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Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.....

Do you like hot chocolate? I do too especially on a cold blustery day. So I approached the refreshment counter in the office gathering room, tore open the paper pouch and poured the powdered contents into the cup, and stood waiting patiently for the sink tap water to get hot. Many minutes and several finger touch-tests later a friend walked up and asked what I was doing. "Waiting on this ?%#@*!!! water to get hot!!!! And then she pointed out to me the hot water dispenser on the coffee maker in front of me.

The CTS alumni/ae office seeks to be a friend to and reminds all that there is an electronic alumni/ae directory available online at www.ctsnet.edu. Simply click on "alumni/ae" and you will an email directory. This contains addresses for as many of your seminary colleagues and friends as have been made available to us. If yours or the address of someone you know has changed, please inform us. Also this e-newsletter is published bi-monthly and is sent to alumni/ae for whom we have current e-mail addresses. Its purpose is to provide timely updates about the ongoing and ever-changing ministerial journeys of our fellow-workers in Christ. We'd appreciate hearing about you and your ministry so as to share with others.

Sometimes any one of us can make life much more difficult when we fail to see and take advantage of the resources that are right in front of us. That can be true about making hot chocolate or staying connected with others with whom we serve. Resources are available. We hope that you'll identify and use them. If you have questions, please let us know.

With you I am always delighted to remember that we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

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Randy Calvo, Jr. '81

About Our Alums

Robert Dendy '57 celebrated 50 years of ministry by returning to the churches he served in Clarkesville, GA, Galax, VA, and Seneca, SC.

William C. "Bill" Mounts '58 is celebrating 50 years in ministry. He was ordained June 1, 1958 and has served pastorates in Atlanta, Knoxville, TN, San Antonio, TX and Athens, GA.

George Telford '58 is chair elect to serve another four year term as Chair of the General Assembly's Committee on Ecumenical Relations.

Robert Newman '61 is retiring from the position of Interim Associate Pastor of First Church, Charleston, WV. He is now be a member of the Presbytery of West Virginia and is also professor of religion emeritus, University of Charleston.

W. G. "Buddy" Hollyfield '62 is Vice President for Development at San Pablo Theological Seminary.

David Scott Hargrove '66 has retired from the faculty at University of Mississippi in Oxford, MS.

Bill Hull '66 has retired after 28 years at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church in Bradenton, FL.

Marion Boozer '68 has retired as pastor, McCullough Church and Whitmire Church in Whitmire, SC.

Hunter Coleman '68 has retired as pastor of First Presbyterian in Highlands, NC.

Morris "Skip" Ehrlich '68 is now pastor, First Presbyterian, Texas City, TX.

Samuel Hale '68 has retired as pastor of Cullowhee Presbyterian in Cullowhee, NC.

Carl Schlich '69 has retired as Executive Presbyter, Savannah Presbytery in Savannah, GA.

James Bumgardner '70 has retired as pastor of Faith Presbyterian in Laurinburg, NC.

William Hunt '70 has retired as chief administrative officer, Hunt County Shared Ministries, Inc., Greenville, TX.

Ernie Johnson '72 is in his seventeenth year as Sr. Minister of Highland Presbyterian in Fayetteville, NC. His wife Connie is a music teacher at Vanstory Elementary School.

Caroline Leach '72 and Gibson "Nibs" Stroupe '75 were recipients of the Peacemaking Award presented by the Peacemaking Committee of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta February 23, 2008.

Ralph Aker '75, is now Interim Pastor at College Park Presbyterian in Orlando, FL.

David Anderson '76 has retired and lives in Hermitage, TN.

Lib McGregor Simmons '79 received a new call as pastor of Davidson College Presbyterian Church in Davidson, NC.

Buren Blankenship '80 is now pastor of Trinity Presbyterian in Starkville, MS.

Ira Howard '85 (D.Min.) and his wife Shirley celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary May 13th.

Mary Huie-Jolly '86, has returned to Decatur after serving several years as professor of New Testament at Knox College in New Zealand. She is currently chaplain for Calvin Court and Philips Tower, both Presbyterian Homes of Georgia.

Frederick Talbot '87 (D.Min.) received the *Lux et Veritas* award from Yale Divinity School in October, 2007. The award is awarded to someone who has demonstrated excellence and distinction in applying the compassion of Christ to the diverse needs of the human condition through the wider church, institutional ministries, ecumenical organizations, not-for-profit organizations, government, or industry. He also received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Pacific School of Religion in January, 2008.

Mark Downs '92 is now pastor at Heights Presbyterian in Houston, TX.

Kyle Fedler '92 is the recipient of the 2008 Ashland University Taylor Excellence in Teaching Award. He is an associate professor and chairman of the religion department.

Bill Owens '92 began a new call in January, 2008 as Interim Pastor of Richwood Presbyterian in Richwood, KY.

Nancy Cooper '93 is now Chaplain at Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Life Care Center in Wilmington, NC.

Becky Downs '93 has moved to Houston, TX and is parish associate, Southminster Church in Missouri City, TX.

Matthew Trask '94 is pastor of Antioch Presbyterian in Red Springs, NC.

Bak Sungkon '95 is now senior pastor of Junjung Presbyterian Church in Junju City, Chollabukdo, KOREA.

Robert Henderson '96 (D.Min.) has accepted a call as Senior Minister at Covenant Presbyterian in Charlotte, NC.

Beverly Thompson '96 continues on the faculty at Interdenominational Theological Center and is also parish associate at Dahlonga Presbyterian, Dahlonga, GA.

Ann Aichinger '97 (Th.M) and husband **Frank Aichinger '97 (D.Min.)** have a new call as Co-Organizing Pastors of a new church development in Conover, NC.

Jim Cook '97 has been elected as Moderator of Buchan Presbytery in the northeast of Scotland and will be inducted on the 17th of June.

Sandy Hill '97 has retired as pastor of Church of the Good Shepherd in Melbourne, FL.

She and husband Bob, who retired after 40 years with NASA, are looking forward to more time together, travel and some good quality time with their family.

Todd Green '98 has recently received an appointment as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion at Luther College in Decorah, IA, for the 2008-2009 academic year. He will be teaching courses on the History of Christianity and Christian Thought.

Ralph Hawkins '99 has accepted a call to serve the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church, New Wilmington, PA.

Bea Edwards Copeland '01 and **Brian Copeland '01** have moved to Tallahassee, FL, where Bea is Associate Pastor at Faith Presbyterian and Brian is working with an architectural firm.

Stephanie Boardman Anthony '02, her husband Phillip and their daughter Karoline welcomed William Phillip Anthony to their family June 14, 2007.

Grant MacLean '02 (D.Min.) was called to create and serve in the position of Spiritual Care Coordinator at Hospice of North Idaho.

Eric Dillenbeck '03 has a new call to Fairmount Presbyterian Church in Cleveland Heights, OH. He will serve as the Associate Pastor for Faith Formation and Congregational Life, and will begin work there in July.

Roger Courtney Krueger '03 (D.Min.) is the winner of the Baptist History and Heritage Society's 2008 Baptist Heritage Preaching contest. The winning sermon was on the topic of religious liberty and is entitled "until moss grows on my eyebrows." He preached that sermon at the society's annual meeting in May, 2008, in Atlanta.

Hope Italiano Lee '03 recently received her Doctor of Ministry degree in Homiletics from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Her thesis title was "On the Occasion of Death: Approaches to Expository Preaching at Funerals."

Martin Nabor '03 (D.Min.) has been elected Chairman of the Northern Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana. He will serve for five years beginning September 2008.

Megan Watson '03 and husband Scott have a son, James Ian, born April 20, 2007.

Brad Clayton '04 has accepted a call as Associate Pastor at Avondale Presbyterian in Charlotte, NC.

Greg Moore '04 is now stated supply at Trinity Presbyterian in Canton, GA.

Elizabeth Parker Pang '04 is stated supply at First Presbyterian in Copperas Cove, TX and lives in Austin.

Jin Kim '05 (D.Min.) is scheduled to preach at the 218th General Assembly in San Jose. He will lead the first Princeton Institute for Multicultural Ministry in July 21-25, 2008.

Glen Kohlhagen '05 has accepted the position of Pulpit Supply for the Washington Presbyterian Church, Washington, GA.

Matt Schlageter '05 and wife **Sara Varnado '07** have relocated to Nashville, TN. Matt is Staff Chaplain at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital and Sara will be looking for work with a non-profit organization.

Abby Cole Keller '06 and husband Josh Keller have a baby girl, Katy Jean Keller, born May 16, 2008, weighing 8 lbs. 6 oz.

Oliver Wagner (Ollie) '06 (D.Min.) has a new call as pastor of Alpharetta Presbyterian Church, Alpharetta, GA.

Michael York '06 is Associate Pastor of Alpharetta Presbyterian, Alpharetta, GA.

Jo Anderson '07 has been called as Associate Pastor for Music and Care by Roswell Presbyterian, Roswell, GA. She was ordained and installed at Roswell church May 18, 2008.

Ryan Baer '07 received a call to Lakeside Presbyterian in W. Palm Beach, FL. He will be installed June 8, 2008.

Christine Hill '07 has been received into the Presbytery of Charlotte and is serving as Temporary Supply Pastor at Bethel Presbyterian in Cornelius, NC.

Daren Hofmann '07 and wife Sarah have a baby boy. James Herbert Hofmann was born May 10th, 2008, weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz.

Jeremy Wilhelmi '07 is Associate Pastor to Youth and Families at Canyon Creek Presbyterian in Richardson, TX.

In Memoriam

James Hoge Smith, Jr. '42	April 15, 2008
J. W. Stonebraker '50	March 13, 2008
William C. Rhodes '52	April 2, 2008
Joseph C. Wagner '52	January 6, 2008
Russell B. Morgan '86	Nov. 18, 2007

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