



# Accents

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MORAVIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania



## Be Still and Listen

Students  
sponsor  
Quiet Day  
to  
focus on  
spiritual  
disciplines

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## Semester Highlights

### Alumni Board members share "Life After Seminary"

Students were treated to lunch by members of the Seminary Alumni board after their September meeting. The Saal was transformed from meeting space to eating space with seating determined by degree program.

Conversation over lunch gradually took on an air of mentorship as alumni offered a glimpse of what life is like after Seminary. Students were able to ask all important questions like, "what do I really need to pay attention to in the Church Administration course?" "What do you do to nourish your spiritual life?" "How can I network with pastoral counselors in the area?"

This annual event continues to fill the room to capacity and nourishes connections that will last a lifetime.



### Curriculum Review Begins with "State of the Church"

The faculty and administration have launched a review of the Seminary's degree and continuing education programs — starting not with the programs themselves, but with a study of the "state of the church." Trustee chair, Lyn Chynoweth, encouraged this process at the October meeting commenting, "We must embrace change as a fact of life in this century — reacting quickly to environmental factors that force us to change and proactively anticipating new needs and new constituencies."

Members of the faculty and administration have been meeting with denominational officials, clergy and lay groups, community service agencies, and leaders at other seminaries to survey the needs of our constituencies and the emerging trends in the religious world.

In the spring, questionnaires will be sent to alumni, lay leaders, pastors, and pastoral counselors to survey our program's strengths, weaknesses and areas for development. If you are the recipient of a survey, please give it serious thought, your input and honest appraisal will be of great value to the committee. The curriculum review process is scheduled to be completed by 2004.

### Honest Talk About Real Issues

Recognizing that there are difficult issues facing the church today, and believing that open discussion can often help communities deal with potentially divisive issues, the Center for Moravian Studies sponsored a series of monthly open forums. Coined the Second Tuesday Moravian Lunches (STML), the series offered students and faculty the opportunity to hear from a presenter who is versed on a particular issue and then engage in open discussion.

In September, Rev. Dr. Gordon Sommers '61, a delegate to the recent Unity Synod facilitated the session, "Tradition & Charisma: A Report from Unity Synod." He briefed the group on legislation and debate at the synod, and led a discussion on the charismatic movement in several Moravian provinces.

Dean Frank Crouch '80 led the next session on "Homosexuality and the Church" which centered on the ramifications of legislation at the 2002 Northern Province Synod.

The topic of the November session hit home for many students as Moravian Church administrators, Bob Hunter (assistant to the president, PEC, South) and Gary Straughan '66 (president of the Eastern District) led the session, "Pastor, Call and Congregation." The discussion ranged from the confidentiality of the call process to the placing of women and people of color.

Though the problems of the world were not solved through these discussions, the value of a safe place for

open discussion and debate was evident. The Second Tuesday lunches will resume in the Spring Semester with topics to include new church planting, mission work, and the primacy of Jesus.

## Searches in Progress to Fill Faculty Positions

The Seminary is in the midst of two faculty searches to fill positions in New Testament and Pastoral Theology.

The New Testament opening was created when Frank Crouch became Dean last year. The search, advertised nationally and internationally through theological publications, has resulted in over 30 applications. The search committee, made up of representatives of the faculty, student body, and administration, has interviewed selected candidates and will invite the top applicants to visit the campus for a presentation and interview. The process will be completed by the April, 2003 Trustees meeting.

After serving as chaplain and then faculty member since 1982, Will Harstine '62, will

retire from the Pastoral Theology department in July, 2003. The search to fill this upcoming vacancy has been advertised within the Moravian Church. Ten individuals have expressed interest in this position, which is responsible for teaching courses in congregational ministry and overseeing the Supervised Ministry program. The committee conducting this search, also made up of faculty, students and administrators, will complete the selection process by the April, 2003 Trustees meeting.

Both of the new faculty members will begin teaching in Fall 2003.

## Faculty Members Complete Works in Moravian History

Books focusing on a specific time or event in Moravian history were published by several faculty members this year.

Walter Wagner, adjunct faculty in Church History, published "The Zinzendorf-Muhlenberg Encounter: A Controversy in Search of Understanding." The book examines the ramifications of a heated encounter

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### Czech Chalice Added to Permanent Collection

Over 500 years ago, a pine tree was planted in rural Bohemia to honor the first clergy of the Unitas Fratrum who were elected on Maundy Thursday in 1467. A symbol of new life and direction, the tree became known as the "Brotherly Pine."

The tree died in 1970 and in order to preserve the remaining trunk and branches, it was placed on a concrete base. Branches were removed and given to people who wanted to treasure them.

A chalice was turned out of one of those branches and presented to the Czech Bishop Adolf Ulrich in 1971. Bishop Ulrich and his wife, Marie, gave the chalice to Kay Ward during her visit to Prague in 2001. After his death on July 6, 2002, Kay Ward presented the chalice to the permanent collection of the Seminary in honor of Bishop Ulrich.



*Bishop Ward '80 (l) and Dean Crouch '80 (r) express appreciation to Brother Jindrich Halama '79 on behalf of the Czech province for the gift of the chalice. Halama is a 1979 graduate of Moravian Seminary who serves on the theological faculty of Charles University in Prague. The gift of the chalice was recognized in August 2002 during the Unity Synod when Moravians from around the world were meeting on the Moravian College and Seminary campus.*

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between Zinzendorf and Muhlenberg in Philadelphia in 1742, which set a divergent and often antagonistic course for Moravians and Lutherans in early America. The book is available through the Moravian Historical Society (610-759-5070).

The 2nd volume of "The Bethlehem Diary" was published in January 2002. Otto Dreydoppel, Director of the Center for Moravian Studies, was co-editor with Vernon Nelson '58, Moravian Church Archivist, of the work which translates the events of the early Bethlehem settlement during the years 1744-45. The diary documents the community's developing communal life and mission to the Indians.

A comprehensive history of the Southern Province of the Moravian Church authored by Daniel Crews '70 and fellow Moravian archivist, Richard Starbuck was published in May 2002. The 926 page book, "With Courage for the Future: The Story of the Moravian Church, Southern Province," is the first

work of its kind to document all facets of the Southern Province from 1753 to the 21st century. Daniel Crews is an adjunct faculty member and presenter for our continuing ed program.

## Students support AIDS Ministry in Swaziland

"I want you to see their beautiful faces." said Emily Wallace '94, of the photo of young children orphaned by AIDS in rural Swaziland. Emily and her physician husband, Ned, spoke to the Seminary community about their outreach work in Africa at a gathering sponsored by the Mission Committee.

Their presentation conveyed the grim reality of an AIDS-ravaged Africa where over 2 million people will die of the disease this year. The Wallaces have witnessed the results of the epidemic first-hand, as they have returned to

Swaziland each year since being contracted to support the Swazi Ministry of Health in its efforts to expand health services in rural areas from 1986-1990. With his medical background, Ned has developed an elective course at the University of Penn where medical interns accompany him each spring to work in a Swazi hospital and gain the experience of practicing medicine in a developing country.

While in Africa, the Wallaces became involved with the grassroots efforts of the Usuthu Mission Church. Started by grandmothers of this congregation about 3 years ago, an outreach ministry has grown that enables children orphaned by AIDS to attend school, and also provides hospice care for those in the community dying of the disease.

Moved by their presentation, the Seminary community collected an offering for the Usuthu Mission which will pay for 3 months of school lunches for the orphans.

## New Look to Publications

All MTS publications received a complete facelift this year. With the support of Middlecreek Marketing of Lititz, Pa., new photos were taken in the spring and used as the backdrop for the completely redesigned catalog/viewbook, poster, and campus map.

Recognizing that students who enroll at MTS are answering a call — to ministry, to pastoral counseling, to leadership, to greater understanding — the uniting theme Explore • Equip • Empower was born.

A packet of the new materials was sent to all Moravian churches in North America, all MTS alumni, and over 800 churches in the our local region. If you have not received a packet, or would like more of these publications please contact Jane Burcaw at 610-861-1634.

## Alumni Hold Successful Phonathon

The Seminary recently concluded its annual fall phonathon. James Johnson '56 and Henry May '60 led a day of calling in Winston-Salem on October 15, and Wendy Beck '86 headed up the phonathon in Bethlehem on October 23, 2002.

Jim, Henry and Wendy recruited volunteer callers, made calls themselves and turned the events, both north and south, into truly enjoyable opportunities to reconnect with friends and alumni around the country. Over 20 volunteers pitched in to make the phonathons a success, and, in the midst of much laughter and friendly chatter, they raised over \$12,000 to support the Seminary!

Thank you to all who made a gift during the recent phonathon and special thanks to all our phonathon volunteers.



## Staff Changes and Reorganization

### Admissions & Student Life

With the goal of consolidating all support services for students, the departments of Admissions and Student Services were combined over the summer. The new department, the Office of Admissions and Student Life, oversees all of the key elements of student life — beginning with initial contact (including admissions, housing and financial aid) through ongoing community activities and individual support, and concluding with the senior's exit interviews.

Melissa (Hertzog) Johnson, a 2001 graduate of the Seminary, was appointed to serve as Director of the Office of Admissions and Student Life in July. Melissa brings strong administrative skills to the position as well as a clear understanding of the call to ministry.

In the redefinition of this position two responsibilities have been given new emphasis, that of regional ecumenical recruitment and student support particularly in the area of discernment of call.

Melissa is joined by Ann Gibson, who was also hired in July to provide administrative support to the department. Ann's background includes serving as Loan Coordinator for the Ways to Work program (for the Alliance for Children and Families of the Lehigh Valley), and social worker and computer consultant with Meals on Wheels. Her organizational and computer skills have already proven essential toward managing student records and the financial aid process.

The Office of Admissions and Student Life can now be found in Bahnson Center. Melissa's office is next to the Aldersgate classroom, and Ann's office is in the former Hamilton Book Agency.

And if you are wondering where to find the individuals in the former Admissions and Student Life departments, Gloria Conrad '99 has retired after 31 years of working at the Seminary. She and her husband, Jim, are fulfilling a lifelong dream and building a new home in Florida.

In January, Thom Stapleton '78 will return to pastoral ministry after serving for 12 years as Associate Dean and Director of Admissions of the Seminary. He has accepted a call to serve as associate pastor of the Kingswood congregation in Bristol, England.

Rosemary Ebersole, who during her 15 year career with the Seminary served in administrative support positions for the admissions office, continuing ed, and office of the dean, is serving as a volunteer for the Bethlehem School District and several human service agencies.

### Educational Technology

The Seminary welcomed Dr. Judith Parker (Judy) as the Director of Educational Technology in July, 2002. Judy succeeds Lujean Baab, who left the position in January to become the Director of Training and Program Development for CAPE (Community of Agile Partners in Education).

Judy comes extremely qualified after having held technical and management positions at 3M for more than 20 years, over eight of those years as Global Education Manager. Along with her business experience, she has almost twenty years experience as an adjunct faculty member teaching adults at the undergraduate and

graduate level. Her interest in teaching and learning led to MA and EdD degrees in adult and continuing education.

She has served as a consultant with a number of business organizations and academic institutions developing programs for teaching and learning with technology. She has written and/or presented numerous articles and papers in this area, and is currently co-authoring a book for Kreiger Publishing on this topic.

As the Seminary looks to make its courses available beyond Bethlehem, Judy's experience in developing and delivering courses using online, classroom, blended online and classroom, and CD interactive formats will be invaluable.

### Continuing Ed

The Continuing Ed program was bolstered in September when Millie Roman-Budáy began working as the part-time support person for the department. Millie's background is well-suited for this position as she most recently managed the administrative duties for the distance education programs of County College of Morris and the New Jersey Virtual Community College Consortium. She also managed the website for those schools' distance education and continuing education programs.

Her bilingual fluency in Spanish and English will be an added plus as we continue our efforts to develop continuing programs for new constituencies in the Lehigh Valley ecumenical faith community.

## Students Focus on Spiritual Disciplines

by Debra Schlosser, senior

Cover photo:  
Senior, John  
McCarthy  
prepares for the  
painting  
workshop.

Below: Students  
walk a portable  
labyrinth set up  
in the Saal.

Next page: The  
Prayer Room  
located in the  
front room of the  
first floor of  
Lenox House.

The first time I attempted to round up people for a Spiritual Life Committee meeting, one of the students declined and replied in all seriousness, “Spiritual life, what spiritual life? I don’t have time for that; I have too many papers to do.” All of us laughed, but I noticed an uneasiness afterwards that spoke of the silent recognition each of us had of the implication of that statement. In that moment of disquiet, I think we all pondered how easy it is to get lost in the “doing” of each day and how hard it is to put aside time to nurture our connection with God.

For me it is no good to ignore the difficulty by saying that when the papers are over, when the next deadline is past, things will be different. Most of us know that life in ministry will be no less hectic than our Seminary days. For those in ministry and for all Christians filling their days with efforts to foster the relationships of the Kingdom, it is common for the one relationship that is the root of all they do to remain at the bottom of their attention list. Time with God, time to nurture spirit, time to just be is considered a luxury, not a necessity.

Part of my calling has been to urge people to carve out intentional time to be still and meet the God who stands so steadfastly by while we move about in a flurry of activity. One valuable tool I’ve found is a Quiet Day. And so when I heard that student’s reply about not having a spiritual life due to an overload of work, and I found those same feelings in

myself, I felt it was time to offer to hold a Quiet Day at the Seminary. The Spiritual Life Committee quickly got behind the idea and before long many students were involved, each offering their own gifts.

The day was well attended, with a number of students from the College participating along with about 20 Seminarians and several staff members. There were many opportunities for various forms of individual and group prayer and meditation. Rooms were set up to offer privacy and flexibility that allowed each person to do what nurtured them the most.

Many people returned to the labyrinth more than one time and the day was beautiful enough that a finger labyrinth could be used outside. A group in the painting workshop made the artwork (shown on the cover) that will soon grace our building. Sessions on Ignation prayer were well attended and guided meditations were offered as well. Each attendee received a journal. A room was filled with CD players and music of many kinds. Art supplies and clay allowed participants to experience praying through various forms of artistic expression. One room was empty to allow individuals to try prayer through movement. Consecrated elements from the morning prayer time were present in the prayer room throughout the day, along with many icons and items that could be used for focused meditation. A few individuals reported that the most meaningful things were new things they tried.

The most powerful moment of the day came for me personally in the closing prayer. By then I was a bit tired and thinking about all of the clean up still to come. I was living the issue that I had brought people there to examine — losing touch with an awareness of God while focusing solely on the tasks at hand. My busyness prevented me from truly opening myself to God until the closing prayer led me to do so.



The worship leader, Chaplain Dave Bennett '88, asked people to share parts of their experiences from the day. I listened as people related the different ways that they had met God. As the woman beside me shed a silent tear, I felt the floodgates of my own heart open and the tasks of the day disappeared. No longer was this about the individuals who had come to be still with God and the ways that I could help them to do that. Suddenly all that was before me was a group of people who deeply loved the Lord and each other. That love was tangible. I became aware of a sense of community that seemed very precious.

Near the end it seemed there had not been a definitive sense of closure and one of the Seminarians silently reached out to hold the hands of those beside her. Without a word we followed her and formed a circle of hands. The power of that circle moves within me even now. I know the connection I felt with the others as we were all united with and by our Creator will carry me far in my own faith journey. No one was quite sure what it meant, or how it should end, but as we looked at each other in silence I felt we all stopped trying to

figure it out and just rested in the Presence.

I went into the Quiet Day believing I was offering a gift of ministry to those around me. I spent the day more in an attitude of service than in an intentional effort to be with God. But in doing the first, I stumbled upon the second. Like every act of ministry I undertake, I found myself fed in ways I never expected. The grace of this never ceases to surprise and amaze me.

Through the experience of the Quiet Day, I realized how much I treasure my place within our community of believers. The common love we share for our beloved Friend unites me to my fellow students. I can draw upon the faith of each of my sisters and brothers and my own faith is strengthened. I am able to share the burden of my struggles among many and my load lightens. This blessing seems more than I deserve, but in moments like that prayer time I find myself able to embrace and rejoice in the gift offered by a circle of outstretched hands.

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### Prayer Room Takes Form

During the Spring, 2002 semester, the Spiritual Life Committee was granted use of a temporarily vacant office in Bahnsen Center to serve as a Prayer Room/Chapel.

With the assistance of Chaplain Dave Bennett '88, the students transformed the rather sterile room into a holy space. Students donated a cloth for an altar, a Bible and candles, curtains were made and comfortable chairs gathered to make the room more spiritual, comfortable and personal.

By mid-summer the room was needed again as office space. With some rearranging, a new site was found on the first floor of Lenox House. The front room with its welcoming fireplace was no longer needed for office space and so the Prayer Room found a new home in Lenox House.

The items that were donated to the original room were moved to the new area and more added. Handpainted pictures, wall-hangings, special lighting, and icons make the room both worshipful and inviting.

The space is used daily even though it is "all the way over in Lenox House." Several students begin their day here with Morning Prayers, and there are the occasional drop-ins who need to shift gears in the middle of the day. A Continuing Ed course which centered on the writing of Joan Chittister met here for 6 weeks, and it is the weekly home for a small group in the Spiritual Formation class. The use of the room has also been offered to the Muslim community at the College as a site for Noon and Evening Prayers.

Begun as a dream of a few students, the Prayer Room has provided the space for a much needed spiritual oasis for the community.





## First Impressions from the Dean

After serving on the faculty as professor of New Testament since 1996, Frank Crouch became the sixth Dean of Moravian Theological Seminary in October 2001. With just over a year under his belt we asked Frank to reflect on his first year as Dean and share his hopes for the Seminary for the future.

### Was becoming the dean of a seminary one of your career goals ten years ago?

I've never really had a list like that. Ever since college and seminary, I've felt a call to ministry and to teaching, so I guess that being Dean fulfills both in very significant ways.

During the time that I was a full-time faculty member, I didn't think about doing anything else. I would have been happy teaching until I retired. When David Schattschneider

announced his retirement, it took me a while to work out what it might mean to move from full-time teaching with a little bit of administration to full-time administration with a little bit of teaching.

But, they did a search, I applied, and now the switch has been made. So, I didn't set out to become Dean or have that in the back of my mind as a goal. But, I can't imagine myself working outside of theological education and I'm glad to be here both as Dean and as a teaching faculty member — even if the teaching is part-time now.

### What have been some of your most pleasant surprises since becoming Dean?

Well, the first surprise was a general culture shock. My to-do list got a lot longer. There's plenty to do as a faculty member, but it's concentrated into a few areas.

There was a definite learning curve, getting used to a wide range of responsibilities again — much like pastoral ministry. And, like pastoral ministry, it's always interesting, since there is a steady flow of different things to do, different people to work with on a variety of things.

I wouldn't call this a surprise, as in something that I didn't expect, but meeting lots of new people and, working in new ways with people I already knew, has been the most pleasant and interesting part of the past year. There are lots of people, inside and outside of the Seminary, who are committed to what we do here.

Also, traveling to different parts of the Moravian world in the US and Canada has let me see with my own eyes the real diversity of ways that people live out their relationship with Christ. It's given me a new sense of what the Moravian Church is about.

### Any regrets?

No. As long as I get to continue to teach at least a little bit.

### What do you feel are some of MTS's greatest assets? Greatest liabilities?

The commitment of faculty and staff — to preparing people for ministry and providing a strong community and spiritual life — that's a strength that is crucial to the Seminary. We care about the gospel, we care about the Church, we care



about excellence in ministry, and we care about the people around us. We take our mission seriously, with a sense of humor along the way. It's a great environment in which to work and learn.

As for liabilities . . . let me rephrase that to say, challenges and transitions that lie ahead of us. We're currently engaged in two faculty searches — because of my change of positions and Will Harstine's upcoming retirement. We're deeply interested in finding people who are faithful, who are excellent scholars, who care about the life of the Church, and who are open to diversity — particularly theological diversity.

It's challenging to find people who can work respectfully with the widest possible range of theological perspectives. It's interesting to me that two recent graduates — one from a very liberal perspective and one from the Assemblies of God denomination both speak very highly of their experience and education here. That's typical, I'd say, and crucial for a relatively small faculty.

#### **What do you feel are some of the greatest challenges facing theological education today?**

Following up on what I just said, the Moravian Church and churches across North America are all facing a series of transitions. Some of them are theological. The challenge for the Church, as it has been since the days recorded in the gospels, is to discern the best ways for us to go, what to hold onto and what to set aside.

We're not always faithful to God by hanging on to traditional practices and beliefs, and we're not always faithful to God by jumping on every theological bandwagon that comes our way. It's complicated by the fact that we can't predict in advance when we should just keep telling the old, old story and when God is calling us to something new. You can see that dilemma in the gospels, in Paul, in Acts, in every part of the New Testament, and the Old Testament.

So, there are transitions (or controversies and conflicts) in how we worship, who we ordain, how we understand our theological foundations, practices surrounding baptism and communion, ecumenical relations, interfaith dialogue, the list goes on. That's why some of us from the Seminary have been talking with clergy, lay people, and denominational officials regionally and across North America.

The challenge for the Seminary is always to have curriculum and programs that prepare people for the actual congregations and ministries that they'll be engaged in. Our discussions over the past year, as well as our faculty's involvement in their own congregations, have given us a pretty clear picture of the challenges facing congregations, and the challenges facing ministers, chaplains, counselors, and educators individually and personally. It's an exciting time, and a risky time. These choices matter, and we want to choose what we do faithfully and well.

Another challenge that faces theological education in America is how to bring the things that matter the most to the attention of the Church. If we're all going to stand before the throne and answer for what we did and didn't do — I wonder how our battles over ordination and christology, important as they might be — will stack up with our record on how we loved our neighbors.

Poverty, hunger, and HIV/AIDS seem to be this generation's economic and biological "holocaust," and I'm not sure how well American Christianity will fair on that judgment day. There are a lot of ways to make a difference, and a lot of ways to answer the call of God to real ministry. My prayer is that the Seminary will hear and be faithful to our own call on behalf of the gospel, the Church, and the larger world in which we live and minister.



## Overseas Mission Study Center

For more than 50 years the Overseas Ministries Study Center (OMSC) has worked to support cross-cultural missions. Originally located in the resort community of Ventnor, New Jersey, the Center began as a place for missionaries to find rest and renewal on their furloughs stateside. As the church's mission has changed in recent years, the emphasis has shifted to providing a meeting place and study opportunities for Christian leaders from all over the world and to promoting research in the emerging academic field of missiology.

In the 1980s, OMSC moved to New Haven, Connecticut, where it has a home adjacent to the campus of Yale Divinity School. Scholars in residence have access to the Day Mission Library. OMSC publishes the "International Bulletin of Missionary Research" and sponsors a series of symposia and short term courses. One of these is the annual "Student Seminar in World Mission," held in January, which draws seminarians and their professors from two dozen theological schools. Because of the size of the group — sometimes as many as 100 people — the seminar is held at Mercy Center, a Catholic retreat house about 25 miles southeast of New Haven.

Moravian Seminary has participated in the OMSC sessions for the last 25 years. Attending the student seminar is part of a Jan Term course entitled "Global Perspectives on Today's Christian Ministry," which fulfills the cross-cultural ministry requirement for MDiv candidates and is a popular elective for students in the other degree programs. Students spend two-weeks in Connecticut hearing lectures from and engaging in discussion with internationally-recognized missionary scholars and leaders. Then, they return to Bahnsen Center for a final week of discussion among themselves. The final course requirement is to write a paper suggesting how they will incorporate global and intercultural concerns into the ministry for which they are preparing.

### Taking the Name of Jesus into the 21st Century

*by Philip Lythcott, middler*

We came from 28 countries in all; Moravian Theological Seminary contributed five — America, Germany, Jordan, Canada and Guyana. We spoke a number of languages, and with our diverse ethnic identities it seemed as if the world had truly come together in community. What on earth were we doing at the Overseas Ministries Study Center in New Haven, Connecticut in January? If the truth be told, we could have been enjoying a well-earned respite from our previous fall studies rather than singing, "What brought us together, what joined our hearts?"

We had come to listen, learn, and dialogue with some of today's foremost observers of the Church in the 21st century. We asked ourselves, how can the Church proclaim Jesus' message in the 21st Century? We listened to the struggles of some and we rejoiced with the victories of others. We celebrated ecumenical inclusiveness as we fellowshiped with our brothers and sisters from numerous communions, including the Roman Catholic and Russian Orthodox faiths.

Our name had preceded us. OMSC had heard of the Moravian's contribution to church history to bring together world, word, and kingdom and several of our contingent were asked to make presentations. Otto Dreydoppel, Jr., director of the Center for Moravian Studies, spoke on "Spiritual Renewal for Mission: The Moravian Model." Seminary student, Hani Khouri shared his experience as a Christian living in an Islamic



state, and MTS Visiting Scholar, Jurgen Kauffmann, gave a lecture on “The Lutheran State Church of Bavaria.”

We, Seminarians, teased ourselves with the question, “How can pastoral leaders bring global and cross-cultural concerns into congregational life on a daily basis?” Our conclusion: We all recognized that we now live in a global village. One can have dinner in Tanzania, fly through the night, have breakfast in Prague, and dinner the following evening in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania — all in under 24 hours. The mission field is not only “over there,” but is all around us here at home. God’s church can be around the corner and down the road, or over the bridge.

What then did we learn? In a word, we learned that to be effective in ministry, we must, in the words of Otto Dreydoppel, “know the Gospel, the culture, and oneself.”

### A Christian Voice from the Middle East

*by Hani Khouri, MDiv, senior*

The title of the 2002 OMSC annual seminar was “World, Word, and Kingdom; Jesus’ Message in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” The seminar featured about twenty distinguished speakers from seminaries, mission fields, and universities with participants attending from about 30 seminaries.

Dr. Jonathan Bonk, Executive Director of the OMSC, invited me to speak about “Religion in the Arab World,” a comparison of Muslim and Christian

beliefs. He also asked me to talk about my experiences as an Arab Christian living in the Muslim world.

In order to help my audience better understand my experience, I began with basic Muslim beliefs, their concept of God, angels, holy books, apostles, the last days, and the concept of good and evil. I introduced the Qur’an, which is viewed as a revelation from God, and I spoke about the five Pillars of Islam. Because the audience was interested in further subjects, I also talked about the role of women, customs, marriage procedures, visitation customs, the variety of foods, styles of dress, and the role of parents in family life.

I shared my experiences as an Arab Christian living in a conservative Islamic State. My story focused on how I kept my Christian faith when there was little opportunity for fellowship or worship with other Christians. My prayer life became my lifeline to the Lord. God was faithful. God honored my prayers and kept me in the palm of His hand for many, many years.

During the discussion time, many questions were raised and I felt an eagerness from the group to learn more of other religions and cultures.

This kind of attitude and the knowledge gained by hearing speakers from other cultures, will not only be helpful to those who choose mission work, but it will bridge wide cultural gaps. From these two weeks at OMSC, I have learned the value of being open to the variety of cultures and ways of thinking.

*Pictured from far left to right:*

*Moravian participants at OMSC in a light-hearted moment.*

*Mercy Center, Madison, Connecticut, is the location for OMSC’s Student Seminar on World Mission.*

*Ian Edwards and Jason Andersen test the waters of Long Island Sound in January.*

*MTS seminarians leading worship for the global ministries seminar.*



## Looking for a “Free Space”?

*Steve Simmons, Director of Continuing Education*

I have always been fascinated by those children's games (usually some form of tag) that allow for safety zones or free spaces in which players can take refuge and catch their breath for a moment before rejoining the fray. I've come to think of the Seminary's Continuing Education program as a safety zone that allows people from many different traditions, clergy and laity alike, to call “time out” in their busy lives for an occasional period of reflection and refreshment. In a world so taken up with the business of *what?* and *how?*, it's good to gather with others and ask *so what?* and *what's next?* and *what's it all about?* as we talk and listen together about what Paul Tillich called matters of ultimate concern.

There is a difference, though. In a game of tag, the safety zone is a place where nothing much is happening. In the Continuing Education program at the Seminary, there's a whole lot going on, and it's anything but “safe” in the sense of being predictable or routine. In fact, it's more like a laboratory in which people of faith can freely experiment with new ideas. The spirit of the whole thing was perhaps best expressed by one of our presenters who said, “Where else can you do *that?*” Here are some examples from the past couple of months:

In October, **Dr. Ron Cole-Turner**, Sharp Professor of Theology and Ethics at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, gave our Pastoral Care Week Lectures on “Pastoral Genetics,” discussing with a group of pastors, chaplains, and pastoral counselors how



best to provide pastoral care and “theological companionship” to persons affected by powerful new technologies of genetic screening and manipulation.

In November, **Dr. Brian Blount**, associate professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary, helped many of us who have been mystified or even repelled by the book of Revelation to read it with new eyes, seeing it as a vision of God's future, not only to be awaited with hope, but to be worked for, often against the grain of the present order of things.

On the cutting edge, **Rolly Loomis**, media consultant for the United Methodist Church in our area, provided a group of local pastors and musicians six weeks of hands-on experience with electronic media in worship; while spiritual director **Kathy Cleaver** explored Joan Chittister's feminist spirituality. She then introduced a group to the 450-year-old spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. “Something old,



something new...” We also featured a course on biblical interpretation from a variety of perspectives, a series of Breakfast Roundtable discussions on discerning what really matters in life and on bequeathing one's “spiritual legacy” to the next generation...the list goes on.

By the way, our program is a free space in another way. Many of our lectures and events are available at no cost, and the others are quite inexpensive thanks to the support of many loyal and generous donors. We invite you to check us out by requesting a catalog from Millie Roman-Budáy at 610-861-1519, or by taking a look at our website: [www.moravianseminary.edu](http://www.moravianseminary.edu).

*Left Photo: Kathy Cleaver, instructor, discusses journaling with members of the Ignatian Spirituality class.*

*Top Right: Pastoral Care Week Lecturer, Dr. Ron Cole-Turner emphasizing the need for pastoral care to walk hand in hand with genetic advances.*

*Lower Right: Couillard Lecturer, Dr. Brian Blount in conversation with junior, Debra Hepburn.*

## Commencement 2002

Commencement ceremonies, marking the end of the Seminary's 195th academic year, were held on May 18, 2002. Masters degrees were conferred upon eleven students. In addition, two leaders of the worldwide Moravian Church were granted Honorary Doctorate of Divinity degrees. Though they serve the church on different continents, both doctoral recipients studied at MTS during their academic careers.

Honorary doctorates were awarded to Hans-Beat Motel, German pastor and former chair of the Unity Board of the worldwide Moravian



*Top: Honorary Degree Recipients, Hans-Beat Motel(l) and Andrew Kyomo. It is customary in Tanzania that a lei be used to honor individuals at special occasions. Unbeknownst to Kyomo, his fellow faculty members had the lei sent from Hawaii to be presented to him when he received his doctoral award.*

*Lower (l to r): Dody Freed, Ruthie Sieders and graduation speaker, Jami Possinger.*



Unity, and Andrew Kyomo, chair of the department of pastoral theology at Makumira University College, Tumaimi University in Tanzania. At the same ceremony, Andrew Kyomo's nephew also from Tanzania, Tuntufye Mwenisongole, received the Master of Arts in Theological Studies.

Eight students received the Master of Divinity degree — Marian Boyle (Wisconsin), Rosieta Burton (England), Sandra Crase (Indiana), Dody Freed (Nazareth), Brian Holben (Allentown), Jean Huber (Pen Argyl), Jami Possinger (Schnecksville), Ruth Sieders (Bethlehem).

The Master of Arts in Pastoral Counseling was awarded to two Bethlehem residents, Gregory Krausz and Michael Schaadt.

Chris Giesler, former chaplain of the College and Seminary presented the commencement address. Chosen by her fellow classmates, Jami Possinger, MDiv gave the graduate address, "With Burning Hearts."

**Checking in with our newest alumni 6 months after graduation** finds them serving in far-ranging locations and in a variety of ministries.

Tuntufye Mwenisongole returned to Tanzania and is on the faculty of the Moravian Theological College in Mbeya where he is teaching courses in pastoral theology.

Greg Krausz is Clinical Director for the Trinity Behavioral Health Service in Lansdale. Michael Schaadt is interim pastor of the Ambler Mennonite Church and parttime counselor at the Allentown Rescue Mission.

Marian Boyle is the pastor of Palmyra Moravian Church in Cinnaminson, New Jersey. Sandra Crase was called to the Moravian congregation on the Morongo Indian Reservation in Banning, California. Dody Freed is pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church outside of Easton, Pa.

Jean Huber is serving as ministries director at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Pen Argyl and completing her Lutheran internship at St. John's Church in Stroudsburg. Jami Possinger is associate pastor of Union Lutheran Church, a 1500 member congregation in Schnecksville. Ruthie Sieders is codirector of Youth Ministries at First Presbyterian Church in Bethlehem.

Continuing their academic careers are Rosieta Burton and Dody Freed, both are enrolled in the MAPC program at the Seminary. Brian Holben is completing his second year chaplain residency at Lehigh Valley Hospital.



## MTS Alumni Have OnLine Access to over 50 Theological Journals

The Seminary has paid an annual fee to the American Theological Library Association (ATLA) that enables all MTS students, faculty and **alumni** to have FREE online access to theological journals such as *Interpretation*, *Journal of Biblical Literature*, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*.

Through ATLA Serials (ATLAS) members can search a database of over 50 journals that deal with religion and theology. It includes the digital versions of the entire run of most journals (back to 1949). Articles are available in full text version or as reviews. To learn more about ATLA, go to their website at: [www.atla.com](http://www.atla.com).

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<http://purl.org/atlaonline>

Name: ATL01074 (ATLzero1zero74)

Password: 18018

## SEMINARYWEAR IN THE HUB BOOKSTORE



Next time you're on campus check out the new line of SeminaryWear in the HUB Bookstore. Currently available are hooded and crewneck sweatshirts, and longsleeved T-shirts. Coming this spring will be T-shirts, hats and embroidered golf shirts. To order by phone, call 610-861-1485, a \$6.00 per package shipping charge will be added.

# Alumni Connections ~ 2002

**Hal Cole '63** retired from active ministry with the Moravian Church in March 2002. During his 39 year ministry he served churches in North Carolina and Florida, and in many congregations as an Intentional Interim Minister.

In October 2002, **Robert Godhes '63** retired from active ministry with the Moravian Church. He served congregations in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota during his 39 year ministry.

After 38 years of ministry, **Paul Graf '64** retired from the call of the Moravian Church in October 2002. Paul served congregations in Wisconsin and Arizona and in district administration. He will continue to serve the church as a bishop of the Moravian Unity.

In June 2002, **Gary Straughan '66** was elected president of the Eastern District Executive Board of the Northern Province of the Moravian Church in America.

**Burke Johnson '67** retired from service to the Moravian Church in October 2002. During his 35 year ministry, he served congregations in North Carolina, Florida, Wisconsin and in district and provincial administration.

**Dave Wickmann '67** was elected president of the Provincial Elders' Conference of the Northern Province of the Moravian Church in America in June 2002.

**John Henry Weinlick '68** became senior pastor of the oldest Protestant Church in Alberta, McDougall United Church in Edmonton, in July 2002.

In May 2002, **Wayne Burkette '69** was elected a Bishop of the Moravian Unity at the Synod of the Southern Province.

**John Christman '70** retired from service to the Moravian Church in June 2002. He served the Leaksville Moravian Church in Eden, North Carolina during his 32 years of ministry.

**Dennis Rohn '70** began serving the Nazareth Moravian Church, Nazareth, Pennsylvania in November 2002.

**Albert Frank '71** accepted the call to serve as Assistant Director of the Moravian Music Foundation in January 2002.

In August 2002, **Peter Skelly '72** retired from service to the Moravian Church after serving as associate pastor of Central Church for 30 years.

**Steve Craver '72** began serving the Church of the Redeemer in Dublin, Ohio in July 2002.

In June 2002, **Chuck Galley '73** was elected Moderator of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ, which represents 197 congregations. During this 2-year term he will preside at all meetings of the Conference, chair the Conference Consistory and Executive Committee, and serve ex-officio on all standing committees. Chuck is executive director of Phoebe Berks Village in Wernersville, Pa.

We do our best to keep up with our Alumni. BUT, we know that there are folks who have changed positions, received recognition and have done momentous things that we may not have included here. **Help raise our awareness and let us hear what's happening with you!!!** Make no assumptions, we are only human! Contact Jane Burcaw at 610-861-1634, or email: [jburcaw@moravian.edu](mailto:jburcaw@moravian.edu).

**Douglas Kleintop '75** was elected a bishop of the Moravian Unity at the Northern Province Synod in June 2002.

**Blair Couch '78** was elected a bishop of the Moravian Unity at the Synod of the Northern Province in June 2002.

In February 2002, **Jeff Gehris '81** began serving the Graceham Moravian Church in Thurmont, Maryland.

**Rick Bruckart '82** became pastor of Lititz Moravian Church in Lititz, Pennsylvania in November 2002.

In August 2002, **Dave Merritt '82** became pastor of Hope Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, N.C.

**Percival Gordon '85** accepted the call to serve the Battle Hill Moravian Church in Union, New Jersey in March 2002.

**Matthew Knapp '85** became senior pastor of the Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin in October 2002.

**John Kent '86** was elected a Bishop of the Moravian Unity at the Suriname Provincial Synod in August 2002.

In September 2002, **Carol Vogler '86** began serving as a chaplain at the Edmonton General Continuing Care Center and joined the adjunct faculty at St. Stephen's College (Edmonton) teaching courses in the departments of spirituality and theology.

**Craig Atwood '87** began serving as Theologian in Residence at Home Church in Winston-Salem, N.C. in October 2002.

In April 2002, **William Hosking '87** became pastor of the Lancaster Moravian Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

**Lane Sapp '87** was elected a Bishop of the Moravian Unity at the Synod of the Southern Province in May 2002.

**Neil Routh '90** became pastor of Christ Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, N.C. in June 2002.

In June 2002, **George Richmond '91** began serving the Redeemer Moravian Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**Dorothy Burcaw '91** retired from the call of the Moravian Church in August 2002 after serving as chaplain of Moravian Academy Middle School and pastor of Lititz Moravian Church. In September she was installed as part-time chaplain of Moravian Hall Retirement Community.

**Nancy Ruth VonBoeckmann '93** retired from service to the Moravian Church in August, 2002. She served as chaplain of the Moravian Hall Retirement Community, Nazareth, Pennsylvania during her 9 years of ministry.

Earlier this year, **Hannington Muhanuka '95** accepted a call from the Christian Council of Tanzania to serve as chaplain of the Institute of the Development of Management in Mzumbe, Tanzania.

**Kay Rohn '98** became pastor of the Coopersburg Moravian Church, Coopersburg, Pa. in November 2002.

In April 2002, **Matthew Allen '98** began serving the Oak Grove Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, N.C.

**Kerry Krauss '98** began serving the Hope Moravian Church in Hope, Indiana in October 2002.

In June 2002, **Joe Moore '98** and **Kelly Huckle Moore '98** became pastors of Mayodan Moravian Church in Mayodan, North Carolina.

In November 2002, **Jennifer Berger '01** began serving the Edgeboro Moravian Church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

*See page 13 for an update on our 2002 graduates.*



## In Memory

Former MTS faculty member, **Edwin Kortz '34** died in Nazareth, Pennsylvania on March 25, 2002. During his 45 year ministry with the Moravian Church he served as a congregational pastor, on the faculty of Moravian Theological Seminary, as the president of the Board of Foreign Missions, and as chaplain of Moravian Hall Square in Nazareth, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Kortz began his teaching career at Moravian Theological Seminary in 1949 when he arrived as the first appointment to the newly created Edward Rondthaler Chair of Practical Theology. His work in this position laid the foundation for what would become the Pastoral Theology Department.

Kortz left the Seminary in 1956 to become Executive Director of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Moravian Church in America (forerunner of the Board of World Missions). He served in this capacity for the next eighteen years, traveling extensively and helping to develop the structure of the contemporary international Moravian Unity. Recognized as a "pastor's pastor," he was consecrated a Bishop of the Moravian Church in 1966.

He returned to the Seminary in 1974 as Director of Professional Studies and held this position until his retirement in 1983. In this role, he taught in the Pastoral Theology Department and was instrumental in the implementation of the new Master of Arts in Pastoral Counseling degree created in 1981.

Bishop Kortz is remembered as a vigorous teacher who was genuinely interested in his students and delighted in maintaining contact with them throughout his career and into retirement. His commitment to Christ, the Church, and the Seminary was evident throughout his life and continues to inspire many.

# Spring 2003 Continuing Education Events

## LECTURES

February 28	<b>Psychology &amp; Spirituality Lectures</b> "The Power of Metaphors for God's Power"	Carolyn Bohler
March 13	<b>Weber Memorial Lectures</b> "Speaking Truth to Power" Bonhoeffer on Lying"	Stanley Hauerwas
April 24	<b>Moses Lectures in Moravian Studies</b> "The Moravian Church as a Global Community: Dreams at the Beginning, Challenges Today, Dreams for the Future"	Hans-Beat Motel

## SHORT COURSES

Thursdays Mar. 6–Apr. 10	An Introduction to Orthodox Spirituality	Gabriel Rochelle
Mondays, Mar. 10-31	Basic Tools for Successful Stewardship	Gary Marsh
Mondays, Apr. 17-May 12	Preaching Easter to Pentecost	Arthur Freeman

## LAY ACADEMY COURSES

Mondays, Feb. 3-Mar. 3	Seminary 101: Preparing for Ministry	MTS Faculty
Mondays, Feb. 3-Mar. 10	Ministry with Our Elders	Dianne Kareha
Tuesdays, Feb. 4-Mar. 11	Linking Science & Religion for the Common Good	William Falla, Robert Wright
Thursdays, Feb. 6, 20, Mar. 6, Mar. 20, Apr. 3, 17, May 1	Theology, Literature, and Coffee (Bethlehem)	R. Burcaw, A. Bross, E. Miller, C. Brown, D. Nowers, S. Simmons, B. Regan
Thursdays, Feb. 6-Mar. 13	The Study and Practice of Peace	Scott Hutchinson
Mondays, Feb. 10-Mar. 10	The Bible and the Qur'an	Walter Wagner
Mondays, Mar. 31-Apr. 28	Soul Journey: Keeping a Spiritual Journal	Emily Wallace
Saturday, May 3	Art of the Spiritual Journey: Living the Symbolic Life	Dorothy Heine Rudolph

## EUROPEAN TRIP

June 30-July 14, 2003	Following the Footsteps of Hus, Comenius, Zinzendorf, Luther and Bach from Prague to Berlin	John Giesler
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## MTS Alumni Reunion 2003

### Thu, March 13, 2003 Weber Memorial Lectures

Speaker: Stanley  
Hauerwas  
"Speaking Truth to  
Power"  
9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Bahnson Center

### Fri, March 14, 2003 Alumni Reunion Luncheon

John Hus Award  
12:15 – 2:30 p.m.  
Moravian College HUB  
Dining Room

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