

COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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Dear colleagues in ministry and fellow CTS alums.....

Greetings CTS alums, friends and co-workers in Christ. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

A **new** year. . . a **new** American president. . .and according to Isaiah (43:19) a **new** thing is being done by God. Not a moment too soon, it comes for Isaiah and his people after 39 chapters of stuff that has become **real old**. Exiled, worn out, used up and out-dated, their way of life just isn't getting it done any longer. So **what else is new?**

According to Webster **new** is . . . not existing before; made, introduced, or discovered recently or now for the first time;

new is. . . already existing but seen, experienced, or acquired recently or now for the first time;

new is . . .just beginning or regarded as better than what went before. . . reinvigorated or restored or renewed or reformed.

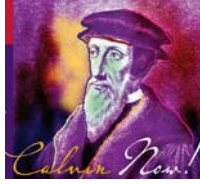
After 28 years of pastoral ministry it seems for me as if I am more inclined to look at where we are and explain how we got here than to look at where we are going to be and seek to plot a course for getting there. Do I perceive this timeless and timely **new** thing that God is doing? Apparently **that's a new one on me**. How about you? A way in the wilderness to go from where we are to where we shall be. . . pools of living refreshment welling up from within the otherwise parched and thirsty places of life. . . perhaps we can hear this Word from God again for the first time!

As in the following we read about the ongoing stories of other colleagues and friends seeking to follow God's lead, let me ask you a question. . . **what's new with you?**

Encouraged by what you continue to do and share in Christ's name I, too, am trying with you . . . *to forget what lies behind and to stretch forward to what lies ahead, pressing on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 3:13, 14).*



Randy Calvo, Jr. '81



CALVIN NOW- COLLOQUIUM APRIL 20-22, 2009

Speakers are Brian Gerrish, George Stroup and Martha Moore-Keish. Workshop leaders are Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi, Mark Douglas, Haruko Ward and Charles Raynal.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE– ALUMNI/AE AWARDS/REUNION DINNER MONDAY, APRIL 20TH 5:30 PM INSTEAD OF TUESDAY LUNCHEON. SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION NOW. \$75.00 FEE INCLUDES MONDAY NIGHT DINNER AND TUESDAY LUNCH.

About Our Alums

G. Dan McCall '60 is serving as minister of pastoral care at Fairview Church, North Augusta, SC.

Ed Lanier '64 (D.Min) '85 recently retired from the Presbytery of Chicago. He served as a chaplain, U.S. Army and Veterans Administration Hospitals in Asheville, NC and Hines, IL.

Thomas Warters '67 retired as pastor, Village Church, Charlotte Court House, VA and Drakes Branch Church, Drakes Branch, VA.

Joanna Adams '79 was honored in the January issue of Georgia Trend Magazine as one of the 100 Most Influential Georgians.

Bruce Lancaster '79 is now serving the Sequoyah Hills Church, Knoxville, TN.

Glen Busby '80 just retired from the Navy Reserve at the rank of Captain after 37 years and is also serving as a VA staff chaplain.

Richard Gillespie '80 is now pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Florence, AL.

Ed Forsyth '85 has moved to Gastonia, NC to be pastor at New Hope Presbyterian Church.

Mary Kuhns '87 (D.Min) recently retired as a counselor in private practice in Santa Fe, NM.

Gail Perkins '87 is interim pastor at Rock Spring Church in Atlanta.

Martha Jane Petersen '87 (D.Min) has retired, but she and husband **Pete Petersen '58** are supplying a western North Carolina church. Martha Jane is also a fiber artist and has had four solo exhibits of her work. Four photos of her work are in the present Presbyterian Planning Calendar.

Dolores “De” Ingraham '90 was honored to receive the first “De Ingraham Excellence in Spiritual Care Award in November from the Big Bend Hospice in Tallahassee, FL. De served as chaplain for the last 12 years of her ministry with Big Bend and was the first ever staff member.

Sharon Core '91 recently celebrated her 10th anniversary as pastor of Arlington Church in Arlington, VA.

Malcolm Brownlee '93 (D.Min) recently retired as member-at-large, Rockbridge Baths, VA.

Jones Doughton '93 and wife, Mary Lee, have a new baby daughter. Mary St. Claire Doughton was born Sunday, January 11, 2009.

Tom Evans '93 is designated pastor of St. Stephen Church in Orlando, FL.

Grace Boyer '95 is now Associate Presbyter at Western North Carolina Presbytery in Morganton, NC.

Mariko Koike '97 (Th.M) is serving Temiya Church in Japan.

David Rollins '97 received his Doctor of Ministry degree last May from the Graduate Theological Foundation. His doctoral work centered on pastoral care and healthy church leadership.

Mark Adams '98 works with Frontera de Cristo Ministries in Douglas, AR, and has just had his first book published. It is called *Just Coffee: Caffeine and a Conscience*, and is co-written with Tommy Bassett. Check the website for Frontera de Cristo Ministries for more information. www.fronteradecristo.org

Roger Miller '98 recently retired as director of music ministries, Messiah United Methodist Church in Springfield, VA.

Tim Read '98 and **Lee Read '00** have moved back to Georgia where Tim is executive/mission associate pastor at Roswell Presbyterian, Roswell, GA. Lee plans to look into nursing opportunities near Roswell.

Dennis Reid '99 is the new pastor of Trinity Presbyterian in Clearwater, FL.

Erin Sharp '99 and husband David Bailey have a new baby daughter. Iona Kathleen Bailey was born Nov. 16, 2008.

Beth Yarborough '99 is now interim pastor at Sinking Springs Presbyterian in Abingdon, VA.

Christy Gurley '01 has relocated to Houston, TX, and is Director of Family Ministries at St. Thomas Presbyterian Church.

Ron Wilson '01 (D.Min) has moved to Atlanta to be the new Vice President for Development at McAfee School at Mercer University.

Jenn Wilson '02 is youth minister at Alders Gate United Methodist Church in Augusta, GA.

Wes Brandon '03 is now pastor of Bensalem Church, Eagle Springs, NC.

Steve deClaisse-Walford '03 (Th.M) announces the publication of his book *Mission as Holistic Ministry: Developing a Congregational Ethos of Community Engagement*.

Bryan Stamper '03 is the new senior pastor of Grace Presbyterian in Plano, TX.

Andy Acton '05 has a new call as associate pastor, Pleasant Hill Church in Duluth, GA.

Jeff Ross '05 is currently a Navy chaplain serving in Iraq.

Brandon Hood '06 is now serving as a Navy chaplain in Atsugi, Japan.

Sarah Cooper Searight '06 has accepted a call to be associate pastor for young adults and families at First Church, Shreveport, LA.

Elizabeth Gabbard '07 was ordained Nov. 9, 2008 at her home church, First Church, Fort Smith, AR. She has been called as pastor by J. J. White Church in McComb, MS.

Paul Hoang '07 and his wife Thao were married August 17, 2008 at the Church of All Nations in Minneapolis. In November Paul accepted a call as associate pastor for Korean Young Nak Presbyterian Church in Houston, TX. He was ordained and installed at the church December 7, 2008.

John Kamau '07 (Th.M.) and wife Margaret welcomed a son, Reuben, December 8, 2008.

Kyle Schmidt '07 is associate pastor of First Church, Morristown, TN.

Tully Fletcher '08 was ordained January 25th at Westminster Church in Durham, NC. He is the new associate pastor for youth at Orangewood Presbyterian in Phoenix, AZ.

Daehyun Kwon '08 (D.Min) is director of supervised ministry at Presbyterian College and Theological Seminary in Seoul.

Jean Sparks '08 has accepted a call to be pastor of First Presbyterian, Plymouth, IN. She will be ordained February 1, 2009, at Winter Park Church, Winter Park, FL.

Andy Wing '08 and his wife Stephanie have been called as co-pastors at United Presbyterian in Harrodsburg, KY. Their ordination and installation was January 11, 2009.

In Memoriam

Tyler Calhoun Bailey '52	January 8, 2009
Archie McDaniel '62	April 8, 2007
Ben Alford '98 (D.Min)	December 9, 2008
Charles Chai '98	September 12, 2008

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If you have recently moved to a new presbytery and would like to know of other CTS alums in that presbytery or your geographical area, let us know and we'll e-mail a list to you.

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