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**PROGRAM UPDATE**

**2003 Meeting Theme**

***Embracing the Past, Envisioning the Future:  
Religious Education in an Age of Transition***

November 7-9, 2003

Chicago, Illinois

A joint meeting of the Religious Education Association (REA) and APRRE celebrating the REA's centennial anniversary

In this time of world tension and conflict in Iraq we are more aware than ever that many individuals, communities, and societies are in some form of transition. Such times call for discerning hearts informed by good religious education. Our 2003 annual meeting seems couched in a special time of transition. The year 2003 sees the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Religious Education Association and modern professional religious education. Our deliberation about merging the REA and APRRE is creating conversation about how we view theory and practice in the various contexts of our work. The early years of this new millennium are already marked by violent conflicts that tap into the human religious imagination and the new dynamics of globalization. Our 2003 meeting provides an important opportunity at this point in history for assessment, visioning and celebration.

In November of 2003 we will share in the Religious Education Association's celebration of its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of at a joint meeting with the Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education. Our shared theme will be ***Embracing the Past, Envisioning the Future: Religious Education in an Age of Transition.***

As we embrace the past 100 years of the study and practice of religious education we will seek to identify and understand significant transitions in the field and how these influence our engagement of the future. Particular attention will be given to celebrating the contributions that the Religious Education Association has made to this work.

As we envision the future, we will explore how the beginning of a new millennium, marked by ready global communication and the migration of peoples, calls us to a new religious literacy. Many of us have as our heritage a predominantly Eurocentric understanding of our faith traditions. We are invited today to become more conversant with religio-cultures from around the globe. Whereas in the past we may have tended as religious educators to minimize what was different among the great faith traditions, today we are coming to realize that without an understanding of our differences we may miss the truths that we have to offer to one another. We may also judge others wrongly because of our ignorance. Among the questions we may ask are: What does it mean to be religiously literate today? How have the assumptions about the

distinctiveness of religions changed since the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century? What values or truths do our faith traditions have to offer for the good of all humanity? How do we as religious educators situate ourselves as we move into the third millennium?

Questions and comments about the theme may be directed to President-Elect, Lorna Bowman [lbowman@uwo.ca](mailto:lbowman@uwo.ca).

## GENERAL SCHEDULE

This working schedule is being made available to encourage you to make space in your calendar to plan arrivals and departures so that you can attend the entire meeting.

**A Note about the Schedule...** This year's meeting is a very special one because (a) we are meeting with the REA, (b) the REA is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and (c) we may be enacting a joint reorganization. In developing the schedule, we have worked to honor the centennial needs of the REA and to minimize competition between the programming needs of both organizations. Doing so leads to a very full schedule and adaptations to some of APRRE's usual meeting patterns. Credit for the symposia is due James Michael Lee and Barney Kathan, who serve on the REA planning committee. **This schedule does not reflect the integrated programming proposed in the REA-APRRE joint reorganization proposal.**

### Thursday, November 6, 2003

TBA Lutheran Christian Education Professors Meeting  
TBA REA Board Meeting

### Friday, November 7, 2003

8:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. APRRE Executive Committee and other requested pre-meetings  
11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Registration/Hospitality  
1:30 p.m.- 2:45 p.m. Denominational/Particular Religious Tradition Meetings  
3:00 p.m.- 4:15 p.m. Opening Plenary  
4:30 p.m.- 5:45 p.m. Task Forces  
6:30 p.m. Banquet  
Begins with inter-religious worship elements, Bobbie Nelson  
Presentation of the William Rainey Harper Award  
Keynote by Martin Marty

### Saturday, November 8, 2003

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Symposium: "Honoring the Religious Education Tapestry, Part I: Religious Education in the Multi-Faith Community"--Don Russo, Convener  
9:30 a.m.- 10:45 a.m. RIGs, Colloquia and Resourcing Workshops  
11:00 a.m.- 12:15 p.m. Symposium: "Honoring the Religious Education Tapestry, Part II: Religious Education in the Multi-Cultural Community"--Mary Elizabeth Moore, Convener  
12:30 p.m.- 1:45 p.m. Men's & Women's Luncheons  
2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Symposium: "The Future of the Journal" --Theodore Brelsford, Convener  
RIGs, Colloquia and Resourcing Workshops

Saturday, November 8, 2003 (continued)

- 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.      REA business meeting  
Sessions for participants who are not REA members
- 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.      APRRE business meeting  
Sessions for participants who are not APRRE members
- 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.      Business meeting for any joint action

Open evening

Sunday, November 9, 2003

- 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.      Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.      RIGs, Colloquia and Resourcing Workshops
- 9:30 a.m. -10:45 a.m.      Symposium: Embracing the Past, Embracing the Future"--Stephen Schmidt, Convener
- 11:00 a.m. -12:00 noon      APRRE Presidential Presentation--Lorna Bowman and Closing Ritual (Intended for all registrants)

**2003 Meeting Location**

Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza Hotel  
350 North Orleans Street  
Chicago, Illinois  
November 7-9, 2003

The hotel is in downtown Chicago in the River North area, "the New Chicago," and has great views of the city. There are a good number of restaurants, bars, galleries, and other cultural attractions within several blocks. An airport shuttle stops at the hotel twice per hour (15 minutes past the hour and 15 minutes to the hour) beginning at 5:15 am until 10:15 pm. The hotel is very close to commuter trains. We have had good references on the hotel as a meeting location.

The guest room rate is \$US125 per night for both single and double occupancy. While this is a higher rate than recent years, it is actually a very good rate for a downtown location at this busy time of year. A downtown location was deemed important for this special meeting. APRRE will attempt to find ways to offer some assistance for those encountering hardship because of the higher rate. Also, as in the past, we will assist people in finding others with whom to share a room. The data from the survey about annual meetings was clear about the importance of keeping room costs down, so future site selection will be guided by that consideration.

The reservation cut-off date will be October 16, 2003. Following this cut off date, guestrooms are subject to availability and the hotel's prevailing room rates.

You may find out more about the hotel on the web at <http://www.holidayinnchicago.com>

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

See website ([www.mtso.edu/aprre](http://www.mtso.edu/aprre)) for full program description

**ELIGIBILITY:** In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, persons must have paid their membership dues for the July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003 membership year. Renewal can accompany one's proposal. If selected, presenters must renew for the July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004 membership year as well and register for the meeting.

**PROPOSAL RELATION TO THEME AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Because the annual theme serves as a focus for conversations during a meeting, proposals are encouraged to address the theme. Approaches to the theme might address the following topics (among others):

- significant transitions in the field and how these influence engagement of the future
- the history of religious education (particularly of the REA)
- assessments of the current state of the field and profession of religious education
- kinds of religious literacy needed in today's (global) context
- an agenda for the future of religious education (particularly inter-religious, multicultural, and leadership)

However, **authors should not force their research to fit the mold of the theme.** Papers may be proposed on any theme contributing to religious education. Papers related to the theme of the annual meeting may receive preferential consideration for publication in the APRRE issue of *Religious Education*. **All** proposals and presentations must make clear connection between their topic and the theory or practice of religious education.

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS:** APRRE members in good standing are invited to submit an abstract of not more than one page as a proposal for a presentation in a Research Interest Group, a Colloquium, or a Resourcing Workshop. See directions following. One presentation per person, please.

**The APRRE annual meeting includes several formats for sharing research and reflection:**

**RESEARCH INTEREST GROUPS (RIG)** discuss publishable papers among a group of up to 25 members. All research papers will be posted on the APRRE website prior to the meeting, accessible by members only, and included in the APRRE Annual Meeting *Proceedings*, distributed at registration on CD or hardcopy. A moderator may be appointed to help organize the discussion around issues raised by the papers and participants. Papers related to the theme of the conference may receive preferential consideration for publication in the APRRE issue of *Religious Education*.

**COLLOQUIA** are less formal than Research Interest Groups but provide a very important arena for sharing emerging research, research-in-progress, or practices and programs that do not readily lend themselves to formal papers. An outline of ideas or sharing of practices is appropriate in this format.

**RESOURCING WORKSHOPS** [special for this year] are presentations of scholarly and practical resources or approaches supporting the multiple practices of religious education. These sessions may seek to increase awareness or enhance performance of specific religious education practices. The context for these practices may be settings such as faith communities,

higher education, wider public settings, schools, etc. People submitting proposals for resourcing workshops must be members of REA as well as APRRE.

### INFORMATION ON SUBMITTING PROPOSALS

Applicants must send **an abstract of no more than one page** (it may be single-spaced) to the Executive Secretary and the members of the Call for Papers Committee. Abstracts must be received **by May 12, 2003. *Submission by e-mail preferred.*** Include the following:

- a. Title of paper, colloquium, or resourcing workshop
- b. Name of author/presenter(s), position and institution
- c. Indicate the category for which the proposal is submitted (RIG, Colloquia, Workshop)
- d. Three to four line (maximum) description for use in the meeting program
- e. Abstract
  - For papers, include main points, methodology, generally the sources grounding the paper, and the status of the research at the time of the proposal
  - For colloquia, include main concepts/issues, methodology for addressing the topic, generally sources utilized, and method of presentation
  - For resourcing workshops, include context, main concepts/issues, practice(s) being addressed, context of those practices (e.g. faith community, higher education, wider community, schools), outline of the workshop (sequence of topics and methods), resources presented and used.

Each proposal will be reviewed by the Call for Papers Committee. Presenters selected will be notified on or by **June 13, 2003**. Proposals may be paired according to interest and topical relation.

**E-mail one copy of proposal to the following four people: Drs. Kang, O'Brien and Warner constitute the Call for Papers Committee.**

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**Please follow these procedures and deadlines! Your submission of an abstract is your agreement that you will complete the paper, will abide by these deadlines, and will**

**personally present it for discussion at the 2003 Annual Meeting. Failing to follow through with a presentation significantly detracts from the overall program!**

Important Additional Information Regarding Research Interest Group Papers

Research Interest Group presenters will receive a copy of the Guidelines for Contributors for the journal *Religious Education*, and directions for *Proceedings* layout for the final copy of your paper. (Presenters of Colloquia and Resourcing Workshops are not required to contribute a paper although they may wish to submit material for posting on the website for participants in their group.)

**Completed Research Interest Group papers for the program must be received in both hard copy and in electronic format (“rtf” or “pdf”) by the Executive Secretary no later than September 15, 2003. Papers not received by that date will not be included in the *Proceedings* and may be canceled from the Annual Meeting program. Do not count on extensions!** Unless otherwise requested, all papers will be posted on the website with access limited to APRRE members. Web posting allows access to papers prior to the meeting. *Proceedings* will be distributed to participants as they register at the meeting.

By January 15, 2004, Research Interest Group papers **that were presented at the meeting** may be revised and submitted to the Call for Papers Committee who will act as a peer review jury for the APRRE issue of *Religious Education*. Selected papers are recommended for possible publication and sent to the editor of the journal, who then makes the final selection.

## **APRRE-REA REORGANIZATION UPDATE**

The members of the committee dealing with a joint reorganization of the REA and APRRE are continuing with their work in light of the annual meeting motions affirming the INTENT to merge the organizations. Members of the committee include REA representatives: Anne Streaty Wimberly, Barbara Anne Keely, and Theodore Brelsford; and APRRE representatives: Jack Seymour, Tom Walters, and Lorna Bowman. Randy Litchfield, Executive Secretary of APRRE has continued as the committee convener and proposal recorder. A revised proposal dated March 17, 2003 has been distributed to REA and APRRE members by e-mail (if address known), mail post, and the website. Responses to the revised proposal are requested by April 8, 2003. Comments will be compiled and circulated to the committee members, followed by the committee’s discussion of the feedback and agreement on final changes. On May 1, the final proposal and ballot regarding its adoption will be mailed in printed form to the members of both organizations. The ballots will be due on June 6, 2003.

**If you wish to vote on the REA-APRRE reorganization mail ballot in May 2003, you will need to have your dues paid for the 2002-03 membership year. Only current members will be eligible to vote.**

## **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SEARCH**

Randy Litchfield’s term as APRRE’s Executive Secretary will end June 30, 2004. Because of needs at his school, he does not plan to serve a second term. Anne Streaty Wimberly and Lorna Bowman will be forming a search committee for this position shortly. The outcome of the reorganization vote will be a factor in this process. People interested in this position and those wishing to recommend someone for the position should contact either Dr. Wimberly or Dr. Bowman. The search committee will be making its recommendation at the November 2003

meeting. Taking action at that time will allow for a period of overlap with Dr. Litchfield in the transition.

## **Children Re-Visioning the Table: A Dialogue on Eating and Drinking With Children**

November 9-10, 2003 at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL

The conference is supported by a grant from the Valparaiso Project on the Education and Formation of People in Faith, and co-sponsored by Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Glenview United Methodist Church in Glenview, IL and Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The conference contact and registrar is Rev. Cheryl Magrini, Conference Project Director, Glenview United Methodist Church, 847-729-1015, ext. 107, email [magdeacon@att.net](mailto:magdeacon@att.net). The conference begins Sun., Nov. 9, 2003 at 2pm and concludes Mon., Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. The conference musician is Christopher Grundy, United Church of Christ Pastor and doctoral student at Garrett-Evangelical in liturgical studies. The conference format consists of creative and interactive plenary sessions, small groups, worship, and a reception Sunday evening with feasting on international breads. The plenary session speakers and themes are: *Christian Hospitality and the Sunday Table* with Dr. Osvaldo Vena and Rev. Cheryl Magrini; *Justice Ministry With and For Children* with Bishop C. Joseph Sprague (United Methodist), and Rev. Diane Olson; and *Models of Christian Education Through Table Fellowship* with Rev. Cheryl Magrini and Dr. Dori Baker. Rev. Rebecca Davis is facilitator for the small groups, which begin on Sunday with experiential responses to Christian hospitality explored through art interpretation, writing liturgy, liturgical movement, child advocacy, and justice ministries. Monday small group sections are: *Sharing Eating and Drinking Practices Through Ethnography* with Dr. Margaret Ann Crain and Dr. Jeffery Tribble, Garrett-Evangelical; *Weaving Ritual and Story With Children* with Dr. Linda J. Vogel, Garrett-Evangelical; *A Process for Designating Children and Family Ministries as a Congregational Priority* with Rev. Kristen J. Larsen and Rev. Trey Hall, Glenview UMC; *Sacred Journey at Hennepin Ave. UMC: Experiential Worship Embracing Children* with Rev. Sally Johnson, Hennepin Ave. UMC; and *Eating and Drinking With Children in the Workshop Rotation Model* with Sandy Mabry, Hennepin Ave. UMC.

## **POSITION NOTICE**

**Boston College's Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry (IREPM)** invites applications for an **Associate Director for Academic Affairs** position by May 1.

Responsibilities include administration and oversight of the IREPM's academic programs. Reports to the Director of the IREPM and collaborates with the Associate Director for Administration and the IREPM's permanent faculty. The position will begin July 1, 2003. The Associate Director oversees academic administration and program development for all IREPM degree and non-degree programs; coordinates the Master's dual-degree programs with the respective graduate schools; collaborates with the IREPM's Coordinator for Continuing Education in the development of certificates and non-degree offerings; interviews prospective students; reviews applications and coordinates the work of the Admissions Committee for the MA and CAES applicants. Additional responsibilities include: convening the Educational Policy Committee for the Ph.D. in Theology and Education, participation in Theology Department meetings and other policy committees as required. As time and interest allow, the Associate Director may undertake teaching a graduate course in one's field of academic specialization. Requirements: Advanced degree in Theology, Religious Education or related pastoral discipline, required, doctorate preferred; competence in academic administration, including familiarity with the administrative use of computers; knowledge of and commitment to the pastoral and

ecumenical dimensions of the Catholic tradition of theology and ministry; excellent writing abilities, strong interpersonal and communication skills, and the ability to work as part of a team. Please forward your CV with a letter of application, two letters of recommendation and transcripts of undergraduate and graduate level course work to: Dr. Mary Ann Hinsdale, IHM, Director, Boston College Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467, [hinsdale@bc.edu](mailto:hinsdale@bc.edu), 617/552-8440, Fax: 617/552-0811. Web site: [www.bc.edu/irepm](http://www.bc.edu/irepm). Boston College is an EEO/AA Employer. Revised 3/21/03

## **PASSINGS**

**Sara Jane Fleming**, a student in the PhD program in Christian education and congregational studies, died of cancer on December 17, 2002. She is survived by her husband, Jack, four children, and one grandchild. Fleming first came to Garrett-Evangelical in the summer of 1991. She received a M. A. in Christian education in 2001, and, at the time of her death, was completing a second year of course work leading to the PhD degree. Sara was a deacon in full connection in the Missouri East Annual Conference since June 2002. She served on the staff at Ellisville United Methodist Church and then at Kirkwood United Methodist Church where her innovative work in adult Christian education was highly acclaimed. Fleming was loved by many at Garrett-Evangelical. She worked in the Religious Education Curriculum Library (RECL) and was chapel coordinator this year. Margaret Ann Crain, associate professor of Christian education, says, "Sara had a great heart for the work of justice. Her ordination as a deacon combined advocacy with her calling to Christian education."

Allen and Mary Elizabeth Moore recently suffered the loss of their son-in-law, **Rob Cable**, through an accident in his private plane.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Thank you to all the people who have renewed their membership for the 2002-03 year. APRRE has again gone over the 300 member level as of March 31, 2003. This is a particularly strong statement of our vitality in light of the turmoil in our world. The 300 level has been very consistent over the last few years. To keep up this trend and even push it up further, please mark your calendars that renewals will be due as of July 1, 2003 for the 2003-04 membership year. You will receive a renewal notice letter in the mail.

**Two important notes...**First, if you wish to vote on the REA-APRRE reorganization mail ballot in May 2003, you will need to have your dues paid for the 2002-03 membership year. Second, even if the reorganization is approved, APRRE membership dues will become owed as of July 1, 2003. A common membership dues structure would be implemented in 2004.

## **SCHOLARLY UPDATES**

**Ron Anderson** (Christian Theological Seminary)... My book, Worship and Christian Identity: Practicing Ourselves, will be available from the Liturgical Press in early April.

**Hope Antone** (Christian Conference of Asia)...In January her book entitled Religious Education in Context of Plurality and Pluralism, was co-published by New Day Publishers and Christian Conference in Asia, in Manila, Philippines. Orders may be made to New Day Publishers at this address: [newdayorders@edsamail.com.ph](mailto:newdayorders@edsamail.com.ph). The dollar price of the book is US\$10, exclusive of

handling and mailing charges. Payment must be in US dollar check. Hope is still connected with the ecumenical organization in Asia called the Christian Conference of Asia, as communication consultant. She also continues to be editor of the Asian feminist theological journal, In God's Image.

**Jerry Baumbach** (Institute for Church Life, University of Notre Dame)...I have accepted a faculty appointment as Director of Catechetical Initiatives at the Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame. I will also be appointed a Concurrent Professor in the Department of Theology. I begin my work there on April 1, 2003. I spent nearly 25 years at William H. Sadlier, Inc., most recently as Executive Vice President and Publisher. My work at Sadlier ended earlier this month. My last independent writing project was the cover story for St. Anthony Messenger magazine (September 2002 issue). The article was called "Finding My Son Alive," and recounted my experience as a father looking for my son in the midst of the World Trade Center attack. My son Dan worked on the 80th floor of the North Tower, and we thought he was lost until he was found, injured but, miraculously, alive. The article afforded me the chance to do some reflection and some catechesis. My last book, Letters from a Wounded Heart: Reflections to Strengthen and Comfort Your Soul (Paulist Press), was published in Spanish in 2002 in Mexico City by Panorama Editorial. Its title is Cartas de un Corazón Herido: Reflexiones para fortalecer y consolar tu alma.

**Jerome Berryman** (Center for the Theology of Childhood)... The first four volumes of The Complete Guide to Godly Play have been published in 2002 and 2003. Volume 5 with contributions from our 40 international trainers will also be out in 2003 and I am at work on future volumes. In short, The Complete Guide to Godly Play will never be complete, which, after all, is rather Godly Play. The Center for the Theology of Childhood of which I am the Executive Director has moved to a suite of offices in downtown Houston near Christ Church Cathedral, which I served as Canon Educator from 1984-1994, until I began to work on Godly Play matters full time.

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**Christine (Tina) Blair** (The American Church in Paris)... I have left the academic life for the theological practice of pastoring in the very diverse congregation of the American Church in Paris, the first American church founded overseas (it began in 1814). This congregation of about 1500 people is about 50% American and includes members from more than 45 nations. It is extremely diverse theologically, culturally, and economically. I expect to do some writing on ministry and education in a multicultural congregation. My address is: the American Church in Paris, 65 Quai d'Orsay, 75007 Paris, France ([www.acparis.org](http://www.acparis.org)). E-mail: [pastorceb@acparis.org](mailto:pastorceb@acparis.org)

**Dean Blevins** (Trevecca Nazarene University)... Presented at the 11th Oxford Institute for Methodist Theological Studies August 20, 2002 titled "Practicing the New Creation: Wesley's Eschatological Community Formed by the Means of Grace." Presented at the American Academy of Religion Nov 2002 titled: Holy Church, Holy People: A Wesleyan exploration in congregational holiness and personal testament." Symposium presenter and workshop leader at the Millennium Three conference on Evangelism and Missions for the Church of the Nazarene (February 2003). Publications: "Healing Grace and Leadership: Analytic Psychology and Community," in Wesley Theological Journal 37, no. 2 (Fall 2002). Contributor: Dorm Room Devotions. Kansas City: Beacon Hill of Kansas City, 2003. Edited and published the last two

editions of this past year's volume of Didache: Faithful Teaching, an online journal exploring Wesleyan intersections of faith, teaching and culture. Available online at <http://www.nazarene.org/iboe/riie/Didache/index.html>

**Lib Caldwell** (McCormick Theological Seminary)...I have new book just published by Pilgrim Press, 2002, Leaving Home with Faith, Nurturing the Spiritual Life of Youth. Also, please note new address for McCormick as of 3/3/03:

5460 S. University Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60615

(Phone numbers and email remain the same)

**Ron Cram** (Columbia Theological Seminary)... Ron's book, Bullying: A Spiritual Crisis, will be published by Chalice Press in May. Ron has begun a twelve-week program at the Rehabilitation Center of Emory University Hospital (primarily for memory-related issues). A stroke in mid-October revealed that he had suffered multiple "mini-strokes" over the past couple of years. He is teaching two classes this term (Education for Peace and Justice; Introduction to Educational Ministry) at Columbia Seminary, with reduced faculty responsibilities. He gives special thanks to Anne Wimberly, Lorna Bowman, and Barbara Anne Keely for their wonderful work with the REA.

**Tito Cruz** (Franciscan School of Theology)... teaches at the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley. He'll be on sabbatical next fall, and will be working on a pastoral book on Filipino Catholics in the United States, which will be published by Paulist Press. He is on a facilitation team for the 2003 Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop for Pre-Tenure Theology School faculty.

**Norma Cook Everist** (Wartburg Theological Seminary)... is co-authoring a Study Guide for classroom, congregational and continuing education use for the book which she edited, The Difficult But Indispensable Church (Fortress, 2002). The Guide should be available through Wartburg Seminary early summer, 2003. Her textbook, The Congregation as Learning Community (Abingdon, 2002), is being used in seminaries and graduate schools not only in the U.S. but internationally (as far as Papua New Guinea and Australia).

**Chuck Foster** (Candler School of Theology, Emeritus)... has been visiting seminary campuses this year with members of the Carnegie Foundation research team engaged in the study of teaching practices in the education of clergy. Abingdon Press also anticipates the publication of Christian Education in the Black Religious Experience: Conversations on a Journey through Double-Consciousness before the beginning of the fall semester. In this book he and Fred Smith engage in a dialogue around the published work of Grant Shockley on the topic.

**Israel Galindo** (Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond)...Publications: El Arte de la Enseñanza Cristiana (Judson Press); A Christian Educator's Book of Lists (Smyth & Helwys); Designing Your On-Line Course (Educational Consultants); "The Myth of Competence," in Congregations (Jan/Feb 2003). Presentation: "Pedagogy of On-Line Teaching" at the Virginia Theological Seminary for the Washington Theological Consortium (Feb 2003).

**Rick Gray** (Asbury Theological Seminary)... I just had an article published in the Journal of African Christian Thought (Dec. 2002). It is entitled: "African American 'Ethiopianism:' Interpreting the Divine Redemptive Mission of a Chosen People." In May of this year I will have a piece published by Urban Ministries Inc in the Precepts for Living book. It is entitled: "The Invisible Institution: The Birth of the Black Church in America." I am presently working on a piece for the Journal of Religious Leadership on African American Leadership Emergence.

Promotions/Changes in Responsibilities: I am completing my third year as Area Chair for the Christian Leadership and Discipleship Area. I also bear primary responsibility for the Master's of Art in Christian Leadership (MACL) degree program. Grants/Special Projects: I serve as Executive Director of The Obsidian Society (An African American Leadership Development organization: See [Obsidiansociety.org](http://Obsidiansociety.org)) and was successful in partnering the organization with Asbury and Fuller Theological Seminaries to submit a proposal to the Wabash Foundation. Wabash granted funds for a two year initiative to examine Androgogy for Minority Professor teaching at Predominantly Majority Institutions. In May of this year we will complete the second year of this Symposium which will be convened here at Asbury Seminary. The first year was convened at Fuller. At the completion of the Symposium, we hope to produce a journal piece which will examine our findings.

**Mike Harton** (Virginia Baptist Resource Center)... Mikes notes the recent publication of a revision of Leon McKenzie's classic Religious Education of Adults. This was released last fall by Smyth-Helwys Publishing under the same title, authored by Leon McKenzie and R. Michael Harton. It is intended as a graduate text in adult religious education.

**Paulette Isaac** (University of Missouri - St. Louis)...Published "The Adult Education Phase of the African American Church Revisited" in Christian Education Journal, 6(1), 7-23. (2002).

**Doug James** (Duke University)... Dr. James has taken a new position and responsibilities. He has two main areas of responsibility that support PhDs in The Graduate School at Duke: leading workshops on teacher training (all disciplines) and helping to expand RCR training (Responsible Conduct of Research) for non-medical science students. This new role builds on his Garrett/Northwestern University program and his research on postsecondary teaching.

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**Don Joy** (Asbury Theological Seminary)... Two Become One: God's Design for Couples, author, Donald M. Joy is joined by wife, Robbie, in this major revision and upgrade of their 1987 Word release, Lovers: What Ever Happened to Eden? The new edition is available from Evangel Publishing House, at 800-253-9315, ISBN 1-928915-27-2. A doctor of ministry curriculum in Family Ministry and Research is moving by "cohort" design at Asbury Seminary. Designed and introduced in 2002, by Donald M. Joy, Professor of Human Development and Family Studies. Research projects are focusing on faith formation across the generations, faith recovery from non-faith nurturing families, and sexual well-being and risk management for congregation and staff, and others. At [www.geocities.com/donaldmjoy](http://www.geocities.com/donaldmjoy) his contribution to a Victor Books series on spiritual formation is a free download or a free "read." The book, Walk On: Let God Make You Whole and Holy in Your Daily Life moves on the assumption that most of our formation experiences grow out of processing our daily joy, pain, responsibilities, and traumas.

**Steve Kang** (Wheaton College)... Published Unveiling the Socioculturally Constructed Multivoiced Self: Themes of Self Construction and Self Integration in the Narratives of Second-Generation Korean American Young Adults. Lanham: University Press of America, 2002 and "The Church, Spiritual Formation, and the Kingdom of God: A Case for Canonical-Communion Reading of the Bible" in Ex Auditu, vol.18, 2002.

**HyeRan Kim-Cragg** (Emmanuel College)... Published "Being a Mother: A Theological Reflection, In God's Image: Journal of Asian Women's Resource Centre for Culture and Theology, Vol. 21 No 4 (December 2002). The theme of this volume was Asian Women Doing Theology, the 20th anniversary of the establishment of this journal. I am also finalizing my thesis proposal. The thesis is about the relationship between religious education and worship in the multicultural context for the 21st century, looking at certain aspects of worship such as the use of the Bible, baptism, and hymnody through the educational eyes.

**Rune Larsson** (University of Lund, emeritus)... He retired from ordinary academic work at the Faculty of Theology, University of Lund but is still giving courses in religious education. Special projects involve private Christian/religious schools in Sweden - together with colleagues from NL and D; and history of religious education in Sweden. Director of the Swedish network for Religious Education, which supports cooperation for organizations such as churches, high schools, universities, religious education teachers. Address: Furugatan 16, 234 41 Lomma, Sweden 46+(0)40411364; e-mail: 715larsson@telia.com

**Dean P. Manternach** (Clarke College)... I have accepted a tenure-track teaching position in religious studies at Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa. They are hoping to begin a masters program in ministry. In the fall I will be teaching a new course called "Faith Development," a section of a course called "Faith Communities," and a section of "Foundations in Religious Studies."

**Denise Nadeau** (Toronto School of Theology)... I graduate in May with a DMIN from SFTS. My thesis is "Restoring Sacred Vitality: Reconnection and Regeneration with Women Who Suffer from Routinized Violence." Alannah Young and I co-authored Decolonizing Bodies: Restoring Sacred Vitality" ( with Alannah Young) in Beyond Violence: Building Practices of Hope, edited by Mary Elizabeth Moore from Chalice Press: forthcoming 2003. I am moving to Montreal where I will continue to work as a scholar-activist and consultant, and teach as a sessional at Toronto School of Theology ( Education for Anti-Racist Ministry with Wenh-In Ng).

**Jack Priestley** (University of Exeter, School of Education)... has written a lengthy article, "Westhill College: The Embodiment of a Religious and Educational Ideal" explores the expanding and changing role of religious educators over the years of the College's existence," to be published in the next issue of Panorama: International Journal of Comparative Religious Education and Values. "Westhill College, Birmingham, England died as an independent institution in August 2001 and became integrated into the University of Birmingham. Westhill was unique among British colleges in that it was an Anglo-American foundation created very much on the lines of a Liberal Arts College to become the national training center of the Sunday School Movement. It was a key international and ecumenical center for religious education throughout the twentieth century.

**Bert Roebben** (Faculty of Theology, Tilburg University)... Within the framework of my research project 'Seeking Sense in the City. Religious Education and Leadership' ([www.tilburguniversity.nl/webwijs](http://www.tilburguniversity.nl/webwijs)) I wrote an essay on 'Religious Communication in Modern Culture. The Case of Young Adults' (originally published in Dutch, will soon be published in English in B. Roebben & L. van der Tuin (eds.), Practical theology and the Interpretation of

Crossing Boundaries. Essays in Honour of Professor M.P.J. van Knippenberg, Münster/Hamburg/London: Lit-Verlag). Parts of the paper were presented in Leuven, Philadelphia and Oxford. Together with Jozef Bulckens, I was the editor of a manual for religious education in primary schools. Other (non-Dutch) publications include: *L'éducation religieuse en temps de crise. Réflexions sur l'avenir d'une matière scolaire vulnérable*, in Revue Internationale Lumen Vitae 57 (2002) 4, 439-465 ; together with E. De Lange, *Seven Propositions on Sacramental Youth Catechesis in the Roman-Catholic Church*, in Journal of Youth and Theology 1 (2002) 2, 47-63. Since January 1, 2003, I am appointed as book review editor of the journal Religious Education and as co-editor of the Journal of Youth and Theology (of the International Association for the Study of Youth Ministry). Within the faculty of theology of Tilburg University, I was appointed at October 1, 2002, as dean of academic affairs, involved in the implementation of the new European BA and MA structure in theological education.

**Daniel Schipani** (Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary)... I participate in an international and ecumenical project, "Through the Eyes of Another: An Intercultural Reading of the Bible," involving over 200 groups from five continents. Each group has studied the story of Jesus' encounter with a Samaritan woman (John 4) and has been in partnership with a group from another culture by interchanging the fruits of their reading and learning from each other. The project will be completed by spring 2004 with a final conference and the publication of a book (I am a member of the editorial committee).

**Jack L. Seymour** (Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary)... Yearning for God: Reflections of Faithful Lives by Margaret Ann Crain and Jack Seymour has just been published by Upper Room Press of Nashville, TN and will be available soon on [www.upperroom.org](http://www.upperroom.org) Jack Seymour is on sabbatical working on a project on theological seminary curricula. I would appreciate any insights or feedback about critical issues and tensions which are faced as your faculties consider curriculum. I hope to share findings on faculty tensions, approaches to theological education curricula, and directions for curriculum revisions in theological schools.

**Diane Shallue** (Luther Seminary)... completed her doctorate in educational leadership at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN, graduating on December 20, 2002. The title of her dissertation: "Staging the Role of Elder: A Case Study on an Intergenerational Day Care." Diane serves as the Director of Faith Formation at Cross of Glory Lutheran Church in the Minneapolis area and is an adjunct instructor at Luther Seminary in St. Paul.

**Kathleen Talvacchia** (Union Theological Seminary)... I have a book coming out in June from Chalice Press. It is entitled Critical Minds and Discerning Hearts: A Spirituality of Multicultural Teaching

**Klara Tammany** (Episcopal Diocese of MD)... Living Water: Baptism as a Way Of Life, New York: Church Publishing, 2002

**Karen Tye** (Eden Theological Seminary)... During my fall 2002 sabbatical, I completed a book manuscript, Teaching the Bible in the Church. Co-authored with my colleague, John Bracke, it will be published by Chalice Press in July 2003.

**Brett Webb-Mitchell** (Duke Divinity School)... Sacred Seasons: A Journey through the Church Year, which I wrote with a former student, Diane Archer, was published by Pilgrim Press in June of 2002. The book is a collection of activities, history, and biblical references to the various holy, sacred days of the Church year. Christly Gestures: Learning to be a Member of the Body of Christ was published by Wm. B. Eerdmans in June 2002. In January 2003, I presented the

Robert Jones Lectures in Christian Education at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. The title of the lecture was "The School of the Pilgrim."

**Cassandra Carkuff Williams** (Congregational Min. Publishing, PCUSA)... recently published edited work (actually due off-press in a couple of weeks) Children Among Us: Foundations in Children's Ministries, Louisville: Witherspoon Press, 2003.

**Anne Streaty Wimberly** (Interdenominational Theological Center)... Book: Wimberly, Anne Streaty and Parker, Evelyn L. (Editors & Contributing Authors). In Search of Wisdom: Faith Formation in the Black Church (Abingdon, 2002). Book Chapter: "Congregational Care in the Lives of Black Older Adults," in Aging, Spirituality, and Religion: A Handbook, Volume 2, eds. Melvin A. Kimble and Susan H. McFadden (Fortress, 2003). Articles by Anne Streaty Wimberly: "The Violence of Racism, The Strategy of Empowerment: Relational Hope and Co-Action With Black Youth," Black Theology: An International Journal, 1(1), November 2002:53-66. "Pastoral Theological Reflections on Congregational Care as Sacramental Ministry," Journal of Pastoral Theology, 12(2), Fall 2002:51-62. "Acknowledging the Gift of Time," These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, 33(1) January, February, March 2003. Other: She has been appointed to the National Council of Churches Exploratory Commission on Human Genetic Technologies, and was elected to the Board of Trustees of the University Community Charter School in Atlanta, Georgia.

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