Innovation in Ministry, and plans for a future event in Southern California with Dr. Waetjen are in the works. “I love Herman and his perspective. A much needed voice in academia and the church,” one participant responded in a survey. “I am amazed at his willingness to continue exploring the Bible, and I continue to find his teaching very refreshing,” commented another.✚



STAY UP TO DATE

Sign up for updates on future events with Dr. Waetjen and the Center for Innovation in Ministry at innovation.sfts.edu. To buy Dr. Waetjen’s book, please visit: bit.ly/waetjen-matthew

Dorf Family Makes \$500,000 Gift to SFTS

Gift will fund San Francisco Theological Seminary's Online Implementation Initiative

By Anna Lebedeff

For Rev. Joy Dorf '76 and Dr. Richard Dorf, the challenges facing congregations today require new solutions and innovative educational practices. As congregations lose members, seminaries must develop curricula to respond to these challenges, and deliver them in accessible and efficient ways.

"A 21st century seminary needs to utilize 21st century technology if it is going to carry out its mission effectively. The Dorfs recognize the importance of turbocharging that transition for SFTS. We are so grateful for their deep commitments and forward-thinking," President James McDonald said.

The \$500,000 gift funds SFTS's Online Implementation Initiative, designed to address the congregational challenges of our generation by leveraging current technology to better deliver SFTS's degree and certificate programs. In fact, continuing education is a priority for the Dorf family. Joy Dorf served as the Director of Continuing Education at SFTS in the early 1990s.

The Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS) is the first degree to be offered 100 percent online, and is now accepting applications for Fall



2018. Students in the new online MATS program will benefit from the same rigorous, fully-accredited curriculum as their residential counterparts, and they will enjoy the additional advantages of remote access and flexibility—critical considerations for the working student who is committed to earning a degree, but has less time to devote to campus-based learning.

By delivering its innovative programs online, SFTS will lead the way in preparing leaders and lay church members to help congregations refocus their mission and grow their membership.

These certificates are also designed for persons who are leading new forms of worshipping communities, health care and social work professionals, teachers, and SFTS alums who are interested in continuing education to

SFTS alumna Rev. Joy Dorf (1976) and Dr. Richard Dorf recognize the importance of utilizing 21st century technology to respond to the challenges facing congregations today.

strengthen their ministries and congregational leadership.

Implementation of the online initiative is an important step in creating a new kind of seminary for the 21st century, and SFTS will continue to produce compassionate leaders fostering common action and uncommon community across diverse communities. The growing challenges facing congregations demand a different set of skills, and SFTS is committed to teaching the right skills required to address today's needs. The vision of Joy and Richard Dorf provides the funding to achieve this goal. ✚

LAUNCHING FALL 2018: MATS FULLY ONLINE!

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Students can choose to take classes 100 percent online, 100 percent on-campus, or a hybrid online/on-campus program. sfts.edu/MATS

ACADEMICS

Worship Design Expert Marcia McFee Joins SFTS Faculty as Resident Ford Fellow

By Cynthia Ahart Wood

Marcia McFee, PhD—professor, author, preacher, ritual artist, and creator of Worship Design Studio, an online coaching and worship design tool serving over 700 congregations—has joined the faculty of SFTS this year as the resident Ford Fellow. With her background in dance and performance, you would expect the new course she’s teaching to be a feast of the verbal, visual, dramatic, media, and music arts. And it is! “Vital Worship for the 21st Century” is a sensory cornucopia.. McFee’s goal is to make every class interactive, with students up and moving, singing and dancing, and able to feel the intimate confines or the cool vastness of a sanctuary’s space.

“Day one, we took an multidimensional tour of ‘3000 Years of Worship History—Only the Highlights’ that took us from playing drums outside (worship at the Red Sea) to early Christian baptism in the dark of a small classroom to the formal chapel, where we talked about worship in the Middle Ages. I’m sure some students were wondering what they’d gotten themselves



Dr. Marcia McFee’s goal is to make every class interactive, with students up and moving, singing and dancing, in the otherwise vast cool space of the sanctuary.

into!” McFee said. “But that combination of experiential learning, classroom lecture, and discussion is where it’s at for me.”

Second year MDiv, John Lyzenga said, “Dr. McFee’s love for worship shows in her passion and joy that she exudes in the classroom. Every class is new and unexpected, asking students to step out of their comfort zone and experience the Holy in a new way.” At first Lyzenga was skeptical about the course, and if it would really stack up to the reputation Professor McFee has of being a powerhouse of energy. He was quite surprised, and is now completely engaged in the inquisitive and creative nature of the course: “Dr. McFee’s course on worship brings together tradition and innovation with the all-important underlying question, ‘Why?’ Why do we continue these practices? Why do we worship in new ways? Why is worship a vital part of the Christian life?”

“In my last class, we started with a song and I had the students circle up together. Then we analyzed what difference it makes how close we are as bodies, what difference it makes to the singing, and what difference it makes to the praying,” McFee said. “The subject that day was worship as an embodied activity. So we talked about churches that have large sanctuaries that they don’t fill anymore. Where people are scattered all over, energy dissipates because we’re not really connecting with each other.”

McFee, the author of *Think Like a Filmmaker: Sensory-Rich Worship for Unforgettable Messages* (Trojak Press, 2016) is also working with the Center for Innovation in Ministry at SFTS on worship resources at www.thisweaffirm.org while in residence. In the spring, McFee will offer an advanced elective in worship art. ✚

AUDIT COURSES!

Did you know that you can audit any of the courses that SFTS offers? Check out the full course schedule online at sfts.edu/course-schedule

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BEYONCÉ AND THE BIBLE

Rev. Yolanda Norton

We will explore the social discourse and politics surrounding the music and public persona of Beyoncé Knowles to ground conversations about Womanist thought and the Hebrew Bible.

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Dr. Marcia McFee

This course will expand your skill set as a worship leader and designer who can facilitate the incorporation of all the worship arts, and can articulate the relationship of 21st-century communication strategies.

ONLINE COURSES

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Dr. Kathryn Poethig,

CSU Monterey Bay

This course takes on the lens of conflict transformation to ask how to move from violence to peacebuilding, who are the stakeholders, and the part religions play on either side of the spectrum.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY I

Dr. Gregory Love

This course covers the first half of an introduction to Christian theology. Beginning with the meaning of religious faith, it moves into the method question of the relation between divine revelation and the authority of scripture, human reason and experience.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Evans, Dean of Morehouse School of Religion, Preaches at SFTS

By Anna Lebedeff

On Monday, October 16, 2017, SFTS welcomed Rev. Dr. Joseph Evans to the Stewart Chapel pulpit. Dr. Evans is the President and Dean of Morehouse School of Religion, and Associate Professor of Homiletics at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Evans preached from Matthew 26:30—“And when they sang a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.”

Dr. Evans’ emphatic delivery appropriately matched his message. In describing the “quick pulse” that Jesus and his disciples must have felt, walking toward the olive grove, Dr. Evans paralleled examples from more recent history, in which others were challenged to the point of action—to stand up for justice in the face of danger.

Evans described this crossroads as the place where “religion meets reality,” and asked the congregation, “Is your religion large enough for you to confront the realities of life that meet you...that await you in the challenges of the Garden? That’s where your religion really will take place. When your religion is large enough to meet the realities of the day.”

Dr. Evans’ appearance reminded SFTS Dean Rev. Dr. Jana Childers how small

the world of preaching and homiletics can be. They had first met years ago when he was a new member of the Academy of Homiletics, and had been an important younger colleague of Dr. Childers’ over the years. Dr. Childers recollected, “when I heard ‘Joe Evans’ was coming to SFTS to preach, I literally had to look at the picture on the flyer twice to make sure the Joe Evans I was remembering was the same Joseph Evans as this august Dean and President of this great school of religion. Time flies and young homileticians grow up to be great leaders. In Joe’s case, what a joy that is to behold!” ✚



Rev. Drs. Joseph Evans and Jana Childers reconnected on campus after many years.



SFTS Honored as “Business of the Year” by San Anselmo Chamber of Commerce

By Anna Lebedeff

Faculty, students and staff joined SFTS President, Rev. Dr. James L. McDonald at the 24th Annual Spirit of Marin Awards on Friday, October 6th, at the St. Vincent School for Boys in San Rafael.

Dr. McDonald proudly accepted the award for San Anselmo Business of the Year, on behalf of SFTS: “This is an honor for the whole seminary community, and a culmination of a concerted effort over the last six years, to engage more fully with our local community, and contribute to the well-being and success of businesses and residents across Marin.”

In addition to its standing as a historic site and graduate school, San Francisco Theological Seminary serves as a popular destination for weddings, retreats, conferences, concerts, and gatherings throughout the year. Dr. McDonald encouraged the community to visit SFTS for its beautiful grounds, enchanting labyrinths, and upcoming Christmas concert.

Since its inception in 1993, the Spirit of Marin award has been presented to over 300 leading citizens and businesses. Each honoree’s outstanding achievements exemplify a professional and civic commitment that significantly benefits the community. Visionary leadership, professional excellence, and above all, a deep commitment to the community define the “Spirit of Marin.” ✚

SFTS Students Honored with Prestigious Scholarships

We celebrate all of our students, especially these recipients of scholarships from the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation. Congratulations to you, and many prayers for your continued success!

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with SFTS Old Testament Professor Yolanda Norton

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“One of the joys of my calling is the gift of exposing my students to the world of ancient Israel, the world of the Hebrew Bible, and the world in which we live. Global theological education—that is, theological education on the move—gives students new opportunities to step outside of the classroom to learn something about the world and themselves.”

—**Rev. Yolanda Norton**
Assistant Professor of Old Testament



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*total cost depends on length of stay in Israel
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Left: The writer faced her fears in Jericho. Above: Since this trip was a course for academic credit, MDiv students Andy Deeb and Denise Diab hit the books and studied up on their Hebrew.

Holy Land Expedition Breathes New Life into SFTS Learning Experience

By Ashley Reid | SFTS MDiv Student

Last summer, Old Testament Professor Yolanda Norton led a group of SFTS students, faculty, and trustees to the Holy Land as a part of her Old Testament and Archaeology course. A semester of studying the Old Testament narratives from an archaeological perspective placed me and my classmates in a stimulating position to experience Israel.

"I wanted to do something I hadn't done before," said MDiv student, Andrew Deeb. He was one of four students who ventured over to the Holy Land for an out-of-the-classroom experience. The trip consisted of a week of touring sites such as the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and the Dead Sea. According to Deeb, experiencing the locations of the Old Testament narrative hands-on gave depth and meaning in a way a textbook could not.

Upon completing her first semester at SFTS, Denise Diab knew she needed to revisit Israel with her new perspective from her studies. Norton's course provided Diab the perfect opportunity to reflect in the presence of these landmarks in ways that her first venture to the Holy Land did not. "It

was rewarding to have a second chance to say 'YES' towards [experiencing] things," said Diab.

Visiting Tel Dan, Megiddo, and Jericho allowed us to engage with archaeological discoveries at these sites. Given the option of a final paper or an oral presentation of one of the sites, students dove into the history of these excavations and their impact in retelling the biblical narrative.

For student Darin Mayer, his love of art and religion found common ground in this trip: "I wanted to see the natural history and how it unfolded." Mayer presented to the tour group about Jericho, which brought additional excitement to physically seeing his research in person.

In addition to a week of touring, students spent a week working with the Jezreel Expedition, an archaeological dig site bringing students from various institutions together to uncover the remnants of the Jezreel Valley, a rich location in the history of Israel, Palestine, and the Bible.

The group stayed at Kibbutz Yizre'el, a private community in the Jezreel region that owns the land of the dig site. Early mornings, with a 5:00 am departure to the dig site and temperatures above 90 degrees daily, tested

the physical strength of the group. However, uncovering pottery and other pieces dating back to the Crusades provided incentive to dig for another day. Daily duties also required group pottery readings, which taught students how to identify and date potential artifacts.

"This trip fulfilled both of my desires to see the Holy Land sites and see what happens at an archaeological dig site," said Mayer.

Prior to enrolling in the Old Testament and Archaeology course, I had no idea of the impact archaeology held in understanding the biblical narrative. It brought things to life for me. This experience provided new understanding and fuller context to Bible, and has deeply contributed to the evolution of my faith.

This expedition to the Holy Land provided the opportunity the opportunity to see the history of our studies and participate in uncovering more pieces that form these timeless narratives that continue to impact the religious, cultural and communal living of various societies today. ✚

TAKE A JOURNEY

SFTS Assistant Professor of Old Testament, Rev. Yolanda Norton for a life-changing journey to Israel and Palestine in May 2018. You will have an opportunity to tour the area with Professor Norton, a leading scholar in Hebrew Bible, and dig in the Jezreel archaeological expedition.

Contact Professor Norton at ynorton@sfts.edu or 415.451.2888 for more information.

STUDENT STORIES

Writing Worship Music on Social Justice and Privilege

By Marissa J. Miller



For many, Sunday morning worship is simply a time to come together to hear joyful songs and a replenishing message before we go back into our busy lives. But for John Lyzenga, a second year MDiv student at San Francisco Theological Seminary, there is a disconnect between our joyful gathering and the injustice and sorrow we see in the world.

A lifelong musician passionate about social justice, John decided it was time to offer his musical voice and theological education to the conversation.

Wanting to create congregational worship songs that discussed issues of social justice, but with theologically considerate lyrics, he approached SFTS Assistant Professor of Old Testament, Rev. Yolanda Norton, for help.

While creating a summer reading course for academic credit, they designed a syllabus, met regularly, and worked together to create lyrics that sensitively engaged issues of race, privilege, sexuality, gender, immigration, and climate change, while considering the Biblical witness. Professor Norton assigned John a reading list, as well as multiple musical play-lists that included Gospel songs, the *Hamilton* soundtrack, and recordings from modern hip hop artists and social activists, such as Common, Kendrick Lamar, and Beyoncé.

Professor Norton commented, "One of the great gifts of being faculty [at SFTS] is the opportunity to help students find their vocational voice. I always love those moments when I can stretch myself and do something creative with students."

In John's favorite song, *To See the Bound Made Free*, he reinterprets Zaccheus' story from Luke 19:1-10, where Zaccheus is portrayed as a person of privilege who sacrifices of himself to help the marginalized. The song asks us to imagine living like Zaccheus, and thus, like Jesus. It forces us to acknowledge our sin of complacency, and confess, "Sisters and brothers/I'm sorry/Forgive me for my silence. Systems maintained by privilege/not seeing my compliance...How have I held onto my pride/how can I give to you my life?"

The song's bridge becomes a creedal moment, affirming that Jesus "...gave for all black lives/You gave for refugees/You gave for LGBT/You set pris'ners free/You welcome in the poor/You open every door/You bring down every wall/You died for everyone."

John has also included a version of the *Magnificat*, or *Mary's Song of Praise*, commenting that this is one of the more joyful songs on the album. Mary celebrates and praises God for being one that stands on the side of the marginalized, "You have done...great things for us all. My soul magnifies the Lord/My spirit rejoices in my God, my Savior. You break the proud/Dissolve their thrones. You lift the lowly/You feed the poor."

Now that the lyrics for the album are complete, and the music is on the page, the hard work begins. Recording is scheduled for early 2018, and touring has begun.

John and his band, including fellow SFTS students Ashley Reid, Evan Stanfill, Andy Deeb, and Carolyn Anderson (who lent her Gospel background to the tone of the album) have already played a few live shows in the Bay Area.

Said Professor Norton, "It was a great creative and cultural exchange working with John. I am excited about the work that he is doing, and have great hope that it will leave an impression on a wide range of ecclesial communities."✚



LISTEN

Songs on the album include:

In Troubled Times
Magnificat
Justice Will Roll Down
Mother God
Would I Believe?
To See the Bound Made Free
In Your Mother's Womb
Suffering God

More information about the album can be found at johnlyzengamusic.com

Students Gather to Create Sustaining Change at SFTS

By Molly Morris | SFTS MDiv Student

The Student Association Council (SAC), is an elected group of 10 students and three ex-officio from all degree programs, whose mission is to be a resource for the SFTS community. SAC is an important part of the shared governance of the seminary—and an active leader in our community. I am pleased to serve as Moderator of SAC, along with my fellow students, Andy Deeb (Vice Moderator), Katie Brendler (Secretary), Evan Stanfill (Treasurer), April Hewes, Jeremiah Jenkins, Carolyn Anderson, Heather Gordon, Mitchell McGill, and Kim Acker. The Council plans and hosts student and community events, addresses student concerns, and works as a connection between the student body and the administration.

Last year, we hosted a student event that invited all students to come and discuss culture shock. Not only do we have a diverse international student body, but students also come from all over the United States. We wanted to have a space to discuss the things that are surprising and shocking to people new to the United States, and to discuss the

unique culture of Marin County and how it differs from where we came from.

When asked why he continues to serve as an officer of SAC, Andy Deeb responded, “I want to give a voice to the desires and concerns of the students and make a positive impact on the community.”

Rev. Scott Clark, Associate Dean of Student Life and Seminary Chaplain, added, “I’m grateful for all the ways that SAC at times leads the rest of the seminary community. Particularly with initiatives like the Inclusive Community Statement, they help lead us into a more robust embodiment of what we say that we believe.”

Some of goals for SAC include creating an outdoors club where students can experience creation while in fellowship with the community, sponsoring a trip to hurricane-stricken areas to help with relief and rebuilding, hosting a panel of ministry professionals to talk about various types of ministry, and addressing the use of gender binary language in the church, classroom and seminary community.

SAC has initiated important initiatives like the Inclusive Community Statement,



Student Association Council members (from left to right): Kim Acker, Carolyn Anderson, Andy Deeb, Mitchell McGill, April Hewes, Evan Stanfill, Katie Brendler. Not pictured: Molly Morris, Jeremiah Jenkins, Heather Gordon

which was unanimously adopted by the faculty—and which expanded the Seminary’s commitment to inclusion. That statement sets forth a general statement of inclusion and welcome to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students, with the hope that further inclusive statements will be advocated for and adopted.

SAC leadership meets each semester with the Dean to raise issues of student concern and to work collaboratively toward solutions. ✚

STUDENT INTEREST GROUPS

SAC supports the programming of the various student groups at SFTS, which provides community within community, and welcomes members throughout the year.

FEMINIST PERSPECTIVES COMMITTEE

The Feminist Perspectives Committee focuses on pursuing mutuality and equality for all people who make up our Seminary community, with particular emphasis on gender issues.

KOREAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Korean Student Association (KSA) is a group established to serve Korean and Korean-American students pursuing various degrees. The main purpose of the Association is to share the Korean cultural heritage with the SFTS and GTU communities, and to foster interaction among its members.

STUDENTS OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA

The Students of the African Diaspora (StAD) is an association for all students of African descent enrolled in any of the SFTS certificate, diploma, or degree programs. Founded in 2013, StAD seeks to support its members for academic success, and to provide cultural and social activities that foster a familial and nurturing environment.

SFTS WELCOME

SFTS Welcome is a student group committed to advocating and sustaining an inclusive community at SFTS. SFTS Welcome was the primary advocate for the Inclusive Community Statement adopted in 2011. SFTS Welcome also supports and plans other projects that support inclusive community, including educational and worship events.

Every year new groups, such as prayer groups and Bible study groups, come to life on the campus and welcome student participation. Students are encouraged to seek them out or create one themselves to enrich to enrich our koinonia.

The Applied Wisdom Institute Helps Emerging Leaders Make a Difference

By Anna Lebedeff

In October, The Center for Innovation in Ministry at SFTS announced the launch of the Applied Wisdom Institute (AWI), an exciting new educational forum aspiring to cultivate the next generation of social changemakers. AWI offers non-degree certificate programs for emerging leaders to apply their passion for social change to real-world projects in a collaborative, online/in-person learning environment.

“The focus of AWI is ‘Wisdom in doing, and doing in wisdom.’™ Combining practical business knowledge with spirituality will magnify your drive to inspire and move others. We walk with you in your spiritual journey...and give you the tools to succeed,” said Floyd Thompkins, creator of the Applied Wisdom Institute, and Director of the Center for Innovation in Ministry at SFTS.

Jim McDonald, President of SFTS, added, “the Applied Wisdom Institute is different from most certificate programs because it takes the spiritual dimensions of social change seriously and integrates them throughout its course offerings. We’ll have students just starting out, pursuing issues they care passionately about and seeking the wisdom of seasoned social change practitioners. And we’ll have activists and organizers with a lifetime of dedication to making the world a better place, who are looking for the social media savvy and exuberance of this new breed of emerging leaders. The Applied Wisdom Institute brings these folks

together to create deep and lasting change and interlaces spirituality into the process itself. It’s exciting: there’s a powerful synergy in these programs that produces something new and unexpected every time.”

LEARN + APPLY + COLLABORATE: THE AWI LEARNING MODEL

AWI’s action-reflection learning model combines a unique experience of academic coursework, on-the-ground activism, and cohort-based dialogue. Each seminar begins with expert instruction from leaders and innovators in relevant fields. From there,

students begin to apply ideas to their own mission-based projects, guided by expert mentorship to bring about real impact in the context of their community. At the end of each seminar, student cohorts and instructors reconvene to evaluate and explore project challenges and breakthroughs. In addition to the certificate, each student walks away from the

experience with a supportive network of people doing similar work. These networks are invaluable to visionaries in their often-lonely struggle.

AWI’s first program, the Certificate in Spirituality & Social Entrepreneurship, begins in February 2018, and is currently accepting applications. The curriculum is built around the idea that combining wisdom and spirituality with strong organizational skills is urgently needed in our ever-changing sociopolitical, economic and technological world. ✚

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—Rev. Floyd Thompkins
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- **Build a Case for Change:**
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- **Find Your Tribe:**
Organizational Management, Diversity & Inclusion
- **Tell Your Story:**
Volunteers, Donors & Mobilization
- **Organize Action:**
Operation & Planning for Mission-Driven Organizations
- **Connect & Share:**
Media & Technology Management

WISDOM SEED GRANT **\$2,000**

AWI is dedicated to supporting student visionaries as they serve their communities and promote their social action. Every seminar participant is eligible for a Wisdom Seed Grant of up to \$2,000 to further a project developed in the certificate program. Grant recipients will be celebrated at an annual event called the Wisdom Seed Conference, where they will be given the opportunity to showcase and network for the expansion of their project.

INSTRUCTORS

Each module is taught by experts in the field from Rutgers University, Stanford University, and the Citadel, who embody practical, proven experience, spiritual grounding, and intellectual rigor:



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Assistant Professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration; Fellow, the Center for Urban Entrepreneurship and Economic Development



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The Living Lectionary Expands to ThisWeAffirm.org

By Anna Lebedeff

The Center for Innovation in Ministry at SFTS is excited to announce the expansion of the Living Lectionary to ThisWeAffirm.org, a larger vision of the crowd-sourced online resource hub for progressive Christians.

The Living Lectionary, organized around the twelve themes of The Phoenix Affirmations, was originally intended to provide flexibility in worship to foster hope, wholeness, and love in communities around themes in progressive Christianity around inclusivity, plurality and social justice. These resources will still be available under the umbrella of ThisWeAffirm.org for those who want a theme-based lectionary.

The project was broadened based on feedback from users and thought partners. As excitement

built around the Living Lectionary, it soon became apparent that progressive Christian communities and leaders wanted an expertly-curated, wide-ranging resource hub where they could both share their work and find tools to create a more just and generous world. The idea of a lectionary was simply too limiting to the possibilities.

To make ThisWeAffirm.org a more comprehensive resource, the Center has partnered with Eric Elnes' Darkwood Brew, The Convergence Music Project and Marcia McFee's Worship Design Studio. For a monthly subscription of \$8.99, subscribers to ThisWeAffirm.org will have access to music, video, artwork, commentary and sermons from all of these sites, creating a robust network of Christian thought and expression.✝

THE AFFIRMATIONS

Pluralism

Walking with Jesus while acknowledging the possibility of other legitimate paths

Prayer

Listening for God's word through prayer, scripture, and reflection

Creation

Celebrating God's glory in all of creation

Creativity

Expressing our love in sincere, artful worship

Inclusion

Engaging all people authentically, as creations in the image of God

Justice

Standing with the marginalized, seeking peace and justice

Prophetic voice

Supporting religious freedom and the separation of church and state

Humility

Walking humbly with God while loving our enemies

Eternity

Living in the knowledge that we and all people are loved for eternity

Science

Recognizing that faith and science serve the pursuit of truth

Self-care

Caring for our bodies and living holistically

Purpose

Believing our lives have a meaning and purpose that extend God's realm of love

Kaiser Permanente Grant Lifts Project Trust

By Anna Lebedeff

In June 2017, the Center for Innovation in Ministry launched Project Trust, an exploratory initiative connecting the faith community with mental health care providers. Kaiser Permanente Northern California is supporting the program through a grant provided to the Alexander Montgomery Foundation.

Project Trust will work to address the central challenge of stigma and distrust of mental healthcare in communities that often lack resources to these services by first conducting research to more fully understand the barriers unique to underserved communities. The Oakland and San Francisco-based pilot will first focus on African American faith communities in San Francisco and Oakland, including LGBTQ. The research will inform plans and activities for effectively engaging mental health professionals and pastoral care practitioners, including:

- ✦ Creating a prototype and procedural manual that supports the development of a training model for pastoral and mental health care by individuals with histories of cultural trauma
- ✦ Creating a prototype of a Trust Network, consisting of community activists, pastoral care providers, and mental health professionals who have training and expertise in collaborative, culturally-sensitive care
- ✦ Creating a prototype of a searchable database that can be used by individuals in the network to identify resources that aid collaboration

“Trust is a major problem in the underserved populations that have suffered historical harms,” said Rev. Floyd Thompkins, Director of the Center for Innovation in Ministry at SFTS. “We looked at African American, Latino, LGBTQ, and Japanese-American communities, and asked ‘Who are the brokers of trust?’ They are pastors and religious people, and also spiritual leaders—people we know and can work with to facilitate a conversation and a process that bridges trust.”

Thompkins is the project manager and principle author of the program. He is joined by principle team leaders Dr. Peter Goldblum, Professor and Co-Director at the Center for LGBTQ Evidence-Based Applied Research at the Pacific Graduate School of Psychology at Palo Alto University; and Rev. Dr. D. Mark Wilson, Assistant Professor of Congregational Leadership at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley. The project evaluator is Dr. Amanda Houston-Hamilton, Associate Clinical Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of California San Francisco School of Medicine.



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Director, Center for Innovation in Ministry

“Kaiser really wants to take what Project Trust learns to share it with their own care providers and the larger health industry,” said Thompkins. “Their integrated approach and commitment makes them a great partner in our communities. We’re grateful that they understand that Project Trust is a conversation, not a proclamation about mental health.”

Seminary President Jim McDonald said, “The initial partnership with Kaiser Permanente contains the possibility of a much bigger mission-related collaboration with significant impact on the way Americans think about health and health care. Kaiser is interested in a much more holistic approach to health and medicine in terms of both concept and delivery systems. Our emphasis on SFTS on the importance of both spiritual care and the contribution of social structures to human flourishing (or impoverishment) means that we are bringing something valuable and important to

the healing process and contributing to better health for individuals and communities.”

Project Trust is currently reaching out to pastors, spiritual leaders, practitioners, and agencies in Oakland and San Francisco interested in participating in the program. Those interested can contact Rev. Thompkins directly at ftthompkins@sfts.edu or 415-451-2800 for information on the pilot program.✦



ALUMNI STORIES

Deserved Recognition



By Will Carruthers
Ingleside-Excelsior Light

Although still being put up, the little-known, expansive collage “Great Cloud of Witnesses” and the sublime church it resides in will be protected now that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors approved adding both to the city’s list of historic landmarks.

Rev. Roland Gordon (SFTS MDiv 1978), the church’s pastor for the past 38 years, has worked on the collage since 1980 when he posted a picture of Muhammad Ali in the church’s gymnasium to capture the interest of children. His ever-growing collage has since become a unique visualization of Black American history.

The collage will be only the fifth landmark on the city’s list chosen for historical significance to the African American community, according to the Planning Department’s report.

Properties on the historic registry receive extra protection from the Planning Department when permits are filed to change the historic properties and are eligible for tax breaks and other benefits.

Woody LaBounty, a historian with the Western Neighborhoods Project, was glad that the city decided to recognize the church,

San Francisco's Ingleside Presbyterian Church Designated Historic — Inside and Out

noting that the history of Ocean Avenue and the surrounding neighborhoods are beginning to get more appreciation.

“[Ingleside Presbyterian] stands on its own as a piece of architecture,” LaBounty said. “But what is also notable is the life that was put inside the building by Reverend Gordon. He turned it into a piece of history by adding the collage-mural.”

San Francisco Heritage, a historic preservation nonprofit, helped to write the nomination for the church and collage.

Mike Buhler, Heritage’s executive director, calls Ingleside Presbyterian “unique among the city’s nearly 300 City landmarks.”

Originally called the Ingleside Sabbath School, the church was founded in 1907 to serve survivors of the 1906 earthquake. In 1920, the original church burned down and nine Protestant congregations paid \$65,000

for the design and construction of a new church.

When the new church opened in 1923, its congregation was mostly white, similar to the population of the surrounding neighborhoods at the time.

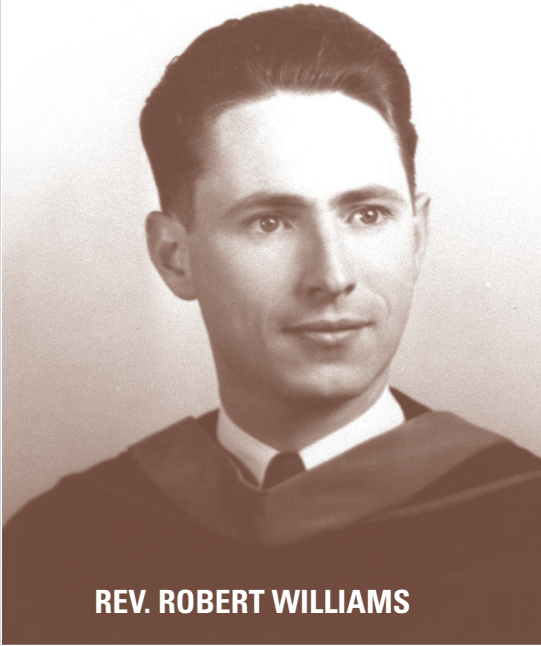
After World War II, when Black families began to move into the Ocean View and other neighborhoods that allowed Black homeowners, pastors at Ingleside Presbyterian “attempted to become a multi-racial congregation and reached out to the neighborhood’s Black residents,” according to the Planning Department report.

The church hired its first Black pastor in 1972, and then, when its congregation dipped to only four members in 1978, the church hired Roland Gordon as a first-year seminary student to preach on Sundays, becoming the full-time pastor in 1983 after completing his studies.

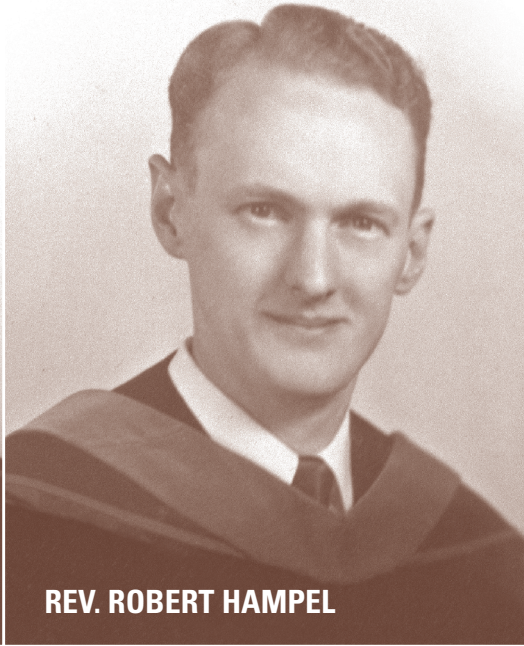
Under Gordon’s tenure, the church’s membership reached a high of 500 before tapering off to 75 members in 2014. Gordon, 71, was proud to hear that the church and collage had been added to the city’s historic registry. “We are getting the recognition we deserve,” Gordon said. “Ingleside Presbyterian is probably the best kept secret of Ingleside.” ☩

THE GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES

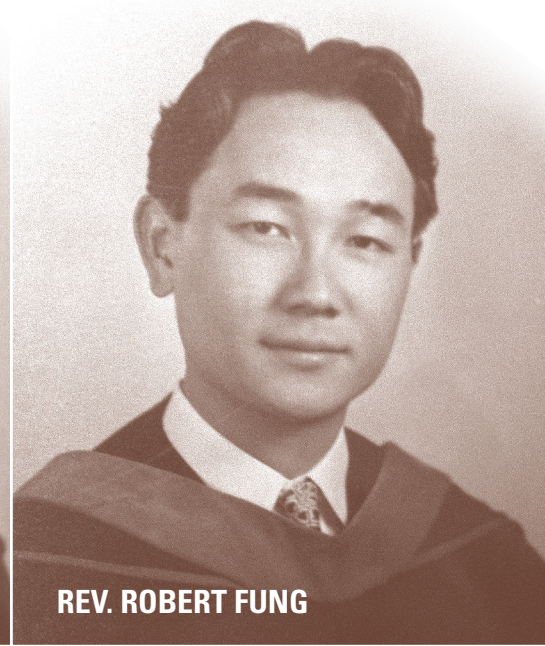




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Class of 1950: The Three Bobs

By Eva Stimson

In 1950, San Francisco Theological Seminary awarded diplomas to 27 students. Only three are still alive. All three are named Bob.

"The power of the name has kept us going," joked Rev. Robert Williams, who has kept in touch over the years with the other two Bobs: Rev. Robert Hampel, who lives near Denver, and Rev. Robert Fung, of San Diego.

Bob Williams and his wife, Betsy, arrived at SFTS as newlyweds in August 1947. "We drove our Model-A Ford across the Golden Gate Bridge," mused Williams.

The seminary had no housing for married students, so he and Betsy rented two rooms across the street from campus. Later, they were among the first couples to move into married students' apartments in Montgomery Hall, before Landon and Hunter Halls were built in 1949 to accommodate families.

Williams chuckles as he recalls hosting a Hawaiian luau in their new residence. They moved all their furniture into the bedroom to make room for the guests, many of whom came in costume. The party was in full swing when there was a knock on the door. It was SFTS President Dr. Jesse Hays Baird leading a tour for prospective donors, Williams said, "And there we were all sitting on the floor with no furniture."

Bob Hampel and his late wife, Carolyn Muir, met at SFTS and became engaged in 1949. She attended seminary for one year, Bob's last year at SFTS,

and lived in Susanna Baird Hall, the seminary's first dormitory for women. SFTS had a basketball team back then, and Hampel played forward, scoring 20 points in one game. In May 1950, Muir and Hampel got married, and he was ordained to the ministry. He served congregations in Oregon and California before moving to Colorado in 2004. After 65 years of marriage, Carolyn died in April 2016.

Bob Fung commuted to SFTS from his home in San Francisco's Chinatown. Both he and Hampel say summer field work was an important part of their seminary experience. Fung worked in a mission to Chinese residents in Marysville, CA, while Hampel served as pastor in a fishing village in Alaska. After seminary, Fung moved to San Diego, where he became pastor of Chinese Community Church, and taught English and history in a high school.

Williams spent the summer after graduation taking CPE and then working in a mental hospital in Norristown, PA. He served churches in central Oregon and helped start a new congregation, Grace Presbyterian Church, in Walnut Creek, CA.

The three Bobs are part of the "world class alumni network" of SFTS, said Dr. David G. Behrs, the seminary's Vice President of Enrollment Management. "The stories of our alumni truly deepen our connection, not only to the seminary but to each other." ✚

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ALUMNI STORIES

Dori Kay Hjalmarson Ordained in New Mexico, Called to Serve in Honduras

By Kathy Melvin | Presbyterian News Service

The hymn “Here I am, Lord” floated through the sanctuary at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church in New Mexico in early September, and just moments later, Dori Kay Hjalmarson (MDiv 2015) walked down the aisle into her ordination and her new role as a Mission Co-Worker in Honduras.

Hjalmarson grew up in New Mexico and has had a relationship with Central America since 1993 when her parents took her to visit her aunt in El Salvador, a Mission Co-Worker, Rev. Leslie Vogel (MDIV 1985). Rev. Vogel is currently serving in Guatemala and participated in the ordination service.

“At one moment of the church service Sunday I was kneeling and feeling the weight of so many hands—those of my childhood church pastor, those of my grandmother and my current colleagues in mission—touching me, pressing on my shoulders and head and grasping my hands,” said Hjalmarson. “My dear friend and mentor was praying, calling down God’s blessing. Tears were streaming down my face and I felt changed.”

The new Rev. Hjalmarson will move to Tegucigalpa, Honduras this fall to begin working in organizational leadership and theological development with the Presbyterian Church of Honduras. Among many duties, she will serve as the primary Presbyterian World



Mission liaison to the Honduras Mission Network, providing in-country experience, as well as coordinating the partnership between the Presbyterian Church of Honduras and the PC(USA).

In Honduras, she will coordinate and coach lay and pastoral leadership in the Presbyterian Church of Honduras, as the denomination seeks to strengthen leadership capacity and broaden theological education.

Her selection as a full-time mission co-worker was a collective process of discernment with World Mission and the Honduras Mission Network, along with Carlisle, Arkansas and Tampa Bay presbyteries. These presbyteries will not only continue to support Hjalmarson financially, but also with prayers and accompaniment in many forms. ✚

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“It was such a blessing to celebrate Dori’s ordination as she is sent to be a PCUSA Mission Co-Worker in Honduras. But we were celebrating even more than that: Dori is a third-generation Mission Co-Worker. Her grandfather was a Mission Co-Worker; her aunt, Rev. Leslie Vogel (MDIV 1985) is a Mission Co-Worker in Guatemala, and now Dori is joining them in this important connectational ministry.”

*—Rev. Scott Clark
SFTS Chaplain & Associate
Dean of Student Life,
who led the Charge to the
Congregation during
Rev. Hjalmarson’s
ordination service.*



Helping Victims of Sexual Violence Find Healing and Hope



Rev. Sarai Crain-Pope gives the benediction at the 2016 SFTS Commencement Exercises, where she received her Doctor of Ministry. Her thesis was titled, *Toward a Healing Church: Psycho-Spiritual Healing for Survivors of Sexual Violence in the Church of God*.

Rev. Dr. Sarai Crain-Pope Brings Ministry to Victims of Sexual Violence, Human Trafficking and Domestic Abuse

By Ellen Chamberlain

Rev. Dr. Sarai Crain-Pope (DMin 2016) chose to earn a Doctor of Ministry at SFTS because its Pastoral Care and Counseling Program offers clinical orientation, theological leaning and pastoral education, which together fully prepared her for the work she always dreamed of—that of a Pastoral Counselor.

Crain-Pope found her way to ministry unexpectedly. While studying psychology as an undergraduate, she spent her junior year in Ghana, a place abundant in worship and prayer. One day out of the blue she heard a clear and powerful voice, which she knew to be a call to join hands with the Lord.

When she returned home from West Africa, she entered a minister-in-training program, and at the age of 24, became a certified and ordained minister, focused on pastoral and clinical counseling, with a strong desire to help victims of sexual violence.

While acts of sexual violence occur frequently, victims often remain in the shadows, minimizing the perceived seriousness of the crime. 1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men will be victimized, yet an alarming 60 percent of sexual assaults go unreported.

In 2003, Crain-Pope became certified as a California Sexual Assault Counselor through an organization called Bay Area Women Against Rape (BAWAR), the first rape crisis center in the nation. BAWAR offers rape and incest survivors counseling and advocacy, coupled with community education about sexual assault. She currently acts as the agency's Executive Director.

"The starting point when working with a survivor is to let them know, unequivocally, that 'I believe you. What happened to you SHOULD NOT have happened and you are NOT to blame.' Then I strive to dispel the myth that sexual assault is sexual in nature—it is not. Sexual assault is an act of violence, with a perpetrator and a victim," said Crain-Pope.

Victims often feel that God has forsaken them, believing that 'bad things don't happen to good people.' Crain-Pope espouses that God loves them and has a desire for them to be whole. She also encourages victims to express their anger, ministering that "God can handle your doubts, frustration, grief and disappointment."

Crain-Pope is hopeful that more members of the clergy will acknowledge the prevalence of sexual violence, and learn how to minister to a congregation that likely includes silent victims. "I ask male clergy to rethink that this is a woman's issue. Many boys and men are victims, so this is truly a human issue, deserving of our deepest understanding, compassion and love," she added. ✝

GET MORE INFO

For information about sexual violence, and opportunities to train as a Certified Sexual Assault Counselor, please visit BAWAR.org.

ALUMNI STORIES

First AALV Training Workshop a Wild Success

By Marissa J. Miller

“Appreciate every single moment and opportunity that you get here [at SFTS], because it goes by quickly...” were the words of wisdom that AALV (Alumni-Admissions Liaison Volunteer) member, Rev. Richard Poole, shared with prospective students during the recent AALV training workshop on campus.

A group of eight alumni ranging in graduation years from 1970 to 2015 with degrees spanning MDiv, DASD, and DMin gathered at SFTS in late July to participate in the first training program aimed at alumni recruitment and admissions volunteers.

Led by Dr. David Behrs, the Vice President of Enrollment Management, these volunteers

lent their time, their voices, and their experiences to the admissions team in hopes of coming up with new and innovative ways to attract prospective students to SFTS. Workshop sessions included a lead generation brainstorm, training on how to conduct an admissions interview, and how to represent SFTS at a recruitment event such as a grad fair. Each day culminated in a fun and casual evening reception attended by faculty, faculty emeriti, and staff.

“Through volunteerism in the recruitment process, alumni have a lasting impact on their alma mater by helping some of the country’s best and brightest seminary students discover how they can achieve their

personal and professional goals at SFTS,” Behrs commented.

“Listen to your heart, and let go of fear...” advised Rev. Stephanie Ryder, AALV member, “I couldn’t do the job I’m doing today without my [MDiv] degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary.”✚

JOIN AALV

For more information about joining the Alumni-Admissions Liaison Volunteer program at SFTS, please contact Dave Behrs at 415.451.2802 or dbehrs@sfts.edu

ALUMNI UPDATES



Rev. Joy (MacDonald) Dorf (MDiv 1976)

and her husband, Richard Dorf, received the 2017 Roger B. Linden Distinguished Service Award for their generous support of the State University of New York at Potsdam. SUNY Potsdam President Kristin Esterberg presented the award to the Dorfs at their home in California. A 1958 graduate of Potsdam State Teachers College, Joy Dorf went on to get her MDiv from San Francisco Theological Seminary and served as a pastor in the Presbyterian Church until retiring in 2006. The Roger B. Linden Award is given to individuals who demonstrate steadfast support for SUNY Potsdam through their leadership, advocacy, stewardship, and service.



Rodger Mattson (MDiv 1977)

recently became the director of the Family Medicine Residency Program at Texoma Medical Center in Denison, TX. The post-graduate program was started in 2015 and is bringing in its third year of residents, giving it a total of 16 residents. Dr. Mattson received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) degree in 2000 from Oklahoma State University. He has been active in family practice medicine since 2003 and in graduate medical education since 2010.



Rev. Charles Booker (MDiv 1994)

pastor of Bethesda (Maryland) Presbyterian Church, has been a supporter of the sanctuary movement for more than two decades. A four-by-six-foot sign on the front lawn of his church reads, “We are a sanctuary church. Refugees are welcomed here. So are you.” While on an internship from his studies at SFTS in the early 1990s, he joined the ministry of Rev. John Fife, pastor of Southside Presbyterian Church in Tucson, AZ, and a founder of the original sanctuary movement to aid refugees fleeing violence in Central America. In 2001, Booker was arrested and served three months in federal prison for trespassing at Fort Benning, GA, while protesting the School of the Americas, a training site for Latin American soldiers, some of whom were responsible for atrocities against civilians in their countries. Should it be needed, Bethesda Church has room to house as many as four refugees seeking safe haven from deportation.



Rev. Dr. Louis J. Prues (DMin 1981)

has been appointed to the Federation of State Medical Board’s Workgroup on Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs. As a member of this national workgroup, he will help evaluate the impact of mandatory prescription drug monitoring on patient outcomes and the prescribing of controlled substances. He will also evaluate challenges to the increasing use of prescription drug monitoring programs. Prues retired from Lutheran Social Services of Michigan in 2015 and lives in Grosse Pointe Park, MI, with his wife of 44 years, Barbara.

ALUMNI STORIES



Rev. Whitney Dempsey (MDiv 1996) began serving as temporary supply pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Georgetown, CO, in May, 2017. A trained interim pastor in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Dempsey works from a family system perspective, seeking to build and support healthy pastors, chaplains, congregations, and organizations.

He is an associate supervisor of the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education and a board member of the Association of Professional Flight Chaplains. He has served as pastor of congregations in Michigan, Nevada, and Colorado.



Rev. Erik Swanson (MDiv 1998), pastor of Westhope Presbyterian Church in Saratoga, CA, posted an article on August 24th on huffingtonpost.com. Titled “Inclusive Not Exclusive,” the article offers a faith-based response to the violence at a “Unite the Right” demonstration in Charlottesville, VA. Swanson contends that racism often is rooted in faulty religious thinking, in which God is viewed as loving some people and not loving others, “The golden rule of ‘love God with all you are and love your neighbor as yourself’ lies at the very center of Jesus’ foundational teaching,” he writes, “and it can only be viewed as one of the great statements of an inclusive God.” Swanson spent a year studying sacred community while living in the ecumenical Taizé monastery in France. He is Chair of the Saratoga Ministerial Association and is a sought-after teacher, spiritual director, and retreat leader. Read more of his post at: bit.ly/erik-swanson-huffpost



Dr. Musimbi Kanyoro (DMin 1999) is President and CEO of the Global Fund for Women and an activist for women’s health and human rights. Under her leadership, the Global Fund has given more than \$100 million in grants to women-led organizations around the world. The fund supports work to end violence, and to help women achieve economic and political empowerment, and sexual and reproductive health and rights. Kanyoro was born in Kenya and was the first non-white woman to be general secretary of the World YWCA. She has also served on various United Nations boards and agencies. In 2015, Forbes magazine named her one of 10 women “power brands” working for gender equity.



Rev. Dr. Russell Peterman (MDiv 1995) has been called to be pastor of University Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), next to the campus of Texas Christian University (TCU) in Fort Worth, TX. Peterman, who is a graduate of TCU, said it has been a “lifelong dream” of his to serve University Church. He was

previously pastor of First Christian Church in Concord, CA. He has also taught homiletics at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, and serves on the administrative committee of the general board of the Christian Church.



Rev. Jenny Warner (MDiv 2010) began serving as pastor of Valley Presbyterian Church in Portola Valley, CA on September 1st. She was one of more than 100 candidates for the position, following the 29-year pastorate of Revs. Mark and Cheryl Goodman-Morris. The former co-pastors founded the Portola Valley Theatre Conservatory, which has operated out of the church since 1993. Warner, who has an undergraduate degree in intercultural studies, was associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Bend, Oregon, for six years after graduating from SFTS.



Rev. Adam J. Bradley (MDiv 2017) has been called to be pastor of Cherry Log Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the mountains of north Georgia. The church was founded by Dr. Fred Craddock, a legendary preacher and prolific author, who died in 2015. Bradley preached his first sermon at the church October 1st. Following worship, the congregation welcomed Bradley, his wife, Michele, and their two children with a celebratory lunch and cake.

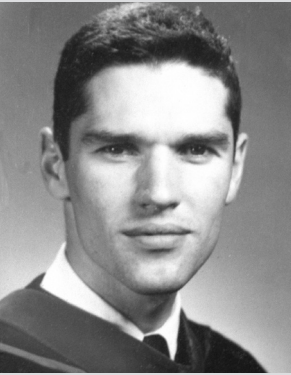


Rev. Sarah Chivington-Buck (MDiv 2017) was ordained June 18th and installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Alva, OK, August 12th—three months after graduating from SFTS! While in seminary, she did a yearlong internship at First Presbyterian Church in Palo Alto, CA. She said of being called to Alva, “this is where I belong...and that provides for me a really important foundation from which to grow and learn and do ministry, I believe: knowing this is the place God has led me to, that I’ve arrived in a place where I have this feeling of being home.” ✚

ALUMNI: WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Have a story to share? An exciting career update? A funny or fond memory from SFTS? Please email us at info@sfts.edu or send us a letter:

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Recounting the Past:

1960 Alum Remembers Dr. Jesse Hays Baird

Here at the Chimes office, high on the hill on the third floor of Montgomery Hall, we love hearing from our alumni and their varied stories of their experiences at SFTS. We received this letter this past June from Don Holt, class of 1960, and couldn't resist sharing his story with our readers. Do you have a story to tell? Email us at info@sfts.edu or send us a letter, Attn: Chimes Editor, 105 Seminary Road, San Anselmo, CA 94960. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sixty-one years ago, in 1956, I decided to visit SFTS. I was, at the time, a US Marine Corps lieutenant, being transferred from the 12th Marine Regiment in Okinawa to the 11th Marines in Camp Pendleton, CA. MATS (Military Air Transport Service) flew me from Okinawa to Japan, and from Japan to San Francisco.

I had been thinking about ministry. And I had learned that there was a Presbyterian seminary just north of the Golden Gate Bridge. Visiting it would be an opportunity to explore the possibility of ministry.

My wife Connie met me at the airport. We rented a car and drove north to San Anselmo and the seminary. Entering the administration building, I asked to see the Director of Admissions.

"Oh, we don't have an admissions director," the receptionist smiled at me. "But would you like to talk to our president?" She ushered us in to an adjoining office, and introduced us to Dr. Jesse Hays Baird. It was like asking to speak to the regimental Sergeant Major and being introduced instead to the Colonel commanding.

I told Dr. Baird a little about my Marine Corps service, my life-long Presbyterianism in a small town in Wisconsin, and my growing interest in church ministry.

He told us how he had started his ministerial career, in the early 1900s, riding a horse from one small western cow-town to another. In each town, he would contact the manager of the local movie theater. These theaters tended to have only one projector. Therefore, when the first reel of the movie finished, there would be a fifteen to twenty-minute pause in the movie while the first reel was re-wound and the second reel threaded into the projector. Rev. Baird would persuade the manager to let him fill that time with a trombone solo and an evangelistic pitch to the audience of cowboys, ranchers, and farmers.

His pitch was often successful. Substantial numbers of the audience would confess their faith in Jesus Christ. Rev. Baird would organize them into a congregation, ordain two or more men as Presbyterian elders, pack up his trombone, get on his horse, and move on to the next town.

Fascinated by these stories, I reached into my pocket and, without thinking, pulled out my Pall Mall cigarettes. I gave one to my wife, put one in my own mouth—and then suddenly realized that it would be polite to offer one to Dr. Baird.

"We don't smoke on this campus," he responded, gently but firmly. "Oh," I said.

I reached over and awkwardly retrieved my wife's cigarette. I took my cigarette out of my mouth. I put them both back in the pack.

I can't remember how the conversation got started again. But toward the end of our meeting, Dr. Baird told us that the seminary community was having a potluck supper that evening and he would like us to be his guests. We accepted his invitation. It was a rich and delightful time.

The next morning, we left for southern California and Camp Pendleton, to take command of Mike Battery, 11th Marines, and to fill out an application for admission to San Francisco Theological Seminary in September of 1957.

—Don Holt, Class of 1960



**Dr. Jesse
Hays Baird**
*SFTS President
from 1937 to 1957*



WWII Chaplain Kits Rediscovered in SFTS Vault

By Eva Stimson

The military chaplain’s sanctuary may be a tent or a hastily constructed chapel—or the great outdoors. Their communion table may be the hood of a jeep and their pulpit a stack of C-Ration or ammo boxes.

Rev. Wayne Hoffmann, a former trustee of SFTS, is intrigued by the discovery of two World War II-era chaplain kits in the seminary archives. His service as a military chaplain spans 35 years.

Inside each velvet-lined briefcase are candlesticks, a table cross, and items for the Eucharist, including a covered bowl (ciborium) still filled with communion wafers. One case contains a chalice; the other holds a tray of individual cups for serving communion.

The kits remind Hoffmann of the one he received when he became a chaplain in 1962. He served three years on active duty and then served in the National Guard and the Army Reserve, retiring as Assistant Chief of Chaplains in 1997.

The cases at SFTS were used by Chaplains Erwin T. May and SFTS former faculty member C.M. (Clifford Merrill) Drury during WWII. A tag on Drury’s case says it was given to him by the Presbyterian Committee on Chaplains and later presented to the seminary on Easter Sunday, 1957. May served in the Army until at least 1955, and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

According to Chaplain (Major) Daryl Densford, who maintains a website about chaplain kits, Chaplain (Captain) Drury served in the Navy and Naval Reserve during WWII, and was a prolific writer on military history, publishing the official history of United States Naval Chaplains, *The History of the Chaplain Corps, United States Navy in 1949*.



Along with 800 others, Drury was called to serve as a Chaplain in the Armed Forces by the Presbyterian General Assembly, and served in several posts stateside, during which time he started work on his book. At the time, Drury was chair of church history at SFTS, and along with fellow faculty member, Aaron Ungersma, took a leave from his position in order to serve his country. By war’s end, 47 SFTS alumni had served in the chaplaincy and earned stars on the SFTS service flag. Sadly, one alumni was killed in action, Karl P. Buswell.

“Chaplain May’s kit is more rare than the other,” Densford said. “As a chalice-only kit, it was for a more liturgical chaplain, who would have either served the Eucharist by intinction or given participants a sip from the chalice. Chaplain Drury’s kit is the more common of the two. Most of the less-liturgical chaplains would have used one like it.”

Today, there are chaplain kits tailored to the needs of Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, and other religious traditions serving in the field. Explore thechaplainkit.com, an online museum about the history of military chaplains. ✚



Sharing God’s Blessings with SFTS: Celebrating the Joy of Giving

Walter Collins | Vice President of Advancement



Since joining the SFTS community earlier this year, I’ve been inspired and blessed by the many stories behind the gifts we receive. Every gift has a story about the benefits of giving from the heart, and the generosity and vision of our donors is an inspiration for me.

There are many examples in Scripture that point to the benefits of giving. We’re all familiar with the texts in Corinthians that demonstrate the value of giving gifts. One text affirms God’s expectations: “For the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have” (2 Corinthians 8:12). Another text

points to how our giving habits affect God: “Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Giving can be a powerful gesture, both for the receiver of the gift, and the giver of the gift. The emotional and psychological benefits of service are well documented. But there is another, awesome

dimension to the act of giving, and it has to do with gratitude. One of the best known verses of the Bible is less an exhortation and more a celebration: “O give thanks to God, for God is good; for God’s steadfast love endures forever” (1 Chronicles 16:34). We can almost hear David singing these words of gratitude and elation at having received the gift of blessings from God.

Today, we have ample reason to thank God for the blessings that God provides through each and every one of you, our many friends and alumni who support our mission. This issue of *Chimes* celebrates your generosity, and the important role your gifts have played in shaping the hearts and minds of SFTS students.

In these pages, you’ll find the many names of those who share God’s blessings with SFTS. And behind every gift there is a story: the memory of a beloved professor who made a difference, or nostalgia for the natural beauty of the SFTS campus and the many experiences that shaped your life into what it is today.

These pages also contain the gratitude SFTS has for your gifts, for we know of no better way to say thank you than to share some of the stories of how your generosity is changing lives. May God continue to bless you! ✝



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IN MEMORIAM

Rev. Sharon Latour: A Lifetime of Service

By Cynthia Ahart Wood

Rev. Sharon Latour (MATS 2007) embraced the challenges of three distinctly different career paths serving institutions she loved. Latour died April 25, 2017 at her San Leandro, CA home.

Born July 5, 1955, Latour grew up on California's Central Coast, where she saw early success at the University of California at Santa Barbara as the first woman NCAA Sports Information Director. From there, her energy and intrigue took her to the U.S. Air Force. Honing her expertise in leadership theory and rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, Latour headed leadership development and training for the Air Force from a Pentagon base. After 20 years in the service, Latour came to SFTS to deepen her relationship with God and pursue her Master of Arts in Theological Studies.

As a Certified Ruling Elder and pastor, Latour served Californian Presbyterian congregations in Arcata, Garberville, Bolinas, and Stinson Beach for 15 years. As a member of the communities she served, she was an activist and champion, raising money in Stinson Beach to buy holiday gifts for displaced children and spearheading the recent campaign to replace Calvary Presbyterian Church's 119-year-old foundation in Bolinas.

Latour stayed loyal to West Marin County, CA. Even after relocating to the East Bay two years ago, she continued to commute north from her home in San Leandro for Sunday sermons.

"What I truly love is that...I don't have to teach them what community means," she said of the congregations in Bolinas and Stinson. "They already get [what community means], each with their own flavor," Latour told the Point Reyes Light in 2015. "That is a joy."

Latour will be remembered for the words she spoke at the end of every sermon: "You are beloved, and for whatever mistakes you think you made, you are already forgiven. Be gentle with yourselves."

"Sharon traveled lightly in the world," said Scott Clark, Associate Dean of Student Life and Chaplain at SFTS, "She was ready to move into the next calling with fearlessness and determination and love—all the while gathering loving friends and family, and encouraging each of us to live into our fullness."✚

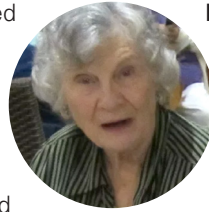


***"You are beloved, and for whatever mistakes
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Be gentle with yourselves."***

—Rev. Sharon Latour



Eleanor (Ellen) Reed Brauner (MA 1985) died April 12, 2017 in Portland, OR. She was born August 24, 1932. Brauner was an elder and held several leadership roles at Sunset Presbyterian Church. She and her husband Ed were honored in 2010 when a Habitat for Humanity development in Hillsboro was named BraunerBrook to commemorate their volunteerism and leadership. Brauner is survived by her husband of 62 years, three children, 10 grandchildren, and a brother.



Rev. Dr. Margery Terpstra (MDiv 1992) died May 19, 2017. She was born in Portland, OR in 1925. As an undergraduate, Terpstra attended Wheaton College, where she met and married her New Testament instructor, Chester Terpstra. In 1950, the newlyweds became missionaries to Pohnpei, now in the Federated States of Micronesia, and together, they began the Pastors and Teachers Training School. In 1972, armed with a fresh PhD from the University of Hawaii, Terpstra dove into a counseling career, complete with a newspaper column, community television show and a radio program. She also represented the State of Hawaii as Mother of the Year. In 1986 Terpstra published her workbook, "Life Is to Grow On," which she used in many workshop and therapeutic settings. Terpstra was ordained in The First Chinese Church of Christ in Hawaii in 1997. She retired to Washington State in 2004, becoming an elder in the First Christian Church of Port Angeles. She is survived by three sons, four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, and her sister.



Rev. Dr. Glendon C. Coppick (ThD 1987) died April 18, 2017 in Owensboro, KY. He was born March 18, 1926 in Oklahoma. During World War II he served in the submarine service of the U.S. Navy (1944–46). Coppick was ordained to the priesthood in 1955 and founded Good Shepherd Church in Dallas, TX, serving there as pastor until moving to Kentucky in 1959 to lead Owensboro's Trinity Episcopal Church as rector. He retired from there in 1991. Coppick was instrumental in founding the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity, and Hospice of Western Kentucky. He served as Trustee of the University of the South at Sewanee, was an Assistant Professor at Brescia College (1970–79), and served on the Episcopal Diocesan Standing Committee. He is survived by Shirley, his wife of 62 years; three children; two grandchildren; and his brother.



Rev. Vernon Donald Emmel (BDiv 1952, MSTh 1953) died May 5, 2017 in Napa, CA. He was born October 2, 1926 in Nampa, ID. Ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1952, Emmel was installed in his first parish in Orenco, OR, in 1954. He went on to serve as pastor at San Jose State College, Westminster Presbyterian Church (West Hartford, CT), Napa First Presbyterian Church, and Covenant Presbyterian Church (Long Beach, CA). During his years on the east coast, he taught as a guest lecturer at the Yale School of Divinity. Emmel retired to Napa in 1989, but continued as interim pastor at four Bay Area churches. Emmel is survived by his wife, Esther; five children; nine grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.



Hugh Underwood "Woody" Leach died June 22, 2017 in Blacksburg, VA. He was born December 21, 1928 in Donalsonville, GA. A noted community activist and Presbyterian minister, Leach served in the U.S. Artillery Army, including two years in Germany from 1953 to 1955. He began his 35 years of ministry in Blacksburg in 1958, initially serving under the Presbyterian Campus Christian Life Committee of Virginia. Leach served on Blacksburg's Town Council from 1978 to 1982, and was instrumental in the 1989 formation of the San Jose de Bocay, Nicaragua official sister city relationship with the city. Leach is survived by Nancy, his wife of 64 years; two daughters; four grandchildren; and two brothers.



Barbara Pierce Lyon (MA 1980) died January 12, 2017 near Fremont, CA. She was born September 20, 1920 in Chicago, IL. After Lyon's husband Boyd was ordained an Episcopal minister, the couple moved to Fremont, where she had a long career practicing and teaching yoga. At the time of her death, Barbara was compiling a third volume of her poetry for publication. The Lyons were married for 63 years; Boyd died in 2005. She is survived by her five children, as well as many grandchildren and great-grandkids.

IN MEMORIAM

Rev. Dr. Robert Grove (BDiv 1960, DMin 1967) died June 24, 2017. He was born July 22, 1932 in Frederick, MD. Grove enjoyed a career that spanned 64 years in ministry at a variety of churches in Washington, Oregon, and California. He spent the last of his years serving Stinson Beach Community Church and Calvary Presbyterian Church in Bolinas. Grove is survived by Paige Kinsman Grove, his wife of 42 years, and his first wife, Patricia Grove; two children, three step-children; a sister and a brother. Grove also had nine grandchildren.



Rev. Donald L. Simmonds (BDiv 1960) died August 17, 2017 in the Joliet, IL area. He was born January 30, 1935 in Detroit, MI. Simmonds served 25 years at the First Presbyterian Church in Mason City, IA, in addition to many other congregations, and was a Parish Associate at the Presbyterian Church of Western Springs in Western Springs, IL. Simmonds retired in 2009 after a 49-year career. He is survived by his wife, M. Noreen Coyan; two daughters; two grandsons; a brother; and a sister.

Ronald Stockdale (SFTS Trustee 1987-1997)

died Friday, June 30, 2017 near University Place, WA. He was born April 28, 1934 in Aplington, IA. After completing his US Army service in 1956, Stockdale enrolled at the University of Iowa. His pursuant financial career included executive-level assignments at Super Foods Services in Bellefontaine, OH; Mountain States Wholesale in Boise, ID; and West Coast Grocery in Tacoma, WA, where he served as company president. Stockdale facilitated West Coast's sale to Super Value; he remained with that firm until his retirement in 1990. A faithful member of his church throughout his life, Stockdale was active with the University Place United Presbyterian Church for 48 years. He was also a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Dubuque, the Financial Executives Institute, and the Select Ventures Investment Group. Stockdale is survived by Carol, his wife of 60 years; their two sons; and several grandchildren.



Willena Elaine Cation Fisher (MA 1950)

died September 11, 2017 in Salem, WA. She was born March 17, 1926 in Walla Walla, WA. Fisher met her husband Harold at SFTS, then spent the next 60 years on a globe-hopping journey through career stops in Lebanon, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Nigeria. When they returned to the United States with their daughter, the Fishers settled first in Indiana, then Ohio, and finally in Salem. Elaine Fisher is survived by her daughter and two granddaughters.



FRIEND OF THE SEMINARY

Zelma Elizabeth (Betty) Gant Stott (MDiv 1979)

died August 10, 2017. She was born Apr. 23, 1921 in Oakland, CA. A third-generation Californian, Stott taught in the Richmond Unified School District for 24 years. She moved to San Anselmo in 1976 to attend graduate school at SFTS and retired from teaching in 1985. Stott was an active member of First Presbyterian Church in San Anselmo, a Presbyterian Mission Volunteer, and a member of the Seminary's Auxiliary. Stott is survived by four children, six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and a brother.



Rev. Dr. James Chuck died July 20, 2017. He was born in Oakland, CA. Chuck grew up in San Francisco's Chinatown, where he first attended the First Chinese Baptist Church in 1934 as a nursery school student. Chuck was an adjunct faculty member at SFTS. He also taught at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA, Hong Kong Baptist Seminary, and the Divinity School of Chung Chi College at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He was a research fellow at the Institute for the Study of Asian American Christianity, and a founding member of the Asian American Baptist Caucus, now known as the Alliance of Asian American Baptist Churches. In the 1970s, Chuck served on the boards of American Baptist Churches USA and ABHMS, when it was known as National Ministries. In addition, he was on the board of the Pacific Coast Baptist Association. His other involvements included the Chinatown Anti-poverty Program and the National Conference of Chinese Churches. He is survived by four children and eight grandchildren.



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Daniel Schipani

M–F, 9am–5pm

Pastor as Spiritual Leader

Week 1: June 4–8

*Prayer/Discernment
in Ministry*

Daeseop Yi

M–F, 9am–5pm

Executive Leadership

Week 2:

June 11–15

*Jazz, Tradition
& Leadership*

Chris Ocker

M–F,
9am–5pm



Week 3:

June 18–22

Leading Adaptive Action

Mary Hess

M–F, 9am–5pm

Electives

Week 1: June 4–8

Black Theology

Dwight Hopkins

M–F, 9am–5pm

Week 2:

June 11–15

*Bible, Gender
& Sexuality*

Tanzer & Hiebert

M–F, 9am–5pm

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