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In the beginning ✱ *John Dickhaut and Van Bogard Dunn probably didn't have much time to pose for pictures when this one was snapped. Dickhaut, left, was the founding president of Methodist Theological School in Ohio, and Dunn was the first academic dean. This photo was taken in 1960, shortly before the fall term began for MTSO's first students.*

Founded in 1958, Methodist Theological School in Ohio is one of 13 seminaries formally affiliated with and funded

in part by the United Methodist Church. Located on a 72-acre campus in Central Ohio, MTSO offers five graduate degree programs: Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Practical Theology, Master of Arts in Counseling Ministries, Master of Theological Studies and Doctor of Ministry. It also offers graduate-level certificate programs in Basic Theological Education, United Methodist Deacon Studies, Engaging in Ministry with the Poor and the Advanced Course of Study in the United Methodist Church.

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Amidst change, we know who we are

By Rev. Jay Rundell
President

Fifty years ago this fall, after several years of hard and faithful work by a provisional board and a skeletal staff, Methodist Theological School in Ohio opened its doors to its first class of seminary students. An institution conceived and shaped amidst the confidence and rapid advance of post-war Methodism, the new seminary undoubtedly stood for many as an example of the central place of mainline religion in a seemingly stable American society. Surely there were in this fledgling school at least some harbingers of things to come in the ensuing decade, but no one could have predicted the extent to which the world would change in the 1960s. Methesco was young and nimble and thus capable of not only adapting to dramatic change but engaging and leading that change.

In September, more than 300 of you gathered on campus to celebrate our school's 50th anniversary. Stories were told and memories shared. There was singing and fellowship. Students and alums interacted and networked. Faculty and emeriti marched. And we ate. The day gave witness to the love so many have for this seminary and credence to the importance of our work as stewards of its heritage and its legacy.

Now, early in our sixth decade, we have yet another great class of seminary students beginning their theological studies. These students are remarkably different from those in the first class. The world they serve will be, too. I wish I could tell you exactly how our students will serve in the years to come, but I can't. Religion as well as what it means to live a spiritual life is changing too fast. If we're honest, the future of what we've called mainline churches these past years is uncertain at best.

But there's one thing that is more certain than at perhaps any time in our school's history: Whatever the future holds for our



world, religion will be a force in it. And once again, MTSO must seize the opportunity to adapt and lead in a changing landscape.

At a time when many in mainline traditions are anxious and tempted to turn inward or backward seeking stability, this school is claiming its heritage of ecumenism and thoughtful faith. Our ever-stronger relationship with Trinity Lutheran Seminary is a much-talked-about topic in light of the full communion commitment of the United Methodist Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We have students from more than 20 Christian denominations and have just been named one of America's top 20 seminaries for multi-faith education.

We're carefully navigating changes not only in the church but in higher education itself. While some seminaries are moving toward fully online degree programs and others are resisting the use of technology, we are forging ahead in our own way. Because we are committed to the kind of formation that happens in community, our online

courses are hybrids that allow educational interaction to happen in person. This method actually requires more sophisticated technology and more concerted effort, but we are committed to it. We are working hard to assure that our graduates are prepared to be transformational Christian leaders who are sensitive and relevant to a dynamic and complex religious landscape.

As we move forward into the next stage of our MTSO's life, each of you is important to our mission. We need your prayers. We need your financial support. We need you to reach out to those in your midst who should consider seminary. In short, we need you to be engaged.

The path forward in theological education will not be discerned in a vacuum. You know where we are. My e-mail address is jrundell@mtso.edu. My phone number is 740-362-3121. I am committed to getting

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new ideas in the mix as we work through our process of strategic navigation. Together we can continue to position our seminary, and therefore our future spiritual leaders, to lead the needed change in the world around us.

We are 50—wise enough to be prudent, and still young enough to be nimble. That will serve us well.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay Rundell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jay" being particularly prominent.



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The Coffee Corps wants you

**Know somebody who
should consider MTSO?
Treat that person to a
cup of coffee on us.**

Chances are you know someone who should consider a theological education. Perhaps it's a bright and inquisitive college student in your congregation. Or a person whose current career isn't proving meaningful. Maybe it's someone who has longed to explore faith questions for years.

Let us help you break the ice with a hot cup of coffee. We'd like to send you a \$10 Starbucks card—enough for at least two drinks (the big ones, with whipped cream)—along with two copies of our viewbook. Ask your friend about his or her hopes and aspirations. Share what you

know about this school and the many fulfilling vocations for which our students are preparing.

Joining the Coffee Corps is easy. Simply contact Admissions Director April Casperson at acasperson@mtso.edu or 800-333-6876. You'll have a mailbox full of java in no time.

Not sure how to get the conversation started? Check out April's tips on page 3. Need a second kit? Just ask.

Thanks and best wishes. This could be the most important coffee break you'll ever take.

‘So, have you ever thought about seminary?’

How to have a conversation with a potential MTSO student

By April Casperson, M.Div., MTS
Director of Admissions

Considering seminary touches people at their very core. When they’re discerning whether theological education is the right next step, they’re often unsure how to talk about it—or with whom.

Often, people don’t dare think about seminary as an option unless someone else brings it up to them. You may be the someone else they’re waiting for. So, how do you have that conversation? Here are four things to keep in mind.

1. It’s not your job to convince someone to attend seminary. After you ask, “Have you ever considered attending seminary?” allow some time for the person to process your question. Then, listen. I once had a student tell me that he thought about seminary a full 15 years before he enrolled at MTSO—before he even really knew what seminary was.

2. Many successful seminary students enroll before they figure out what they want to do “when they grow up.” We offer four master’s degrees: Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Counseling Ministries, Master of Theological

Studies, and the new Master of Arts in Practical Theology, the successor to the Master of Arts in Christian Education. Students can and do begin in one program before switching to another when their call becomes clearer. Adding a second degree is



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another option. They can even get their feet wet by enrolling as what we call “occasional” students, taking a few classes to see if we’re a good fit.

3. Scholarships can reduce—or eliminate—a student’s financial burden. Many potential graduate students are understandably concerned about educational debt. They’ll likely be pleasantly surprised to learn about the options we offer.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we have almost 50 full-tuition scholarships and many partial-tuition awards for qualified students. You don’t know until you ask.

4. Be patient and be available. Sometimes I talk to someone in the spring who ends up sitting in class a few short months later. Other times, I have conversations that continue for several years before leading to enrollment. As you give your friend a copy of our viewbook, make it clear you’re happy to chat again sometime. They’ll be honored by the generosity you show with your time and attention.

If your friend is ready to learn more, please share my e-mail and phone number—or pass their name and contact information on to me, and I’ll happily touch base.

Thanks for considering this vital service to the church, the school and the person you approach. I look forward to hearing from you. ✱

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Lining up to serve those in need

Class fills quickly for Engaging in Ministry with the Poor certification program

In 2008, the General Conference of the United Methodist Church adopted Four Areas of Focus for the Church. Among them: Engaging in Ministry with the Poor. Now a significant new MTSO certification program, approved by the church's General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, will equip leaders to serve those in poverty.

This pilot program provides both a classroom component and hands-on community engagement, thanks to a unique partnership between MTSO and Community Development for All People (CD4AP), a United Methodist organization working to improve the economic, social and spiritual quality of life for residents of the south side of Columbus. Its ministry includes the United Methodist Church for All People, the United Methodist Free Store and numerous other services.

"We believe Engaging in Ministry with the Poor provides a valuable educational opportunity to a broad range of church leaders, from graduate seminary students to church elders and deacons to laity seeking certification," said MTSO Academic Dean Randy Litchfield. "We're fortunate to have the opportunity to partner with Community Development for All People, which is recognized nationally for effective ministry with the poor."

Rev. John Edgar, CD4AP's executive director and pastor of the Church for All People, said the certification program fits well with the evolving mission of the organization.

"At Community Development for All People, we have been on an intentional journey to try to do more as a training center for folks who want to expand their capacity to engage in ministry with people who are poor and marginalized," Edgar said. "Over the last three to four years, there were an in-

creasing number of people seeking us out to watch and observe and decide what might be transferrable to their settings."

"We were incredibly fortunate to be able to enter into a conversation with President (Jay) Rundell and Dean Litchfield and staff from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry to design this certification."



A focus on the word "with" * Edgar directs Thanksgiving dinner at Community Development for All People

Edgar will team teach classes with two of his CD4AP colleagues: Director of Training and Development George Howard, and Director of Operations Donita Harris. He also expects to invite some low-income individuals associated with the organization to join in what he calls "the learning-teaching experience."

There's already evidence of the strong desire church leaders have to develop effective ministries in this area. A training conference hosted by CD4AP in early November drew 90 participants from 15 states. "We cut off registration just due to the amount of space in our facility," Edgar said.

The MTSO certification program is proving equally popular. Being with the

Poor, the first class at CD4AP, begins Jan. 24, and its 35 slots are already filled. A second on-site class, Congregations and Communities as Partners in Ministry with the Poor, will be taught beginning in the summer.

In addition to their time at CD4AP, certificate students will take three courses on the MTSO campus: Theology and Practices of Ministry, Engaging the Bible in Congregation and Community, and one of three United Methodist studies courses.

In discussing Engaging in Ministry with the Poor, Edgar stressed an easily overlooked word.

"We believe that the single most important word in the denominational focus is the preposition 'with,'" he said. "There are lots of folks who have been attempting to do ministry for, to and sometimes against people who are poor. We think the beginning of doing ministry with people who are poor and marginalized is just developing the skills and the authenticity of learning to be present with them."

The path to that authenticity often begins with recognizing differences between many white, middle-class United Methodists and the poor and marginalized, Edgar said: "We need to accept and acknowledge that there are all these things that separate us. And then we need to be committed to building bridges of mutuality."

And he believes there are benefits for everyone in building those bridges.

"Not only does God care about poor folks, but people who are poor have a connection with God and a spirituality that has a deep intrinsic value and that all of us can learn from." *

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Christian Education evolves under a new name

Master of Arts in Practical Theology gives students more options

Methodist Theological School in Ohio has a longstanding commitment to Christian education. In 1969, the Master of Religious Education degree became the second degree program offered by the school. That program, renamed the Master of Arts in Christian Education in the early 1970s, will become the Master of Arts in Practical Theology in the fall of 2011.

“Congregations are increasingly using the language of formation, discipleship and age-level ministries in place of educational nomenclature,” said MTSO Academic Dean Randy Litchfield, who also holds the Browning Chair of Christian Education. “A leader in one of these ministries is less likely to be understood as a minister or director of Christian education. The role is more likely to be thought of as that of a pastor-leader of a group.”

Students in the MAPT program will have the opportunity to choose from among four specializations: youth and young adults, ecology and justice, spiritual formation and small groups, and parish and community ministry. A student will choose 12 hours of courses tailored to his or her specialization, along with other required and elective courses.

Students who have begun pursuing a MACE degree prior to the conversion to the MAPT in the fall of 2011 may choose to complete the MACE or transfer into the MAPT program. The MAPT requires 59 credit hours, one hour more than the MACE.

Litchfield said by making the transition to a Practical Theology program, MTSO will maintain its relevance and leadership in the

Christian education field while engaging new areas. For example, students will have greater flexibility to study youth ministry and issues of ecology, which both are specialties of Timothy Van Meter, assistant professor of Christian education and youth ministry.

“I’ve personally spent years preparing Christian educators on this campus,” Litchfield said, “and I’ve been inspired by the expertise and leadership in the field offered by Bob Browning, Joanmarie Smith, Chuck Foster and other professors at MTSO. I believe this evolution is consistent with this legacy. It’s exciting to consider how MAPT moves us into the future and the options it lets us offer our students.” ✱

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Stan Ling appointed to guide development effort

President Jay Rundell has appointed Rev. Stan Ling to lead the development effort of MTSO. Ling assumed his role as special assistant to the president for advancement in August.

He arrives having served as pastor for four United Methodist congregations, most recently Church of the Messiah in Westerville. His ministry also included nine years as director of connectional ministries for the West Ohio Conference.

Ling earned his M.Div. degree from Wesley Theological Seminary and his B.A. from Asbury University. He has taught on



“So many things came together” ✱ Ling

the MTSO campus, leading Theology and Practice of Ministry classes in the Course of Study School of Ohio.

“When the president talked to me about this position, so many things came together, including my love for education and my respect for this seminary,” Ling said. “Since I’ve been here, I’ve interviewed most of the faculty, many

of the staff and a good number of students, and I just keep hearing how much they enjoy it, how much they’re challenged, and how rich life is in this environment.”

Rundell sees synergy between Ling’s many new and existing friendships.

“Stan has wonderful relationships with the church and its leaders and people,” Rundell said. “He understands the connections between faith and giving, and he’s proving very adept at linking the spiritual stories of individuals with the story of our seminary and students.”

Ling said he’s invigorated by his meetings with friends of the school as he settles into this new role.

“I’m finding it a privilege to begin to develop relationships with alumni and other donors,” he said. “It’s great to hear their stories, to hear their hopes and dreams and thoughts for MTSO.” ✱

Joint D.Min. Program launched

Relationship with Trinity Lutheran Seminary enhances doctoral program

A unique partnership between Methodist Theological School in Ohio and Trinity Lutheran Seminary has produced a Joint Doctor of Ministry Program offering the benefits of both schools' resources.

The joint program is a tangible benefit of the deepening cooperative relationship between MTSO and Trinity, as well as the agreement between the United Methodist Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to enter into full communion. Delegates to the United Methodist General Conference approved full communion in 2008. The ELCA added its approval in 2009.

"The Joint D.Min. Program enhances doctoral education at MTSO by inviting two faculties from different denominationally based theological schools to contribute to broader and deeper study in the practical fields of ministry," said Lisa Withrow, MTSO's Dewire professor of Christian Leadership and director of the Doctor of Ministry Program. "We have learned from accrediting bodies that few programs in the U.S.A. have this level of institutional and denominational collaboration."

The joint program is a direct descendant of the program MTSO developed eight years ago. The D.Min. is a new offering for Trinity. MTSO will house the administration of the joint program. Each de-



"Few programs in the U.S.A. have this level of collaboration" * D.Min. Director Lisa Withrow

gree will be awarded by a single school; an MTSO student will earn an MTSO diploma.

"Our program sets us apart in terms of availability of excellent and diverse resources, and as educational participants in the wider ecumenical agreements between the UMC and the ELCA," Withrow said.

MTSO offers three D.Min. specializations: Leadership for Transformational Change, the Mission and Practice of Preaching, and Pastoral Theology and Care. Classes meet on campus in two intensive sessions a year—one week each in late July and January—for 3½ years. The remainder of the work toward a

D.Min. can be done off-campus. New cohorts of D.Min. students begin studies each July. Applications for the next cohort are due April 20. *

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Mark your calendar | Events in 2011

January 19

January Admissions Open House
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February 9

"Disabilities, Theology and the Church" speaker series

Keynote speaker: Deborah Creamer, author of *Disability and Christian Theology: Embodied Limits and Constructive Possibilities*
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February 16

Faculty Lecture
 "Korean Protestant Christianity: A Missiological Reflection," by Professor Joon-Sik Park
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"Disabilities, Theology and the Church"

Topic: physical disabilities, with Rev. Bob Molsberry, Ohio Conference Minister of the United Church of Christ.

February 21-22

Harding Scholarship Interview Days
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February 23

"Disabilities, Theology and the Church"
 Topic: cognitive and developmental disabilities. Al Herzog will discuss working with people along the autism spectrum, and Rick Hatem will talk about his experience working with the people of the L'Arche Community in Canada.
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March 2

"Disabilities, Theology and the Church"
 Topic: mental illness and the church, with participants including representatives of the Columbus Chapter of the National Association on Mental Illness
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March 4

Student Stories Luncheon
 Scholarship recipients and donors celebrate their partnership in ministry
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March 7-8

Williams Institute
 "Liberating our Future: Social Justice, Praxis, and the Dynamics of Change in the 21st Century," presented by Luis Pedraja,

Window to the future

A campus landmark inspires MTSO's new logo

Guests at MTSO's 50th anniversary celebration in September got a sneak peek at a new logo, which appeared on the school's entrance sign and on souvenir



A fresh look ✧ *The new logo evokes the Alford roundel window*

coffee mugs. The new look will be visible on all MTSO materials from this point forward.

The design process included a review of eight school logos and symbols that have been used to one degree or another over the past five decades. The variety was striking, with a wide variety of colors, images and even school names used.

The new logo design features a colorful icon inspired by the Alford stained-glass roundel window that overlooks the Dickin-

son Courtyard. A slightly shifted cross divider appears in the logo, positioned just as it is in the window. The letters "MTSO" and the full name of the school appear in the Optima Demi Bold font.

As previous logos have, the new logo will coexist with the traditional MTSO school crest, which will continue to appear prominently during commencement and other special school occasions. ✧

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March 30

Annual Lecture in World Religions and Interreligious Dialogue

"Contemplative Life in the Buddhist and Catholic Traditions: Two Nuns Share Their Experiences and Insights," presented by Sr. Judith Sutera, Mount St. Scholastica, and Ven. Yifa, Hsi Lai University
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March 31

Premier Scholarship Interview Day

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April 12

MACM Senior Celebration Dinner

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April 25-May 20

Online course for CEU: Congregational

Song: Music from Around the Globe

Taught by Professor Robin Knowles Wallace, this course will celebrate the diverse ways the global church is praying and praising God through song. Ten hours, one CEU. Tuition is \$100.
rwallace@mtso.edu

Online course for CEU: Faith and the Natural World

Taught by Assistant Professor Tim Van Meter, this course explores contemporary ecological challenges seeking life-affirming responses from faith communities. Ten hours, one CEU. Tuition is \$100.
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May 20

Baccalaureate

May 21

49th Annual Commencement

MTSO in top 20 for multifaith education

Methodist Theological School in Ohio has been recognized as one of America's top 20 seminaries in multi-faith education. The list was released by Auburn Theological Seminary, a center for religious leadership and theological research based in New York City.

Auburn studied 150 schools before publishing its unranked top-20 list of institutions for "Beyond World Religions: The State of Multifaith Education in American Theological Schools," a first-of-its-kind study. The authors cited MTSO's stated commitment to "individual wholeness, social justice, inclusiveness and religious diversity," and recognized Paul Numrich, MTSO's professor of interreligious relations. Numrich recently authored the book *The Faith Next Door: American Christians and Their New Religious Neighbors*, published by Oxford University Press USA.

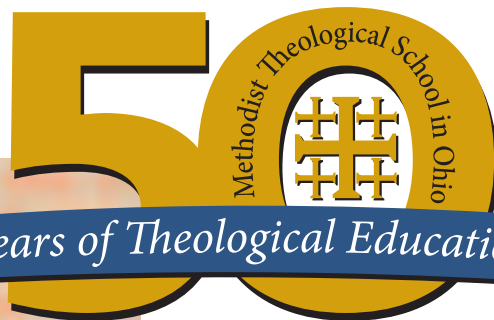
"It's gratifying to receive this recognition," said MTSO President Jay Rundell. "Every day the headlines remind us how much work we all still have to do in understanding and appreciating the world's many great faith traditions. We can't imagine preparing religious leaders without providing the tools to interact knowledgably and respectfully with those who hold different beliefs."

MTSO offers a wide range of courses focusing on non-Christian faiths and interreligious relations, including classes on Islam, Buddhism, Rabbinic literature and Christian-Muslim relations. All M.Div. students complete an immersion experience in a cross-cultural setting; in August, a group of MTSO students and faculty visited Namibia.

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Fifty years and countless smiles

MTSO marks its quinquagenary with a Day of Celebration



Course of Study of Ohio Director Diane Turner-Sharazz embraces Stanya Greathouse ('09)

The winds of change blew through the former “Butler Farm” in Delaware, Ohio, in the autumn of 1960, as Methodist Theological School in Ohio began preparing its first students for ministry on a still-developing hillside campus. The wind was more than a metaphor on Sept. 24, 2010, the breezy day when hundreds of students, alumni, friends, faculty, emeriti and staff gathered to celebrate 50 years of theological education.

Guests swapped stories, laughs and warm embraces as they affirmed the special bond between the school and those who love and support it. No one seemed to mind the tight fit for events inside Dunn Dining Hall, the Alford Centrum and the festival tent in the Dickinson Courtyard. Instead, everyone relished the opportunity to reconnect with the school and the people who have shaped ministries for five decades.

The day began with a noon luncheon honoring the 2010 recipients of the



The Women of MTSO gather on the Werner Hall steps

Relive the day online

Visit www.mtso.edu/anniversary to enjoy the sights and sounds of MTSO’s party. There you’ll find the video presentation that was shown throughout the Day of Celebration, along with videos of the installation of John Kampen in the Van Bogard Dunn Chair of Biblical Interpretation and the evening program that capped the day’s events. Also available are a slideshow and individual high-resolution photos.



Evening program participants fill the Alford Centrum

John and Ruth Mount Alumni Awards for Distinguished Service. As always, John Mount, a steadfast friend of MTSO and chair of the board of trustees from 1963 to 1979, was on hand to help present the awards to this year's four honorees. (See story on page 10.)

After lunch came a variety of **Back to School Activities.** Guests helped lead upside-down tours, recalling the history of campus landmarks; talked with current students about how they're

learning, serving and leading on campus and beyond; observed a demonstration of MTSO's education technology; and caught up with friends over refreshments in Meyer Lounge. At several campus locations, guests watched *Reflections on 50 Years*, a commemorative video featuring recollections on the school and its special role preparing leaders for the church and the world.

In mid-afternoon, faculty and emeriti processed in full academic regalia, setting the tone for installation of former MTSO Academic Dean John Kampen into the

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President Jay Rundell, student Diana Wetzell, Emeritus Academic Dean Bob Tannehill and Professor Diane Lobody at the evening program

Donors assure permanence of Van Bogard Dunn Chair

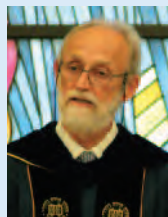
There was plenty to celebrate on Sept. 24, but for many guests with an abiding appreciation for the history and formation of MTSO, the installation of former Academic Dean John Kampen into the Van Bogard Dunn Chair in Biblical Interpretation held special significance.

Shortly after the ceremony began, President Jay Rundell shared the news a good number of those gathered had waited years to hear.

"After decades of faithful efforts—successful efforts—to fund this chair, yet one more effort has been made," Rundell said.



*"A distinct honor" * Dunn (left) and Kampen*



recognition of a final appeal that raised more than \$130,000 in cash and pledges this year.

Sadly, Kampen's installation into the Dunn Chair came four months after the death of Dunn's widow, Gerry, who was

"And it is my privilege to announce that the Van Bogard Dunn Chair in Biblical Interpretation is a permanent fixture in the life of Methodist Theological School in Ohio."

The MTSO Board of Trustees declared the chair permanent in

beloved for her gracious hospitality to countless MTSO students. Fortunately, Rundell said, Gerry Dunn was aware of the upcoming installation and the early success of the effort to make the chair permanent.

In his faculty lecture, Kampen said, "I am being installed in a chair named for the person who had perhaps the most influence in determining the character of the institution we presently know.... It is a distinct honor to continue my work at MTSO hopefully honoring the name of Van Bogard Dunn, made possible by the support of so many alumni, faculty emeriti and others who share a passionate belief in the academic mission and work of this school." *



Susan Dunn, Walter Hays ('63) and Trustees Vice Chair David Wilcox ('73) after the Dunn Chair installation



Assistant Professor Tim Van Meter, Trustees Chair Maggie Jackson and Trustees Vice Chair David Wilcox ('73)

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Van Bogard Dunn Chair in Biblical Interpretation, named for the legendary founding dean of MTSO. Dunn's daughter, Susan Dunn, spoke on his family's behalf. (See story on page 9.) Bishop C. Joseph Sprague (M.Div. '65) and Professor Emeritus Ethel Johnson also shared remarks. Upon his installation, Kampen delivered a lec-

ture, "Living with a Chastened Text." Video of all speakers can be viewed at www.mtso.edu/anniversary.

In honor of Kampen, whose love of jazz is well known, the Mark Flugge Quartet serenaded diners during a **barbecue dinner** in the Dickinson Courtyard. A brief shower did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of **"The Women of MTSO,"** who gathered on the

Four alums honored with Mount Awards

Fittingly, the MTSO community began the celebration of its 50th anniversary with a luncheon honoring alumni whose lives and work are the embodiment of service and leadership. This year, which marked the 20th anniversary of the John and Ruth Mount Alumni Awards for Distinguished Service, four recipients were honored.

Adreana Tartt **Distinguished Service** **in Specialized Ministry**

Adreana Tartt is the central regional coordinator for the Division of Treatment and Recovery within the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services. Her region covers 12 Central Ohio counties.

A U.S. Marine Corps veteran and MTSO's first Huntington Scholar, Tartt earned her Master of Arts in Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Ministry degree in 1993.

She has worked in the field of clinical services for over 20 years, working in such areas as corrections, adolescent treatment and addiction therapy. In 1998, she joined Volunteers of America, where she was instrumental in shifting the agency from an exclusively homeless provider system to a model of treatment and recovery, sober housing, and employment for chemically dependent homeless men.

Those who know Tartt best praise her deep commitment to collaborative systems that continue to provide quality programming for the citizens of Ohio.

Rev. Karen L. Wolcott **Distinguished Service** **in Specialized Ministry**

This honor follows Karen Wolcott's selection as Chaplain of the Year by the United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries in 2005. She serves

as chaplain and pastor at Berea Children's Home and Family Services, ministering to a staff of more than 800 employees and the thousands of children and families who are served by the agency.

A Licensed Social Worker, Wolcott graduated from MTSO with a Master of Divinity degree in 1993. She has served congregations in Willoughby and North Royalton, Ohio.

Wolcott is a member of the Association of Chaplains for Youth at Risk. Among the staff and families associated with the Berea Children's Home and Family Services, she is known as an outstanding and compassionate leader.

Dr. Steven A. Harsh **Distinguished Service to MTSO**

Steve Harsh has excelled in so many ministry settings since earning his M.Div. degree in 1971 that he could have been

steps of Werner Hall for a multi-generation photo. The umbrellas that popped up just added a touch of color.

A remarkable day came to a fitting close with the **Evening Program**. The Alford Centrum reverberated with the sounds of rousing hymns, uplifting speeches and appreciative applause. President Jay Rundell's welcome was followed by an invocation and greeting by Emeritus President Norman E. "Ned" Dewire, and a greeting from Maggie Jackson, chair of the MTSO Board of Trustees. Howard Preston (M.Div. '63) and current student Laura Pressley led the Quinquagenary Litany.

Judith Craig, MTSO bishop in residence, offered reflections on the church and academy; Professor Diane Lobody shared a historical perspective; and Emeritus Academic Dean Robert Tannehill spoke on the academic character of the seminary. With the singing of *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*, the Day of Celebration came to a fitting end. ✱



Emeritus Trustee John Mount and Grayson Atha ('63)



Student Nicole Henderson and Julia Corbett Hemeyer ('74)



Emeritus Academic Dean Kempton Hewitt, Lynn Robinson and Emeritus Professor Ethel Johnson



Fern Albertson and Bishop in Residence Judith Craig

nominated in any of the Mount Award's three service categories. He has served seven churches in local church ministry, including his current part-time service as associate pastor of Jerome UMC.

Harsh has been recognized as a dynamic and effective preacher and teacher, and his passions include social justice, drama, short-story writing. Since 2008, he has been a member of the Sage-ing Guild, a professional organization dedicated to creating a more positive paradigm of aging that emphasizes harvesting life wisdom and creating a just and peaceful legacy.

A well-respected teacher at MTSO, Harsh has advanced the work of the school in many capacities, including his directorship of the the Doctor of Ministry program and the the Interprofessional Commission of Ohio.



"The success of an educational institution is demonstrated through the work of its alumni" ✱
Steve Harsh ('71), John Mount, Karen Wolcott ('93), Adreana Tartt ('93) and Sondra Willobee ('82)

Rev. Sondra B. Willobee **Distinguished Service** **in Parish Ministry**

It's fitting that the first award Sondra Willobee received from MTSO was a collection of 66 books: the Gindlesperger Bible Award, presented in 1982, when she earned her Master of Divinity degree. Willobee's contributions to parish ministry

begin with her work as a senior pastor of First UMC in South Lyon, Mich., and extend to her impressive body of work as a writer.

She has had more than 150 articles, poems, book reviews and stories published. Her most recent book, *The Write Stuff: Crafting Sermons That Capture and Convince*, was published in 2009.

Willobee has also shared her homiletical wisdom on the MTSO campus, where she has taught within the Course of Study School of Ohio and as an adjunct professor.

The Mount Alumni Awards for Distinguished Service, first presented in 1990, were made possible by the generosity of John Mount and his late wife Ruth. In noting John Mount's presence at the luncheon, President Jay Rundell said, "This afternoon we celebrate our alumni because of his—and our—belief that the success of an educational institution is demonstrated through the work of its alumni." ✱

Alum news

If you're an alum or former faculty or staff member of Methesco and have news to share about your ministry or personal milestones, please submit it via the link at www.mtso.edu/alumni. If you don't have an Internet connection, you may mail your news to us at Alum News, MTSO, 3081 Columbus Pike, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

1969

Joseph Beavon has retired from Andrew Price Memorial United Methodist Church in Donelson, Tenn. (near Nashville), and is now employed part-time as a tour guide on the Delta Riverboats at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. beavon2@yahoo.com

1972

Kenneth South is continuing his work of 30 years in HIV/AIDS with his efforts with the American Academy of HIV Medicine, a membership association of HIV care professionals. He also continues working with GLBT seniors and their organizations and enjoys being president of the local chapter of Prime Timers, a national social club for senior gay men. southy22@yahoo.com

1974

John Campbell has returned with his wife, Bonnie, to the Baltimore-Washington Conference for appointments after spending the last three years as a Missionary DS in Lithuania. revjohncampbell@gmail.com

1975

Geoff Piper recently became director of bereavement services at Mountain View Funeral Home in Lakewood, Wash. gapiper@juno.com

1976

Frances Truitt and **Robert H. Bonthius** recently moved into the Westminster Thurber Retirement Community in Columbus after living 30 years in Maine. Co-founders of the international organization Witness for Peace, they stay engaged in current issues through reading and active participation in their local community. fruits2@columbus.rr.com

1979

Eileen Deming has retired and moved into "the first home I've ever owned—a condo outside of Albany, N.Y.!" ewd48@aol.com

1980

Al Hammer served 13 years at Glen Mar United Methodist Church in The Baltimore-Washington Conference and while there planned and carried out a total project for relocating and building a brand new 53,000-square-foot facility on 22 acres for this growing congregation. On May 15, Al began as chief operating officer of Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. AHammer@FoundryUMC.org

Sylvia Howe retired in 2008 and is enjoying being "an ordinary parishioner."

1983

Anita Rayburn recently retired and is "having a wonderful time with family and friends." arayburn@neo.rr.com

1985

Richard Thewlis and his wife, Jill, celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary. Richard is a full elder in the East Ohio Conference, serving Bunker Hill UMC in the Mahoning Valley District, and is an adjunct professor in Religious Studies at Hiram College. "I would love to hear from anyone from the old days."

richt777@sbcglobal.net

1988

Betty Howard passed the Ohio Marriage and Family Counseling Board's National Counseling Examination and became licensed as a professional counselor by the State of Ohio Counseling, Social Work, Marriage and Family Board on May 11.

1999

Kirk Jeffery has earned his Doctor of Ministry degree from Drew University in May 2010 in the area of postmodern ecclesiology. kirkjeffery@gmail.com

2000

Lynda McClanahan serves as a music soloist and choir director at Unity East Church of Pickerington and as a soloist at Unity in Community Church of Delaware, Ohio. She also appears as a yoga philosophy workshop presenter at various Unity churches. In 2009, she secured showings of her paintings at several galleries and will be showing her latest painting, *In Love With the World*, as part of the American Interfaith Artists' Group's first regional art exhibition, "Variations in the Key of Interfaith."

knepp4350@aol.com

2003

Ben and Karen Carter-Allen welcomed their first child into the world with the birth of David Kenneth Carter-Allen on Feb. 27, 2009. Ben is serving Woodward UMC in Woodward, Iowa. Karen has her own business, Needling God, making stoles, banners and paraments. karen@mudtoes.com

2004

Alana Kelley has served as Pastor of Magyar United Church of Christ in Elyria, Ohio, for the past four years. alana.k227@gmail.com

Chiyona Bourne has moved from Southern Indiana to Indianapolis and now serves in a dual appointment as director of youth ministry at Epworth UMC and pre-K teacher at Lawrence UMC, both in the Indianapolis East District. qt4kiwilove@netzero.net

2005

Fred Caldwell was ordained by the Christian Church in Florida (Disciples of Christ) on May 17, 2009, at First Christian Church

in Jacksonville. He continues to work as a chaplain at Wolfson Children's Hospital in Jacksonville. fred.caldwell@bmcjax.com

2006

Gini Lohmann Bauman has joined the staff of Church World Service as Ohio field director. She will be directing faith-based organizing and advocacy efforts around immigration reform and other justice issues. vlb@windstream.net

Nancy Blakeslee was ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in June 2008. nblakeslee@columbus.rr.com

Ellen Sims is church planter/pastor of Open Table: A Community of Faith, a new ministry of the United Church of Christ in Mobile, Ala., the first UCC congregation in southern Alabama www.opentablechurch.wordpress.com ellen.opentable@gmail.com

Donna Woker is staying at home to provide full-time care for her new grandson. She is available for consultation, speaking engagements and workshops about grieving children. donnawoker@aol.com

2007

Laura Young is in a special appointment beyond the local church to Children's Defense Fund, a national nonprofit child advocacy organization. Laura's primary task is expanding a summer academic enrichment and self-empowerment program called Freedom Schools, which is for all children but targets children in poverty and low-income families. The new Freedom Schools movement was inspired by the original Freedom Schools. Operating in the mid-1960s during the Civil Rights Movement, they sought to educate and empower African-Americans who were working for equality and justice. Laura is a senior organizer in the Columbus office. revlaurajyoung@yahoo.com

Lenore Robinson was recently featured in an article in the East Ohio Conference publication *Joining Hands*. The magazine is about health and wellness. She serves as the chair of the Health and Welfare Committee for the East Ohio Conference. lenore22@sbcglobal.net

Ris Hanifan and Donovan Shawn Hanifan were united in Christian marriage on Sept. 26, 2009, in Queens, W.Va. risehanifan@gmail.com

2008

Nancy Duffee is a practicing clinical counselor in Westerville and teaching at Central Ohio Technical College in the chemical dependency and social work programs. lduffee@columbus.rr.com

2009

Steven Brown has started a new job serving Saint Andrew UMC in Saint Albans, W.Va., as the director of education. stevebrown10@verizon.net ✱



New alums ✱ *The class of 2010 was all smiles after commencement May 22*

Beyond the classroom

Faculty activities 2009-2010



Paul Burnam
Director of the John W.
Dickhaut Library

Academic lectures and presentations

“Managing Serial Subscriptions,” panel discussion member, American Theological Library Association annual conference in Louisville, Ky., June 19, 2010.



Patrick Clayborn
Instructor of Homiletics

Publications

“Doin’ Worship: From the Perspective of Musical Leadership” (co-authored with T. J. Martin II) in *Doing Church: A Practical Guide by Those Who Do It...*, Vol. 1, ed. William D. Watley (Newark, N.J.: New Seasons Press, 2010).

“Preaching as an Act of Spirit: The Homiletical Theory of Howard Thurman” in *Homiletic*, Vol. 35, No. 1, June 2010.

Academic lectures and presentations

“The Black Church Is an Agent of Faith,” guest preacher, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, for the Black Church Studies Prospective Student Program, Oct. 27, 2009.

“Preaching as an Act of Spirit: The Homiletical Theory of Howard Thurman,” paper presented at the Academy of Homiletics, Dec. 4, 2009.

“Sing Your Song,” sermon, MTSO chapel, Feb. 9, 2010.

“The Place of Homiletics Within Theological Education,” lecture, Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, June 29, 2010.

Meetings

Academy of Homiletics in Washington, D.C., Dec. 3-5, 2009.

Committee of Race and Ethnicity, Association of Theological Schools, Pittsburgh, Pa. Worked in focus groups with the dean and president of MTSO to develop and present an initiative to make the culture and curriculum of the school more racially diverse, March 19-21, 2010.

Undergraduate Fellowship Selection Committee, Atlanta, Ga. Selected certain undergraduate applicants who expressed a call to Christian ministry for fellowships given by the Fund for Theological Education, April 2010.

FTE Alumni Mentoring Workshop, Fund for Theological Education, Atlanta, Ga. Participated in a consultation that invites emerging scholars to explore with senior faculty the habits, practices and strategies that constitute good mentoring, June 1-2, 2010.

Church and popular lectures

“The Right Request,” “Making Revival,” “An Etude on Faith,” “Fire Keepers,” “Transformed, Transforming,” “Overcoming the Weeds,” and “Why Rejoice?” sermons, chaplain of the week, Lakeside Chautauqua in Lakeside, Ohio, July 19-24, 2009.

“An Etude on Faith,” sermon, St. James AME Church, Newark, N.J., July 29, 2009.

“There Is a River,” “Breaking the Cycle of Ruts,” “Overcoming the Weeds,” and “Getting Through the Ring of Death,” sermons, revival for St. Mark AME Church, Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 2-5, 2009.

“The Dilemma of Ministry,” sermon, St. Paul AME Church, Columbus, Jan. 17, 2010.

“Diverse World—Common Goal: The Dilemma of Ministry,” Speaker for the Delaware, Ohio, MLK Breakfast, Jan. 18, 2010.

“Overcoming the Crisis of Ministry,” sermon, St. James AME Church, Newark, N.J., Jan. 30, 2010.

“From Worship to Witness,” address for the Mid-Year Conference and Theological Institute, 7th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Florence, S.C., March 5, 2010.

“Preaching for Transformation at Easter,” address for the Christian Church of Ohio (Disciples of Christ) Pastors’ Retreat, Marysville, March 22, 2010.

“Don’t Settle: Make It Happen for You,” sermon for the Young People’s Department annual retreat, 7th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Columbia, S.C., March 26, 2010.

“Don’t Settle: Make It Happen for You,” Sermon, 2nd Baptist Church, Circleville, March 28, 2010.

“Who Ya Wit? Reppin’ Jesus Christ in Cyberspace,” workshop for Young People’s Department of DuPage AME Church, Lisle, Ill., April 24, 2010.

Litchfield named academic dean

Randy Litchfield was appointed academic dean by the MTSO Board of Trustees Oct. 29, after serving one year as interim academic dean.

Litchfield came to MTSO in 2001 and has served as professor in the Browning Chair of Christian Education. As a faculty member, he has played a leadership role in the areas



Litchfield

of educational technology and assessment of student learning.

Litchfield earned his Ph.D. from the School of Theology at Claremont. He also holds a Master of Religious Education degree from Anderson University School of Theology and a B.S. from General Motors Institute. ✨

“Overcoming the Crisis of Ministry,” sermon for Annual Young People’s Department Day, DuPage AME Church, Lisle, Ill., April 25, 2010.

“Reflections on Hope: Roads to Reconciliation,” sermon, MTSO chapel, April 27, 2010.

“Don’t Settle: Make It Happen for You,” sermon for Pastoral Installation Kickoff, Shiloh Baptist Church, Cleveland, May 23, 2010.

“The Ministry of the Spirit” and “Facing the Red Sea,” sermons, St. Paul AME Church, Columbus, June 13, 2010.

“Moving Beyond One’s Self to Do Ministry: A Workshop for Pastors,” seminar for pastors in the Springfield/Xenia District AME Church School Convention, Wilberforce University, Xenia, June 18, 2010.

“Faith vs. Fear,” seminar for young adults, Vacation Bible School, St. Paul AME Church, Columbus, June 24, 2010.

“Faith: What’s Love Got to Do with It?” seminar for young adults, Vacation Bible School, St. Paul AME Church, Columbus, June 25, 2010.



Jeff Jaynes
Professor in the Warner
Chair of Church History

Publications

Book review: Hans Mol, *Calvin for the Third Millennium*, in *Review of Religious Research*, Winter 2010.

Book review: Margaret Schuchard, ed., *Bernard Varenius (1622-1650)*, *Brill’s Studies in Intellectual History*, 159, for *H-German*, July 29, 2009.

Academic lectures and presentations

“Mapping Religious Diatribe: *La Mappede-Monde Nouvelle Papistique* (1566),” International Sixteenth Century Studies and Calvin Studies Conference, May 2009.

“Mapping Religious Hostilities: The Carta Marina of Martin Waldseemüller in Context,” International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Mich., May 2009.

Church and popular lectures

“Celebrating the 500-Year Anniversary of John Calvin’s Birth,” Overbrook Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Nov. 11, 2009.

“Christmas Throughout the Ages: Historical Perspectives on Christmas Traditions,” Covenant Presbyterian Church, Upper Arlington, Dec. 6 and 13, 2009.

“When the Heavens Open” sermon at St John’s Evangelical Church, Columbus, Jan. 10, 2010.



John Kampen
Professor in the Dunn
Chair of Biblical
Interpretation

Academic lectures and presentations

“Jewish Sectarianism in the Galilee: The Gospel of Matthew,” Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem, April 15, 2010.

Awards and appointments

Founders Medallion from Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati, June 6, 2010.

Appointed a member of the Racial Healing Task Force of Mennonite Church USA.



Paul Kim
Professor of Hebrew
Bible in the Williams
Chair of Biblical Studies

Publications

“Achbor, Aharah, Ahira, Ahisamach, Anah, Asharelah, Assir, Asiel,” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (ed. Hermann Spieckermann et al.; Walter de Gruyter, 2009).

The Desert Will Bloom: Poetic Visions in Isaiah, co-edited with A. Joseph Everson (SBL Ancient Israel and Its Literature 4; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2009).

“The Spider-Poet: Signs and Symbols in Isaiah 41,” in *The Desert Will Bloom: Poetic Visions in Isaiah*, ed. A. Joseph Everson and Hyun Chul Paul Kim (SBLAIL 4; Society of Biblical Literature, 2009), pp. 159-179.

Academic Lectures and Presentations

“Feminist Form Criticism,” Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Rome, Italy, July 2, 2009.

“An Egyptian-Israelite-Persian Obama: Reading the Joseph Story as a Diaspora Story,” MTSO Faculty Lecture, Feb. 24, 2010.

Meetings

Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 2009.

Church and popular lectures

Workshop presentation of the Cross-cultural Immersion Trip to Korea/Japan, with a student participant, at Kilbourne UMC, Dec. 12, 2009.

Three-week workshop on Isaiah for Lent at Overbrook Presbyterian Church, February-March 2010.



Sarah Lancaster
Professor in the Werner
Chair of Theology

Publications

“Scripture and Revelation,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Methodist Studies*, ed. William J. Abraham and James E. Kirby (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009), pp. 489-504.

“Current Debates over Wesley’s Legacy Among His Progeny,” in *The Cambridge Companion to John Wesley*, ed. by Randy L. Maddox and Jason E. Vickers (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009), pp. 286-303.

“Table Grace: Communion Distinctions in the Lutheran and Methodist Traditions,” with Cheryl Peterson, *Sacramental Life*, 22:1 (Winter 2010), pp. 22-30.

Academic lectures and presentations

“Secularism,” Theological Consortium of Greater Columbus, Columbus, Jan. 19, 2010.

Response to Ed Wimberly, Williams Institute, MTSO, March 9, 2010.

Meetings

Representative of UMC at the ELCA Church-wide Assembly for the vote on full communion between the ELCA and the UMC, Minneapolis, Aug. 18-20, 2009.

World Methodist Council Executive Committee meeting, Santiago, Chile, Sept. 20-24, 2009.

WCC Faith and Order Plenary Commission meeting, Kolympari, Crete, Greece, Oct. 7-13, 2009.

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Meeting with WCC Faith and Order co-moderators, Geneva, Switzerland, March 3-4, 2010.

WCC Faith and Order Standing Commission meeting, Etchmiadzin, Armenia, June 20-25, 2010.

Church and popular lectures

Bible study on the Epistle to the Romans, Church of the Messiah, Westerville, Jan. 3-May 23, 2010.

“United Methodist Beliefs,” confirmation class, Church of the Messiah, Westerville, April 18, 2010.

Presentation on “Covenant” to West Ohio Response Team, Worthington, April 18, 2010.

“United Methodist Heritage,” confirmation class, Church of the Messiah, Westerville, May 2, 2010.



Vergel Lattimore
Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling in the Beeghly Chair of Pastoral Care

Academic lectures and presentations

“Faith, Freedom, and Fallen Heroes: Forces of Reverence,” keynote speaker. Interfaith Observance, VA Medical Center, Coatesville, Pa., Nov. 10, 2009.

Awards and appointments

Selected to *Who’s Who in Black Columbus* (7th Edition, August 2009).

Elected as Director-at-Large to the Board of Directors of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, March 15, 2010.

Meetings

“Using Supervision to Process Ethical Issues,” workshop, Aug. 19, 2009.

Participated in the Mid-Atlantic I Holy Conclave Ordination Service, First A.M.E. Zion Church, Columbus, Sept. 10, 2009.

Attended the Seventh Annual Scioto Educational Foundation Dialogue Dinner Program, Columbus, Sept. 17, 2009.

“The Real Self: Psychotherapy with the Borderline Adult,” workshop, Oct. 2, 2009.

“Defensive Ethics” workshop, October 16, 2009.

“Cultural Competence in a Diverse World: Replacing White Privilege with God’s Promise,” workshop, East Ohio Conference of the UMC Committee on Religion and Race, Montrose, Nov. 14, 2009.

Attended the Community Achievement Luncheon 2009, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Columbus, Dec. 5, 2009.

Attended the State of Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Black History Luncheon, Ohio Statehouse, Columbus, Feb. 9, 2010.

Served as table talk facilitator, AAPC Annual Conference, Indianapolis, Ind., April 2010.

Attended workshops, American Association of Pastoral Counselors Annual Conference, “Narrative Therapy,” “Spiritual Solutions to Anxiety & Panic Disorder,” and “Working with Low-Income, High Behavioral Needs Clients,” April 16, 2010.

Attended “Engaging Ministry with the Poor: Poverty and Immigration Service” and “Engaging Ministry with the Poor: Poverty and Race,” May 2, 2010.

Attended Niagara Foundation Luncheon, “Ohio and the Economy: The Road to Recovery,” Columbus, June 17, 2010.

Participated in Pastoral Care Advisory Committee meeting, Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Columbus, June 17, 2010.

Church and popular lectures

“Get Up and Turn On the Lights,” sermon, First A.M.E. Zion Church, Columbus, July 26, 2009.

“Figs, Faith, and Folks,” sermon, Locks Creek A.M.E. Zion Church, Fayetteville, N.C., Aug. 9, 2009.

“Hide and Seek: When Jesus Knows Your Name,” sermon, First A.M.E. Zion Church, Columbus, Nov. 8, 2009.

“Nearsighted Love,” sermon, First A.M.E. Zion Church, Columbus, Feb. 7, 2010.

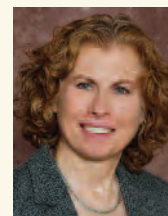
“Maximizing Your S.E.T. (Space, Energy & Time),” sermon, Bellefonte Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, N.C., June 6, 2010.

“Avoiding Weariness When Waiting on God,” sermon, St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church, Dayton, June 20, 2010.

Participated in the Ohio Annual Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Church by serving as chair and author of the 2010 State of the Country Committee Report, Cincinnati, June 24, 2010.

“The Work of Ministry: Bold, Balanced, and Beneficial,” speech, “Self-Care/Pastoral Care,”

workshop, Bishop’s Retreat with Black Clergy, East Ohio Conference, United Methodist Church, Newberry, Feb. 7-8, 2010.



Linda Mercadante
Professor of Theology in the Straker Chair of Historical Theology

Publications

“Religious and Theological Roots of Alcoholics Anonymous,” Vol. 1, *The Praeger International Collection on Addictions*, Praeger Perspectives on Abnormal Psych., 2009.

“Minister Launches SBNR site: Interview,” *The Christian Post*, April 2009.

“Life After L’Abri,” *The Christian Century*, Sept. 22, 2009.

Academic lectures and presentations

“Our Next Project,” Workgroup on Constructive Theology, Spring 2009

“What is Conversion: Planning Future Sessions,” Religious Conversions Program Unit, American Academy of Religion, Montreal, November 2009.

“Library Month,” faculty research talk, MTSO, October 2009.

Tribute to Jeff Hopper, Schooler Institute on Preaching, MTSO, October 2009.

Worship Leader, faculty retreat, August 2009.

Meetings

Workgroup on Constructive Theology, Spring 2009.

Peace Chair Initiative, Ecumenical Faith Task Force, Ohio State University, Summer 2009.

Theologian-in-Residence, First UMC, Boulder, Colo., Summer 2009.

Interfaith Association of Central Ohio, Annual Luncheon, August 2009.

Workgroup on Constructive Theology, Spring 2009.

Church and popular lectures

“Writing Your Spiritual Memoir,” Writer’s Bloc at Thurbur House, Columbus, Spring 2009.

“Reaching the ‘Spiritual but not Religious,’” Interfaith Series, Worthington UMC, Spring 2009.

“Helping Presbyterians Understand the SBNR

Movement,” First Presbyterian Church, Boulder, Colo., Summer 2009.

“Learning from the SBNRs,” retreat, First UMC, Boulder, Colo., Summer 2009.

“A Non-Violent Atonement,” two-part Bible study, Mennonite National Conference, July 2009.

“Theology and Context in the SBNR Movement,” First Community Church staff retreat: Camp Akita, Logan, October 2009.

“Welcoming the SBNRs,” First Community Church, Columbus, October 2009.

“Youth, Spirituality and Belief,” Ohio Campus Ministries Association, May 2010.



Paul Numrich
Associate Professor in
the Snowden Chair for
the Study of Religion
and Interreligious
Relations

Publications

The Faith Next Door: American Christians and Their New Religious Neighbors (New York: Oxford University Press, 2009).

Academic lectures and presentations

Organized and presented at session of Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies, American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Montreal.

Reviews

Reviewed manuscript for *Social Forces* journal.

Reviewed project proposal for United States Institute of Peace.

Meetings

Ramadan Iftar Dinner sponsored by Scioto Educational Foundation and Students for Dialogue (OSU), Columbus.

Interfaith Association of Central Ohio open house at Masjid Al-Urooj, Dublin, Ohio.

Church of the Brethren Ministerial Ethics Training, Peoria, Ill.

Met with representative of OhioHealth regarding local religious diversity and implications for health care.

Attended 2010 Annual Abrahamic Faiths Dinner sponsored by Scioto Educational Foundation (a Muslim organization).

Awards and appointments

Appointed to editorial board of *Journal of Global Buddhism*.

Scioto Educational Foundation Award for Excellence in Dialogue, Academic Institutions category, at 7th Annual Dialogue Dinner, Columbus.

Church and popular lectures

Led two Saturday workshops for West Ohio Conference Lay Academy, Huber Heights.



Fulgence Nyengele
Professor of Pastoral
Care and Counseling in
the Chryst Chair in
Pastoral Theology

Academic lectures and presentations

“Soul Care as Public Care and Public Theology: A Response to Dr. Edward Wimberly’s Lecture ‘Calling for a New Economics of Hope: Wesley’s Public Theology,’” 2010 Williams Institute, MTSO, March 9, 2010.

“Reframing Cultural Competence in Ministry: Pastoral Leadership as Ascetic Witness,” Black Theologian Day, East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church, May 10, 2010, Warrensville.

Meetings

Committee on Faith and Order of the United Methodist Church, Lake Junaluska N.C., Oct. 29-31, 2009.

Society for Pastoral Theology Annual Study Conference, Chicago, Ill. Study Theme: “Brain Science and Spirituality in Pastoral Theology.” June 17-19, 2010.

Church and popular lectures

“Good Religion,” sermon at Asbury North UMC, Columbus, Aug. 23, 2009.

“How Should We Live in Light of Easter’s God?” Easter sermon, Asbury North UMC, Columbus, Ohio, April, 4, 2010.

“Rejoice Always,” sermon, Revival Ministries International, Columbus, June 6, 2010.

“The Meaning of Worshipping God with Our Whole Being,” summer adult study, Asbury North UMC, Columbus, June 21-25, 2010.



Timothy Van Meter
Assistant Professor in
the Alford Chair of
Christian Education and
Youth Ministry

Publications

“Living in the Delight of Creation: Youth Ministry and Practices in Ecological Theology,” *Journal of Youth and Theology*; Vol. 8, No. 2, November 2009.

Academic lectures and presentations

“Living in the Delight of Creation,” lecture at Youthworker training event, April 28, 2010.

Church and popular lectures

Presentation on ecological life in the church at Meridian UMC, October 2009.



Robin Knowles Wallace
Professor in the Taylor
Chair of Church Worship
and Music

Publications

Series on the liturgical year for Capitol North Ideas Newsletter (United Methodist Church, West Ohio Conference): “September—Ordinary Time: God’s Time,” Aug. 30, 2009; “October-November—World Communion, All Saints’ Sunday, and the Reign of Christ Sunday,” Sept. 30, 2009; “The Rough Road to Christmas: Advent 2009, Lectionary Year C,” Oct. 30, 2009.

Sourcebook of Worship Resources 5, Stan Purdum, ed. Canton, Ohio: Communication Resources, 2009. Contributed various weekly worship resources plus services for Blue Christmas, missions, covenant, and Taizé.

Brief reviews in *The Hymn* 61:2 (Spring 2010), *Sweet Honey and Hard Places: Prayer Services Based on the Psalms*, Wild Goose Resources Group, Glasgow, 2005; and *Hymns for the Revised Common Lectionary 2010*, compiled by Dean B. McIntyre, Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2009.

Received acceptance of manuscript for *The Christian Year: Guide for Worship and Preaching* by Abingdon Press.

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Academic lectures and Presentations

“Jesus, United by thy Grace’: Wesleyan Hymn Singing as a Communal Spiritual Practice,” Charles Wesley Society, St. Simon’s Island, Ga., Oct. 3, 2009.

“Worshiping in Small Membership Churches,” Mission and Evangelism Institute, MTSO, March 16, 2010.

Reviews

Review of *Touch the Earth Lightly: Hymns 2003-2008*, by Shirley Erena Murray. Foreword by Brian A. Wren. Carol Stream, Ill.: Hope Publishing, 2008. In *The Hymn* 60:3, Summer 2009, p. 47.

Review of *Inclusive Yet Discerning: Navigating Worship Artfully*, by Frank Burch Brown. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2009. In *The Hymn* 60:4, Autumn 2009.

Review of *Happylujah! Songs and Activities for Children Ages 4-6*, by Debi Tyree and Joan Walker. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2007. In *The Hymn* 60:4, Autumn 2009.

Meetings

Calvin Seminar in Christian Scholarship: “Taste and See: How to Teach for Depth in Worship,” Grand Rapids, Mich., July 13-24, 2009.

Discussion leader, Schooler Institute on Preaching, MTSO, Oct. 12-13, 2009.

Charles Wesley Society, St. Simon’s Island, Ga., Oct. 2-4, 2009.

United Methodist and United Church of Christ pre-meetings, Jan. 7, 2010.

Liturgical Music Seminar, North American Academy of Liturgy, Milwaukee, Jan. 8-10, 2010.

Led Taizé service, served on general planning committee, helped plan second worship service and line up all musicians, Annual Gathering, Ohio Conference, UCC, at Heidelberg College in Tiffin, June 11-12, 2010.

Church and popular lectures

Consultant and preacher, Up River Friends Meeting (Quaker), North Carolina, July 4-12, 2009.

Ohio Annual Conference Worship Planning Committee event on July 25, 2009.

Licensed by the Central Southeast Ohio Association, Ohio Conference of the United Church of Christ, appointed to Methodist Theological School in Ohio, June 18, 2009; recog-

nized in MTSO chapel service, Oct. 28, 2009.

“Exploring *Sing! Prayer and Praise*: Singing the New UCC Praise Music Resource,” led with John Carter, Central Southeast Ohio Association, United Church of Christ, Oct. 31, 2009.

Sermon, St. John’s UCC, Dunkirk, N.Y., Nov. 15, 2009.

“Integrity in Worship: Involving the Arts,” St. John’s UCC, Dunkirk, N.Y., Nov. 14, 2009; part of Worship Renewal Grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship/Lilly Endowment; open to area churches.

Planned worship service for Mission and Evangelism Institute, March 17, 2010.



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Meetings

Participant, Study Group for Cross-Cultural Theological Education and Formation for Ministry on a five-member national study team, Wabash Grant, 2009-10.

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Participant in a Study Group on Spirituality, Wabash Grant, June 2010.

Participant in a Study Group for Cross-Cultural Theological Education and Formation for Ministry, Wabash Grant, 2008-present.

Awards and appointments

Wabash Mid-Career Faculty Colloquy Grant.

Church and popular lectures

“Living the Good News Abundantly,” sermon for stewardship program, Easton Community UMC, Feb. 14, 2010.

“Extraordinary in the Ordinary,” sermon for Ash Wednesday, Asbury UMC, Delaware, Ohio, Feb. 17, 2010.

“Stewardship and Visioning: Two Parts,” Easton Community UMC, Feb. 28-March 7, 2010.

Conflict and Healing Seminar, Calvary UMC, March 6, 2010.

Conflict Transformation Seminar, Otterbein UMC, April 10, 2010.

“Complex Bridges,” sermon, Otterbein UMC, May 2, 2010.

“Leadership for the Future” two seminars, Mahoning Valley Leadership Training, May 2, 2010.



Yvonne Zimmerman
Assistant Professor of
Christian Ethics

Publications

“From Bush to Obama: Rethinking Sex and Religion in the United States’ Initiative to Combat Human Trafficking,” *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 26(1) Spring 2010, pp. 79-99.

Academic lectures and presentations

Lectures, Schooler Institute on Preaching, MTSO, October 2009.

Meetings

American Academy of Religion annual meeting, November 2009.

Church and popular lectures

“The Way to Be Radical” MTSO Senior Breakfast, May 22, 2010.

“What is a Christian Sexual Ethics for Today? An Introductory Seminar,” First Community Church, Columbus, June 23, 2010. ✱

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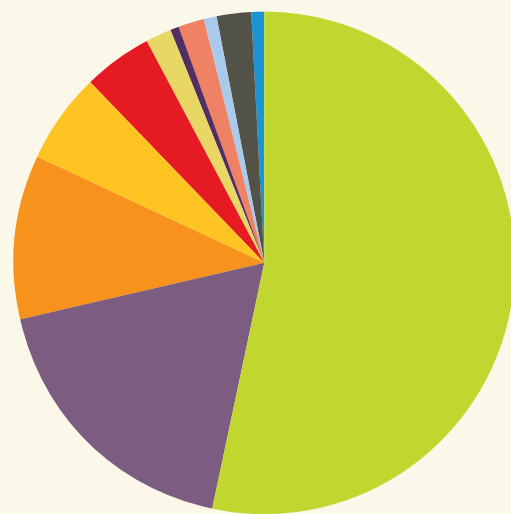
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	Revenues	Percent of total
Tuition and fees	\$2,350,081	37.9%
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Auxiliary	\$793,385	12.8%
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Restricted gifts	\$282,841	4.6%
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Student aid gifts	\$52,032	0.8%
Total revenues	\$6,203,152	100%

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	Expenditures	Percent of total
Compensation	\$3,296,424	53.5%
Financial aid	\$1,111,175	18.0%
Auxiliary enterprises	\$650,420	10.6%
Plant maintenance	\$355,086	5.8%
General administration	\$276,100	4.5%
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