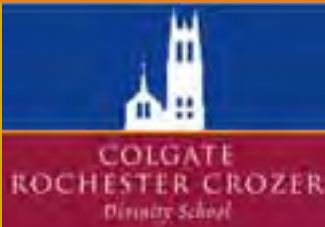


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# Message From The President

**D**ear Alumni/ae and Friends of Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School (CRCDS),



PRESIDENT EUGENE C. BAY

I am pleased to present to you the Fall 2009 Bulletin which contains news of recent developments and the 2008-09 Annual Report. The Annual Report contains a list of donors who through their financial support have affirmed the aspirations of our students and the importance of the School's educational mission. On behalf of the Board, faculty, students and staff, I thank them for their generosity. I also want to express gratitude for the school's faculty and staff. These are difficult and demanding times, not only for CRCDS, but for all seminaries, and the dedication and hard work of these colleagues is remarkable.

CRCDS continues to engage in negotiations with Andover Newton Theological School regarding the possibility of a merger. Initially necessitated by financial considerations, these conversations have come to be viewed as an opportunity by both schools. We have found it necessary to delay until early in 2010 any proposal to unite the two schools. The questions involved are complex, and all those involved want to get it right. The Trustees of both schools are exercising their fiduciary and governance responsibilities with care. We covet your prayers and promise to keep you informed.

I am pleased to report that enrollment trends have improved. The class that entered in September is the largest in the past four years. We are anticipating a strong enrollment both for the Doctor of Ministry program in January and for the Spring term.

The renovation of Trevor and Eaton Halls is on schedule and is expected to be completed by early 2010, with occupancy anticipated soon thereafter. I am particularly grateful to Trustee Dr. Mac

Evarts for his leadership of this project, one that, when completed, will be a huge gift to those coming to Rochester for cancer treatments or transplant surgery.

In October the school celebrated the 40th anniversary of the "lockout" and the founding of the Black Church Studies Program. It served to underline the value of this signature program and to re-energize our commitment to complete the endowment for the Chair honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

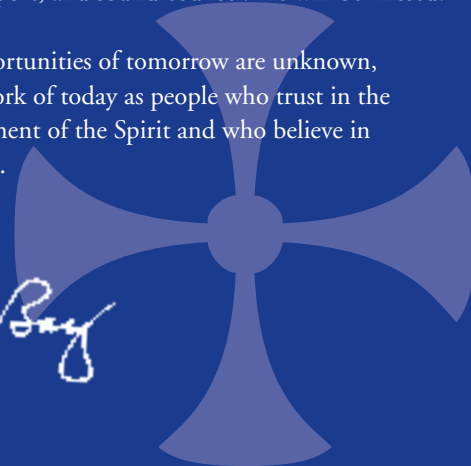
Finally, two personal notes. In October I accepted the resignation of Melanie May as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty, thereby allowing Melanie to pursue matters of personal interest. I am grateful for Melanie's long period of service. I note with sadness the untimely death of The Rev. Dr. Leon Pacala, who served the CRCDS community as president from 1973-1980, and later as Trustee and Life Trustee. I am especially mindful of Leon's friendship, personal support, and sound counsel. He will be missed.

The challenges and opportunities of tomorrow are unknown, but we undertake the work of today as people who trust in the guidance and empowerment of the Spirit and who believe in possibilities and new life.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Eugene C. Bay".

Eugene C. Bay  
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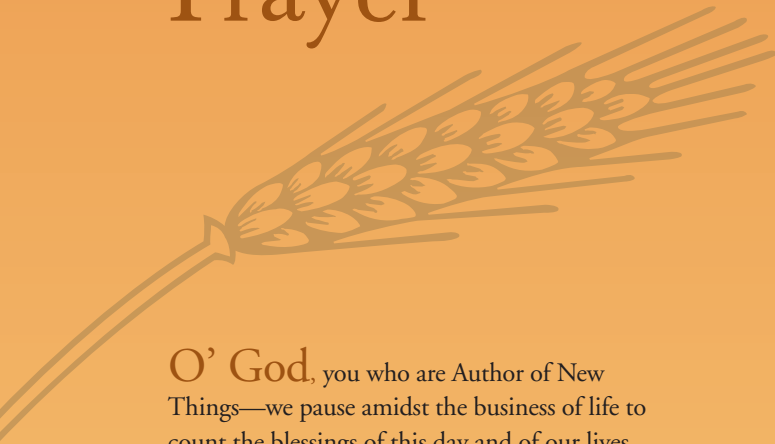


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# Prayer



O' God, you who are Author of New Things—we pause amidst the business of life to count the blessings of this day and of our lives.

We thank you for the Autumnal season of change and transformation. This time of leaves changing color; this change splashes of brilliants and beauty in all its rich hue upon the earth.

This time of year when leaves let go, when they stop clinging to the past, to become a part of enriching the soil of new life.

May we claim the lessons of this season and may they inform our living as people of faith.

May we in this season when change beckons us, be open to being transformed. May our brilliance and inner beauty guide us to seek that, which is brilliant and beautiful in others, so that fear, doubt and anxiety do not color our way, but rather hope, wonder and curiosity be our hermeneutic of living.

May we not cling in this season to the past or the comfort of the known, but let us release our doubts and egos to God's New Thing, making that which may seem impossible, possible in God's love, grace and zeal.

This we ask in God's name and for our sake.

**Alleluia, Amen!**



BY PROFESSOR STEPHANIE SAUVÉ (CRDCS '95)

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## Save the Dates: *Spring 2010*

<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Gospel Songfest</b> <i>January 16</i>	<b>Gene Bennett Program for Life Long Learning</b> The Art of Spiritual Direction <i>February 20</i>
<b>Celtic Spirituality Lecture</b> <i>January 20</i>	<b>2010 Alumni/ae Reunion, 100th Anniversary of BMTS Celebration</b> <i>April 28-29</i>
<b>Gene Bennett Program for Life Long Learning</b> How to Recognize and Address Addiction <i>January 26</i>	

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[www.crcds.edu](http://www.crcds.edu)*

## E-Learning

This fall four degree courses were offered to students using instructional technology. This development marks a new chapter in the academic life of the School. All courses are being presented in a hybrid format. In order to preserve the classroom exchange between faculty and student, students work independently on the Internet (e-classroom) in addition to attending class on the Hill five to six times a semester.

The four courses being offered are: Walter Rauschenbusch and the Social Gospel taught by Professor Christopher Evans, Native American Spirituality taught by Professor Stephanie Sauv , Faith and Life of Baptists taught by Associate Professor Susan Maybeck, and African-American Philosophy taught by Professor James Evans. There are 39 students enrolled in the hybrid courses.

The Schools commitment to e-learning using the hybrid modality provides a learning environment which is conscious of the fact that many students are working to attain a degree while balancing family and professional commitments. CRCDS recognizes the relevance and importance of offering students opportunities to learn and engage with faculty and students on and off campus.

At the direction of the Dean, the CRCDS faculty is working to be able to offer additional hybrid and e-learning courses. The use of e-learning is certain to expand, especially as CRCDS contemplates a merger with Andover Theological School.

## Rev. Alvin Johnson Named Director of Student Life

The Rev. Alvin L. Johnson has been appointed to serve as the director of Student Life beginning Monday, August 24, 2009 for the 2009-2010 academic year.



Rev. Johnson comes to CRCDS with educational and vocational experience. He earned his B.S. degree from SUNY Empire State and his M. Div. degree from CRCDS (Class of 1991). He has served in ordained ministry for 19 years in addition to professional experience as a teacher with the Rochester City School District and as a financial advisor.

Rev. Johnson shares our commitment to the CRCDS mission and is looking forward to serving our students in his new role as director of Student Life.

Please join the CRCDS community in warmly welcoming him to the Hill.

## Enrollment

This past year's enrollment cycle was challenging given the global economic crisis. Despite these challenges, 45 new students started classes this fall. In addition, there was an 18% increase in degree-seeking students over last fall's number—a number which had remained flat for the past three years.

The 20 new master's level students come to campus from New York, Illinois, Texas, Tennessee, and Massachusetts; and represent a younger demographic than we have had in recent years with an average age of 36 and 40% of the class below the age of 30.

While there have been positive strides in enrollment, there is a need to continue to increase our student numbers. Alumni/ae and friends can partner with us in this effort by recommending CRCDS to promising prospective students. If you would like to request an information packet or provide us with a prospective student referral, please contact Enrollment Services at 1-888-937-3732 or [admissions@crcds.edu](mailto:admissions@crcds.edu).



# BMTS News

## The BMTS Alumnae Association Celebrates 100 Years

*Grace Norton Evans '52*

The Baptist Missionary Training School (BMTS) Alumnae Association will celebrate its 100th year in April, 2010. Although we had four different homes, we continue to exist. It is amazing to think about our rich history and how change has been so much of our story.

BMTS was established in 1881 by the Women's Home Mission Society. At that time, men who wished to become ministers were required to seek college education as well as theological training. Women who wanted to go into ministry were asked for only willingness, zeal and a reasonable background in education. Unlike men, women were expected to train as they exercised their duties in the field. As one might expect, lack of training and knowledge resulted in uneven results.

In 1881, Mrs. Crouse, president of the American Baptist Mission Society, presented the need for more training. Her proposal was accepted and \$3,500.00 was pledged and used to purchase a house on Michigan Avenue in Chicago. The house became the first BMTS location. The initial ministerial preparation was followed by a two year course of study and later by a four year program which culminated in a B.A. degree. In 80 years, over 1200 women graduated from BMTS.

A meeting was held in Chicago on May 11, 1901 to form the BMTS Alumnae Association. The mission of the Alumnae Association was to build affinity among its graduates, seek scholarship funds for student aid, promote the school and publish a newspaper. The alumnae newspaper ECHOES was created.

To provide leadership and direction, an Alumnae Executive Committee was established and met every year. This has continued for 100 years. At one time, thirty Chapters were organized, covering the USA and some foreign countries.

In 1961, Dr. Pearl Rosser, President of BMTS, recognized that a changed world required new thinking and innovation in regards to the education of women for missionary positions within the Church. After meeting with the BMTS Board, staff and the Women's Home Mission Society, it was suggested that the School close as an undergraduate school. It sounded like a death knoll to the work of 80 years; however, there were optimists in the group, especially President Rosser. A suggestion to contact Colgate Rochester Divinity School proved to be both timely and full of promise as the Divinity School under the leadership of President Gene Bartlett was working to create a program for women.

Marjory Ochwat, president of the Alumnae Association, and Suzanne Rink, BMTS Faculty member and member of the Alumnae Executive Committee were selected to represent the Alumnae Association in talks with President Bartlett. Marjory wrote: "I went to the meeting with a heavy heart, knowing the responsibility was mine to represent 1200 women." After many meetings and prayers, BMTS partnered with CRCDS in 1961. Assets from BMTS were used to develop a Women's Center in Eaton Hall. Several BMTS staff were hired to ease the transition. BMTS artifacts which had been stored now have found a home at CRCDS. Marjorie said it was decided at the meeting that the Alumnae Association would continue as long as was deemed mutually beneficial to both BMTS and the Divinity School.

The BMTS Executive Committee continues to contribute to CRCDS in several ways, including giving to The Fund for CRCDS, student scholarships, the Program for the Study of Women and Gender in the Church and Society, funding the New Testament and Christian Origins Chair. BMTS continues to hold a seat on the Divinity School's Board of Trustees. Consistent with past practice, the Alumnae Association continues to encourage the observance of the Annual Day of Prayer.

In April 2010 BMTS alumnae are called to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the BMTS Alumnae Association during the spring reunion at CRCDS. It is our hope that as many as possible will make the journey to Rochester and gather with friends. If unable to attend, please participate by letter writing and card sending. We have stories to tell and classmates and friends to greet. See you there!



# CRCDS Community Celebrates the 40th Anniversary

**F**orty years ago on November 10, 1969, Colgate Rochester Divinity School Trustee Dr. Gardner C. Taylor presided over the Inaugural Convocation and the Installation of Henry Heywood Mitchell as the first Martin Luther King Jr. Professor and Director of the Black Church Studies program. On October 27, 2009, members of the CRCDS community, representing faculty, students, and alumni/ae, gathered to celebrate the anniversary at a dinner. Dr. Mitchell joined them for the celebration, along with other former deans, members of the 1969 lockout, and other alumni/ae to share memories of the past and hopes for the future.

In 1967, 14 black students organized the Black Student Caucus. The group desired to form a distinct identity and to have a unified voice on the campus. The caucus asked that an African American professor be hired to teach a course related to Black history. On April 4, 1968, the nation was stunned by the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. Members of the Black Student Caucus sought permission to hold a memorial worship service; people from the city joined students, faculty, and administration in honoring the slain civil rights leader. During the service the caucus demanded that a program of Black Church Studies be established at the school. Old Testament Professor Werner Lemke pledged the first \$100 to establish an endowed chair. Other gifts followed. By September the caucus had gifts and pledges totaling \$260,000 and their demands increased to include more trustees, faculty, and student recruiters. A lockout by members of the Caucus in March 1969 led to fulfilling the demands and the inauguration of the Black Church Studies Program, the first of its kind in the nation.



STUART MITCHELL (CRDS '70) AND REV. DR. JOHN WALKER (CRDS '69)



(LEFT TO RIGHT): REV. CHARLES GRANGER JR. (BH '71), DR BOBBY JOE SAUCER (CRDS '68), REV. DR. JOHN WALKER (CRDS '69)

Eleven Deans and Directors have led the Program of Black Church Studies since its inception. Over the years the program has experienced the changes that come with time; however the primary aim has been consistent—to prepare leadership for the Black Church. Secondary aims that have been consistently maintained relate to the enrichment of educational experience for all students and to a strong relationship to the wider community of Rochester and its African American churches. Outstanding and ongoing programs have evolved from the original vision of the Program of Black Church Studies. Notable are the Alternate Education Program, also known as PEARL (The Program of Education and Action for Responsible Leadership), and the Mordecai Wyatt Johnson Institute of Religion, the Martin Luther King Jr. Lectures, and the Howard Thurman Lectures.

At the celebration dinner, the program included faculty, former deans, alumni/ae, students and friends.

# of the Program for Black Church Studies

Dr. Mitchell presented a gift to President Gene Bay for The Martin Luther King Jr. Endowed Chair for Social Justice and Black Church Studies. He challenged the dinner guests and all our alumni/ae to donate generously to the Chair. In 2007 the original vision of a fully-endowed chair led to a renewed effort to raise \$1.5 million to complete the 1968 vision. That effort continues under the leadership of a national committee which includes many of our alumni/ae who serve the Black Church in positions of national prominence. For more information or to make a gift, visit [www.crcds.edu](http://www.crcds.edu) or call (585) 340-9643.

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# Board Showcase

Rev. James L. Cherry Sr. Joins Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School Board of Trustees



REV. JAMES L. CHERRY SR.

At the May 2009 meeting, the CRCDS Board of Trustees appointed the Rev. James L. Cherry Sr. to serve on the Governing Board of Trustees.

Rev. Cherry has served as pastor at Aeon Missionary Baptist Church, Rochester N.Y. since 1981. In addition to his leadership role at Aeon, Rev. Cherry is committed to several Rochester community initiatives including: NAACP (former vice president), YMCA of Rochester, JP Morgan Chase Manhattan Bank, Boy Scouts of America, United Way of Greater Rochester Inc., Lewis Street Settlement House, Montgomery Neighborhood Center, Greater Rochester Housing Partnership, Rochester Community of Churches, Citizens' Planning Committee of Rochester, and Rochester Convalescent Hospital for Children.

# Horizon Society Spotlight:

## "Thank God for the Divinity School."

In 1938, a young Harleigh Rosenberger '42, hitch-hiked from his home in Pennsylvania to Colgate Rochester Divinity School [CRDS], determined to answer God's call to ministry. Harleigh's situation was complicated: "When I first stepped foot on the Hill, I had a wife, no money and no job." Even after making his way to campus, things did not look promising for Harleigh.

Harleigh was crestfallen. He still remembers standing in the empty first floor of Strong Hall next to the mailboxes, miles from home, without a ride, wondering what he was going to do. "At that moment, Alice Chester, who worked at the School, saw me and asked if I would be attending Colgate Rochester. When I told her my situation, she said, "You need to speak with President Beaven." That conversation made all the difference. "President Beaven helped find my wife Dorothy a part-time secretarial position and he found me a position with First Baptist Church, Albion and a scholarship to help with the



REV. DR. HARLEIGH ROSENBERGER (CRDS '42)

cost of School." The School made an investment in Harleigh, an investment that not only paid dividends to Harleigh and his family, but to all he served over his 46 years in ministry.

Many years removed from that day in 1938, Harleigh and his late wife Dorothy wanted to find a way to provide for themselves in retirement while also giving back to the School as both thanks and as an

investment in students who, like Harleigh, are called to serve, but who are unable to bare the full financial burden of a seminary education. Harleigh and Dorothy decided to set up charitable gift annuities with CRCDS and to make a bequest to the School in their estate plans. Looking back, Harleigh strongly believes their decision made perfect sense. "First, the annuities are an excellent investment and provide guaranteed income as long as we both live. Second, I owe so much to CRCDS. In 1938, I came to the School with no funds whatsoever, but with the School's help, I was able to afford seminary. Third, I shall ever be grateful for the excellent education I received, for the truly great professors and for the liberal social views taught. Thank God for the Divinity School."

Today, at the age of 95, Harleigh remains grateful for the life of ministry afforded him and for the investment CRCDS made in his ministry and his family. "CRCDS was so good to me. It has truly been a blessing from God." You too can invest in the future leadership of the Church by making a planned gift to CRCDS.

For free information on planned giving, please contact Tom McDade Clay at (585) 340-9648 or e-mail [tmcdadecly@crds.edu](mailto:tmcdadecly@crds.edu).

# Message From the CRCDS Board Chair

**D**ear Friends and Supporters of CRCDS,



REV. DR. JOHN WILKINSON

I am writing this as the church I am privileged to serve at is in the midst of its annual stewardship season. Stewardship for some is a theological euphemism for fund-raising, but I have come to believe over time that it means much more than that. As I told our children in worship last week, God gives us gifts, and

God calls us to care for and share those gifts. They can be time, energy, vision, expertise and yes...money.

Perhaps it is worth considering all that is going on in the life of CRCDS through the lens of stewardship, caring for and sharing the gifts God has given us.

- ⊕ Current and newly arrived students have received a call to serve—some to serve the Church, some to serve organizations and institutions, some to study further on matters of faith. At any given moment, that call could lead them in many directions, but in terms of life “on the Hill,” they are called to be stewards of the intellectual and theological gifts God has given them. How can we cultivate their gifts?
- ⊕ Faculty has received a call to serve, and the gifts to pursue that call through service to the Church, the world, and the academy. They use those gifts in an extraordinary range of ways: teaching, advising, researching and writing, and serving on committees. They also serve as the School’s presence in the Rochester community and beyond. How can we cultivate their gifts?
- ⊕ Administrators and staff have received a call to serve, and the gifts to do the jobs to which they have been called. Administration is a form of ministry; without it, the organization could not pursue its vision or goals. Our staff and administrators labor mightily on behalf of the School, and, needless to say, in a challenging financial climate. How can we cultivate their gifts?
- ⊕ Trustees (the group with which I am most familiar) have received a call to serve, to serve the purposes of the School by providing effective oversight. This Board of Trustees is a wonderfully devoted group, with diverse talents. Some have financial expertise. Some have organizational expertise. Some have ecclesiological expertise. All are deeply committed. How can we cultivate their gifts?

As you know, we are engaged in important talks with Andover Newton Theological School. You need to know that all of the clusters of colleagues above—students, faculty, administration and staff, Trustees—are working diligently and faithfully to cultivate the gifts of this School, and to maintain its heritage.

We have all been given gifts, Paul tells us, to use for the common good. I believe that, and perhaps our call now as much as it ever has been is to be the good and faithful stewards of our gifts, including our money, that God has called us to be.

My trustee colleagues and I remain grateful for your support, and for the privilege to serve the school at such a vital moment. Blessings to you.

Faithfully,

John Wilkinson  
Board Chair  
CRCDS



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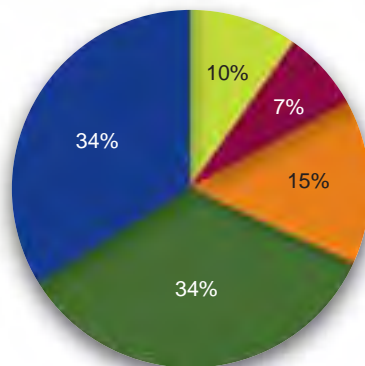
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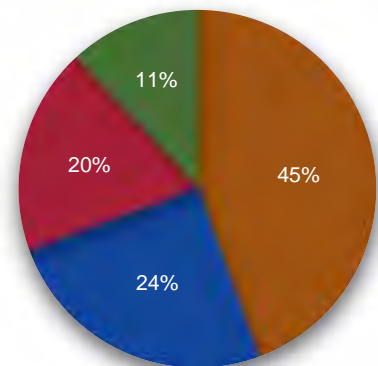
Comparison of the last two fiscal years shows a **\$3.5 million** increase in net assets, increases in return on investments of approximately **\$1.8 million** and in total philanthropic support of **\$1.8 million**, a 23% increase in operating revenues, coupled with a 7% decrease in related expenses. The school has been debt free since December '06.

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,			
	2009	2008	Delta \$	Delta %
<b>OPERATING REVENUES:</b>				
	in thousands			
Tuition and fees	\$ 766	\$ 807	\$ (41)	-5%
Less: Financial aid	(215)	(209)	(6)	3%
Net tuition and fees	551	598	47	-8%
Gifts and grants for operations	404	394	10	3%
Auxiliary enterprises and other income	841	838	3	0%
<b>Total operating revenues</b>	<b>1,796</b>	<b>1,830</b>	<b>(34)</b>	<b>-2%</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>				
Educational and general expenses	3,538	3,444	94	3%
Auxiliary enterprises	457	461	(4)	-1%
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>3,995</b>	<b>3,905</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2%</b>
Change in net assets from operating activities	\$(2,199)	\$(2,075)	\$(124)	6%
Investment return allocated to fund operations	1,901	2,045	(144)	-7%
Change in net assets from operations	(298)	(30)	(268)	893%
Non-operating activities, net	(5,874)	5,356	11,230	-210%
<b>Change in net assets</b>	<b>\$ (6,172)</b>	<b>\$ 5,326</b>	<b>(11,498)</b>	<b>-216%</b>
Total Assets	27,273	34,126	6,853	-20%
Total Liabilities	717	1,397	(680)	-49%
Total Net Assets	26,556	32,729	6,173	-19%

**REVENUES**  
Fiscal Year 2008 / 2009



**EXPENSES**  
Fiscal Year 2008 / 2009



- Net tuition and fees
- Gifts and grants for operations
- Auxiliary enterprises and other income
- Investment return allocated to fund operations
- Non-operating activities, net

- Instruction/academic support
- General institutional support
- Institutional advancement
- Auxiliary enterprises

### Dr. Melanie May



Since January 2001 Dr. May has served as vice president of Academic Life and Dean of the Faculty. On October 29, 2009 Dr. May submitted her resignation to President Eugene Bay. Her resignation will afford Dr. May to pursue matters of personal interest. Dr. May will remain part of the CRCDS community retaining her position as a full-time member of the faculty.

Dr. Christopher H. Evans was appointed to the position of vice president and Dean of the Faculty. This appointment is effective immediately. Dr. Evans will serve in the position until June 30, 2010.

### Dr. Mark Brummitt



If the term “sabbatical” (via Latin from the Hebrew for “to cease”) suggests a period of rest, then it ill-serves current usage. In an academic setting, the sabbatical is, in fact, a time dedicated to research and writing—it is an essential of scholarship. The sabbatical is a period of intense and increased productivity, not a time when our labors can cease. Without sabbaticals, writing and class preparation could decrease in both quantity and quality.

Research, writing, and class preparation filled my time during the first few months of 2009. I began my sabbatical by completing a long-promised project for the *Expository Times* after which I could turn my attention to preparations for a book-length manuscript on Jeremiah for Oxford University Press. I must admit to being surprised by the time it took to map out then pitch a volume to the publishers—a process that necessarily precedes writing proper. The task of writing this volume will continue well into 2010. The final piece will blend research from my Ph.D. with ongoing studies into representations of land and sacred space in Jeremiah. This in turn will lead on to further studies on representation and interpretation of land/land rights in biblical literature and its reception in general. Alongside the book, I have been preparing further pieces for the *Expository Times*, inserts for a forthcoming multi-volume encyclopedia on biblical interpretation, two full-length articles on Jeremiah for edited collections, and courses for the fall, January, and spring semesters.

While on Sabbatical, I made my first ever visit to Israel and the Palestinian Territories. I arrived late in March, and stayed until the end of April. In that time I explored Jerusalem—ancient and modern; visited some of the other nearby biblical sites, including Bethlehem, Jericho, and the Jordan River; and took a bus tour of Galilee and the north. Israel enjoys four seasons, and spring is a great time to visit; it is the greenest time of the year when the all the “lilies of the fields” are in full bloom. If I am to identify a “highlight,” then it was my first visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem’s Old City. The experience was not sacred or spiritual in any regular sense. Rather, the noise and push of people elbowing their way through the final stations of Christ’s passion guided by priestly guardians of each (jealously delineated) denominational patch, conveyed an urgency and tooth-and-claw honesty that I must say I loved.

It was necessary that I broke my sabbatical to do a bit of teaching on the side—trips, books, and conference attendances do not pay for themselves. I thoroughly enjoyed leading four sessions on Genesis 1-11 at First Baptist Church of Rochester, N.Y. It was fantastic to have such an engaged and interested audience. I was also grateful for the opportunity to lead a one-week summer school in Manchester, England—a mere 45 minutes train journey from my father in Sheffield. In all, while my sabbatical was recuperative in many ways, it really was anything but restful.



PILGRIMAGE TO IONA COMMUNITY (AT RIGHT)



## Professor Stephanie Sauvé

Professor Stephanie Sauvé led a pilgrimage to the IONA Community on the Isle of IONA in Scotland in June 2009. The pilgrims were members of the June Intensive Celtic Spirituality Class and participants in the Gene Bennett Life Long Learning Program. The Isle of IONA is known as the cradle of Christianity in Scotland; the IONA Community of the Church of Scotland was formed in the 1930's by Rev. George MacLeod.

The CRCDS group joined pilgrims from all over the world for a week of living in community. A restored 12th Century Abbey was home for 38 pilgrims and a small staff of volunteers and paid staff for the week. Upon arrival on IONA the group was greeted with tea (there is always tea) and a vision of daily life together—a daily life bracketed by worship, nourished by food at long refectory tables, enlivened by study, and cemented in the task of cleaning our living space and serving each other at meals. The 38 strangers became a community in small and mighty ways over the week, living together, hearing one another's stories, praying for the hopes and desire that people carried in the rucksacks of their heart to IONA seeking insight, discernment, resolution, and ease of burden. Folks laughed and wept at table, in chapel, in the chapter room, on the road and off the road trekking the terrain of this Isle (3 miles long and 1.9 miles at its widest part).

The week at IONA Community was more than just a time of experiencing life in community. More than checking off something on one's life list. It was an invitation to be transformed and to live in ways that are transformative. To live seeking right relationship with self, the other, the divine and all that is, claiming life as worship and worship as life, and sojourning as one who honors the past so as to learn from it, and thereby be about right and just living in the present. Of course this trip to Scotland was not a time of all prayer and no play. There was a boat trip to the Isle of Staff to see the Puffins and an evening of Scottish dancing called a ceili. Further, with the blessing of an excellent driver who loved to show off the heritage of Scotland, our CRCDS group toured castles and abbeys and enjoyed a traditional pub meal at the Lion and Unicorn. In the fall term the spirit and blessing of this pilgrimage was shared with the CRCDS Community. A display in a showcase on the main floor of Strong Hall has been created. Further, a worship service is being planned and the project and photos of the students will be presented.

The next CRCDS pilgrimage to IONA Community and Celtic Spirituality class will be the June term of 2012.

## Coming to You!

We come your way as often as possible to listen to your ideas and concerns and to update you on what's happening at CRCDS. Sometimes the president or a faculty member can come. Rev. Jimmy Reader, Director of Alumni/ae and Church Relations, has been in 11 states in the past year, including: Florida, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, and California.

November 16-20: Jimmy Reader represented CRCDS at the Baptist General Association of Virginia Annual Meeting in Fredricksburg, Va., followed by gatherings near Richmond, Va., Washington DC, and Philadelphia, Pa. Go to [www.connect.crcds.edu](http://www.connect.crcds.edu) to get the latest details.

In 2010: Plans are underway for gatherings in Florida, Ohio, Michigan, Oregon, Washington, New York, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts.

If you would like us to come to your area, please contact Jimmy Reader at (585) 340-9645 or [jreader@crcds.edu](mailto:jreader@crcds.edu).

## Let's Connect at CRCDS Connect!

Connect with CRCDS Alumni/ae and the Community at CRCDS Connect [www.connect.crcds.edu](http://www.connect.crcds.edu)

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- ✦ Join a group—or start your own—and connect with people who share your interests, hobby, or class year

You are already included as a member. If you have not logged in the first time, email Jimmy Reader ([jreader@crcds.edu](mailto:jreader@crcds.edu)) or call him at (585) 340-9645 and ask for your ID number. Why not start today?

# Alumni/ae News & Notes

## Save the Date!

Alumni/ae Reunion at CRCDS

April 28-29, 2010

We will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the  
BMTS Alumnae Association.

**Carroll A. Turner** CRDS '59

Carroll celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

**Arthur H. Kuehn** CRDS '61

Arthur and his wife Gladys, celebrated their 50th Wedding anniversary by going on a cruise of the Eastern Caribbean with family members.

**Donald F. Wheeler** CRDS '61

Don is has been working at Kean University for 30 years. He is a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Ridgewood, N.J. where his wife, Jude, is a pastoral associate. **Jim Braker** (CRDS '58) also served at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

**John A. Lake** CRDS '64

John celebrated the 45th anniversary of his ordination.

**Louis F. Buttino** CRDS '72

Louis is chair of the Dept. of Film Studies at UNC-Wilmington. He is a self-described spiritual agnostic and works in documentary filmmaking. Currently, he is thinking about chaplaincy after retirement from teaching.

**Roger L. Barnes** CRDS '76

Roger received a Master of Library Science degree from Indiana University, Indianapolis, Ind. in June 2009. Roger currently lives in Kendallville, Ind.

**Susan S. Maybeck** CRDS '79

Susan is celebrating her 30th anniversary of her ordination.

**Barbara J. Lacker-Ware** CRDS '86

Barbara is celebrating the 25th anniversary of her ordination.

**Kimberly Murman** CRDS '86

Kimberly was elected to the board of The Association of Professional Chaplains (APC). She is the director of spiritual care at Banner Desert Medical Center and Cardon Children's Medical Center in Mesa, AZ. As board member at-large of the Association of Professional Chaplains, Murman helps govern the leading interfaith membership organi-

zation for professional chaplains, which integrates multicultural and multiethnic perspectives and promotes excellence in pastoral care.

**Sara E. Culp** CRDS '91

Sara is celebrating the 15th anniversary of her ordination.

**Richard N. Myers** CRDS '92

Dick is celebrating the 40th anniversary of his ordination.

**Willie J. Seals** CRDS '96

Willie is celebrating the 5th anniversary of his ordination.

**Pearl L. Cunningham** CRDS '97

Pearl is celebrating 25 years since her ordination.

**Linda M. Malia** CRDS '98

Linda received her Th.D. from The University of Toronto in 2008. Her thesis was on the subject of sacramental rites of healing, and in particular, their 'vocational' aspect - the fact that they serve not only to restore us to wholeness and health but help to re-equip us or re-tool us for the work of ministry for which we are baptized. She is an ordained Episcopal priest serving in the south Buffalo, N.Y. area.

**Shirley D. Billups-Bell** CRDS '99

Shirley began her own church this past Easter Sunday—Solid Rock Community Church. She serves as president of the Unity Church Ministries in Rochester, N.Y.

**Naomi Annandale** CRDS '02

Naomi is currently attending Vanderbilt University as a Ph.D. student.

**Lois Golbourne** CRDS '02

Lois is celebrating the 5th year anniversary of her ordination.

**Deborah Roof** CRDS '03

Deborah received her Doctor of Ministry Degree in Preaching from Chicago Theological Seminary.

**Rachel McGuire** CRCDS '04

Celebrating the 5th anniversary of her ordination.

**Adrienne Phillips** CRCDS '04

Adrienne is celebrating the 5th anniversary of her ordination.

**William H. Wilkinson** CRCDS '06

William's official title in the PC(USA) is Elder. He is a candidate in our ordination process, although William served Dansville Presbyterian as Temporary Supply for 2006-2009.

**Diane Walker** CRCDS '07

Diane was ordained an elder in the United Methodist Church at Hendricks Chapel at Syracuse University, with Bishop Marcus Matthews officiating. She serves as pastor at the Ovid United Methodist Church in the North Central New York Conference.

**Patricia L. Walz** CRCDS '08

Patricia was commissioned for ministry in the United Methodist Church on May 28 at the Hendricks Chapel at Syracuse University, with Bishop Marcus Matthews officiating. She serves the Dexter and Brownsville United Methodist Churches in the North Central New York Conference.

**Linda Bethel** CRCDS '09

Linda is currently working on a project of creating an eldercare ministry for St. Luke's Tabernacle Community Church in Rochester while pursuing ordination with the ABC of Rochester/Genesee.

## In Memoriam

**Edwin H. Tuller:** CRDS '38

**Louise V. Flessner:** BMTS '43

**William F. Kuechmann:** CRDS '44

**Earl F. Barfoot:** CRDS '48

**Robert E. Grimm:** CRDS '49

**Richard A. Clark:** CRDS '52

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**Charles Gilger:** CRDS '64

**J. Paul Cameron IV:** CRDS '81

**Virginia Davidson:** CRDS '88

**Roy Hedman:** CRDS '99 (PEARL)

**Brenda Williams:** BMTS '01  
(Honorary Alumna)

**Larry Gipson:** CRDS '07

**Nancy I. Walters:** CRDS '08

# Remembrances:

## Rev. Dr. Leon Pacala



REV. DR. LEON PACALA

It was with great sadness that Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School (CRCDS) announced the passing of Dr. Leon Pacala, beloved former President (1973-1980) and Life Trustee.

Dr. Pacala was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 3, 1926. His educational journey included undergraduate studies at Franklin College of Indiana (B.A. 1949), theological education at Colgate Rochester Divinity School (B.D. 1952), a year of study in medieval philosophy at the University of Louvain, Belgium, and doctoral studies in philosophical theology as a University Scholar at Yale University Graduate School (Ph.D. 1960). Academic honors include an Alumni Citation (1966) and an honorary Doctor of Letters (1987) from Franklin College, and an honorary Doctor of Laws from Nazareth College, Rochester, New York (1980). Upon being designated President Emeritus of the Divinity School, Dr. Pacala received the President's Distinguished Service Medal (1998).

Dr. Pacala's professional career began in 1956 as instructor (later assistant professor) of Religion and Philosophy at De Pauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. In 1961 he became Chair of the Department of Religion at Bucknell University, Lewistown, Pennsylvania and, beginning the next year, Dean of Arts and Science and Professor of Religion. In 1973 he became President of Colgate Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary and, in 1980, Executive Director of the Association of Theological Schools in United States and Canada, a position he held until retirement in 1992.

Married to Janet Lefforce, the Pacalas had three sons, Mark, Stephen and James. Janet died at age 58 following a long illness.

In 1990 Dr. Pacala married Virginia Beaven Strassenburgh, a niece of President Albert W. Beaven, Colgate Rochester's first president, and cousin of Dr. Robert Beaven, a former chaplain of the University of Rochester and past President of Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Pacala has served on the Boards of Franklin College, Auburn Theological Seminary, and the American Baptist Seminary of the West. Academic affiliations have included the American Conference of Academic Deans, serving as Presiding Officer in 1973, and the World Council of Theological Institutions, which he co-founded in 1987. Subjects of published writings include ministerial leadership, theological education and, co-authorship of "Introduction to Christian Thought."

His interest and concern regarding students of theological education during the anti-institutionalism of the 1970s, prompted Dr. Pacala to write, "It is imperative that our processes for recruiting church leaders deals not only with an adequate number but will also insure that only the most qualified, the most competent, and the most promising, will find their way into places of ministry and church leadership." With respect to institutions of theological education, he wrote, in 1978, "Theological education is being tested in so many ways these days, and the challenge of the future will be even more demanding. Only those institutions which are capable of discerning their futures and responding in creative and decisive ways will remain of service to the church." Of Colgate Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary, he stated, "We fully intend to remain one of those enduring, vital, and dynamic institutions."

A service celebrating his life was held at the First Baptist Church of Rochester on September 12th.

## Brenda P. Williams



BRENDA WILLIAMS (BMTS '01, HONORARY ALUMNA) WITH HER HUSBAND, REV. DR. W. KENNETH WILLIAMS (CRCDS '76)

It is with sadness that Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School (CRCDS) announced the passing of Brenda P. Williams, beloved spouse of Life Trustee and 1976 CRCDS Alumnus, The Rev. Dr. W. Kenneth Williams. Brenda died on July 18th after a long battle with cancer.

Brenda served as a committed employee of the CRCDS community from 1996-2001 in the Development Office. In 2001, Brenda, was named Baptist Missionary Training School (BMTS) Honorary Alumna. Her personality and commitment made all alumni/ae and friends feel like a valued member of the CRCDS family.

She is survived by her husband, Rev. Dr. W. Kenneth Williams; daughter, Erin (Jonathan Thrall), son Adam (Molly) and grandsons, Gavin and Brendan.

A Memorial Service was held Rochester this fall at First Baptist Church of Rochester, N.Y.



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