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Welcome



Welcome to the “new” *Intersections* Newsletter! You’ll notice significant changes to the color and design and an improved variety of content. This issue features an article by former SGPL grantee, James Lamkin, on his post-sabbatical experience. We’ve also included a list of the 2007 SGPL grantees, articles about recent consultations and more. Enjoy this issue of *Intersections*.

Sheldon Sorge

Life After Sabbatical

By James Lamkin

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In 2005, during my ninth year as pastor of Northside Drive Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, I took a sabbatical. I spent two months in Africa, followed by a month of study in Oxford, England. (The latter leg was made possible by a grant from The Louisville Institute.) This rhythm of research and rest and reflection soaked my soul. I returned, renewed. Plus, I came back with more adventurous sabbatical stories than a missionary has slide-shows!

However, this article is not about my travel tales. Rather, since most of pastoral life is in Ordinary Time, the article will focus on post-sabbatical time and *how my functioning has changed* because of it. Honestly, what is different is not so much *what I do*, but rather *how I go about my life*. The changes are more personal than pragmatic. For instance, the filing system I meant to overhaul still is in disarray; but that is OK, I like my life better.

From the sabbatical, I brought home twenty daily mantras that address a few of the growing edges in my life. (Some of these will make cameo appearances in this article.) The first three remind me to focus on *being* more than *doing*. They are: 1) Enjoy God.¹ 2) Enjoy myself. 3) Be gracious and forgiving to myself.

Here is what I have noticed about my post-sabbatical time; but remember *your mileage—your experience—may vary!*

First, “We’re in this together.”

Though this is an old cliché, it is true. I am now three years downstream from my sabbatical. In retrospect, I can own my weariness and reactivity. I was more irritated than I was aware in those pre-sabbatical years. Mountains and molehills began to look alike. Mantra #11: “Obsession with emotional processes can wither the soul.”



As I monitor my ministry, I am less willful (at least, on most days). The notion of willfulness comes out of Family Systems Theory. It shows up when we try to force two sides of an emotional triangle together—like trying to get the deacons to change their processes or like trying to make the church grow in a certain way.

Prophetic leadership necessarily creates a healthy tension between the vision of what could be and the reality of what is. However, this tension, plus constant stress, can atrophy into rigidity. Even small battles suddenly become life or death. Here is post-sabbatical mantra #12. It is a quotation from Rainer Maria Rilke: “When we win it’s with small things, and the triumph itself makes us small.”²

I am less “*either/or*” in my leadership these days. I am not sure how my sabbatical helped that happen; but getting off the treadmill of weekly production gave me time to pause—and to fall in love again. “We travel, initially, to lose ourselves,” says journalist Pico Iyer, “and we travel, next to find ourselves. We travel to open our hearts and eyes and learn more about the world



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than our newspapers will accommodate. We travel, in essence, to become young fools again—to slow time down and get taken in, and fall in love once more.”³

“...and fall in love once more.” That happened. I am more overt in telling the congregation, “I love you.” Love shows up more in conversation. CPE supervisor, Franklin Duncan, says this is not accidental. I go to him for monthly supervision. He has observed that I have difficulty allowing myself to be loved by the congregation. The good news is that it is less difficult post-sabbatical.

I returned with less need (notice I did not say “no need”) to fix the church, and with a greater capacity to love the church and be loved by the church.

It is clearer to me: We are in this adventure of being a congregation together.

Second, “In this together...but we’re not stuck-together.”

Any pastor worth her or his salt is aware of the enmeshment that can evolve between pastors and parishes. Pastoral care mentor, Wayne Oates of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, would watch the annual wave of young men (this took place in the 1950’s and 60’s) arriving at the seminary’s steps. His comment would be, “Here they come, leaving one mother in search of another.”

Family Systems Theory uses the term “borrowing self” to describe this. When lack of differentiation occurs, leadership is compromised due to the enmeshment. Thus, an appropriate “connected distance” is desired. As Gibran the poet put it, “Let there be spaces in your togetherness.”⁴

Church members tell me that I am different following my sabbatical. They say I am happier. I think they are right; but appearing “happier” is a result of a deeper truth. Though this may be odd for a pastor to say, *I need the church less; therefore, I can love the church more.*⁵ In the imagery of C.S. Lewis (*The Four Loves*) I’m freer to offer *gift love*, and less driven by *need love*. My preaching is freer. I am working less at “impression management” and more at awareness and expression.

Mantra #6: “Though I desire the affirmation of others, I am not as dependent upon it, for I have God’s affirmation.” Mantra #18: “We are called not to prove ourselves, but to express ourselves; and oh, what a difference there is between proving and expressing” (William Sloan Coffin).

The job of the pastor is to attend to the church as the church attends to its own processes. The cessation of activity which my sabbatical brought helped me separate from the church’s processes which were “in process” long before I arrived. I am more patient. I have more stamina to maintain the tension of vision. I have a clearer sense of role and self.

Third, Sabbath + Attitude = *Sabbatitute*.

I know that sounds corny, but it works for me. A United Church of Christ minister/friend, Chris Graham, gifted me with that word *sabbatitute*.

Anybody that has taken a sabbatical knows there is a recognizable shift. It is physical and emotional. Sabbatical time evokes calmness. Shoulders relax. The tyranny of time no longer calls the shots. Play emerges. Sabbath happens!

I define *sabbatitute* as *the ability of retaining the grace and freedom of sabbatical time while doing one’s everyday work.*

What if you could keep that grace-filled way of being? Go back to the same work; but go back differently. For instance, what difference might it make to attend the next Church Council meeting with one’s *sabbatitute* in place?

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The New Louisville Institute Web Site: A Short User's Guide

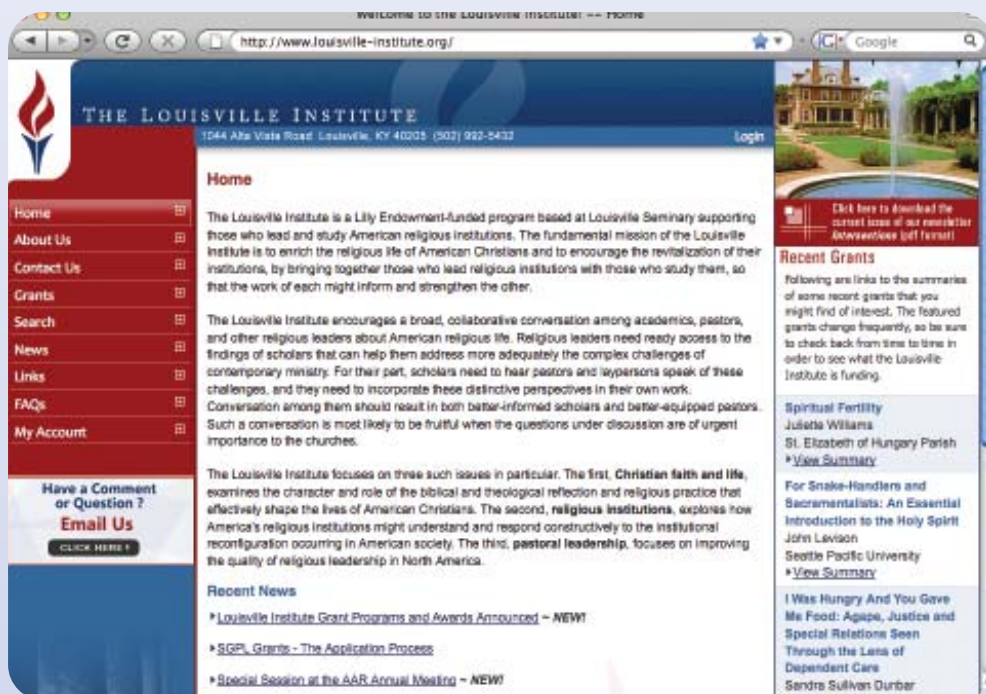
If you have not visited The Louisville Institute web site (www.louisville-institute.org) recently, you might want to check out its updated look and explore its new features. Although the basic appearance of the site remains the same, some slightly different colors give it a fresher look. More importantly, several new features have made it much more useful.

When you go to the home page, you will still see a few featured grants listed along the right side as well as a quick link to the current issue of this newsletter and a photograph of Gardencourt, the 1906 mansion which houses our offices along with several seminary offices and classrooms. The bottom of the page provides quick links to Louisville Institute “news” items—recent newsletter, press releases about new grants, and so forth.

Once you leave the home page you will find a helpful new addition in the upper right corner of each page—the so-called “breadcrumbs” feature that indicates exactly where you are on the web site. No longer is it possible (at least we hope not) for you to drill down into the web site and find yourself unable to get back to where you want to be.

But the main change you will notice on our home page is the simplified navigation bar on the left side of every page that opens the way to several powerful new features. The biggest change is the “My Account” section at the lower left. It is now possible for any user of the web site to set up a personal account. Persons totally new to The Louisville Institute will do so by creating a brand new account. But if we already have an e-mail address for you in our database, you already have an account and should go to the “Returning Users” option under “My Account.” At each stage, we have provided instructions to guide you through the simple process.

Why, you may ask, do I need an account? There are two main reasons. First, it is now necessary to set up an account in order to apply for any of our grant programs. Doing so makes it possible for you to begin the application process at one point and finish it later, without losing information you have



entered. Second, once you have an account you can update your address information right online. Should you not need an account, however, you can still use almost any feature of the site—except for grant applications—without doing so. Once you have an account, you can login using the button at the top right of the home page.

The other major addition to the web site is in a powerful new search feature. There are now three search options. [Site Search](#) (“powered by Google” as they say) provides a single search box in which you can search the web site for any word or phrase. You may find it useful to narrow your search as much as possible. Searching “pastoral leadership”, for example, provides multiple pages of references that may be difficult to navigate. But if, for example, you want to know something about a grant made to a particular person, just enter that person’s name in quotation marks, and you should find what you want very quickly.

The “Previous Grants” search option enables you to search all grants on a particular subject. Entering “parent” under “Grant Subject,” for example, provides a list

of six previous grants on various aspects of parenting. If you cannot find what you are looking for there, you might try searching by keyword. You can also find all grants made to particular grantees, in particular grant programs, and so forth. We think this is a pretty nifty feature.

The third search option offers a wealth of information about grant-related publications. Want to know what dissertations have been completed by our Dissertation Fellows or books written by grantees in our Christian Faith and Life Program? That information’s at your fingertips. Or how about grant-related journal articles on “congregations” published in 2008? It’s right there. Clicking on the title of the journal article or book, by the way, will take you to the proposal summary of the particular grant

As you experiment with the new site, please feel free to let us know what you do and do not like and what glitches you encounter. You can write us by using the e-mail link at the bottom of the navigation bar on every page. Happy surfing.



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In conclusion...

Here is a prayer that has served me well. It is attributed to a World War II U.S. Army Chaplain. "God, when we find ourselves in unfamiliar terrain, help us trust our maps. However, when we find that our maps don't match the terrain, *help us trust the terrain!* Amen."

These are anxious days, especially in churches. The terrain is changing and no one knows what form it will take on the far side of the tectonic shift. Anxiously, we clutch outdated maps.

These days call for a healthy dose of *sabbatititude*. My sabbatical helped me bring that home. It helped me find new maps. It helped me trust the terrain.

¹The Westminster Shorter Catechism says we are to "glorify God and enjoy [God] forever." I have a Ph.D. in working hard trying to glorify God; but not even a high school diploma in enjoying God.

²"When we win it's with small things, and the triumph itself makes us small." From Rainer Maria Rilke, "The Man Watching," *Selected Poems of Rainer Maria Rilke*, translated by Robert Bly.

³"Why We Travel," by travel writer Pico Iyer. The article appeared in Salon.com (www.salon.com).

⁴Gibran, Kahlil, *The Prophet* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf), 15.

⁵This insight comes from my "family systems colleague" and friend, Rev. Betty Pugh, pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia. It is similar to a question she asked when I was anxious about a situation: "Could you care less, but give more?"

Paraclesis in the Winter – SGPL Consultation 2008

Sheldon W. Sorge, Associate Director

Over the years, recipients of Sabbatical grants for pastoral leaders have reported consistently that their pre-Sabbatical consultation hosted by The Louisville Institute is one of the significant highlights of their Sabbatical experience. And the 2008 Consultation during February 18-20 was no exception, as 48 pastoral leaders converged on the Louisville Seminary campus for three intensive days of orientation to the Sabbatical process, networking with fellow grantees representing 17 denominations, worshipping together, and engaging presenters Eugene Peterson and David Wood in extended conversation.

David Wood framed consultation discussions around questions of pastoral identity, noting that this set of pastors was clearly in a healthy place vocationally and spiritually. Far too often the church shapes its "help" for pastors as interventions with the needy; but far more can be accomplished by seeking to strengthen even further those who already are strong and healthy. As he read their 48 grant proposals, Wood was struck most by these pastors' very evident *strengths* rather than by their *needs*; and exactly because of this, he predicted, their Sabbaticals will yield especially great dividends for the church.

Eugene Peterson shared freely from his long experience of vocational formation as a pastor, and the ways it was strengthened and tested by his own Sabbatical experience. He pointed out that the vast majority of pastoral work engages leaders in two dominant forms of discourse – *didactic* discourse and *kerygmatic* discourse. Roughly, the first seeks to inform, and the second to persuade hearers with the Gospel's claims. A third form of discourse that is at least as important as these first two often gets short shrift at best – something Peterson termed *paracletic* discourse. It is the discourse of companionship, of love, of celebrating and mourning, of praying. If the other two forms of discourse express the Gospel through *informing* and *persuading*, paracletic discourse does so through *embodying* it. And, he continued, a Sabbatical is the perfect place to nurture a paracletic way of engaging our vocation. What a wonderful



gift it is to be able to set aside our need to inform, to persuade, or to be equipped to do those things better as church leaders! In Sabbatical we practice sustained attention to the One who comes alongside us as a friend, seeking simply our company first and foremost of all. Both Wood and Peterson beautifully modeled paracletic ministry in the conversational, invitational character of their presentations.

Along with the rich gifts offered in the presentations by David Wood and Eugene Peterson, participants were inspired by dynamic worship leadership from former SGPL grantees Gail Bowman of New Orleans and Bill Carter of Clark's Summit PA. Interlaced between worship and presentations were generous breaks during which grantees got to know one another, learning from and encouraging each other for both their Sabbaticals in particular, and their ministries in general.

We at the Institute must confess that we are not entirely unselfish in gathering this group together – we discover that in forming friendships with the wonderful pastoral leaders that have been awarded sabbatical grants, we are discovering a significant pool of friends whose wisdom and vitality will contribute much to the Institute's mission well into the future. Some will return with other study proposals, while others will continue to offer us their gifts of friendship more informally. Whatever the nature of our future work together, we will be richer for having had the opportunity the SGPL consultation gave us to get to know one another.

Enriching Religious Life

James Lewis, Executive Director

On behalf of our mission “to enrich the religious life of American Christians and to encourage the strengthening of their institutions by bringing together those who lead religious institutions with those who study them,” The Louisville Institute conducts eight grantmaking programs and occasionally convenes grantees and religious leaders. In recent years, for example, we have co-sponsored with Lilly Endowment a consultation of grantees in our Christian Faith and Life grant program along with selected pastors. But we had never convened grantees in our Religious Institutions grant program.

This year, on May 29-30, we gathered a few grantees from these two grant programs along with several pastors and other religious leaders to focus on the nature of the abundant Christian life and the ways that abundant life can be supported and nourished by various religious institutions. The 25 participants read in common several chapters from *For Life Abundant: Practical Theology, Theological Education, and Christian Ministry*, an important new book edited by Craig Dykstra and Dorothy Bass (Eerdmans, 2008) and wrote brief responses to one of three orienting questions:

1. How might a way of life that truly is life-giving in and for the sake of the world be best understood and described, and how can contemporary people come to live it more fully?
2. How can the church best foster such a way of life, for the sake of its own faithfulness and for the good of all creation?
3. Toward this end, how can church leaders (pastors, theological educators, denominational and other institutional leaders) best shape the church’s institutions (i.e. congregations, denominational agencies, religious orders, seminaries, colleges, publishers, health care systems, and faith-based social service and advocacy organizations)?

Participants addressed these questions principally in small group discussions (the three working groups stayed together throughout the meeting) interspersed with

four plenary sessions. But even in plenary, the focus was on discussion rather than on prepared remarks. All acknowledged the difficulty of articulating and nourishing an abundant Christian life in the post-modern, globalized world. But all also acknowledged that Christian churches (and other institutions) represent important, perhaps essential, resources for doing so. Although it is impossible to summarize such a rich conversation in a few words, the following themes recurred throughout our time together:

1. One of the church’s powerful resources is the opportunity to tell stories of God’s work in the world.
2. The Christian faith is fundamentally relational, and the abundant Christian life is possible only in community.
3. Asking the right questions is crucial, and, as Methodist pastor Mike Mather put it, “the belief that God provides abundant life for all creation changes the kind of questions that are asked.”

A notable feature of the consultation, given the Louisville Institute’s mission, was the very high quality of an important conversation that engaged both academics and pastors as we seek “to enrich the religious life of American Christians and to encourage the strengthening of their institutions.”

Participants included:

Nancy Ammerman (Boston University)
Dorothy Bass (Valparaiso University)
Christine Chakoian (First Presbyterian Church, Lake Forest, IL)
Chris Coble (Lilly Endowment)
Mark Davis (First Presbyterian Church, Boise, ID)
Craig Dykstra (Lilly Endowment)
David Goatley (Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention)
Kilen Gray (Louisville Presbyterian Seminary)
Richard Hamm (Christian Churches Together)
L. Gregory Jones (Duke Divinity School)



Cynthia Briggs Kittredge
(Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest)

Jim Lewis (Louisville Institute)

Gerardo Marti (Davidson College)

Mike Mather (Broadway United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, IN)

Amy McCreath (Episcopal Ministry at Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

Vincent Miller
(Georgetown University)

James Nieman (Hartford Seminary)

David Odom (Duke Divinity School)

Timothy Safford (Christ Church, Philadelphia, PA)

David Schreiber
(Resurrection Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, IN)

Tim Shapiro (Indianapolis Center for Congregations)

Sheldon Sorge (Louisville Institute)

Theodore Trost (University of Alabama)

Sherryl Anne White (Sisters of St. Joseph)

C. Jeff Woods (American Baptist Churches)



2007 SGPL Grantees

2007 Sabbatical Grant for Pastoral Leader Grantees

The SGPL grant provides pastoral leaders with sustained periods of time for reflective encouragement with their life and work and issues related to contemporary religious leadership. In 2007, the program provided forty-eight grants of \$10,000 and \$15,000 for eight- or twelve-week sabbaticals, respectively.

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Refreshment and Renewal through the Artist's Way
Countryside Community Church
Sacramento, CA

Rev. Dr. Judith H. Blanchard

Walking Holy Ground: A Chaplain's Pilgrimage
Maine Medical Center
Freeport, ME

Rev. William L. Bulson

Drinking Deeply at the Headwaters
Church of the Holy Apostles
Minneapolis, MN

Rev. Mark Burnham

Exploring The Rule of Benedict: Comfortable Rest, True Work
Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos
Los Gatos, CA

Rev. Henry D. Campbell

Reconciling and the Scars of Healing: The Journey in Northern Ireland
United Church of Christ, New Ulm, MN
New Ulm, MN

Rev. J. Scott Cartwright

Finding Rest at the Well: Living Water for Myself, My Family, and the Elders with Whom I Minister
Cerenity Care and Residence of White Bear Lake
Apple Valley, MN

Rev. Paul Dugan

Vocational Improvisation
Community Presbyterian Church
Ventura, CA

Rev. Janet M. Ehrmantraut

Pursuing the Rhythm of Hope
Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Lexington, KY

Rev. Katherine Boyle Ekrem

Solitude and Silence Foundations for Active Ministry
Grace Episcopal Church
Norwood, MA

Rev. Brian D. Ellison

The Ministry of Writing: Gift for the Pastor, Gift for the Church
Parkville Presbyterian Church
Kansas City, MO

Rev. Randy Engle

Awake My Soul and Sing! Sabbatical Renewal through Music and Worship
North Hills Christian Reformed Church
Troy, MI

Rev. Mary Sue Evers

Negotiating Rapids of Change, Paddling Waters of Renewal, Drinking from Wells of Understanding
Cedar Hills United Church of Christ
Portland, OR

The Rev. Pamela Ruth Fickenscher

Imagining Sustainability
Edina Community Lutheran Church
Minneapolis, MN

Rev. Andrés S. Fierro

What the Heart Knows
Crossroad Chapel Reformed Church
Holland, MI

Pastor Dave Frederick

Restored, Refreshed, & Re-Visioned for the Long Haul
Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Oak Park
Oak Park, IL

Rev. Jeffrey Gargano

Walking with Waldensians
St. Thomas Reformed Church
St. Thomas, VI

Rev. Dr. Ross Goodman

Building Bridges in the Middle of Ministry and Between Christianity and Islam
Saint Paul Lutheran Church
Winchester, MA

Rev. Cheryl Goodman-Morris

Rev. Mark Goodman-Morris
The Wild Goose Chase: Where Worship and Drama Meet
Valley Presbyterian Church
Portola Valley, CA

The Rev. Gail E. Greenwell

Reconciliation in Intentional Community: The Lifework of Relationships
Church of the Epiphany
Mission, KS

Rev. Douglas Hahn

Refreshing the Roots of Ministry
Saint Thomas Episcopal Church
Columbus, GA

Rev. Sherri A. Hausser

Care for Creation
Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
Bryn Mawr, PA

Rev. Drew Henry

Preparing a Table of Welcome
First Presbyterian Church
Birmingham, AL

The Rev. Dr. Roy W. Howard

Living from the Center: Restoring the Heart of the Pastoral Vocation
Saint Mark Presbyterian Church
North Potomac, MD

Rev. Jim Johnson

Martin Luther's Thoughts on the Enthusiasts and Antinomians
St. Luke Lutheran Church
Mead, WA

Rev. Sue Joiner

Learning to Float
Samaritan Counseling Center
Albuquerque, NM

The Rev. Dr. Janice Kibler

Learning A New Dance
Central States Synod ELCA
Edwardsville, KS

Rev. Dr. Sun Bai Kim

Vocational Renewal through Visiting Korean Diaspora Churches
Presbyterian Church (USA)
Louisville, KY

Rev. Thomas Kinder

Deepening: Writing, Contemplative Prayer, Nature and Family
First Congregational Church in Thetford, VT, UCC
Thetford Center, VT

Rev. Dr. John R. Lane

Undivided Attention
Wesley Free Methodist Church
Anderson, IN

Rev. Dr. Jonathan E. Miller

Stopping...Touching...Engaging
First Presbyterian Church, Moorestown, NJ
Moorestown, NJ

Rev. Kirk W. Morledge

"Renewal in Remembering" - Deut. 5:15
The First Presbyterian Church of Waunakee
Waunakee, WI

Rev. John C. Morris

Calling, Collaboration, and Crisis: How Couples in Ministry Handle the Stresses of Married Life and Life in the Ministry
St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church
Dallas, TX

Rev. Catherine A. Munz

Historical Roots and Personal Connections
St. Brendan's Episcopal Church
Pittsburgh, PA

Rev. Jeffrey S. Reed

Lingering Under Bright Wings
Hillside Covenant Church
Pleasant Hill, CA

Rev. Paul T. Roberts

Fortifying the Family Faith
Church of the Master Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Decatur, GA

Rev. Timothy B. Safford

A Family Pilgrimage of Rest and Renewal
Christ Church, Philadelphia (Episcopal)
Philadelphia, PA

Rev. Craig C. Schaub

Living Eucharist: Experiencing Grace From First Furrow to Last Crumb

Plymouth Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
Syracuse, NY

The Rev. Karen F. Siegfriedt

Becoming a Blessed Leader

St. Jude the Apostle Episcopal Church
Cupertino, CA

Rev. Martha Miller Sims

Filling the Reservoir

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Winchester, VA

Rev. Michael Spencer

Contemplation and Balance in Life and Ministry

Oneida Baptist Institute
Oneida, KY

Rev. Dr. Gail J. Stearns

Contemplative Prayer: Centering in Times of Transition

The Common Ministry at Washington State University
Pullman, WA

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey N. Steenson

Ressourcement - Patristic and Aeronautical

Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande
Albuquerque, NM

Rev. Cleveland S. Thornhill

Pastoral Care to the Incarcerated

New York State Department of Corrections
Brooklyn, NY

Rev. Lynn Uzans

In the Manner of Jesus: Ministry as Prayer, Hospitality and Storytelling

St. James Anglican Church
Kentville, NS
Canada

Rev. Janice C. West

Body, Mind & Spirit: Practicing What I Preach

First Presbyterian Church
Carbondale, IL

Mr. John R. Whitebread

Building Bridges Not Walls: A Ministry of the Theatre

Plymouth Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
Fort Wayne, IN

Rev. Eric M. Williams**Rev. Susan A. Williams**

Reconnecting with the Faith of Our Celtic Fathers (and Mothers)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Jamestown, NY

Ms. Juliette Marsh Williams

Spiritual Fertility

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish
Pasadena, CA

Alum Updates

Carolyn Chen (Dissertation Fellowship 1999) recently published "*Getting Saved in America: Taiwanese Immigration and Religious Conversion*" (Princeton University Press). Carolyn is Assistant Professor of Sociology and Asian American Studies at Northwestern University.

Grant-Related Publications

The following publications related to Louisville Institute grants have been received since our last newsletter:

BOOKS

Curtis J. Evans

(First Book Grant for Minority Scholars 2007)

The Burden of Black Religion

(Oxford University Press, 2008)

Donna Freitas

(General Grant 2005)

Sex and the Soul: Juggling Sexuality, Spirituality, Romance, and Religion on America's College Campuses (Oxford University Press, 2008)

Gerald R. McDermott

(General Grant 2002)

God's Rivals: Why Has God Allowed Different Religions?

(Intervarsity Press, 2007)

Susan Myers-Shirk

(Summer Stipend Program 1995)

Helping the Good Shepherd: Pastoral Counselors in a Psychotherapeutic Culture, 1925-1975

(Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008)

Samuel Ogunboye

(Sabbatical Grant for Pastoral Leaders 2005)

Spiritual Practices of the Christian Faith: A Guide for Spiritual Growth

(iUniverse, 2007)

Susan M. Shaw

(General Grant 2004)

God Speaks to Us, Too: Southern Baptist Women on Church, Home & Society

(University Press of Kentucky, 2008)

Jonathan Y. Tan

(First Book Grant for Minority Scholars 2005)

Introducing Asian American Theologies

(Orbis, 2008)

J. Michael West/Augsburg Fortress Publishers

(General Grant 2002)

Mary Farrell Bednarowski (Ed)**Denis Janz (Gen Ed)**

Twentieth-Century Global Christianity

(Fortress, 2008)

Cynthia Woolever**Deborah Bruce**

(General Grant 1999)

Places of Promise: Finding Strength in Your Congregation's Location

(Westminster John Knox, 2008)

ARTICLES

Kathleen Garces-Foley

(Religious Institutions 2006)

"Comparing Catholic and Evangelical Integration Efforts," *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 47 (March 2008)

Diana R. Garland**Jon Singletary**

(Religious Institutions 2008)

"Congregations as Settings for Early Childhood Education and Care"

Early Childhood Services (Vol. 2, No. 2 — 2008)

Diana R. Garland**Jon Singletary**

Michael E. Sherr

Angela Dennison

(Religious Institutions 2008)

"Who Cares for the Children?"

Family and Community Ministries: Empowering Through Faith

(Spring 2008)

Clarence E. Hardy III

(First Book Grant for Minority Scholars 2003)

"'No Mystery God': Black Religions of the Flesh in Pre-War Urban America"

Church History (March 2008)

Gerardo Marti

(Religious Institutions 2005)

"Fluid Ethnicity and Ethnic Transcendence in Multiracial Churches"

Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion (March 2008)

Theodore Trost

(Religious Institutions 2005)

"Identity and Identification: The United Church of Christ's 'God is Still Speaking,' Television Ad Campaign"

Prism: A Theological Forum for the United Church of Christ

(Vol. 22, No. 2 — Winter 2007)

Dissertations

We have received the following completed dissertations, since our last publication. If you are a Dissertation Fellowship grantee who has completed your dissertation, please let us know. Congratulations to the following!

Christopher R. Armstrong

The Emotional Culture of the Gilded-Age Wesleyan Holiness Movement

Duke University (2003)

Seth A. Dowland

Defending Manhood: Gender, Social Order, and the Rise of the Christian Right in the South, 1965-1995

Duke University (2007)

Jennifer M. McBride

The Church for the World: A Theology of Public Witness

University of Virginia (2008)

Bethany E. Moreton

The Soul of the Service Economy: Wal-Mart and the Making of Christian Free Enterprise, 1929-1994

Yale University (2006)



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