



ONE NATION, TWO WORLDS

by Rev. Dr. Frank Crouch, Dean

Picture one of my early childhood memories, from Greensboro, North Carolina, inside a Sears department store: I was about four years old and I walked toward a low, porcelain water fountain to get a drink. A step away, an unknown woman's voice called out, "Don't touch that water fountain!" I turned; she continued, "That's the colored people's water fountain!"

That was in 1959. At home I wasn't taught to treat people differently—at least not that blatantly. But a complete stranger felt obligated, or entitled, to make sure I knew my hometown was divided—all the way down to the plumbing—into different worlds for white people and for "colored." I imagine some architect included those designations on the building's blueprints before it was built, instructed in school or on the job to be sure to remember to identify each water fountain and restroom.

Some years later, one April morning when I was almost thirteen years old, I said to a neighbor, "Did you hear that Martin Luther King was killed last night?" She replied, "Good!" I heard a different response in church from our minister. Ministers at First Moravian were not pulpit pounders. But I remember the complexity of emotions in the minister's being that Sunday morning as he faced a sanctuary filled with white people. Heartsick, outraged, he struck the lectern more than once with his fist, denouncing *that* killing, *that* murder, *that* latest embodiment of racism's evils.



I was reminded of these things during a week in Montgomery, Alabama, this January as I participated in the Moravian Church's attempts to acknowledge our entanglements with racism, slavery, and their enduring aftermaths. This trip was a precursor to a similar trip involving all ordained Moravian clergy in the Northern Province planned for this coming September. This *Pilgrimage Toward Racial Justice and Healing* will involve a review of our own history, travel to the Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, and engagement with ways to work toward the day when those who hunger and thirst for justice will be satisfied (Mt. 5:6).

This September the Moravian Church Southern Province will continue its journey along this road as well. Although there are no plans for the same pilgrimage, the annual Moravian Ministries Association retreat will again focus on these aspects of our history and on our call to transform our present and future. In both provinces, this work involves collaboration among provincial leaders, commissions, and Moravian Seminary faculty.

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NEW DIRECTOR OF ENROLLMENT

Rev. Randy D'Angelo '16 MDiv



When Rev. Dr. Dave DeRemer announced his impending retirement from the Office of Enrollment during the 2018-2019 academic year, Moravian Seminary launched a thorough search to replace him. After combing through many dozens of applications and conducting multiple levels of interviews, DeRemer's replacement was finally found in 2016 alum, Rev. Randy D'Angelo.

Randy received his Master of Divinity degree in May 2016, and he never would have guessed on graduation day that in just a few short years, he would regularly walk the halls of Moravian Seminary again.

Five months after graduation from Moravian, Randy was ordained as a pastor in the Metropolitan Community Church. Prior to his days as a student at MTS, Randy had a 17-year career in retail management. During the same time period, he devoted much of his unpaid time and energy into an emerging ministry - a church plant endeavor in central Pennsylvania. While an MDiv student and after graduation, he continued his ministry efforts in the Harrisburg area, and was ordained in the Metropolitan Community Church in 2016. He later served as an associate pastor at Hope United Church of Christ of Allentown, working with fellow alumna, Rev. Mia White '10 MDiv, '18 MATS. Randy left his position at Hope UCC when he became Enrollment Director at MTS.

From his diverse background of computer science (B.S. in Computer Science, Shepherd University '05), retail management, human resources, and discipleship training, Randy brings a unique perspective and skillset to enrollment. For him, success rests upon personalized vocational discernment, streamlined administration, and sustained student support. In his first year, Randy's focus has already included marketing strategy, scholarship administration, ecumenical relationship-building, and course schedule format and accessibility.

If you know someone who might be interested in a Moravian Seminary education, reach out to Randy at dangelor@moravian.edu. Δ

Crouch Cont.

The work is painful and hard, requiring the same tenacity and commitment to change as every other call for justice in every other arena. As Church and Seminary continue this work, I commend for reflection and action these words of pain and hope proclaimed from one wall of the Memorial for Peace and Justice:

“For the hanged and beaten.
For the shot, drowned, and burned.
For the tortured, tormented, and terrorized.
For those abandoned by the rule of law.
We will remember.

With hope because hopelessness is the enemy of justice.
With courage because peace requires bravery.
With persistence because justice is a constant struggle.
With faith because we shall overcome.” Δ



To learn more about the Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice visit museumandmemorial.eji.org.

MASTER OF ARTS IN FORMATION & MINISTRY

Your vocation in life is where your **greatest joy meets the world's greatest need.** —Frederick Buechner

Over the past several years our Enrollment Office has been getting more and more queries from folks already serving in churches, very often non-denominational churches, who want more grounding and teaching in Bible, preaching, and leadership skills. They tell us they want a seminary education and feel it will help them serve others, but that the programs we already offer aren't quite the right fit.

Many times, students enrolled in our Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS) and used electives to mold the degree into a program they needed. However, the MATS is not meant to be the degree you take when you can't find what you want. The MATS is an academic program meant to help students delve deep into a topic through intensive study, research and writing. Prospects were telling us that they wanted something more hands-on, something they could use in the ministries they were already involved in or in ministries they were envisioning.

Our deep joy here at the Seminary is serving and supporting students on their journeys to support God and others. We took what we were hearing from prospective and enrolled students, and advice from the Association for Theological Schools (ATS), and began working on a new degree that would provide a strong backbone of core skills and formation along with flexibility in practical application. Out of a seed grew the Master of Arts in Formation in Ministry, a 48-credit program with a firm foundation in theological and biblical core coursework plus three specialty tracks: Ministry, Spiritual Direction, and Spiritual Care. The Ministry track provides courses and practical experiences in church leadership. The Spiritual Direction track includes all the courses required of the Spiritual Direction certificate. And the Spiritual Care track offers coursework and practical opportunities to cultivate ways of listening to, and being with, those in need of pastoral care in hospitals and nursing homes, at home, and in crisis.

On February 10, the Association for Theological Schools approved our petition to offer this new degree program: Masters in Formation and Ministry (MAFM). We will enroll students in this new degree program in Fall 2020. If you or someone you know would be interested in a Master of Arts in Formation and Ministry, call, email, or visit Randy D'Angelo, Director of Enrollment. Always remember that our alumni and friends are our best recruiters! Δ

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Efforts at continuous improvement in our changing world means we're always tweaking something. This past year saw changes large and small in many of our programs:

The MDiv experienced a reduction in credits in general and area electives and is now an 78 credits degree program. (Previously it was 90 credits.)

The MACC also reduced the number of general electives credits. It is now a 60 credit program, the number required for licensure in PA for professional counselors. (Previously, the MACC was 62 credits.)

The Graduate Certificate in Formative Spirituality reduced the number of credits from 21 to 12.

The Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction is now a 20 credit program. (Previously, the SD Certificate was 21 credits.)

The Spiritual Direction Intensive Certificate continues to be a one-year, 11 credit program that is completely on-line!

Students, faculty, and staff gather for a shared lunch during our annual Thankmas celebration.



THEN & NOW

Elizabeth Johnson



In August 2019 Elizabeth Johnson retired as the Assistant to the departments of Enrollment and Continuing Education. During her time at MTS, many clichés referenced Liz, “big things come in small packages,” “small but mighty,” and “the energizer bunny.” Students and faculty could count on Liz to harness all her energy in support of them.

Liz joined the MTS staff in 2013. In many ways, it brought her life full circle - literally. Liz had grown up in a home next to College Hill Moravian Church, just a short block from the Seminary. Her father was an owner of the Sawyer & Johnson greenhouse, which was located on what is now the lawn of the College Hill Moravian Church. Liz told stories of growing up in the '50s and playing with the neighborhood kids in the empty grassy lot which is now the site of Bahnsen Center. A Moravian by birth and practice, Liz graduated from Moravian Academy and Moravian College and held her membership at Central Moravian Church. Having her “last job” be one of Moravian affiliation felt very congruent to Liz.

A trained pianist and lover of the arts, her career spanned decades of providing support and coordination of community arts-based programs. She held positions with Musikfest, Christkindlmarkt, Muhlenberg College theatre, and Moravian College Music department, to name a few. Equally gifted in home repair, Liz used those talents at the Seminary to be on the lookout for items that needed to be fixed and apartments requiring renovations.

Her greatest joy in working at MTS was getting to know the students. She often remarked how she wanted to support them because they are called to support others. That support was experienced by many and appreciated by all that encountered her at the Seminary. Liz earned her retirement and looks forward to traveling, singing in the choir at Central Moravian Church, and perpetually renovating her home in the historic district of Bethlehem. Thank you good and faithful servant! Δ

Josh Tonkay



Last summer, Josh Tonkay was looking for something that would enrich his spiritual life. He discovered and got accepted to the July 2019 MTS Divine Exchange Wisdom School. While looking for more information about the Seminary and Wisdom School, he learned of the open position in the enrollment office at the MTS. He thought that

his skills and talents would be a match for the Seminary, and the Seminary would be a great community in which to work. We agreed and chose him out of a candidate pool of over 60 individuals.

Josh was raised in Bethlehem and is no stranger to Moravian education as he, too, graduated from Moravian Academy. He is an alumnus of Lehigh University with a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and Theatre Arts. From 2014-15, he served as a Teaching Fellow at Lehigh.

When Josh accepted his position at MTS, he was serving as Director of Client Services at a residential treatment facility for individuals in early stages of recovery from addictions. He worked closely with the residents as they developed their recovery plans which focused on personal, vocational, and spiritual development. Additionally, he managed the agency’s social media accounts and annual events.

Decorating his office with spiritual symbols from different cultures, he offers a warm welcome to the Seminary. Along with the many duties he handles in supporting enrollment and continuing education activities, he goes the extra mile to set up a calming and inviting space in the Saal for the once-a-month Wisdom Gatherings.

Around the kitchen table at lunch, he brings his love for cooking (in the form of many, many tasty and interesting dishes he’s made at home), adds another voice to the collection of word-nerds at the Seminary (that’s another vote for the oxford comma!), and offers insight into theater (he minored at theater at Lehigh). Δ

THEN & NOW

Currents Students & Alumni

We try to keep our ear to the ground with updates from grads, but we know there are things we miss. Please share your news with us at moravianseminary.edu/alumni/update-form.

Two MACC students have already been offered jobs at their internship sites. Congratulations to **Ilia Gonzales** and **Berjanelle Budier**!

Please join us in congratulating students **Eren Yerdelenli** (MATS) and **Grace Newswanger** (MACH) for the acceptance of their workshop proposal for a major North American inter-faith spiritual care conference in Cleveland, Ohio. Their workshop, which will focus on the intersection of neurotheology and practices of spiritual care, was chosen out of an applicant pool of over 400 spiritual care professionals and educators.



Vanessa Romero, MATS '18 has been accepted at Walden University and is working on her Graduate Certificate in College Teaching in Learning. At the same time, she is preparing her dissertation proposal as a PhD candidate in Church History at Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam.

Christine Potter Kass MDiv '19 has been accepted at Liberty University School of Divinity and is working on a Doctor of Ministry in Theology and Apologetics.



James Jackson, MATS '19 returned to MTS as adjunct faculty to teach the Research Design & Methodology class.

A number of MACC grades received Licensure this past year. Congratulations to **Bill Arnold** '16, **Rachel Starmer** '16, and **Dena Augustine** '17.

Nancy Lynch Gibson, MAPC '08, LCPC, shared that since graduating from MTS, she has obtained a license in the state of Maryland and is also a Certified Trauma Counselor. She works as a counselor for homeless women in a transitional housing program. She teaches Mindfulness classes to her clients as part of her trauma work with them. In addition, she has also presented workshops on trauma treatment at various conferences and agencies such as NAMI Maryland, Valley Youth House, and Kennedy Krieger Trauma Conference.

Adam Goodrich, MDiv '17, and **John G. Rights**, MDiv '95, both accepted calls to copastor at Friedland Moravian Church.

The **Rev. Suzanne Parker Miller** MDiv '08, is the Executive Director for Pastors for NC Children which launched 2/1/2020. The mission of PastorsForNCchildren.org is to mobilize faith leaders to advocate for justice for public schools. It is the 7th state in the Pastors For Children network.

In addition to pastoring Church of the Painted Hills in Tucson, AZ, **Mike Lonergan** MDiv '17, is, along with other church members, supporting a shelter for asylum seekers operated by Catholic Community Services. Mike volunteers as an overnight "guardian" and drops off donations from his church on a regular basis. He sees first-hand the effects of the current administration's policies. Watch for more on Mike Lonergan's story soon at moravianseminary.edu.

Mike wanted to share two resources:

- *Our God is Undocumented: Biblical Faith and Immigrant Justice* by Ched Myers. This book looks at how the Bible addresses questions of immigration and then tells of immigrants and the people who help them.
- *Trails of Hope and Terror*, produced by Miguel, Deborah and Vincent De La Torre. A video of stories about the people whose families needed them. At the time, they felt it was the right things to do. So they crossed anyway. trailsofhopeandterrothemovie.com



SCENES FROM THE SEMESTER



John Francis Burke, PhD presented his much anticipated lecture "President Trump And Evangelicals: Strange Bedfellows Or No?" to a packed room of MTS alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends.



This years MACC Professional Day Lecture was presented by Russell Siler Jones. He spoke about the Spiritual Experience in Psychotherapy. We thank Russell for his insightful and thought provoking presentation.



Susan Glosan MACH participates in a chapel service.



Our annual celebration of "Thankmus" included a delicious and abundant potluck lunch shared between students, faculty and staff, and the resurrection of the Christmas decorations from Lenox House basement. Students decorating the Christmas tree are (l to r) Kris Geer MDiv; Charlie McDonald MDiv; Charlie's fiance, Rebecca, to his left; Grace Hochella MACH; and Levi Walbert MDiv.



Former colleagues catch up at the annual Seminary Vesper Dinner. Doris Esslinger, MTS office assistant in the 1980s talks with Professor Emeriti Howard Cox and Shirley Cox. Dr. Cox taught Old Testament from 1960-1989.

SEC President Charlie McDonald MDiv and Olivia Orwan MATS pose for a photo to help promote #GivingTuesday which took place on December 3, 2019. Thank you to the friends and alumni of the Seminary who supported us on Giving Tuesday on December 3rd which supported our Annual Fund.



MACC students, Ilija Morales (left) and Rasbell Espiritu, consider clinical placement options during the annual MACC Professional Day in November.

Students in the Intro to Spiritual Formation class walk the labyrinth during a fall class session. Instructor Marcella Kraybill-Greggo introduces the labyrinth as a way to experience spiritual disciplines such as centering, contemplation, and prayer.



SAVE THE DATE

Additional information and registration details can be found at moravianseminary.edu/continuing-ed

- LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS
- CROSSROADS COURSES & INFO SESSIONS
- FORMATIVE SPIRITUALITY
- ALUMNI GATHERINGS

MAR. 13 ALUMNI ANNUAL MEETING & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
8:00-8:45am, FREE

MAR. 13 WEBER MEMORIAL LECTURES
Is the "Good Samaritan" Good?
Listening to the Parable's Later Witnesses
9:00am-Noon, FREE, Speaker: Emerson Powery, Ph.D.

MAR. 20 & APR. 3
WISDOM WAY OF KNOWING GATHERING
3:00-5:00pm, Free will offering, Leader: Marcella Kraybill-Greggo

MAR. 26 DAY OF GIVING

APR. 7 & MAY 5
SPIRITUAL DIRECTION IN-SERVICE TRAINING
1:00-3:00pm, \$20 Per Session
Leaders: Barbara Martell & Marcella Kraybill-Greggo

MAY 6 MATS THESIS DAY
Thesis/Project presentations made by graduating
MATS students, FREE

MAY 6 MATS ALUMNI WINE & CHEESE GATHERING

MAY 9 COMMENCEMENT

JUL. 17-18 & JUL. 31-AUG. 1
SPIRITUALLY INTEGRATED PSYCHOTHERAPY PROGRAM
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