

COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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Greetings CTS alumni/ae and friends...grace to you and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ.....

On Saturday, May 16, seventy-eight members of the CTS Class of 2009 received diplomas and hoods at commencement services held at Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. Degrees earned included **38 M Div, 26 DMin, 7 ThM, 6 MATS, and 1 ThD**. All good congratulations to you who finished what you started and who now are moving on into new chapters of ministry. God bless you and keep you!

As it continues to prepare women and men for Christian ministry Columbia Seminary is seeking to..**finish what it started**..as we move toward our fiscal year-end June 30, 2009. What this institution started many years ago was an annual tuition subsidy that considerably reduces the cost of theological education for every student here. These funds are appropriated yearly from the seminary endowment income made possible by contributions large and small to our Annual Fund. It was almost 30 years after my own graduation from CTS that I became aware of this debt-relieving reality. Better late than never, I suppose, to be reminded that in seeking to finish what we start..we need others and others need us.

Whether \$5 or \$5000 your contributions to the CTS Annual Fund are more important than ever. Please visit the seminary website, www.ctsnet.edu, click on supporting the seminary, and make your gift by phone, hard- mail, or on-line. Your gift received on or before **June 30, 2009**, will be truly appreciated.

I do not mean that others ought to be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want....2 Cor 8:13-14

Summer recreation and respite to you and yours,



Randy Calvo, Jr. '81
Alumni/ae and Church Relations

About Our Alums

Chilton Thorington '56 has moved to Presbyterian Village in Austell.

Joe Pack Arnold '66 has retired as pastoral counselor at Pine Grove Counseling Center, Hattiesburg, MS.

Lewis Trotter '66 has retired as pastor of First Church, Granite City, IL.

Michael Williams '69 has retired after many years of service to the Presbytery of St. Augustine.

L. Wayne Meredith '71 retired as pastor of Northminster Church, Madison Heights, VA.

Bowling Yates '80 has retired as pastor Ruby and White Oak Churches in Ruby, SC.

Mark Jumper '82 recently received the Ph.D. from Salve Regina University of Newport, RI, following defense of his dissertation, "Jus Post Bellum [Justice After War]: Contours of Construction." He is senior pastor of Hope Evangelical Church in Grayslake, IL and moderator of the EPC's Presbytery of Mid-America.

Ray Jones '84 has been named coordinator of evangelism for the Evangelism and Church Growth ministry area in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). He will oversee the new offices of Personal and Congregational Evangelism, as well as the newly formed Youth and Collegiate ministries office. He will also provide leadership for camps and conferences and for the Asian-American leadership office.

Joey Byrd '87 was recently selected to serve as the 1st Armored Division Deputy Division Chaplain in Wiesbaden, Germany. He has served on active duty since 2002.

Lynn Stall '87 (DMIN) is the new pastor at Rumble Memorial Church in Blowing Rock, NC.

David Jones '88 retired as pastor of Harpeth Church, Brentwood, TN.

Jack Daniels '90 was awarded the degree of Doctor of Theology in New Testament from the University of South Africa. His dissertation identifies traditions in the Fourth Gospel describing gossip about Jesus and seeing how the gossip is operative along with other social-cultural processes in constituting Jesus as a social personage. Jack is a visiting instructor in religion at Flagler College and works full time in the college's library.

James Roberts '90 (DMIN) is associate pastor for congregational care at First Church, Charleston, WV.

Totok Wiryasapura '90 (THM) is the Director of the Center of Disaster Risk Management and Development Studies in Medan, North Sumatra, Indonesia. It belongs to HKBP Nommensen University, one of the oldest Christian universities in Indonesia.

Kelly Allen '92 recently returned from England where she was pastor of St. Andrew's United Reformed Church and completed a Masters Degree in Politics and Religion at the University of Birmingham, England. Kelly is the new pastor at University Church in San Antonio, TX.

Ann Pitman '93 is interim pastor at First Church of St. Louis in University City, MO.

Eleana Garrett '95 is a Trustee for Presbyterian Homes of Georgia.

Tom Blair '95 (DMIN) is pastor of Second Church of Baltimore.

Larry McQueen '95 (THM) is pursuing a PhD in Pentecostal Theology at Bangor University, Wales.

Will Jones '96 has accepted a position to teach religion in the philosophy department at Ole Miss.

Todd Green '98 is teaching in the Department of Religion at Luther College in Decorah, IA.

Ron Watson '99 (DMIN) was installed as senior pastor of Trinity Presbyterian in Palm Coast, FL April 24, 2009.

Jonathan Carroll '00 received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary May 17, 2009.

David Kwon '01 and wife Hyojin announce the birth of their second son, Elijah Oheon Kwon, born March 16, 2009.

David Dault '02 successfully defended his dissertation, "The Covert Magisterium: Theology, Textuality and the Question of Scripture." During the spring he presented papers at conferences in Indiana, North Carolina and Manhattan. In March he was invited to the University of Virginia to present a series of lectures on Scripture. He graduated in May from Vanderbilt University with a doctorate in theological studies. He and his wife currently reside in Nashville, where she works as a hospital chaplain and he is a professor and chair of the department of Bible and Theology at American Baptist College.

Jody Moore '03 is now interim pastor of Westminster Church in Raleigh, NC.

Louis Imsande '04 is now pastor at First Church, Johnson City, TN.

Leah Hrachovec '05 is engaged to Nathaniel Houston Cooper of Stillwater, OK. They will be married Oct. 3, 2009.

Kim Warwick McCoy '05 is campus pastor at the University of Cincinnati working through the Presbytery of Cincinnati.

Jessica Derise Zolondek '05 is now an Arts and Humanities instructor at Fort Berthold Community College (tribal college of the Mandan/Hidatsa/Arikara Nation) in New Town, ND.

Devon Ducheneau '06 is pastor at Westminster and South Park Churches in Charleston, WV.

April Love-Fordham '06 has been called as pastor at Oak Mountain Church in Carrollton, GA.

Andrew Chaney '07 (DMIN) is the new senior minister at Kenilworth Union Church in Kenilworth, IL.

Daniel Schrock '07 (DMIN) is the author of *The Dark Night: A Gift of God*, published by Herald Press.

Caroline Dennis '08 and husband **Phillip Dennis '02** have relocated to Indianapolis, IN, where Caroline is associate pastor for children and families at Second Presbyterian.

Jim Goff '08 recently accepted a call as solo pastor at First Church, Williamsburg, OH.

Larry Gamble '08 has accepted a call to be pastor at Marlinton Church, Marlinton, WV. He was ordained and installed May 24, 2009.

Karen Jackson '08 is the new associate pastor at Covenant Church in Columbus, OH.

Rob Jackson '08 is the new pastor at New California Church in Marysville, OH.

Johanna Lee '08 was ordained March 22, 2009, at North Avenue Church, and is serving as chaplain at Emory University Hospital.

Catherine Neelly '08 was ordained April 26, 2009 at Central Presbyterian in Atlanta.

In Memoriam

Frederick Widmer '44	May 5, 2009
Tyler C. Bailey '52	Jan. 7, 2009
James Moss '55	Feb. 27, 2009
Harrison Morgan '68	April 1, 2009
William McKinney '86	May 26, 2009
Robert Wilson '85 D.Min	Jan. 8, 2009
Arthur Crosswell '94 Th.D	Feb. 6, 2009
Dorothy Kirk '01 D.Min	Jan. 9, 2009

CTS Facebook Group – This is a longstanding group of more than 350 members. Here is the link if you would like to join.

<http://www.new.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2220306566>

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.

If you are interested in having your e-mail address listed in our e-mail directory on our web page and haven't notified us, please email Barbara Poe at poeb@ctsnet.edu. We will not list your e-mail address without your permission.

Stay in Touch

Please help Barbara and Randy stay in touch with you by emailing them any news of interest or changes in your address, life or work that you would like to share with the seminary community and other alums. If we can be of help to you in any way, please let us know.

