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It is tempting to look backward across the academic year and review all of the wonderful things that have occurred at Perkins School of Theology since the fall of 2009. We dedicated new and renovated facilities in September. We inaugurated an endowed professorship with a public lecture in October. We launched an amazing series of "Faith and Business Luncheons," which feature talks by one person from the business or professional community and one member of the Perkins faculty. We initiated a major emphasis on "Public Life, Personal Faith" by inviting an outstanding biographer of Abraham Lincoln to discuss the theological depth of Lincoln's second inaugural address. We celebrated the publication of the first book ever to concentrate on Christology from a Hispanic perspective – edited by two members of the Perkins faculty and funded by a grant to our Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions. We joined SMU in recognizing Perkins' graduate Dr. Cecil Williams (M.Th.'55) as a Distinguished Alumnus of Southern Methodist University, recalling that Perkins led the way in desegregating the University. And we received a very positive reaffirmation of our accreditation for another decade from the Association of Theological Schools.



A lot more could be added to the list of accomplishments. But it is important to recognize that none of these things matters as an artifact of the past unless it enhances the legacy that we are offering to the future. Perkins School of Theology is a mission-driven organization, dedicated to preparing women and men for faithful leadership in Christian ministry. Whatever we have done in the past or whatever we may be doing in the present must be assessed in terms of what we are accomplishing for the Church, for its ministries, and for the transformation of the world in the future.

When Joe and Lois Perkins provided their large initial gift to the school in 1945, the world was still locked in massive international conflicts. Though the war in Europe was nearing a conclusion, the war in Asia and the Pacific remained uncertain in duration or outcome. Yet they decided to invest in the future – not simply the future of a school, but the future of peace in the world. The document that conveyed their generous gift and that led the University to name the school of theology for them begins with these words: "Actuated by the belief that the future Peace of the World is dependent upon the work and influence of all the Churches of all Peoples and of all Nations...."

So everything about our work at Perkins is focused on shaping leaders for the future of the church and of the world, on engaging spiritually as well as intellectually with the great public questions of our time, on transforming individuals and systems through a commitment to the power of God's grace. One specific element of strategic planning for Perkins is our initiative in Global Theological Education. Students take classes in our faculty members' areas of expertise (Biblical studies, church history, systematic theology, sociology of religion, ethics, evangelism, and the like) while immersed in cross-cultural experiences. The settings can be as exotic as the Scottish island called Iona, where communities of believers meet in isolation for prayer, and as close as the neighborhood of homeless persons who live under a bridge in Waco. Our students have taken courses in South Africa, Singapore, El Salvador, Australia, and elsewhere.

We are committed to this because we know that, in the future, where one offers leadership in Christian ministry will matter far less than that it be offered in global awareness.

That is our perspective on what really matters in theological education for the twenty-first century.

William B. Lawrence

Contemporary Christian ministry has become, willingly or not, caught up in two forces that are transforming our churches: globalization and internationalization. Globalization brings to our church doorsteps the multitude of religions, cultures, social classes, and political viewpoints that for centuries were hidden from most of us. As I write these words I am sitting in an upscale shopping mall in a wealthy suburb of Houston. Shoppers, ice skaters, and mall staff are identifiably from a dozen different nations, including Latin America, the Middle East, Africa, and Asia. They are attended to by an equally wide array of clerks, security guards, and servers. At this early hour there are still a few homeless people sitting or sleeping on benches, out of the cold until business picks up and mall security makes them move on. Ministry amidst globalization requires a new consciousness of diversity, as well as a willingness to engage and be part of that diversity rather than dividing the world into “us and them.” It means forming relationships with others “in all their little particularities,” as the great missiologist Duncan Black MacDonald once put it. It also requires that we understand that churches are and should be ministries that extend beyond national borders. Because Christianity is truly international, Christians both can and must find Christian partners in ministries with those most in need of the concrete proclamation that God’s Reign is near. The fellowship in Jesus Christ draws us naturally across national borders and breaks down our tendency to associate our faith with a particular culture, social situation, or nation.

The Global Theological Education program at Perkins School of Theology uses intensive cultural immersion courses not only to expose students to a diversity they may not have experienced, but also to transform their understanding of Christian ministry so that they can effectively lead churches in the midst of globalization and internationalization. That transformation takes many forms. We believe in every case it is an absolutely essential step toward effective Christian leadership.

Robert Hunt organizes and leads immersion courses to numerable international destinations and teaches courses and workshops in world religions, inter-religious dialogue, and mission studies. His most recent book is The Gospel Among the Nations: A Documentary History of Inculturation (Orbis, 2010), considered an essential resource for students, researchers, and practitioners in world Christian history and mission studies. His ongoing research and writing focus on religious identity in religiously plural societies, as well as new forms of inter-religious dialogue in the context of community-building.



STUDENTS REFLECT ON THE GTE EXPERIENCE

Through my immersion experience in Southern Spain, I developed an affinity for the rich history and culture of Spain that I had not anticipated. I also learned about and saw beautiful evidence of Marian devotion. Primarily, however,



I learned a great deal about the historical interactions among Christianity, Judaism and Islam on the Iberian peninsula. At times these three groups coexisted in ways that allowed for peaceful interaction and even the adoption and adaptation of each other’s practices; at other times they challenged one another, exerting power to attempt to destroy whole groups of people along with their cultures. I believe this aspect of my immersion experience further developed my understanding of issues of religion and empire, as well as informing

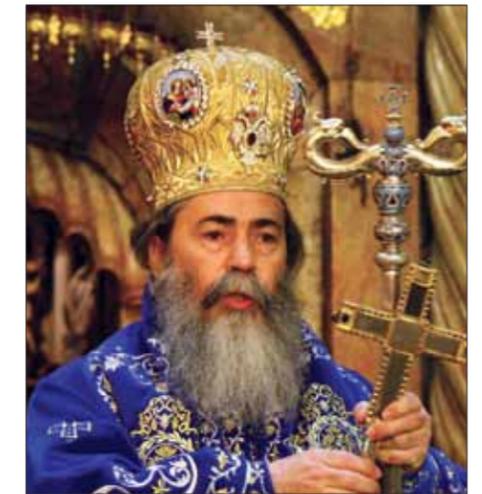
me for more careful interfaith dialogue and teaching regarding other religions as well as my own.

I am truly indebted to the generous donor who made this experience possible for me. It was life-changing.

*Julie Macpherson, M.Div. candidate
Spain Immersion Trip 2009*

The Spain immersion trip was enlightening on multiple levels. While what we often see in the press is news of religious strife, we learned of a period of time in Spain called *convivencia* where Jews, Christians, and Muslims lived together in peace. If it was possible then, it can be realized again. Dr. Boon’s knowledge of medieval and modern Spain is utterly fascinating, and she facilitated the course with a passion and brilliance I have come to expect of her. As a result of the trip I have a deeper and more thorough understanding of the Catholic faith, especially the veneration of Mary and the saints, all of which add to my understanding of the “catholic” faith. This was a once in a lifetime opportunity. I did not only read about

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the Alhambra – I was there. When we first arrived in Spain, Larry Duggins said, “I can’t wait to go to the tapas restaurant.” I thought he said “topless restaurant.” That became the joke of the trip. The friendships I made were priceless, and so was the experience.

*Robert Nuttall, M.Div. candidate
Spain Immersion Trip 2009*

The immersion trip to Hong Kong and Taiwan placed me for the first time in a culture in which Christians are a small minority (no more than 6 or 7 percent of the population). It was instructive, even eye-opening, to meet with seminary students and Christian scholars in this environment. Many of the seminary students we met were first or second generation Christians whose families did not support either their conversion to Christianity or their decision to go to seminary. Indeed, some of the students had been disowned by their families. These students are relying on their small and relatively poor churches for help with their seminary education. These are people who have made real sacrifices to become Christians. I have a much greater appreciation for how easy it is to take



at amazing restaurants in a culture that is typically presented as second class, and to fully recognize the gifts that others have to offer should we be open to their influence. (You also learn the language very quickly when your ability to eat is dependent on it!) The second part of the trip brought us face to face with the other side of Mexico: the desperate poverty that results in part from failed international social policies. We had to face the difficult question of how churches in the U.S. can be so opulent while just across the border our brothers and sisters in Christ struggle for basic human necessities such as clean water. In this dichotomy, where would Jesus worship?



Christianity for granted, as we so often do in the Western world. I also have a better understanding of how Christians must learn to coexist with non-Christians in Asia and

how we in the West might find better ways to live together with our non-Christian neighbors. In addition, thanks to this trip I hope I have a better appreciation for what the first few generations of Christians in the earliest centuries of the church may have gone through, as well as the sacrifices they made.

*Sharon A. Alexander, M.Div. candidate
Hong Kong/Taiwan Immersion Trip 2009*

The gift of worship in a different language and a different culture was amazing in that it brought home the fact that beyond nationalities and denominations we are all people of God. To experience sunrise mass at the oldest cathedral in Monterrey, Mexico was powerful beyond words. It was humbling to see the museums, take part in the cultural activities, and eat



at amazing restaurants in a culture that is typically presented as second class, and to fully recognize the gifts that others have to offer should we be open to their influence. (You also learn the language very quickly when your ability to eat is dependent on it!) The second part of the trip brought us face to face with the other side of Mexico: the desperate poverty that results in part from failed international social policies. We had to face the difficult question of how churches in the U.S. can be so opulent while just across the border our brothers and sisters in Christ struggle for basic human necessities such as clean water. In this dichotomy, where would Jesus worship?

*Jessica Nelson, M.Div. candidate
Borderland Theology Immersion Trip 2009*

My experience with the January 2009 Spain immersion trip was

outstanding. Our readings and lectures corresponded well with the sites we were visiting, enriching the experience of actually touring the sites. I had a wonderful time getting to know my classmates, and have built several long-lasting relationships as a result of the trip. I came away with a much deeper understanding of the interactions between Christianity, Judaism, and Islam, and have found that appreciation to be helpful



in my coursework for this semester. I think all Perkins students should avail themselves of the opportunity to participate in an immersion experience.

*Larry Duggins, M.Div. candidate
Spain Immersion Trip 2009*



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YOU ARE WHAT YOU SING! CHRISTIAN SONG FOR A TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY CHURCH

by C. Michael Hawn

It is the hymns, repeated over and over again, which form the container of much of our faith. They are probably in our age the only confessional documents which we learn by heart. As such, they have taken the place of our catechisms....

There is ample literature about the great formative influence of the hymns of a tradition on its members. Tell me what you sing, and I'll tell you who you are!

Albert (Hendrick) van den Heuvel

In 1996, I attended worship in a modest sized congregation in the hills outside T'ainan, Taiwan. As the service began, a lay leader in the congregation led a series of songs. His strong voice and inviting manner engaged me immediately. This was my first visit to Taiwan and I only knew a few words of Taiwanese.

Despite the language barrier, I was able to participate in all the songs during the gathering time. You might assume these were familiar Western hymns in translation. A couple were, but the majority were songs from beyond the West – songs of the world church. We sang a Zimbabwean “Alleluia,” a joyful chorus from Argentina, a Caribbean praise song, and a Chinese refrain. I learned right away that this congregation in a rural area of Taiwan had a global vision of the church. I could tell who this congregation was by what they sang.

In the quotation at the beginning of this article, Albert van den Heuvel of the World Council of Churches was speaking from the context of the mid-1960s. The world was rapidly changing. In the United States, we were in the middle of a civil rights struggle, Vietnam protests, and a string of assassinations of public leaders that would leave us reeling. On the continent of Africa, countries were attempting to shake off the shackles

of colonialism and declare independence. The space race was on with the former Soviet Union and the world was taking sides between the United States and those behind the Iron Curtain. Oppressive regimes were the norm in parts of the Caribbean and Latin America. Many countries in Asia were also struggling to shake off colonial bonds and establish themselves as viable governments in the face of tremendous obstacles, such as overpopulation, poverty, and natural disasters.

A hymnal is an album that draws upon the best wisdom of saints who have gone before and the light shining toward the future of where the church may go.

Singing as an Act of Faith

It was at this point that van den Heuvel, a leading figure in the WCC, and a person with a global perspective, addressed – of all things – the importance of singing. As van den Heuvel indicates,

hymn singing is a matter of faith formation. This is not exactly a fresh thought. Obviously the major reformers such as Calvin and Luther, and later the Wesleys, understood this. Going deeper, I believe that van den Heuvel was not just speaking of community faith formation, but ecclesiology – what it means to be a faithful body of Christ called to witness to and pray for the world in need.

The quotation at the beginning of this article comes out of a specific context. Amid so many changes in the world scene, van den Heuvel was lamenting the lack of recent congregational songs that could shape both our individual faith and our

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corporate vision of the church “for the living of these days,” as Harry Emerson Fosdick said so eloquently. The witness of previous generations, the saints of the faith, was still spoken with authenticity, but the world needed new songs ringing with the melodies of hope in what seemed like a hopelessly divided world.

Bishop Joel Martínez, recently retired bishop of the Southwest Texas and Rio Grande Annual Conferences of The United Methodist Church, understood this same principle some 30 years later when he made a profound observation at a conference exploring the resources of the then newly published United Methodist Spanish language hymnal, *Mil Voces para Celebrar* (1996). Bishop Martínez noted that “each generation needs to add its stanza to the great hymn of the church.”

What does it mean to add our stanza to the great hymn of the church? When we sing a hymn with four stanzas, we do not start on stanza four, but we sing the preceding stanzas as

well. Our faith rests upon the best of the songs of the saints throughout the centuries. To ignore or forget these witnesses to our faith is to suffer ecclesiological amnesia. The church can only be the church of the future when it knows where it has been on the journey of faith.

Likewise, when we sing a hymn, we do not sing the first three stanzas of a four-stanza hymn and stop before the last. The church of Christ is caught in the creative tension of a rich heritage and a promise of future hope. It must always sing the last stanza of the hymn – the stanza of its current reality – not with an arrogance that our stanza is any better or more important than those that have gone before, but with the knowledge that our vocation is to discern God’s vision for the church in our time. What Albert van den Heuvel and Bishop Martínez have in common is that they believe the church’s song should voice the reality of our world and imbue the church with both the prophetic tones of justice and the comforting sounds of hope.

Our Stanza

The question arises then, what does our stanza look and sound like? As Bishop Martínez suggested – and I concur – this is the most diverse stanza in the history of the church. We have more varied possibilities for singing our faith than at any other time in the history of Christian experience. If our song begins to reflect our local communities as well as a global Christian faith, then we will sing not only Reformation chorales, gospel songs, and Victorian hymns of the saints, but we will sing “with the faithful of every time and place.” (This phrase, or one very similar, is a part of the Communion liturgy for many Christian traditions, inviting all to join in singing “Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.”)

We will sing North American praise chorus, Anglo American songs by recent hymn writers such as Ruth Duck, Dan Damon, or

Carl Daw, a Native American “Heleluyan,” African American gospel songs, and Latin American *coritos*—and that is just the prelude. We will join with Christians in South Africa on a Freedom Song; we will pray with minority Christian groups in the Middle East singing an Orthodox hymn; we will sway with the rhythms of a Filipino Christian folk song; we will chant the Lord’s Prayer with Christians from India; and we will dance a *cueca* with Christians from Chile.

Christians around the world have been singing the songs of the northern church for well over 200 years. Now that two-thirds of the Christian community lives in the southern hemisphere, the twenty-first century church has the opportunity to reciprocate and sing a truly global faith. What does our stanza look like? Our stanza is one of immense range, unequalled diversity, and unparalleled variety. Our stanza is one that sees worship as a cosmic gathering of saints from every time and place and Christians from every corner of the globe. Our stanza not only prays for those who are near and dear, but intercedes for a world in pain, oppression, and poverty of substance and soul, as well as for an earth that yearns for its redemption. Our stanza is one that renounces the security of the provincial and embraces the possibility of the cosmic.

There is good news! On the heels of van den Heuvel’s plea for new songs to speak to a 1960s world in turmoil and division, the Holy Spirit moved among Christian poets and we experienced an explosion of thoughtful, creative, and prophetic song equal to any time in the history of the Christian church. At the same time, missionaries from the northern church began to encourage the creation of songs from African, Asian, and Latin American Christians who were nourished by the joys, struggles, and hopes of these regions of the world. Through international gatherings of Christians in ecumenical and ecclesial venues, these songs became a part of worship and fellowship and found their way back to

the four corners of the earth. Hymnals such as *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989) and its supplement *The Faith We Sing* (2000) led the way with their inclusion of diverse musical witnesses of the world church. Projects such as the Global Praise program of General Board of Global Ministries have cultivated and published collections of songs from the world church, making available both in print and recordings the witness of Christians around the world.

A hymnal should be more than a collection of old favorites and current popular hits. A hymnbook is a statement about where the church has been and what the church might become. A hymnal is an album that draws upon the best wisdom of saints who have gone before and the light shining toward the future of where the church may go. The present is a dynamic reality that doesn’t just define the current age but celebrates our heritage in song and looks forward to a hope when we will praise God as one body.

I remember thinking when I was singing with the rural Taiwanese congregation in 1996 that I wished my home congregation had the same vision of a global church. Knowing that what we sing has the potential to shape the very nature of the church, I propose that we affirm van den Heuvel’s premise of the 1960s: “Tell me what you sing and I’ll tell you who you are!” As we face the immense challenges of being a faithful church in the 21st century, perhaps we should modify this refrain as we shape our stanza of the great hymn of the church – “Sing with Christians worldwide, and we may learn who we could become!” 

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MASTER OF SACRED MUSIC ALUMNI/AE REUNION

Catch up with MSM graduates and friends, make new acquaintances, visit the new Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall and renovated facilities, and share worship and fellowship together. The reunion theme is “The Future of Music Ministry: A Dialogue Between the Church and the Seminary.” Those currently serving and those preparing to serve will share ideas, questions, and insights regarding the role of the musician in the twenty-first century church.

Please provide your email address to Teresa Rosado (teresar@smu.edu or 214-768-2502) for future communications on event updates and hotel accommodations. Also visit www.smu.edu/Perkins/msmreunion.aspx.





PERKINS RESIDENCY PROGRAM IN SINGAPORE EXPLORED

Abraham fed the three strangers. Was Sarah laughing at their prophecy or at his cooking? Jesus had dinner with his disciples. The unnamed women serving the table surely leaned into his blessing. Faithfulness and feasting have always been together in our heritage.

In May 2009 men and women were together at a Perkins table. Dr. Bill Bryan, director of Perkins' Intern Program and Professional Formation, and his wife, Corinne Bryan, were attending a dinner in Singapore hosted by Perkins graduate Rev. Dr. Kang Ho Soon and his wife Yoek. Instead of familiar barbecue or Methodist fried chicken, a monumental crab in black pepper sauce was in the middle of the table. Perkins Sacred Music

For several decades Perkins graduates have served for a year or more in the Methodist Church in England. Dr. David Lowes Watson had established this residency program while he was teaching at Perkins. (Bishop Earl Bledsoe of the North Texas Annual Conference was one of the Perkins alums who participated in the program following his graduation from Perkins.) Eventually the residency program was shared by the thirteen United Methodist seminaries. In 2007 the British Home Office increased the immigration standards to better serve their national security with the unfortunate consequence terminating the British American Ministry Program.

The disappointment over the closing of the British American Ministry Program is being transformed to joy in conversations with the many Perkins friends in the English language Methodist conference on the island of Singapore, the Trinity Annual Conference. Conference president Rev. Dr. Wee Boon Hup and his cabinet are interested in this hospitality and education.

Singapore can be seen by Texans as Asia for beginners. People speak English, and air conditioning is everywhere. More challenging are Singapore's vibrant global diversity and ultimate politeness. Richard Fisher, President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, said to the SMU Town and Gown Club that we should send our students to Asia rather than Europe for them to meet the world.

Many important issues are still before us. Can Perkins residents be housed at the Trinity Theological College? How can they be included in the candidacy supervision of the Methodist Church in Singapore? Will their home conferences

of The United Methodist Church recognize this year of service in residency? What are characteristics for effective leadership and supervised education in the Methodist Church in Singapore?

The one thing most unnecessary is to familiarize leaders in Singapore with references to "SMU." Downtown Singapore's smallest, most exclusive, most leadership-focused college is branded "SMU"—Singapore Management University! Maybe Methodists near and far can work together for a common educational church. 🇸🇬

William J. Bryan III is director of the Intern Program and Professional Formation.

Perkins School of Theology, in cooperation with Trinity Theological College of Singapore, is launching a Doctor of Ministry pilot program, with plans for an entering class in the Summer/Fall of 2010. Students in the program will take courses at Trinity and at SMU's Dallas campus with faculty from both schools, and will complete their doctoral-level ministry projects in their contexts in southeast Asia. It is hoped that the program will not only attract students from Singapore, but from surrounding nations as well.

Gary B. MacDonald, director Advanced Ministerial Studies

INTERNATIONAL CENTER AT SMU

Michael Clarke, Director

The International Center serves the University by facilitating and overseeing international initiatives at SMU. Although the Center works primarily with international undergraduate students and undergraduate programs abroad, it increasingly cooperates with graduate and professional schools by providing guidance and resources. In the 21st century, a great university must be a global university. Through its activities, the Center seeks to foster an "ethos of internationalism" at SMU as the University continues to build its global future.

There are six main areas in which the International Center serves the University.

- 1) The Center recruits secondary school students studying outside the United States and makes admission decisions on the applications those students submit to SMU.
- 2) The Center provides advising on maintaining visa status to all international students (both graduate and undergraduate) and scholars at the University.
- 3) The Center promotes and manages education abroad opportunities for SMU students (primarily undergraduates). In addition to traditional study abroad, these opportunities also include internships, service learning, volunteering, and research.
- 4) The Center is an authorized International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test center.
- 5) In concert with the Office of Risk Management, the Center collects data on international activities and participants in those activities on behalf of the University.
- 6) The Center coordinates international alumni outreach activities and international fund-raising in partnership with the Office of Development and External Affairs.

Although there is much work to do, a number of recent developments are very encouraging. Applications from international students are up significantly over last year. The University has just received a gift of \$1+ million from the Barachel Foundation to provide scholarships for undergraduate students from China. The number of opportunities abroad for SMU students has risen exponentially in the past year. We now offer 145 programs abroad in 48 countries. We have programs on every continent with the exception of Antarctica. In addition, a \$100,000 endowment from the Compton Foundation will soon provide stipends for undergraduate students who wish to have an experience abroad. During the past eighteen months, the University has held alumni events in Mexico City, Copenhagen, New Delhi, Panama, Guatemala, Lima, Tokyo, Seoul, Hong Kong, Taipei, and Shanghai. Our international alumni are excited about the progress SMU is making as a global university, and are helping with recruiting activities abroad, as well as contributing to The Second Century Campaign.

This is an exciting time to be involved with SMU, for students, faculty, staff, as well as friends of the University. The International Center appreciates the opportunity to work together with schools and departments as the University prepares graduates who will be able to make meaningful contributions in an increasingly interconnected global environment. 🇸🇬



Clockwise from left. Rev. Dr. Ong Siow Heng, Associate Dean, Lee Kong Chian School of Business, SMU seminary grad, KKMC member, adjunct in homiletics at Trinity Seminary; Rev. Dr. Kang Ho Soon; Mrs. Yoek Soon; Mrs. Neurmala Heng; Mrs. Corinne Bryan; Rev. Dr. William J. Bryan III.

graduate Judith Mosomos and retired bishop Rev. Dr. Yap Kim Hao added to the conversation. The topic was the dream of a yearlong residency for recent Perkins School of Theology graduates in The Methodist Church in Singapore.

A HAITI RETROSPECTIVE: *Love among the ruins*

by Dr. David Beck

Just over a month after the Haiti earthquake, I took a friend into the “Ravine,” a mini-slum of about 250 people that is two blocks from Maison de Lumiere, Child Hope International’s orphanage in Port-au-Prince. I was on the tail end of a 32-day trip to provide post-earthquake pastoral care to the children and staff at the orphanage. Before the earthquake, the Ravine families had lived on a hillside in small, interconnected one-room shacks made of cement blocks and tin roofs. But on January 12, the majority of those shacks slid downhill, toppling like dominoes. Now, in the weeks after the quake, most of the residents of the Ravine had constructed a small tent city in a clearing near the rubble. By “tent” I mean structures made of sticks lashed together by bed sheets with sections of plastic stretched over the frames.

The orphanage has an ongoing relationship with the Ravine families that includes provisions of food and medical support, as well as shared worship. Following the quake, this ministry took on a new urgency, because the Ravine is a small pocket of the poorest of the poor who will not be reached by the larger relief

organizations. As a result, during my month of working with the orphanage, I had also invested relationally with the people of the Ravine. I had come to know many of the children of that doubly displaced tent city, having gotten “down in the dirt” with them, engaging them on their own terms. I had looked them in the eye, played with them, and laughed with them. I served them food, touched their heads, and blessed them. I stopped to greet them when I saw them in the street. In a

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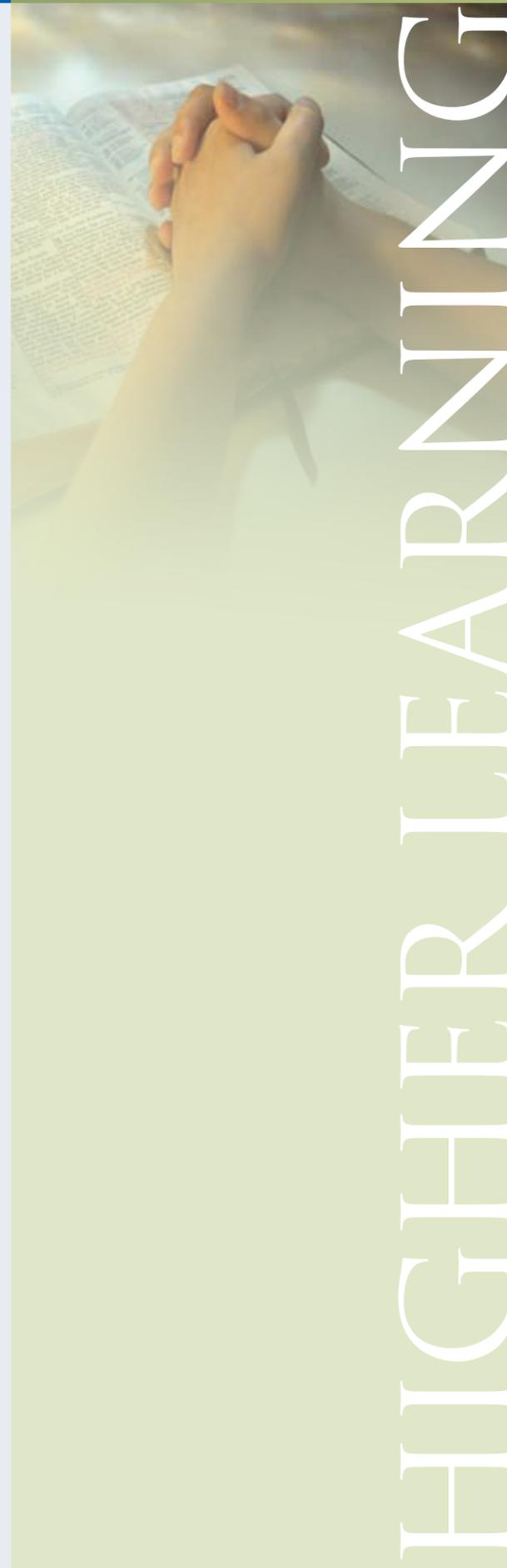


gesture that deeply touched me, about 40 of those same kids had laid hands on me and prayed for God’s blessing over me and my family. On several occasions, I had preached in the wider Ravine community, offering messages of comfort and hope—two themes that took on new importance in the face of ubiquitous destruction and suffering. We had fasted and prayed together for the future of Haiti. I had laid hands on the sick.

All this culminated in a sermon I preached the day before I left in which I noted that God had done what God always does—knit people together in love. Overcoming language barriers, we shared common pain, common hope, common laughter, and common worship. As my friend and I entered the heart of the Ravine community that day, I saw Pastor Gabriel seated in his customary place, playing the part of an elder at the city gate, a mayor-pastor of sorts. He rose from his chair to greet me, and we exchanged pleasantries in Creole. I told him we were just passing through. “We wanted

to say hi—I have friends here,” I told him. Gabriel’s face broke into a broad smile, and he replied, “Anpil, anpil zanmi.” (“Many, many friends.”) There was gravity to what Pastor Gabriel was communicating: he knew I was not there to deliver any gifts or relief supplies, and I have a hunch that meant something to him. I had become a valued guest in his community—for a different reason. Our interaction underscored the identity my mission had assumed during those 32 days—to be the incarnational presence of Christ in a context of great suffering and need. Pastor Gabriel’s greeting that day reminded me that simple *agape* is the universal language of God’s kingdom. 🙏

Dr. David Beck earned his Ph.D. in theology from SMU’s Graduate Program of Religious Studies in 1998. He also holds an M.A. in theology from Fuller Theological Seminary. He is Pastor of Spiritual Formation at King’s Harbor Church in Redondo Beach, California, and serves on the board of directors for Child Hope International (www.childhope.org), a non-profit organization that oversees an orphanage, feeding program, and medical clinic in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM BRIDWELL LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Summer 2010: June 7 through July 20



Low German New Testament, 1524

The 60th anniversary of the opening of Bridwell Library has allowed the staff to consider past accomplishments while looking forward to the future. This evaluation has included assessing the remarkable rare book and manuscript holdings acquired by former and current directors, librarians, and curators. One pleasing outcome of this review is “Highlights from Bridwell Library Special Collections,” an exhibition in The Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Galleries from June 7 through July 30, 2010.

The fifty manuscripts, printed books, and broadsides on display represent the core strengths of Bridwell Library’s rare book collections. Produced in Europe and the Americas from the twelfth century to the nineteenth, these highlights feature illuminated manuscripts and early editions of essential Christian writings, important examples of the role of books in religious practice, texts owned and inscribed by the founders of Methodism, and several true rarities not found at other libraries.

The exhibition focuses on six collecting areas: Bibles, theology and church history, worship and devotion, the Reformation, Wesleyana and Methodistica, and nineteenth-century prayer books. These categories outline the trajectory of Christian thought from the medieval period through the Reformation to the rise of Methodism and nineteenth-century devotion. Beyond their significance as Christian texts, many items also display intriguing aspects of book production, fine illustrations, and evidence of early ownership and use. Collectively, these books and manuscripts reflect the uncommonly strong foundation for advanced research that Bridwell Library provides for Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, and the broader community.

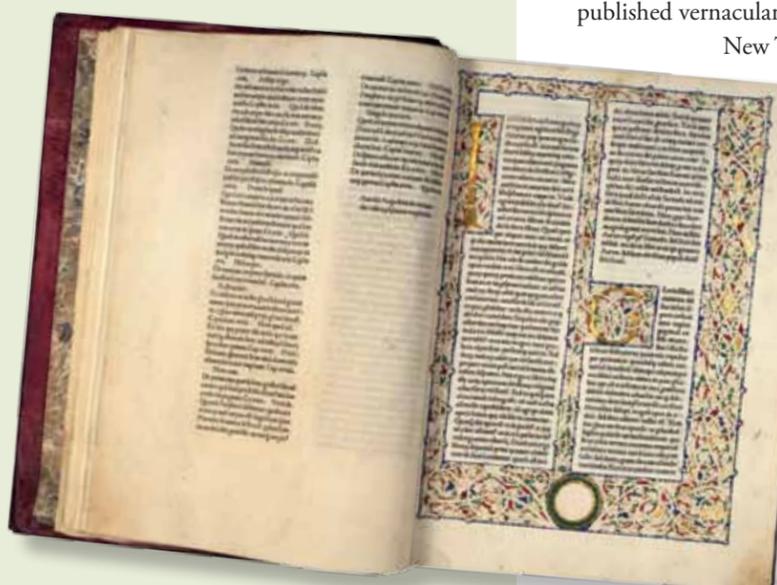
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Arabic Gospels, 1591

BIBLES

The Bible constitutes one of the core collections at Bridwell Library. The Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Bible Collection, donated in 1996, offers a comprehensive survey of the printed Bible with notably strong holdings in early English editions and vernacular translations. It is complemented both by the Thomas J. Harrison Bible Collection, received in 1994, and continuing acquisitions in this field. Highlights on display include a medieval manuscript Latin Bible (c. 1250) and Wycliffite English New Testament (c. 1400-25), printed leaves from the Gutenberg Bible (c. 1455), the first published vernacular Bible (printed in German, c. 1466), the first edition of the Greek New Testament (1516), and the first edition of the New Testament in Arabic and Latin (1591).



St. Augustine, De civitate dei, 1467

THEOLOGY AND CHURCH HISTORY

Works of the great theologians and ecclesiastical authorities of the Christian tradition are also strongly represented at Bridwell Library. The books and manuscripts in this section representing the breadth of these holdings include the first edition of St. Augustine's *De Civitate Dei* (1467), the first printing of any part of the *Summa theologia* of Thomas Aquinas (c. 1463), an early edition of St. Jerome's letters, and a variety of documents concerning Christian instruction, canon law, hagiography, and church administration. These include an original manuscript papal bull produced in 1174, the only recorded copy of a Spanish indulgence printed in 1490, and the first official *Catechism* approved by the Council of Trent (1566).

WORSHIP AND DEVOTION

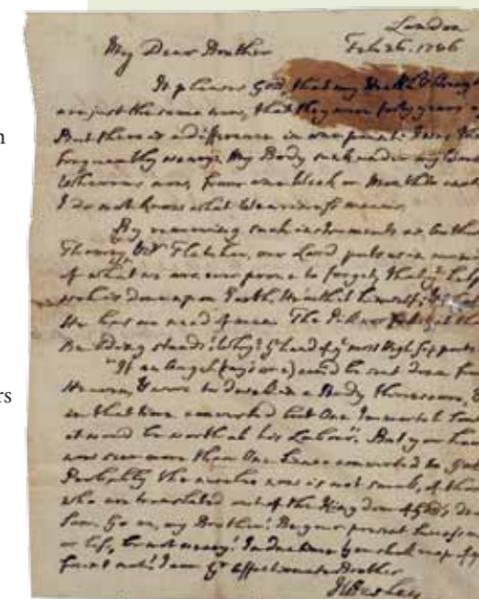
Bridwell Library's collection of books for public worship and private devotion spans eight centuries. This section displays richly illuminated medieval manuscripts of the Sarum Missal (c. 1418), the Book of Hours (c. 1420), and the Latin Psalter (1496) and three fifteenth-century printed devotional manuals including the "Imitation of Christ" (1492), the "Art of Dying," (c. 1500), and the only recorded copy of Olivier Maillard's Confession (c. 1492). Also exhibited are the first edition of the Book of Common Prayer (1549), the only known copy of a German nobleman's paraphrases of the Psalms (1568), and a Missal for the Mozarabic liturgy printed during the colonial period in Mexico (1770).



Ferial Psalter, 1496

THE REFORMATION

The Library's collection of early Protestant pamphlets, sermons, broadsides, catechisms, commentaries, and vernacular Bible translations is highlighted by the major works of Martin Luther, Philipp Melancthon, Jean Calvin, numerous other sixteenth-century reformers, and Counter-Reformation authors. Items exhibited include the earliest publication by the German noblewoman Argula von Grumbach (1523), one of two recorded copies of the 1524 Lutheran New Testament in Low German, the unique copy of a Dutch translation of Luther's "Great Confession" (1528), the first edition of the *Augsburg Confession* (1531), and the only copy in the United States of Calvin's first revision of the French Bible (1546).



John Wesley and Thomas Coke to John Stretton, 1786

WESLEYANA AND METHODISTICA

Bridwell Library's expansive collection of Methodist books, manuscripts, and archives includes numerous items with direct historical connections to the founders of Methodism. Complementing the more than 130 signed letters from the hand of John Wesley, the Library has also collected printed books with manuscript inscriptions or annotations by Wesley, members of his family, or his closest associates. Highlighting unique materials only available at Bridwell Library, this section includes a double letter sent jointly by Thomas Coke and John Wesley in 1786, the unique proof sheets annotated by John Wesley for the first edition of his *Explanatory Notes Upon the New Testament* (1755), John Wesley's long-lost annotated copy of his *Journal Extract* (1756), a book inscribed by Wesley's early Welsh colleague Peter Williams, and two books owned by Charles Wesley.

NINETEENTH-CENTURY PRAYER BOOKS

The exhibition closes with a selection of nineteenth-century prayer books that offered an especially handsome or innovative presentation of traditional prayer texts. Several of the books demonstrate how European and North American printers responded to the increasingly mechanical aspects of book production by offering fine typography or rich programs of illustration; others reveal how the addition of an elegant binding likewise enhanced the reader's experience of the prayers. The books in this section include an edition of the Lord's Prayer in 155 languages (1806), three fine copies of the *Book of Common Prayer* (1842-43), a Mexican edition of the traditional "Hours of the Virgin Mary" in eight languages (1870), and a remarkable twelve-foot long lithographic panorama illustrating the 104th Psalm (c. 1870).



Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1870

PERKINS YOUTH SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY NEWS

Perkins Youth School of Theology provided educational scholarships to four PYST students this year thanks to a generous donation from a supporter of the program. The four students received \$2500 each toward tuition costs through the Make Life Count Awards, offered to students who developed projects that demonstrated how they practice their faith through service. One of these students was recently accepted to the Lyle School of Engineering at SMU.

This year PYST had its first alum, Darnell Fennell, return to the program to serve as a mentor during the Summer Academy. Former PYST students are eligible to serve as summer staff in the program once they have completed their junior year in college or reached 21 years of age.

Another PYST alum, Heather Reed, graduated from Texas A&M University, and, responding to a call to missional service, met with Herbert Coleman, Perkins' director of Recruitment and Admissions, to consider Perkins as a place to pursue theological studies. She is currently participating in The World Race, an eleven-month mission trip around the world during which missionaries visit 11 countries in 11 months, engaging in ministry service, community building, and self-discovery. 📌



Tonya Burton, director
Perkins Youth School of Theology

STAFF NEWS

Timothy S. G. Binkley joined the Bridwell Library Special Collections staff as Archivist. His primary responsibility is the management and development of Bridwell Library's extensive archival collections: more than 3000 linear feet of published and unpublished research materials documenting the history and ongoing work of Perkins School of Theology, Bridwell Library, and United Methodism in the southwestern and south central United States. Timothy comes to Perkins from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, where he served as Archivist and Curator. He holds degrees from Defiance College (B.A.), Bethany Theological Seminary (M. Div.), and Wright State University (M.A.), and is an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren.

Cherice L. Graham joined the office of Advanced Ministerial Studies in April of 2009 as assistant to the director, Gary MacDonald. She is responsible for marketing, communications and administrative elements for Perkins' Doctor of Ministry program and continuing education events for clergy, laity and church professionals. These programs include United Methodist Certification program for specialized ministries, Perkins School of Youth Ministry, Ministers Week and the Theological School for the Laity. Prior to joining Perkins Ms. Graham was assistant director of Admissions at a small private college. A native of the Bay Area of northern California, she holds a B.S. in business administration from Paul Quinn College, and an M.A. in professional development from Dallas Baptist University.

Mehret Negash joined the Bridwell Library staff as Senior Building and Service Worker. She and her colleague James Harris are responsible for keeping the facility in pristine condition. Mehret came to Perkins from the U. S. District Court where she maintained judicial offices in the Earle Cabell Federal Building in downtown Dallas. A native of Ethiopia and Eritrea, Mehret lived in Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Greece, Cyprus, Switzerland, Great Britain, and Germany before moving to this country twenty-one years ago. She has two daughters, both students at Texas Women's University.

Steven C. Newcomb joined the Student Services staff as Coordinator for Admissions, Financial Aid, and Community Life. Steven transferred to Perkins from the SMU Division of Student Affairs, where he served in Student Development. He has worked in Higher Education Student Services for ten years, including serving as director of Housing and Residence Life at Lon Morris College, where he also served as a Licensed Local Pastor in the Texas Annual Conference. A Native Texan, Steven traveled to many places in his previous occupation as a Cruise Director and is happy to be here at Perkins in his home state.

Congratulations to **Linda Umoh**, who was recognized at the 2010 SMU Staff Association Recognition Ceremony for her 25 years of service to SMU. Linda was hired in 1984 as a Catalog Librarian by former Bridwell Library director, Jerry Campbell. Over the years she has held various roles at Bridwell prior to assuming her current position as Head of Cataloging. 📌

WENDLAND-COOK PROFESSORSHIP ESTABLISHED, INAUGURATED

In the spring of 2008 SMU received a \$1 million gift from Barbara Cook Wendland and Erroll Wendland and the Joe B. and Louise P. Cook Foundation to establish the Wendland-Cook Professorship in Constructive Theology at Perkins. The Wendlands, long time supporters of both Perkins and SMU, have designated that holders of the professorship are to make substantial contributions to the academic study of systematic and constructive theology that address current church and social issues; to address issues of inequality of power, and show commitment to the liberation of all people, the promotion of justice, and the encouragement of nonviolence; to be versed in current critical theory; to have international reputation and involvement; and to aim not only at communicating widely in the academic world but especially at inspiring laity and clergy at the local church level to expand their theological perspectives.

In December of 2008, Dr. Joerg Rieger, Professor of Systematic Theology at Perkins, was named by the University as Perkins' first Wendland-Cook Professor of Constructive Theology, effective January 1, 2009. For more than two decades Rieger has worked to bring together theology and the struggles for justice and liberation that mark our age. His work addresses the relation of theology to public life, using tools from cultural studies, critical theory, and religious studies, and reflecting on the misuse of power in politics and economics. Known among his generation of theologians for his prolific and visionary writing, his books include *Beyond the Spirit of Empire: New Perspectives in Politics and Religion*, co-authored with Jung Mo Sung and Nestor Miguez; *No Rising Tide: Theology, Economics, and the Future*, *Christ and Empire: From Paul to Postcolonial Times*; *Opting for the Margins: Postmodernity and Liberation in Christian Theology*; *God and the Excluded: Visions and Blindspots in Contemporary Theology*; and *Remember the Poor: The Challenge to Theology in the Twenty-First Century* (1998). Rieger has lectured throughout the U.S., as well as internationally, including presentations in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, England, Russia, Brazil, Argentina, and Mexico. He is on the steering committee of Jobs with Justice in North Texas and is co-founder of the Workers' Rights Board in the Dallas area.

On October 8, 2009, Rieger gave an inaugural lecture commemorating the establishment of the professorship. The lecture, "Speaking Truth to Power – With a Twist: Re-envisioning the Task of Theology and the Academy," was presented in the Great Hall of Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall at Perkins on the SMU campus, with a reception following. 📌



Erroll Wendland, Joerg Rieger, and
Barbara Cook Wendland

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FACULTY NEWS

William J. Abraham, Albert Cook Outler Professor of Wesley Studies, in November 2008 was presented with a *festschrift* by former doctoral students and colleagues in honor of his 60th birthday. The collection, edited by Pavel L. Gavriluk (M.T.S.'95, Ph.D.'01), Douglas M. Koskela (Ph.D.'03), and Jason E. Vickers (Ph.D.'04), is titled *Immersed in the Life of God: The Healing Resources of the Christian Faith: Essays in Honor of William J. Abraham* (Eerdmans: 2008). Abraham was also a featured speaker at SMU's TEDx on October 10, 2009. The title of his 18-minute message was "In Search of a Grand Theory of Everything."



Ted A. Campbell, associate professor of Church History, was featured in the United Methodist Reporter in an article titled "Into the silence: Lenten services take a quiet turn." The article discusses Campbell's leadership in the *Renew* service at Lovers Lane United Methodist Church in Dallas.



Jaime Clark-Soles, associate professor of New Testament, was among those selected to receive a 2010 Ford Senior Research Fellowship. The fellowship was awarded at the SMU Board of Trustees dinner on May 6th, 2010. Clark-Soles also serves on the editorial board for the *Journal of Biblical Literature*.

Charles E. Curran, Scurlock Professor of Human Values, was among the 299 leaders in the sciences, humanities and the arts, business, public affairs, and the nonprofit sector elected to the 2010 class of Fellows and Foreign Honorary Members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. The Academy, which celebrates the 230th anniversary of its founding this year, is one of the world's most prestigious honorary societies. Established by John Adams and other scholar-patriots, its membership includes more than 250 Nobel laureates and more than 60 Pulitzer Prize winners. Curran has also won the 2008 American Publishers Award for Professional and Scholarly Excellence (PROSE) in Theology and Religious Studies for his publication *Catholic Moral Theology in the United States: A History* (Georgetown University Press: 2008). Presented by the Professional and Scholarly Publishing Division of the Association of American Publishers since 1976, the award represents one of the highest honors bestowed by the publishing community upon academic authors.

Patricia H. Davis, director of Pastoral Leadership and adjunct professor of Pastoral Care and Leadership, was one of two SMU professors chosen to receive a 2009-2010 Maguire Teaching Fellow award. The grant is awarded each year to professors who develop a new course relating to ethics, or who add an ethical dimension to an existing course.

Davis has designed a course titled "Ethical Dilemmas in Pastoral Leadership."

Isabel Docampo, associate professor of Supervised Ministry, has contributed a sermon to *What a Preacher Looks Like* (Smyth and Helwys, 2010). She was also featured in the May issue of the journal *CureToday*. A cancer survivor, Docampo appeared in an article exploring the correlation between spirituality and health.

Victor P. Furnish, University Distinguished Professor *Emeritus* of New Testament, has completed a third edition of *The Moral Teaching of Paul: Selected Issues* (Abingdon Press, 2009). The first edition of the book was published in 1979; the second, revised edition has remained in print since its initial publication in 1985. Another of Furnish's books, *Theology and Ethics in Paul*, first published by Abingdon Press in 1968, has been reissued by Westminster John Knox Press, appearing as one of the modern classics included in the "New Testament Library" series.



C. Michael Hawn, director of the Sacred Music Program and professor of Church Music, received the 2009 United Methodist Scholar/Teacher of the Year Award from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church. Hawn was also featured in an online article, *Serve God and Sing God's Song*, for his trip to Nicaragua. The article, featured

on the website of the General Board of Global Ministries, includes videos of Hawn teaching songs to the local students.



Roy L. Heller, associate professor of Old Testament, has received SMU's Altshuler Distinguished Professorship Award for 2010 – 2012. As a recipient, Heller will be designated as a Distinguished Teaching Faculty member for the next two years, serving as mentor and promoting excellence in teaching at the University.

Robert Hunt, director of Global Theological Education, contributed a case study titled "World Religions and Christianity: A Global Perspective in the Context of the Overall Program of Theological Education at Perkins School of Theology," to *Pedagogies for Interfaith Dialogue, Volume II* in the Hartford Seminary Series on Innovation in Theological Education. Hunt also serves on the board of scholars for *The Journal of Inter-Religious Dialogue*, a periodical dedicated to exploring all aspects of inter-religious dialogue. The journal published its inaugural edition in April 2009.

William K. McElvaney, LeVan Professor *Emeritus* of Preaching and Worship, has published *Becoming a Justice Seeking Congregation: Responding to God's Justice Initiative* (iUniverse, 2009). The book offers practical strategies for addressing justice issues in a variety of settings.

Alyce M. McKenzie, professor of Homiletics, has been promoted to full professor, effective September 1, 2009.

Richard D. Nelson, W.J.A. Power Professor of Biblical Hebrew and Old Testament Interpretation and associate dean for Academic Affairs, will be awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award from Trinity Lutheran Seminary on September 30, 2010.

Shubert M. Ogden, University Distinguished Professor *Emeritus* of Theology, has just written *The Understanding of Christian Faith* (WipfandStock 2010). The book is a brief systematic theology addressing theological topics from God to eschatology.



Evelyn L. Parker, associate professor of Christian Education, has been elected as a member of the World Council of Churches Central Committee. The 10th Assembly of the WCC will be held in Busan, Republic of Korea in 2013.

Harold J. Recinos, professor of Church and Society, co-edited with Hugo Magallanes, associate professor of Christianity and Cultures, *Jesus in the Hispanic Community: Images of Christ from Theology to Popular Religion* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2009), a collection of essays contributed by U.S. Latino/a theological scholars. Recinos, a martial artist by avocation, was also selected from 700 competitors as one of the four qualifiers for the Internal Forms Grand Champion competition at the 2009 Legends of Kung Fu International

Martial Arts Championship in Plano, Texas. Recinos accrued a total of 13 medals in the competition and placed second overall.

Joerg Reiger, Wendland-Cook Professor of Constructive Theology, and John Dominic Crossan, were featured speakers at the October 2009 *Faith and Reason* seminar held at First UMC Richardson. The event, titled "God and Imperial Power: Jesus and Economic Justice," was co-sponsored by Perkins.

Susanne Scholz, assistant professor of Old Testament, has been elected to an at-large seat in SMU's University Senate. Her three-year term begins with the fall 2010 semester.

Mark W. Stamm, associate professor of Worship, will participate in the 22nd Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture on June 2-4, 2010. At the gathering, which is co-sponsored by the Hall of Fame and the State University at Oneonta, New York, he will present a paper titled "Pray Ball? Reflections on the Serious Liturgical Challenge of Giving Thanks for Baseball." 



Dean **William B. Lawrence** shared a service of community-wide Eucharist on December 12, 2009 at the Canterbury House on the SMU campus with the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori. The Bishop, whose office is housed in the Washington National Cathedral, was in Dallas under the auspices of the St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church. The Rev. Nathan L. Bostian (M.Div. '08) is chaplain of the Canterbury House.



IN PROFILE: JOHN MCKELLAR *White's Chapel United Methodist Church*

CENTRAL TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 2008

Dr. John McKellar (M.Div. '90) has been the Senior Pastor of White's Chapel United Methodist Church in Southlake, Texas since 1992. White's Chapel is located in the Mid-Cities District of the Central Texas Annual Conference. When McKellar arrived as pastor, the congregation had 490 members. During his ministry the membership has grown to more than 9,000.



Earlier this fall, John talked with Pat Davis, Director of Pastoral Leadership at Perkins, about his experiences as a new pastor at White's Chapel and about how he has led its phenomenal growth.

INTERVIEWED BY PAT DAVIS
*director of Pastoral Leadership,
 adjunct professor of Pastoral Care and Leadership*



Q What was your vision for the church when you first came to White's Chapel?

A We began to build the vision by trying to exegete the Southlake community. We found that the community was based on a very strong school system, and that children and youth were very important. But the church wasn't attracting them. It had a history of a strong youth program in the past, but that had died. So, we had to start helping faith formation happen in the lives of children and youth. That was the vision, and we began there.

Q Apart from the youth program, what was the state of the church when you arrived?

A The building was in disrepair, and the congregation had very serious financial problems. The church didn't have enough land and didn't speak the language of the community. It was a little country church with no programs, so, in a sense, it didn't fit its suburban context.

Q It doesn't sound like a very auspicious beginning. How were you able to convince yourself that this could be a good thing?

A It's amazing, in a way. I'm such a worrier that I think if I had any thought that this congregation was going to make it, I probably would have worried myself sick. But I thought it was impossible, so I just decided, "Okay, God—I'm going to do whatever I can, but I know this is not going to work." Then I allowed myself to have some fun with it.

Q So, maybe a good part of leadership is finding opportunities where other people might not see them?

A Absolutely, and they come in the most unusual ways. When the Spirit gives you an opportunity, you keep trying to lean and guide in that direction, because you just don't know when those moments will come.

Q Did you have a theory about how you were going to try to change and move White's Chapel?

A I developed my theory of church leadership, of "baby steps." I stole the words from that movie with Richard Dreyfus and Bill Murray, *What About Bob?*

When you have a church that seems impossible, and you don't know what to do, sometimes if you just try to take baby steps, it's amazing how the Spirit will move. People may not agree with you, but they'll almost feel sorry for you that you're trying and tilting at windmills. Something good happens when you at least try.

Q Growing congregations and changing locations are two of the hardest things any pastor can attempt. How have you managed such huge changes with White's Chapel?

A Dick Murray [the late Christian educator and Perkins professor] really trained me for this. He taught that every pastor needs to teach his or her congregation the Bible. I currently teach four Bible studies. And I'm not a scholar, but I love people and we have fun studying scripture together. He said something in one of my classes, "If your folks know you love them, they'll forgive a lot of shortcomings . . . and they'll trust you and follow you." And, I've found that to be true.

I didn't really have an agenda for White's Chapel. It almost boils down to, "Let's love each other and listen to the Spirit." We have a master plan, but it's not carved in stone. I believe that the best ideas and the greatest ministries in this church we haven't even begun yet.

LARRY D. WARREN
RECEIVES WOODROW B. SEALS LAITY AWARD

Larry D. Warren of San Antonio, Texas, was the recipient of the 2009 Woodrow B. Seals Laity Award. The award was presented at a luncheon on March 7, 2009 during Perkins Theological School for the Laity.

The Seals Award is given annually to a layperson that embodies the Christian faith and commitment of service to Christ as exemplified by Judge Woodrow B. Seals, a distinguished layperson whose interest and energy were instrumental in establishing the Perkins Theological School for the Laity. Selection for the award is made by a committee of the Perkins Lay Advisory Board.

Larry Warren is the President of and a shareholder with Ball & Weed P.C. in San Antonio. He is also an active member of his local church, University United Methodist, where he has held a number of leadership positions spanning many years of service. His primary work in the church has involved international missions on behalf of exploited children around the world, efforts which have engaged not only his congregation, but the wider San Antonio legal community as well.

Warren has been recognized as one of *Texas Lawyer Publication's* Super Lawyers for 2006 – 2008, and was recently inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers. 



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Larry Warren and wife, Margie Warren

DR. DAVID MALDONADO, JR. '68
RECEIVES PERKINS
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD



Maldonado with previous DAA recipient Bishop John Wesley Hardt

David Maldonado, Jr. was named recipient of the 2009 Perkins Distinguished Alumnus Award by the Alumni Council of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. The singular award recognizes annually one graduate of Perkins who has demonstrated effectiveness and integrity in service to the church, continuing support and involvement in the goals of Perkins School of Theology and SMU, demonstrated service in the wider community, and exemplary character. The award was presented to Dr. Maldonado February 4, 2009, during Perkins' Ministers Week.

Dr. Maldonado's service to Perkins and the church, spanning more than forty years, has taken myriad forms and found many fruitful expressions. A 1968 M.Div. graduate of the school, Maldonado is currently Director of the Center for Latino/a Christianity and Religions at Perkins. He has held faculty and administrative positions at Iliff School of Theology, where he is President *emeritus*, Perkins, and California State University. An ordained elder in the Rio Grande Annual Conference, Dr. Maldonado has also served as a pastor and community organizer. He has written several books and numerous articles on a range of scholarly and pastoral subjects; held myriad denominational, national, and statewide service positions; and received many awards and recognitions. 

PERKINS OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
RECOGNIZED WITH 2010 DeROSE-
HINKHOUSE AWARDS

The Office of Public Affairs of Perkins School of Theology has been recognized by the Religion Communicators Council for its work in publications, marketing, and web design. In the Council's 2010 DeRose-Hinkhouse Memorial Awards Competition, Perkins received a total of five awards in the categories of "Writing" (Best of Class, Award of Excellence), "Non-broadcast Audio/Video: Audiovisual Narrative" (Award of Excellence), "Non-broadcast Audio-Video: Video Testimonials" (Certificate of Merit), and "Public Relations and Advertising" (Award of Excellence).

Awards made to Perkins in the "Writing" category were given for student profile articles in the Winter 2009 issue of *Perspective* magazine. Awards in the "Non-broadcast" categories were given for the introductory narrative and the testimonial features on the school's new website. The creation of the website involved significant contributions from Perkins staff, faculty, and students, as well as the creative and logistical services of Beaird & Boone Marketing, the e-marketing team from the SMU Office of Public Affairs, and the SMU Office of Information Technology. Coordinating the project for Perkins were Roberta Cox, Director of the Office of Public Affairs and Duane Harbin, Assistant Dean of Information Technology and Institutional Research, with further leadership given by Dean Lawrence, as well as Perkins staff members Tracy Anne Allred, Gary MacDonald, Lucy Cobbe, Linh Nguyen, and Paul Escamilla.

The DeRose-Hinkhouse Memorial Awards are presented annually to active members of the Religion Communicators Council who demonstrate excellence in religion communications and public relations. Recipients were honored at a special reception in Chicago in April 2010 at the Religion Communication Congress. In 2009, the Office of Public Affairs received the Best of Class and Award of Excellence recognitions from the Council for its "Art & Soul" integrated marketing campaign.

Visit Perkins' website (www.smu.edu/theology) to view the introductory video segment and video testimonials by students and faculty reflecting on the Perkins experience, as well as an online version of the student profile articles (see SMU/PERKINS HEADLINES tab on the website's homepage). 

STUDENT NEWS

Betty Brownsted (M.Div. candidate) received the Texas United Methodist Historical Society's 2010 Student Essay Award for a contribution titled "The Influence of Methodism in the Spiritual Formation of a Texas Preacher, Physician, and Pioneer, The Rev. Thomas Hunt Hall, M.D. (1839-1914)." The essay drew upon the handwritten autobiography of preacher and medical doctor Hall, which he completed in 1913 at age 73."

The United Methodist Higher Education Foundation has announced recipients for the 2009 United Methodist Dollars for Scholars program, including eight Perkins students: **Mara Bailey, Jonathan Bailey, Carrie DeLeon, Emily Everett, John Fletcher, Scott Goodfellow, Kay Towns, and Joel Walker**. When a student's local church provides a \$1000 gift of scholarship support, Dollars for Scholars matches that gift, as does Perkins, resulting in a total award of \$3000 in scholarship support. Perkins Executive Board members Nancy Carruth and Judy Gibbs are trustees of the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation.

Perkins M.Div. candidates **Diana Phillips** and **Mary Miriti** have received the Georgia Harkness Scholarship Award from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church. The award supports second-career women over 35 who are preparing for ministry as an elder in The United Methodist Church.

Laura Lopez-Silva and **Juan Silva**, a seminary couple preparing for graduation in May and subsequent ordination, were featured on The United Methodist General Board of Higher Education website for their selection along with five other students for The Journey Toward Ordained Ministry program, which provides recipients with a \$5000 annual scholarship. The program is funded by the World Communion Day offering received in United Methodist churches on the first Sunday of October.

Rev. Michael W. Waters (D.Min. candidate), founder and senior pastor of Joy Tabernacle A.M.E. Church in Dallas, Texas, was ranked first among Ebony Magazine's 2009 list of the top young leaders in the United States under the age of 30. Waters is currently enrolled in the Doctor of Ministry degree program at Perkins with a concentration in Urban Ministry. He is married to Mrs. Yulise Reaves Waters, J.D., a graduate of the SMU Dedman School of Law and practicing attorney.

Clergy couple **Heath Williams** (M.Div. candidate) and **Jeanne Williams** (M.Div. candidate) were featured in an October 2009 issue of the Jonesboro Sun for their respective intern assignments in Jonesboro, Arkansas. "We take academic book knowledge and make it practical," Jeanne said of the internship process. 

ALUMNI/AE NEWS

'50s

Rev. Richard Deats (M.Th.'56), editor emeritus of *Fellowship* magazine, has published a biography of Hildegard Goss-Mayr titled *Marked for Life: The Story of Hildegard Goss-Mayr* (New City Press: Hyde Park, NY, 2009). The book relates the story of Goss-Mayr, an Austrian Catholic pioneer in teaching the philosophy and practice of nonviolence amidst great historical events of the past half century.

Rev. James T. Garrett (B.S.'49, M.Th.'52) has, in memory of his daughter, established The Jackie Garrett Morriss Endowed Scholarship Fund to provide scholarships for Perkins students.

Dr. John J. Mood (M.Th.'56) has published *A New Reading of Rilke's "Elegies": Affirming the Unity of "life-AND-death"* (Lewiston, NY: Edwin Mellen Press). Mood, whose interest in Rilke began during his studies at Perkins, has written two other books on the German language poet.

Rev. Robert Scoggins (M.Th.'54) was recently honored by the Rochester, Minnesota Mayo Clinic with a ten year service award for involvement in the Mayo volunteer program. He was also the recipient of the Rochester mayor's "Medal of Honor" for artistic and cultural achievement in Rochester for 47 years.

'70s

Rev. James Bankston (M.Th.'74), Senior Pastor at St. Paul's UMC, Houston, has been elected to the Southwestern University Board of Trustees. Bankston is a 1970 graduate of Southwestern. He currently serves on the boards of various non-profit organizations and ministries, including the Executive Board of Perkins.

Rev. Darcell Walker (M.Div.'07) has published *Godly Ideas—Perceiving and Pursuing God-Given Ideas* (AuthorHouse: Bloomington, IN, 2008). The book includes contributions by Rev. Kirbyjon Caldwell (M.Th.'81) and Dr. Zan W. Holmes (M.Th.'59, M.S.T.'68), professor emeritus of Preaching at Perkins), and discusses spiritual, business, and legal aspects of developing ideas.

'80s

Rev. Kirbyjon Caldwell (M.Th.'81), senior pastor of Windsor Village United Methodist Church in Houston, has been identified by the United Methodist Reporter as one of five evangelical clergy to whom President Obama turns for spiritual advice.

Dr. Thomas Slater (M.Th.'78, D.Min.'81), professor of New Testament Language and Literature, McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University in Atlanta, led 20 pastors on a Holy Land pilgrimage in 2009. The tour, organized under the auspices of McAfee, included pastors from Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, and nondenominational traditions.

Rev. John Thornburg (M.Th.'81), director of A Ministry of Congregational Singing, has published, in partnership with the General Board of Global Ministries and The United Methodist Church in Cameroon, the first Cameroonian United Methodist Hymnal, titled *Mille Voix Pour/Chanter Tes Louanges/O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*. The hymnal, which features illustrations by Anna Magruder, includes the basic pattern for Sunday morning worship, services of Baptism and Holy Communion, basic prayers of the church, 20 psalms, 117 hymns, songs, and choruses from around the world, all printed in both French and English, and 122 additional songs either in French or English representing various

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regional singing styles. Thornburg, who traveled to Cameroon six times in the process of developing the publication, worked closely with then-superintendent of the Cameroon Church, Rev. Wes Magruder (M.Div.'96), as well as local musicians, pastors, and other church leaders.

'90s

Rev. Virginia O. (Ginger) Bassford (M.Div.'97), superintendent of the Weatherford District of the Central Texas Annual Conference, received a Ph.D. in family studies from Texas Woman's University. Her dissertation title was "Perspectives of Strength: Female Elders in United Methodist Ministry."

Rev. Scott Heare (M.Div.'97), associate pastor at Alamo Heights UMC in San Antonio, was featured in Duke Divinity School's *Faith & Leadership* e-magazine (March 2, 2010) for his work in founding the Riverside Community, a satellite ministry of Alamo Heights 25 miles north of San Antonio.

Rev. Cynthia Fierro Harvey (M.Div.'99), director of the Center for Missional Excellence for the Texas Annual Conference, has been designated the liaison between UMCOR and annual conferences and congregations for relief efforts in Haiti. She helped to coordinate the distribution of nearly one million mosquito nets in Côte d'Ivoire.

'00s

Rev. Annela Crawford (M.Div.'08), pastor of Pleasant Mound UMC in Dallas, was featured in a February newscast on Dallas' WFAA News 8 for the congregation's work with Project Transformation, an afterschool program for neighborhood children hosted by the church. "With the children here, it just brings a new vitality," Crawford said in the interview. "We hear their voices in the halls and the running in the yard and it just gives us a renewed vision of our future."

Rev. ClayOla Gitane (M.Div.'08) was ordained December 5, 2009 in the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth. She is the second woman to be ordained in the diocese. Gitane currently serves as priest-in-charge for both Christ the King Church and the Episcopal Church in Parker County.

Rev. Salatheia Bryant Honors (M.Div.'09), senior pastor of Reedy Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Galveston, received the 2010 "Outstanding Minister" award from Prairie View A&M University in February at the school's 52nd Annual Ministers' Conference. Honors has been instrumental in the work of rebuilding Reedy Chapel, known as the mother church of African Methodism in Texas, following Hurricane Ike, which ravaged the church building in September 2008.

Rev. Daniel Chesney Kanter (D.Min.'07) was named senior minister of First Unitarian Church of Dallas in January 2009. The church is the fifth largest Unitarian Universalist congregation in the country.

Richard Newton (M.Div.'09) has been selected to receive an FTE Doctoral Fellowship for Ph.D. studies at Claremont Graduate University.

Rev. Jill Sander-Chali (M.Div.'08), pastor of Wilkes Boulevard UMC in Columbia, Missouri, was featured in the Columbia Missourian's online newspaper, The Missourian Neighborhood Reporter. The story focused on Sander-Chali's pastoral work in a church founded in 1917 that has seen dramatic change in its neighborhood in recent years.

Rev. Mary Spradlin (B.M.'91, M.Div.'02), senior pastor of St. Stephen UMC, Arlington, Texas, was awarded Second Prize, English Language in Texas Impact's 2009 Sermon Contest on Health Justice. Her sermon, "Fulfilling Our Vocation," was based on Ephesians 5:15-20.

Rev. Yatta Roslyn Young (M.Div.'05), dean of the Gbarnga School of Theology in Gbarnga, Liberia, has added counseling studies to the curriculum following devastation to the campus resulting from the country's civil war. Young, who leads the school in training pastors and Christian educators of the United Methodist, Episcopal, Lutheran, and Pentecostal churches, has reported that the infrastructural needs of the seminary are substantial. The school has an enrollment of approximately 100 students. 

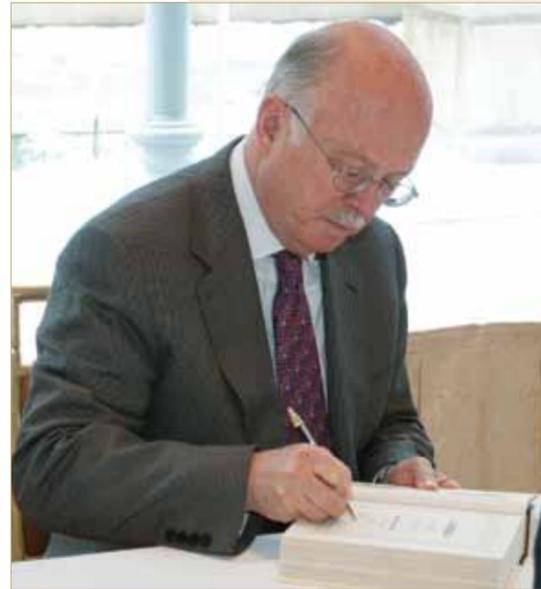
VITAL MINISTRY

PERKINS LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE



The Office of Public Affairs of Perkins School of Theology is pleased to announce the launch of the new Perkins website, www.smu.edu/perkins. The creation of the website has been a major undertaking involving significant contributions from Perkins staff, faculty, and students, as well as the creative and logistical services of Beard & Boone Marketing, the e-marketing team from the SMU Office of Public Affairs, the SMU Office of Information Technology.

The new website features unprecedented access to the school's information resources, from admissions and financial aid to advanced studies and public programs. Opening to a compelling visual narrative inviting the viewer to embark on a journey of faith, the site offers a rich array of streaming video testimonials from students, faculty, and administrators offering their own experience of the faith journey within the Perkins setting.



PUBLIC LIFE/PERSONAL FAITH LECTURE

On February 12, 2010, Dr. Ron C. White, Jr., author of the New York Times best seller *A. Lincoln*, delivered a public lecture titled “Abraham Lincoln’s Sermon on the Mount: The Second Inaugural Address” at the Crescent Hotel Ballroom as a fundraising event for Perkins. Later that afternoon he conducted an academic symposium for the SMU community in the Great Hall of Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall. The symposium, titled “Abraham Lincoln’s Religious Odyssey: Meditation on the Divine Will,” included responses by Dr. Charles E. Curran, Scurlock Professor of Human Values at SMU and Rebekah Miles, associate professor of Ethics at Perkins.

The event was underwritten by Dr. Kim Carney and family in memory of Dr. Frederick S. Carney, former Professor *Emeritus* of Moral Theology and Christian Ethics at Perkins. The program was organized by the Perkins School of Theology Campaign Steering Committee. Members of the committee planning the event were Talmage Boston, Rena Pederson, Dodee Crockett, Nita Clark, Holly Philbin, Roberta Cox, and Todd Rasberry. 📖

FAITH AND BUSINESS LUNCHEONS

The Office of Development at Perkins hosted three Faith and Business Luncheon during the 2009-2010 academic year. The luncheons, which cater to both the business and academic communities, are an expression of Perkins’ mission to engage in theological reflection with the academic community, students preparing for various forms of ministry, and the lay community. Building on its mission to prepare women and men for faithful leadership in Christian ministry, the school takes seriously its responsibility to provide opportunities for reflecting critically on the intersection of personal faith and public life.

The three luncheons, each featuring a prominent business figure and a Perkins theologian, provided a venue for Dallas business executives to explore where faith meets business and how the two shape and inform one another. 📖

Frederick S. Carney died January 15, 2009 at the age of 84. Carney was professor of Moral Theology and Christian Ethics at Perkins from 1960 to 1993. Early in his tenure he was recognized for his essay, “Crisis of Conscience in Dallas,” in which he addressed the mood of the city at the time of the Kennedy assassination. Carney joined other Perkins faculty and students in the 1965 voting-rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. In the mid-1970s he organized the Perkins Faculty Symposium to provide a forum in which professors could discuss scholarly projects. The symposium continues to convene several times a year. In the 1980s he started the Ethics Colloquy, which continues to bring together ethicists from across SMU and other area schools.

Carney was a co-founder of the *Journal of Religious Ethics*. His areas of inquiry included bioethics and the ethical common ground shared by Christianity, Judaism and Islam. For the latter of research, Carney spent a year’s leave in Egypt studying Arabic and Muslim thought.

Carney is survived by his wife, Kim Carney, a retired economics professor at the University of Texas at Arlington; three sons, Peter Carney of Charlotte, N.C., David Carney of Washington D.C., and Dan Carney of Silver Spring, Md; and two grandchildren. 📖



MEMORIAMs

'30s

Vernon Neely Henderson (B.D.'31) died March 21, 2009 at the age of 106. A clergy member of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference, Henderson entered Navy chaplaincy in 1943 and served for the duration of World War II. Beyond his military service, his ministry included local church pastoral leadership, district superintendency, and oversight of adult education for the annual conference. He was twice elected to jurisdictional conference and twice as a general conference delegate. He also served as a trustee of McMurry University, Methodist Hospital, Lubbock, and Ceta Canyon and Butman Camps. Henderson is believed to have been the oldest living Perkins alumnus at the time of his death.

'40s

Joseph Henderson Jones (M.Th.'48) died September 28, 2009 at the age of 90. A clergy member of the Texas Annual Conference, he served as an Air Force chaplain in South Korea for two years before being stationed at Air Force bases across the U.S., including New York, Maine, and Louisiana. Returning to Texas, he served several congregations, and was also appointed as director for the Board of Global Missions for the Texas Annual Conference.

Glenn Edward Matthew (M.Th.'45) died June 13, 2009 at the age of 93. A clergy member of the Kansas West Annual Conference, he was licensed to preach in 1938, and ordained an elder in 1945. He served several Kansas congregations during his ministry, including Burrton, Winfield, Wichita, and Topeka. He also held administrative posts within the annual conference as Conference Program Director, Salina District Superintendent, and Kansas Area Superintendent of Ministries. Matthew retired in 1981 after more than 40 years of ministry.

John Kermit Van Zant (M.Th.'45) died May 1, 2009 at the age of 93. A clergy member of the North Texas Annual Conference, he was ordained an elder in 1945. Van Zant served churches across the conference before retiring in 1971 with 28 years of service.

'50s

E. Clayton Calhoun, Jr. (M.Th.'55) died December 31, 2009 in Ashville, North Carolina. Following ordination, Calhoun held pastorates in North Carolina, Texas, and Florida before extending his ministry overseas. He and his family served as missionaries to China both before and after World War II. He then filled several pastoral assignments in Florida before assuming the presidency of Paine College in Augusta, Georgia in 1956. From 1970 to his retirement in 1974 he directed the United Methodist Black College Fund. In 2009 he was honored by the Florida Annual Conference for his 75 years of service to the church.

B.C. Goodwin (B.A.'49, M.Th.'51) died October 3, 2009 at the age of 83. He enlisted in the Navy in 1943, receiving his discharge in 1946. While at Perkins he was elected president of the SMU student body. After seminary Goodwin was appointed to churches in Oklahoma and New Mexico Annual Conferences, as well as to the office of district superintendent for three separate tenures. He was a delegate to several general and jurisdictional conferences, and served for fifteen years as a trustee for McMurry College/University in Abilene. Following retirement from appointive ministry, Goodwin became a regional director for Educational Opportunities Tours, a position he held for nearly ten years.

H.F. Meier (M.Th.'53) died March 4, 2009 at the age of 86. He served in the South Pacific in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World

War II. A clergy member of the Central Texas Annual Conference, Meier completed 52 years of active pastoral ministry. During these years he provided leadership to ten different congregations under the direction of four bishops before retiring in 1987.

Robert L. Short (M.Th.'58) died July 6, 2009 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Born and raised in Midland, Texas, Short was a prolific writer and thinker. His 1965 book, *The Gospel According to Peanuts*, was the year’s bestseller in nonfiction. Translated into eleven foreign languages, and selling over ten million copies, it became one of the most popular religious books of modern times. Martin Marty observed that the book appealed to those who “speak of deep-down themes and aspire to the higher reaches.”

Short subsequently published *The Parables of Peanuts* (1968), *A Time to Be Born – A Time to Die* (1973), *Something to Believe In* (1978), *The Gospel from Outer Space* (1983), *Short Meditations on the Bible and Peanuts* (1990), *The Gospel According to Dogs* (2003), and *The Parables According to Dr. Seuss* (2008).

Besides his Perkins degree, Short held a B.A. degree from the University of Oklahoma, an M.A. in English from the University of North Texas, an M.A. in Theology and Literature from the University of Chicago, and an A.B.D. in Ph.D. work in systematic theology from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary. Living in the Chicago area through much of his career, he served Presbyterian churches, beginning in 1991, in Brighton, Michigan and Monticello, Arkansas. In 2001, Short moved to Little Rock to pursue his dream of starting his own church, The Church of the Gospel of JESUS (Jesus Exclusively Secured Universal Salvation).

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'60s

Gordon Homer Miller (M.Th.'60) died August 3, 2009 at the age of 84. As a young man Miller worked with the U.S. government's Soil Conservation Service and the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Authority before attending college and seminary. A clergy member of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference, he served various churches throughout Texas. Miller retired in 1989 but continued his preaching and pastoral work until 2002. Gifts may be made in his memory to the Methodist Mission Home, San Antonio, Texas.

Richard Dunn Howell (M.Th.'57, M.S.M.'66) died January 26, 2010 at the age of 77. A clergy member of the North Texas Annual Conference, he served various churches in the North Texas area, and taught elementary music in Richardson and Dallas schools. He accompanied the Woodrow Wilson High School Variations show choir for 25 years, and accompanied numerous choral groups of children, youth, and adults during his ministry.

James H. Newton (M.Th.'60, M.S.T.'71) died April 30, 2009 at the age of 75. A clergy member of the Nebraska Annual Conference, he served two churches in Montana before being certified as a clinical psychologist, after which he held chaplaincy roles at Methodist Hospital in Houston and Nebraska Methodist Hospital in Omaha. For three years he was affiliated with Clergy Financial Management, Inc. before going into private practice, from which he retired in 1998.

William F. Upchurch (M.R.E.'65, M.Th.'68) died April 12, 2010 at the age of 78. He was a clergy member of the North Texas Annual Conference, and served as associate minister in churches across the annual conference,

including Walnut Hill UMC and Lake Highlands UMC in Dallas, First UMC Sherman, and First UMC Garland.

DeForrest Wiksten (M.Th.'63) died April 16, 2009 at the age of 79. Before attending Perkins, he served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force in San Antonio. A clergy member of the North Texas Annual Conference, Wiksten became the first minister of counseling at Lovers Lane United Methodist Church before his appointment as senior pastor of Melrose UMC in Kansas City, Missouri. He was the founding director of the Pastoral Counseling Ministry of the Dallas/Fort Worth area, and later served as pastor of Northaven UMC in Dallas, First UMC in Wichita Falls, and Plymouth Park UMC in Irving. Wiksten's final appointment was to the Office of Admissions at Perkins School of Theology, where he served as director for three years before retiring in 2003.

William Ronald Zeigler (M.Th.'66) died April 14, 2009 at the age of 68. Zeigler served as associate pastor at Southwood United Methodist Church before entering the teaching field and, eventually, the field of communications and information services.

'80s

James Burch (M.B.A.'72, M.Th.'80) died December 20, 2009. Burch served as an intelligence officer in the U.S. Air Force before securing a business degree at SMU and pursuing a career in that field. After returning to SMU to complete his studies at Perkins, he was ordained in the Desert Southwest Annual Conference, serving churches in Oregon, Idaho, and Arizona before retiring in 2006.

'90s

Travis R. Powell (M.S.M.'97) died January 19, 2009 at the age of 36. Travis was an accomplished organist, pianist and music instructor in Marion, Virginia, Dallas, and Cary, Ohio. He was director of music and organist at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, and also taught general music at Our Lady of Consolation School. Powell was also the artistic director of the Carey Ecumenical Choir. In January 2008, a year before his death, he performed for Pope Benedict XVI at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Robert T. Anderson died May 29, 2009 at 74 years of age. A professor and chair of the organ department at SMU's Meadows School of the Arts from 1960 to 1996, Anderson received the very first Meadows Distinguished Teaching Professorship, as well as the title University Professor, SMU's highest rank. A brilliant organist himself, Anderson performed across the U.S. and in Europe. In an age when organists increasingly specialized in certain repertoires, he eagerly embraced great instruments and music of every time and place. Anderson was one of the nation's most sought-after teachers, with students winning numerous national and international competitions and major academic and church positions.

David R. Davidson died September 5, 2009 at the age of 60. He was the director of the Dallas Symphony Chorus and director of Music and Arts at Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas. Davidson was the founder of the professional Dallas Handbell Ensemble, and served as an adjunct instructor in choral conducting with the Sacred Music Program at Perkins.

Myra Annette Germany Wilkes (B.A.'40, M.A.'72) died September 30, 2009. She was the wife of the late Rev. Jack Wilkes (M.Th.'41), one-time mayor of Oklahoma City, president of Oklahoma City University and Centenary College, and vice president of SMU. She served on numerous United Methodist boards and agencies, including Wesley Rankin Community Center, Lydia Patterson Institute, and Southwestern University. 

2010-2011 Perkins Events

June

Highlights from Bridwell Library Special Collections June 7 – July 30

July

Course of Study School July 11 – 23
 and July 25 – August 6

August

Houston Lay School of Theology August 14

September

Alaska Lay School of Theology September 17 – 18
 MSM Alumni/ae Reunion September 26 – 28
 Inside Perkins (Dallas) September 30 – October 1

October

Inside Perkins (Houston-Galveston) October 18

2011

February

Ministers Week February 7 – 9
 Inside Perkins (Dallas) February 17 – 18

March

Perkins Theological School for the Laity March 3 – 5
 Inside Perkins (Houston-Galveston) March 14

April

Inside Perkins (Dallas) April 15 – 16
 Perkins Youth School of Theology Spring Youth Forum April 16

May

Commencement May 14

Ministers Week February 7-9, 2011

Christianity, War and Peace will bring together scholars and pastors to explore the ways Christians have traditionally dealt with issues of war and peace and the contemporary challenges facing nations, the church, congregations and decision-makers around such social issues. For more information, please visit our website at www.smu.edu/perkins/publicprograms/minweek.aspx or contact the office of Advanced Ministerial Studies at 214-768-2124 or AdvanceMinistry@smu.edu.

Perkins Theological School for the Laity March 3-5, 2011

The school offers an opportunity for laity to explore issues of spirituality, theology, religion, and church leadership in lectures and workshops with Perkins faculty and community leaders. This year's program will be conducted in conjunction with the meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society and will feature a keynote address by Miroslav Volf, who is the Wright Professor of Theology at Yale University, where he directs the Center for Faith and Culture. For more information, please visit our website at www.smu.edu/Perkins/PublicPrograms/LaySchools/Dallas.aspx or contact the office of Advanced Ministerial Studies at 214-768-2124 or AdvanceMinistry@smu.edu.