

# COLUMBIA'S PLACEMENT RECORD IS OUTSTANDING

There is no mistaking what Columbia is all about when you look at placement data. The record shows that Columbia is one of the leaders among the denomination's 10 theological institutions in the number of M.Div. graduates going directly from seminary to serve congregations.

In the last two years alone, 70 percent of the seminary's graduates have entered parish ministry, serving 52 different churches in the denomination. The remaining graduates accepted calls to fill leadership positions in other non-profit organizations (including many that are church-related), while others are continuing graduate studies or completing internship and residency programs to further prepare for ministry.

This winter, Columbia's Office of Student Services launched a new online placement service designed to enhance the job-search experience for seniors who are seeking calls after graduation. Seniors are listed on Columbia's Web site according to the type of ministry position they are seeking. Each student's "Candidate Seeking a Call (CSC)" profile is also available online. The service is designed to be user-friendly for congregations and organizations seeking candidates for leadership positions. Listings can be searched according to the type of position that is open.

If you are seeking outstanding candidates for an open position, please see Columbia's online placement information at

[http://www.ctsnet.edu/senior\\_placement.asp](http://www.ctsnet.edu/senior_placement.asp).



Ready to serve, with their CSCs online, some members of the Class of 2005 visit the Office of Student Services between classes and interviews. Standing (L to R): Ruth Marley (Administrative Assistant for Student Services), Cader Howard, Amy Summers-Minette, Kimberly Warwick, Patrick Marshall, Julie Jensen, and Maggi Henderson (Dean of Students). Seated (L to R): Bart Edwards, Jaina Anderson, Glen Kohlhagen.

To see a list of placements for the Class of 2004, go to page 5

## Evangelism is Focus of Colloquium 2005, April 18-20

"Evangelism: From Crusade to Coffee Shop" is the title of Columbia's Colloquium 2005, April 18-20 on the seminary campus. The event features three presentations by evangelist **Leighton Ford '55**. **Jin S. Kim**, pastor of the Church of All Nations, Minneapolis, MN, will preach during the two worship services. Workshop leaders include **Elward Ellis**, senior pastor, Crossroads Presbyterian Church,

Stone Mountain, Georgia; **Steve Hayner**, Peachtree Associate Professor of Evangelism and Church Growth, at Columbia, **Marnie Crumpler**, executive pastor of program, Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Atlanta; and **Connie Lee '02**, minister for community and mission partnership, First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta.

Colloquium also serves as the seminary's alumni/ae homecoming. Reunions are scheduled this year for

the classes of 1954 and before, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, and 2004.

The participant's cost for Colloquium is \$75, which includes registration, program materials, plus dinner on Monday evening and a luncheon on Tuesday. The cost for meals only is \$15 per person per meal (Monday dinner, Tuesday lunch). For more information and a registration form, see page 3, or visit [www.ctsnet.edu](http://www.ctsnet.edu). ☑



Jin S. Kim and Leighton Ford '55





*Sharing the good news of small church ministry with students on campus. Back (L to R): Judd Shaw '80, executive presbyter and stated clerk, New Harmony; Frank Colclough, former Board of Trustees member and associate executive presbyter, New Harmony; George Wilkes, executive presbyter, Foothills. Front (L to R): Mark Verdery '71, executive presbyter, Providence; Chris Denny '02, pastor, the McBee, SC, church; Lewis Fowler (ThM '68, DMin '94), interim general presbyter, Trinity.*

DEAR FRIENDS,

Throughout Columbia's 178 years, its mission has stayed the same: to be a community of theological inquiry and formation for ministry in the service of the Church of Jesus Christ. We amplify that statement by saying, "Columbia's special mission in the service of the church, especially the Presbyterian Church (USA), is to prepare women and men for leadership in ordained and lay ministries."

Now, to continue to proclaim the mission is one thing. It is something else to fulfill that mission. To take the mission statement off the paper and get things done requires the commitment of hard-working people with imagination, wisdom, courage, generosity, patience, and discipline.

In the language of our accrediting institutions, making mission happen is called "institutional effectiveness." So how effective is Columbia? Information we're required to collect and analyze for accreditation purposes helps us tell the story: data gathered through various studies suggest that among all the

## Making Mission Happen

denomination's seminaries a higher percentage of our graduates are in parish ministry, as pastors and associate pastors. Other recent graduates, whatever their calls, enter their ministries profoundly affected by the emphasis Columbia's curriculum places on leadership for congregational ministry.

In these days, when churches need pastors, you can be sure that Columbia's graduates are in demand. Since the beginning of the year, we have had a steady stream of search committees on our campus because we are still fulfilling our mission of preparing men and women as pastors and leaders for Christ's ministry for generations to come. For this, and for all good things, we give thanks to God, who is doing way more through Columbia Theological Seminary than any of us could imagine or hope for!

Our prayer is that you will continue to share in what God is doing here. We need your prayers, your gifts, your encouragement, and your assistance in identifying exceptional candidates who are offering themselves in service to Christ's church. We need **you** to keep Columbia's mission happening.


Sincerely,

LAURA MENDENHALL

## Doctor of Ministry courses coming to Montreat

Beginning in fall 2005, Columbia will offer courses in the Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) program at the Montreat Conference Center of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Course work, beginning in September with the Introductory Seminar, will be offered in the Church and Ministry D.Min. concentration. Two elective courses in the program will be offered in the fall and spring of 2006.

Columbia's D.Min. program requires the completion of 36 hours of graduate credit and is designed for active church leaders who have completed the M.Div. degree and have at least three years of service in the church. Completion of the program typically requires three to four years of study, combining limited time in class, a supervised ministry practicum, and a research project in the student's place of ministry.

For more information about the program and admission requirements, please contact Charles Raynal, director of Advanced Studies, at 404-687-4534, or [raynalc@ctsnet.edu](mailto:raynalc@ctsnet.edu). Information about the D.Min. program may also be found by selecting Degree Programs on the seminary's Web site at [www.ctsnet.edu](http://www.ctsnet.edu). 

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From the day of Pentecost onward, evangelism has been at the heart of the church's mission.

A decade after our own denomination affirmed its commitment to evangelism, we have a great opportunity to learn together as individuals and churches how to be faithful witnesses to God's loving action through Christ. Please join colleagues and leaders in the field at Columbia Theological Seminary for **Colloquium 2005, "Evangelism: From Crusade to Coffee Shop."**



## April 18 - 20

### EVANGELISM from CRUSADE to COFFEESHOP

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
**Leighton Ford '55**  
President, Leighton Ford Ministries

PREACHER  
**Jin S. Kim**  
Pastor, Church of All Nations, Minneapolis, MN

**WORKSHOPS**

- Do Presbyterians Still Believe in Evangelism?**  
**MARNIE CRUMPLER**  
Executive pastor of program, Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Atlanta
- Evangelism and Congregational Life: Witness in a Multiethnic World**  
**ELWARD ELLIS**  
Senior pastor, Crossroads Presbyterian Church, Stone Mountain, Georgia
- From 8-Track to MTV: Evangelism and Emerging Culture**  
**STEVE HAYNER**  
Peachtree Associate Professor of Evangelism and Church Growth, Columbia Theological Seminary
- How is the Gospel Good News in the City?**  
**CONNIE LEE '02**  
Minister for community and mission partnership, First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta

Please return this registration form, along with a check made payable to **Columbia Seminary**, by **March 29**.  
Your spouse or guest is welcome to attend.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ If applicable: Columbia Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Please check here if you are attending COLLOQUIUM 2005 as a member of a reunion class.

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	NUMBER ATTENDING	AMOUNT DUE
<b>CONFERENCE</b> \$75 per person for registration, materials, Monday dinner, Tuesday lunch	_____	_____
<b>DINNER ONLY</b> Monday, April 18 (\$15 per person)	_____	_____
<b>LUNCH ONLY</b> Tuesday, April 19 (\$15 per person)	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL DUE</b>	_____	_____

I plan to use the child care services on Monday night for \_\_\_\_\_ child(ren).



**Alternative Context for Ministry** helps Columbia students and faculty learn about the church's ministry in an unfamiliar location by providing opportunities for social analysis, theological reflection, and a deepening of commitments to the gospel. The primary teachers are our hosts who welcome us to their part of the world, sharing their understanding of Christian faith and discipleship where they live. Students and faculty return home feeling a link to Christians across social, cultural, and national barriers—and seeing in new ways the church that we know, love, and seek to serve.



## Stark Differences and Striking Similarities

SARAH COOPER '06

In January, I was one of 52 students enrolled in the required interdisciplinary course "Alternative Context for Ministry." There were five groups altogether; our destinations the Appalachian region of the United States, the inner city of Atlanta, Prague and Budapest in Central Europe, Jamaica, and Merida, in Yucatan, Mexico.

Before our travels began, we investigated the places where we were headed: histories, as well as current issues in economics, family life, gender, arts, politics, medicine, education, and religion. Then, out of our familiar context for two and a half weeks, we were deep in conversation with other people representing various aspects of other cultures and the church. We visited coal mines and factories, clinics, homeless shelters, historical churches, government buildings, art museums, cafés, shops—any setting where we could gain understanding of life and issues for these alternative contexts.

It is easy to speak about the hospitality of the people and the beautiful scenery, but all of us, after returning, have struggled to voice what it means to enter a new culture and be overwhelmed by the stark differences and striking similarities we witnessed.

The troubling power of poverty, abuse, corruption, injustice, and racism confronted every group, in the United States or abroad. And on a personal level we faced issues of identity and calling. We struggled together to find hope for our own lives and our ministries in what often seemed to be overwhelming need. We struggled internally to find a sense of identity coherent with who we are now and what we are called to be in light of what we experienced.

We came together, often, for devotional time and to reflect together, as we attempted to process our experiences as they were happening. The time together created an atmosphere of trust and mutual support that was helpful as we struggled through the questions and concerns, pain and anger, signs of grace and stirrings of hope that we all experienced throughout the course.

Questions and revelations go hand in hand in the experience of Alternative Context. I won't trivialize our struggle by saying that we found answers, but I do believe that we saw and heard how others, our partners in ministry, are engaged in passionate responses of hope. Amid deep need we found hope in the faces and smiles of those we met, in the stories of faith and courage, in the overwhelming sense of God's active presence wherever we went. Our vision of the unified body of Christ has been gloriously expanded to include the faces we saw and spoke to in Appalachia, Atlanta, Central Europe, Jamaica, and Mexico. We are all part of one body, one church, one faith that is expressed in diverse people, places, and beliefs that are united in Christ Jesus. Our experience with Christians in other parts of the church gave us new hope and new courage to act as we seek to be faithful in our own time and place. ☑

### CENTRAL EUROPE

Before going to Prague, I had been told to visit Lennon Wall. In the midst of a sea of gray—gray sky, gray walls, gray buildings—there sat a wall of color. During the 1960s in the midst of 20 of the 40 years of terror under communism, people were willing to face, and did face, persecution for writing poetry or drawing images on this wall. It is a wall of graffiti, but it was a wall of hope. For me it represented a time where people were desperate to live without fear and persecution, in freedom. In this wall I saw a crying out. I saw an answer to a cry.

TRISHA DILLON THOMAS '06



### MERIDA, MEXICO

With the exception of meeting my wife and seeing the birth of my daughter, Alternative Context was the most phenomenal spiritual event that I can personally recall. That statement applies despite the fact that God has overwhelmingly blessed me with numerous intimate spiritual encounters. I am left in absolute awe of God being much larger than my imagination, yet closer than even my own breath. In 17 days, the church became larger and smaller at the same time and I am left on bended knee in humble gratitude for a family, church, and seminary that made the experience possible.

PATRICK LANEY '06



RURAL APPALACHIA



MERIDA, MEXICO



JAMAICA



CENTRAL EUROPE



INTOWN ATLANTA



## INTOWN ATLANTA

It's impossible to sum up our experience in any glamorous way. It is painfully simple: we drove just a few miles down the road and had an alternative experience, one which continually shocked us and left us in tears. Any way you look at it, that's a tough pill to swallow. It was a ministry-forming, life-changing time that we shared together.

**RUSSELL BLACKWELDER '06**



## RURAL APPALACHIA

Many of us want to serve a church of our own someday, and while it probably won't be something as obvious as the coal industry, there will be something that people in our congregation do that we should speak out against. How do we walk the line between caring pastorally for our members, providing them rest and shelter and calling out against them in a prophetic manner? The line between preserving our jobs, preserving that particular church, and watching the members and the money move to the church down the street that will tell them what they want to hear? Which is truly the prudent way to go? The answer is this: I don't know.

**JAMES FOOTE '06**

*from a sermon titled "Prudence" (reading - Amos 5:10-20)*



## JAMAICA

My experience was very much like a homecoming. For the first time in my life, I had the opportunity to be an individual. I was Brandon, not just a Black male. I was not boxed in nor was I expected to represent anyone else aside from myself. I was able to see how God continually works through people, not only in a local setting, but all across the world.

**BRANDON BREWER '06**

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## Class of 2004 Placements

(reported to the Seminary as of March 1, 2005)

### Associate Pastor

- Tim Bostick, Dunwoody Presbyterian Church, Dunwoody, GA
- Beth Daniel, North Avenue Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA
- Nelson DeBrosse, First Presbyterian Church, Covington, GA
- Kyle Goodman, Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Camden, SC
- Phil Hagen, First Presbyterian Church, Palatka, FL
- Louis Imsande, Roswell Presbyterian Church, Roswell, GA
- Sandra McDonald, McDonough Presbyterian Church, McDonough, GA
- Elizabeth Parker, Federated Church, Columbus, NE
- Daniel Stephens, Shades Valley Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, AL

### Campus and Youth Ministry

- Kally Elliott, Campus Pastor, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
- Lyndsay Lee Slocum, Student Ministry, Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA
- John Weicher, Director of Youth & Families, Rock Spring Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA

### Chaplain

- Christy Maddox-Miller, Staff Chaplain, Vitas Hospice, Miami, FL

### Columbia Theological Seminary

- Kim LeVert, Administrative Assistant, International Programs
- Cheryl Mack, Bookstore Manager
- Susan Thomas, Communications Specialist (also Graduate Study, Th.M.)

### Graduate Study

- Mark Shivers, Th.M., Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA

### Internships and Residencies

- Jonathan Ball, Residency, Portsbridge Hospital, Fayetteville, GA
- Jean Beedoe, Residency, Crawford Long Hospital, Atlanta, GA
- Brad Clayton, Christian Education Internship, Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA
- Kevin Day, Residency, Portsbridge Hospital, Fayetteville, GA
- Mary Newberg Gale, Internship, First Presbyterian Church, Kinston, NC
- Tyesha Rice, Racial Justice Advocate Internship, General Assembly, Louisville, KY



- From the homepage of Columbia's Web site, select this link to go to senior placement information.
- You'll find a list of students' names, along with lists of students by the type of positions they're interested in.
- Click on any name and you'll find the student's "Candidate Seeking a Call" form (as a PDF file).

### Mission Pastor

- Allen Cross, Interim Mission Director, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA

### Pastor

- Franklin Fant, Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC
- Matt Hardin, Butner Presbyterian Church, Butner, NC
- Paula Hoffman, First Presbyterian Church, Warner Robbins, GA
- Barbara Johnson, Romney Presbyterian Church, Romney, WV
- Kendal Land, First Presbyterian Church, Russellville, KY
- Greg Moore, Marlinton Presbyterian Church, Marlinton, WV
- Nancy Oehler, United Presbyterian Church, Crawfordsville, IA
- Shannon O'Leary, United Church, Stockbridge, MI
- Elizabeth Peterson, Washington Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, TN
- Tina Sweet, Bethel Presbyterian Church, Walterboro, SC

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# Women in the Reformations

SUSAN THOMAS '04

"Women in the Reformations," taught for the first time this January by Haruko Nawata Ward, gave students an opportunity to consider women, largely forgotten, who helped shape the numerous sixteenth and seventeenth century Reformation movements in Europe and elsewhere. Dr. Ward, assistant professor of church history, says, "We have more than enough women to go by—their writings, Bibles that were available to them—but their voices have been silenced through the ages . . . We need more research."

That's where Haruko Ward's students come in. As a course requirement, each student presented an original project, "My Woman Reformer," telling the story of a person who furthered the gospel message during a particular Reform movement. Using resources from Columbia's library, Amy Summers-Minette '05 constructed the story of the French nun Marie de l'Incarnation, a missionary in Quebec in the seventeenth century. Summers-Minette created a worship service focusing on themes that emerged in Marie's life—translating the gospel message and the work of Christ in the life of the believer.

Dr. Ward says she hopes students will bring all they learned this January—and their discoveries of more women reformers—into their preaching and teaching in the church.

As church leaders consider alternative voices, it is not to re-invent history, but to seek what is already there. It is the church continually rediscovering itself. ▣



Haruko Ward

*I have no difficulty in believing that God is giving you zeal and devotion for the salvation of souls. This vocation may be a general one. God often begins with a general thought, then brings the heart to a halt in the place where he wants it to be—either by being actually present there or simply by praying for the souls in that place or working for their good in some other way.*



From A Worship Service in the Spirit and Honor of Marie de l'Incarnation, a sermon by Amy Summers-Minette '05. The sermon was developed from a letter Marie wrote to her son.

In 1631, Marie Martin, a 32-year-old widow, left her 11-year-old son, Claude, in the care of her sister and joined the Ursuline monastery in Tours, taking the name Marie de l'Incarnation. In 1639 she left France for Quebec, where with other Ursulines she founded a women's school. She worked as a missionary and studied the local languages becoming so proficient that she wrote dictionaries in Algonquin, Iroquois, Montagnais, and Ouendat, and a catechism in Iroquois. Her son became a Benedictine priest in 1641.

## For the Record



### Donald B. Bailey '41

by Bonneau H. Dickson '33

The Rev. Donald Bailey died December 12, 2004, in Austell, GA. He was 91. His memorial service was held at First Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, AL, on December 18.

The son of the Rev. and Mrs. John C. Bailey, Don was born in Liberty, SC, where his father was pastor of the Presbyterian church. After graduation from the Winthrop Training School in Rock Hill in 1931, he enrolled at Davidson College, where he graduated in 1935.

Don entered Columbia in 1938, and upon his graduation he was the recipient of the Fannie Bryant Scholarship, which is given to the student "who, in the judgment of the faculty, has shown the most promise of excellence in ministry." He served only three churches during his 36 years of ministry. The first was Emory Presbyterian Church, in Atlanta, which had just been organized by Atlanta Presbytery. He remained there from 1942 to 1951. From 1951 to 1961 he was pastor of the historic Williamsburg Presbyterian Church in Kingstree, SC. He was installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Huntsville, AL, in 1961 and served there until his retirement in 1978.

In retirement, the Baileys moved to Decatur, GA. Very quickly Columbia Seminary brought Don on its development staff where he rendered invaluable service for nearly 10 years. Don and his wife, Jane, were blessed with three sons: Donald, Jr., teaches at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Harold is an attorney in Huntsville, AL; and David '82 is pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, Anderson, SC. There are also eight grandchildren.

## In Memoriam

John Howard '36, Jan. 27, 2005.  
 Van M. Arnold '38, Feb. 22, 2005.  
 William G. Foster '39, April 9, 2004.  
 Sam M. Hughes '39, Dec. 2, 2004.  
 Leonard H. Bullock '52, Jan. 3, 2005.  
 Trent Howell '53 (D.Min '81), Feb. 7, 2005.  
 Frank Scarlett '53, Jan. 8, 2005.  
 Jack J. Wolf '54, May 2, 2004.  
 Overton A. Currie '55, Feb. 26, 2005.  
 Dennis Ketchem '57, Sept. 29, 2004.  
 Hal Keller '65, Jan. 4, 2005.  
 Mark Gutzke '66, Feb. 17, 2005.  
 Thomas C. Flanagan '67, Oct. 31, 2004.  
 Willard Hurlburt '75, Jan. 8, 2005.  
 Jacob Berlin (D.Min. '86), May 29, 2004.  
 Mike Mansfield '92, Feb. 16, 2005.  
 Tommy Pritchard '95, Dec. 5, 2004.

Bonneau Dickson, Columbia's second-oldest alumnus, continues to serve the seminary as a field representative for the Office of Development & Seminary Relations. His address is Presbyterian Village, 2000 East West Connector #311, Austell, GA 30106.

## Alumni/ae

### 1960s

**Wayne Hoffmann '62** is president of Christian Charities USA, a federation of Christian charities that are supported through workplace giving. . . . **Jeff Aiken '69** was elected chair of the board of trustees of Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network, Allentown, PA, and first vice chair of the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

### 1970s

**John Zachry '72** is pastor of Central Congregational Church, Chelmsford, MA. . . . **Terry Dyer '78** is executive of Florida Presbytery. . . . **Joanna Adams '79** presented the William L. Self Preaching Lectures at the McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, Atlanta.

### 1980s

**Ray Roberts '84** is head of staff at the Westfield, NJ, church. . . . **Brad Smith '89** is founder and executive director of Souper Bowl of Caring, whose mission is to utilize Super Bowl weekend to inspire and mobilize youth to fight hunger and poverty. Since this year's Super Bowl, more than \$3.5 million has been raised by nearly 9,500 organizations. You can learn more about Souper Bowl on the Web at [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org) or call 800-358-7687 (SOUP).

### 1990s

**Peg Brinck '95** is chaplain and director of pastoral services at Wood Presbyterian Village, Sweetwater, TN. . . . **Barbara Holmes '95** has a new book, *Joy Unspeakable: The Contemplative Practices of the Black Church*. . . . **Debbie Kirk '95** is associate pastor for spiritual growth and nurture at Hudson Memorial church, Raleigh, NC. . . . **Sarah Diehl '98** is associate pastor at the Towson, MD, church. . . . **Kathryn McClean Moore '97** is a board-certified chaplain through the Association of Professional Chaplains (APC). . . . **Totok Wiryasaputra (ThM '90)** has a new book, *Ready to Care: Introduction to Caring and Counseling*. . . . **Jane Dasher '93** is pastor of Riverside church, Niagara Falls, NY. . . . **Sungkon Bak (ThM '95)** is assistant pastor of Suchun Nambu Presbyterian Church in Korea. . . . **Mark Griffin (MATS '98)** completed the Ed.D. degree in counseling psychology from Argosy University, Sarasota, FL, and is assistant professor of psychology at Georgia Perimeter College.

### 2000s

**Mark Wright '01** is pastor of the Kennedy Heights church, Cincinnati, OH. . . . **David "Oats" Dault '02** contributed a chapter to *Derrida and Religion: Other Testaments* (Routledge 2005) and will deliver papers at the Wesleyan Theological Society and Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR). . . . **Carol Johnson '03** is chaplain at Philips Tower, Decatur, GA. . . . **Jonathan Carroll '00** is pastor of First church, Owensboro, KY.

## Faculty and Staff

### Biblical Area

**Beth Johnson**, J. Davison Phillips Professor of New Testament, was visiting scholar with the Moveable Feast, a Lectionary study group. She delivered the Thomas White Currie Lectures at Austin Seminary on "Life Together in the Household of God" and taught a church school class on Revelation at Central church, Atlanta. She also led a workshop on the book *The DaVinci Code* for the Presbyterian Women of Cherokee Presbytery and a conversation with church educators of Greater Atlanta Presbytery on educating congregations to think critically about the Bible in response to popular cultural interpretations. In April, she leads a discussion of the New Testament and the documentary "Banned From the Bible" for the Presbyterian Women of Covenant church, Atlanta. . . . **William P. Brown**, professor of Old Testament, served as resource theologian for a group of pastors sponsored by the Center of Theological Inquiry on the topic of salvation; served as panelist for a discussion about the Ten Commandments and the Supreme Court, and presented a paper on comparing the theology of Psalms with that of Proverbs at the Society of Biblical Literature meeting, San Antonio, TX. He taught church school classes on biblical creation at the North Decatur, GA, church. . . . **Kathleen O'Connor**, William Marcellus McPheeters Professor of Old Testament, is offering a Lenten talk, "God in the Book of Lamentations," at the Chapel and Cultural Center of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY, and teaching an "Introduction to the Old Testament" for adults at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Atlanta.

### Historical Doctrinal Area

**Mark Douglas**, assistant professor of Christian ethics, gave the keynote address at the 26th Annual Leadership Development Conference for Savannah Presbytery and taught and preached at the Rock Spring church, Atlanta. He published "Thinking Again About the Reformed Tradition and Public Leadership" with Lewis Mudge and Jim Watkins in *Theological Education*. His book, *Confessing Christ in the 21st Century*, will be released in April. . . . **Steve Hayner**, Peachtree Associate Professor of Evangelism, participated in a mission trip to Cuba with Presbyterian Outreach Foundation and the Peachtree church, Atlanta; taught a class on mission for Trinity church, Atlanta; attended the national staff conference for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship; and participated in the couples conference at Peachtree church. He also led seminars at the Tri-Presbytery Leadership Conference, the elders and deacons retreat at Sardis church, Charlotte, NC, and a retreat for Highland Park church, Dallas. . . . **Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi**, associate professor of world Christianity, delivered the Barton Lecture, "Of Borders, Mission, Church Life, and Evangelization," at the Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX, and the Gregory Lecture in International Mission, "Mission in the In-Between Spaces: The Gospel in Times of Transitions," at Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, PA; he also preached "An Itinerary of Faith and Hope" at Iglesia Cristiana (Discipulos de Cristo) church, Orlando, FL.

### Practical Theology Area

**Brian Wren**, John and Miriam Conant Professor of Worship, led a workshop and preached at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Austin, TX; was a panelist for the Hymnwriter's Roundtable, Vancouver Island, BC, Canada; led worship and a workshop at Spring Hill church, Mobile, AL; and presented *Worship: Faithful to Tradition, Responsive to Culture* at First Baptist Church, Athens, GA. Wren's *Barefoot in the Dust – A Hymn Poet's Memoir* was published in Japanese by the United Church of Christ and translated by Dr. Yasuhiko Yokosaka. . . . **Barbara Brown Taylor**, adjunct professor of Christian spirituality, gave the keynote address for the annual Bowen Conference at Kanuga, an Episcopal retreat center in Hendersonville, NC. The conference, "Faith on Edge," included presentations

on the biblical practices of incarnation, encounter, and resistance. In April, Taylor will present at "Faith in the Academy," a retreat for presidents and provosts hosted by Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA. . . . **Anna Carter Florence**, assistant professor of preaching, taught and preached at First church, Rock Hill, SC, and preached at the Loaves and Fishes Experience for the Presbytery of East Tennessee. In April, she leads a workshop and preaches at St. Charles Avenue church, New Orleans, LA. . . . **Rodger Nishioka**, associate professor of Christian education, led a workshop, "Transforming the Confirmation Journey," at the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE) annual conference, Vancouver, BC, Canada, and gave the keynote address at the Loaves and Fishes Experience for the Presbytery of East Tennessee.

## Administration and Staff

**Ann Clay Adams**, director of admissions, participated in the Fund for Theological Education's Congregation-based Recruiting Conference and served as a panelist for an admissions session at the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) conference for Student Personnel Administrators, Savannah, GA. . . . **Harvey Newman**, director of Faith and the City Project, made a presentation on Atlanta history to pastors and faith leaders at the initial meeting of the Faith Leadership Institute, Lake Lanier Islands, GA. . . . **Dent Davis (DMin '89)**, dean and vice president of Lifelong Learning, led the church officers' retreat for the Carrollton, GA, church and the Newnan, GA, church; taught a graduate course, "Leadership and Ministry," at Spring Hill College; preached a sermon series and led the annual retreat for Stephen Ministry leaders at the Sequoyah Hills church, Knoxville, TN; taught at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Atlanta; and was elected treasurer of the Society for Continuing Education in Ministry. . . . **Sarah Erickson '03**, associate director of Lifelong Learning, wrote "Transformations on the Road" for the PC (USA)'s *We Believe* quarterly adult Bible study series. . . . **Cam Murchison**, dean of faculty and executive vice

president, presented "Faith and Money" and preached at Westminster church, Knoxville, TN; published "Unsettling Generosity: Fearful Disciples on This Side of the Text" in *The Ending of Mark and the End of God: Essays in Memory of Donald Harrisville Juel*, and attended the Church Board of Visitors meeting at Maryville College, Maryville, TN.....

**Linda Morningstar (MATS '98)**, associate director of Lifelong Learning, taught a women's Bible study on Huldah at the Mt. Vernon church, Atlanta, and taught about the writings and theology of Madeleine L'Engle at the annual women's lunch meeting for the Newnan, GA, church.....**Stan Wood**, director of New Church Development (NCD), gave the keynote address for the Congregational Renewal Weekend and preached at First church, Sumter, SC, led workshops on Evangelism and Church Development for the Synod of Living Waters and an NCD strategic planning workshop on Parent Church NCDs for Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery and Mt Pleasant, SC, church, and taught a course at the Lay Leader Training Seminar for Portuguese Speaking NCD leaders.....**Laura Mendenhall**, president, spoke at the officers' retreat for St. Luke church, Dunwoody, GA, the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) conference for Development and Institutional Advancement, and at the Greater Atlanta and Cherokee presbyteries' leadership event. She also led a workshop at the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta's Men's Rally. She preached at the Brenham, TX, church, the weekend retreat of the Roswell, GA, church, and will preach for the General Assembly Stewardship Network Meeting in April. She participated in the ATS Committee for Leadership Education, the Re-Forming Ministry advisory board, Committee on Theological Education (COTE) for the Presbyterian Church (USA), and will participate in the inauguration of Dean K. Thompson as president of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She will chair a project for ATS, "Theological Schools and the Church," which meets this spring, and she will lead worship at the "Repent & Believe: A Call to Repentance and Prayer," event sponsored by several caucuses within the PC (USA).

## Faculty Emeriti

**Walter Brueggemann** taught a course on the prophets and spoke at Knox College, Auckland, New Zealand. He spoke at Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral, Houston, TX, and in April will speak at the Village church, Prairie Village, KS, and to the North American Episcopal Bishops, Detroit, MI. He also spoke on Jewish-Christian relations at First church, Atlanta; spoke and preached at First Cumberland church, Cleveland, TN, and presented a paper on Jewish-Christian biblical readings at the Association of Chicago Theological Schools (ACTS) consortium. His new publications include an essay in *The Book That Breathes New Life: Scriptural Authority and Biblical Theology: Genesis*, an Italian translation of his *Genesis Commentary*; and *Polyphonie und Einbildungskraft: Aufsätze zur Theologie des Alten Testaments*.....**G. Thompson Brown** published *Legacy: Frank A. Brown of China*, a biography of his father, a Presbyterian missionary in north China for more than 40 years. He also lectured on international missions and world Christianity at Trinity church, Atlanta.....**Robert Ramey** preached at the Jackson Springs, NC, church; led an officers' retreat, preached and gave two lectures at First church, Dunn, NC; led the Lenten program for McDonald's Chapel, Aberdeen, NC; taught a class at Union-PSC, Charlotte, to prepare students for the polity ordination exam; and continues to serve as parish associate, Brownson Memorial church, Southern Pines, NC.

## Students

### Master of Divinity

**Morgan Hay '07** is Presbyterian Youth Connection (PYC) Region 3 staff person for the 2006 Montreat/PYC 3 Middle School Conference held annually at Presbyterian College.....**Russ Blackwelder '06** is senior high youth ministry intern at Trinity church, Atlanta, teaching Sunday school, leading youth group, liturgy and preaching.....**Karen Jolly '06** traveled to Appalachia for the January "Alternative Context" course.....**Jud Jordan '05** is student pastor of the Tattnell Square church, Macon, GA, and serves as an Army Reserve chaplain in South Carolina.....**Ben Acton '05**, along with **Morgan Hay '07** and **Lindsey Wade '05**, co-keynoted at the Junior High Youth retreat for the Presbytery of Sheppards

and Lapsley and serves as co-director for the 2006 Montreat/PYC 3 Middle School Conference.....**Jill Tolbert '07** is student intern, in Supervised Ministry and Clinical Pastoral Education, at Decatur, GA, church, and she participated in the Atlanta "Alternative Context" group.....**Katie Heard '06** is the youth ministry intern at the Alpharetta, GA, church. She traveled to Mexico on "Alternative Context" and co-keynoted youth retreats for Saint Augustine Presbytery and the Calvin Center.....**Bart Edwards '05** was liturgist for First church, Prairie Grove, AR; taught a Presbyterian Women's circle meeting on Proverbs and preached at Clairmont church, Decatur, GA.....**Dorothy Blackwelder '06** is junior high youth ministry intern, teaching Sunday school, leading youth group, and serving as an elder friend for confirmation, at Trinity church, Atlanta.

### Master of Arts (Theological Studies)

**Susan Edwards '05** writes for the PC (USA)'s *We Believe* curriculum and led the Presbyterian Women's retreat at First church, Beaufort, SC.

### Master of Theology

**Barry Huff '05** will lecture at Bible conferences this spring in Chicago, Dallas, Houston, New Orleans, St. Louis, and Tampa.....**Susan Thomas '06** preached at Presbyterian Village, Austell, GA; Downtown United church, Rochester, NY; Atlanta Taiwanese church; Emory church, Atlanta; Hapeville, GA, church; and led the Presbyterian Women's retreat for the Presbytery of Mississippi.

### Doctor of Ministry

**Joan Martin (MDiv '00)** is pastor of Union church in Gastonia, NC.....**Andrew Richardson '06** is head of staff at Trinity United Church, Summerside, Prince Edward Island.....**Jin S. Kim '05** concluded his term as president of Presbyterians for Renewal (PFR), serves as president of Korean Adoptees Ministry, chairman of the board of advisors of the Cross Cultural Alliance of Ministries, and the Re-Forming Ministry advisory board. He also preached at the 216th General Assembly, Richmond, VA, and at the Mission Festival for North Avenue church, Atlanta.....**Keith Spencer '08** is pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Pembroke Pines, FL.

## Welcome!

**Vivian Hodo**, director of financial aid, is the newest member of Columbia's staff. Before joining the staff in February, she worked in education, social work, grant management, non-profit work, and finance.



**Susan Thomas '04**, communications specialist, joined the staff in October.



As a seminarian, she had worked part time in the Office of Communications. Before entering the M.Div. program, she was a senior buyer, sales account and marketing manager for Michigan-based automotive parts companies.

**Kim LeVert '04**, administrative assistant for international programs, joined the staff in October. Before entering the M.Div. program, Kim was a teacher and administrator in public schools and in higher education. Before accepting her current position, she was staff associate for the Lay Institute of Faith and Life and supply pastor of Fellowship Presbyterian Church, Jackson, GA.



**Ira Abram**, bookkeeper, joined the staff in late November. Before coming to Columbia, she had been an accounting analyst for a real estate investment company for 14 years.



**Charles D. (Chuck) Miller**, interim director of Lifelong Learning's Spirituality Program, joined the seminary on January 1. Please see the article on page 9 for more information about Chuck.

**Dale Mullis**, controller, joined the staff in January. Before coming to Columbia, he worked for 13 years as an accountant for a major investment firm and earlier for a regional CPA firm.



**Cheryl Mack '04**, bookstore manager, joined the staff in January. Before entering the M.Div. program, she served as an environmental attorney for the Environmental Protection Agency



and the University of California. She worked as a marine biologist for agencies in the U.S. Department of the Interior while attending law school.

## Births



### Godspeed!

**Bonnie Shoemaker**, administrative assistant for international programs, resigned in October 2004 to accept a position with Halliburton. She is on assignment in Iraq.

**Leigh Mullis**, associate director of development, resigned in October 2004 and now works part-time, allowing her to have more time with her son, Matthew, born to Leigh and her husband, Carroll, in August.

**Marilyn Ault**, who served as the seminary's bookkeeper for 21 years, retired in December 2004. Marilyn and her husband have moved to their new home in Jefferson, GA.



**Julie Johnson (D.Min.'98)**, director of the Spirituality Program, resigned at the end of 2004 to pursue a full-time ministry of congregational consultation, retreat leadership, and spiritual direction. Her office is in Marietta, GA.

**Emmanuel Lartey**, professor of pastoral theology and care, resigned in December 2004 to accept a faculty position at Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

**Marcia Moore**, bookstore manager, resigned in January and now works part-time in the bookstore, allowing her to devote more time to her



son, Gavin, born to Marcia and her husband, Shawn Orth, on October 12, 2004.

**Rick Dietrich**, director of the Lay Institute of Faith and Life, and **Robin Dietrich**, director of financial aid,



resigned in February and have moved to Staunton, VA, where Rick is pastor of First Presbyterian Church.



The Collins Twins!

Michelle Thomas-Bush '94 and David, a daughter, Violet Morgan, Feb. 22, 2005.  
Brian Rummage '96 and Elizabeth, a son, William Brian, Dec. 22, 2004.  
Mary Kay Scott Collins '97 and Rob, a daughter, Sophia Alexandrine, and a son, Charles Scott, Feb. 9, 2005.  
Steve Lindsley '97 and Lorie, a son, Hunter Logan, Nov. 29, 2004.  
Sue Kim-Ahn '99 and Joe, a son, Samuel Hyoungsuk, Feb. 27, 2005.  
Kyle Segars '99 and Shelaine Bird '03, a daughter, Sedona Grace, Jan. 7, 2005.  
Linda Davis (MATS '01) and Mark Maharg, a son, Alan Troy, Jan. 18, 2005.  
Tim Reynolds '01 and Tuesday, a daughter, Lily Grace, Oct. 11, 2004.  
Thomas '03 and Beth '04 Daniel, a daughter, Miriam Grace, Nov. 30, 2004.  
Barnabas Sprinkle '03 and Emi, a son, Joshua Aaron, Nov. 16, 2004.



## CHARLES MILLER

### Interim Director of Spirituality Program

Charles "Chuck" Miller is serving as interim director of the seminary's Spirituality Program. Dr. Miller is a minister in the PC (USA) and has served for 25 years as a pastor in small and medium-size congregations. He also completed Columbia's certification program in spirituality and maintained close ties to that program in the intervening years, serving as a course facilitator, reader, and as a member of the Discernment Council. He began work at Columbia on January 3, succeeding the program's former director, Julie Johnson (D.Min.'98), who announced last fall that she would leave the seminary at the end of 2004 for a full-time ministry of congregational consultation, retreat leadership, and spiritual direction.

A graduate of the University of Nebraska, Chuck Miller served for four years as a personnel officer with the U.S. Air Force. After completing military service, he



worked as a regional office manager in the insurance industry, then entered Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, where he earned the M.Div. degree. He earned the D.Min. degree at San Francisco Theological Seminary. Before coming to Columbia, he was pastor of Suffolk, VA, Presbyterian Church, and had served churches in West Virginia, Nebraska, South Dakota, and North Carolina, and had been a chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Announcing Chuck Miller's appointment, Dent C. Davis (D.Min.'89), dean and vice president of Lifelong Learning, said, "Chuck's deep commitment to spiritual formation in his own life, experience as a graduate of the Certificate in Spiritual Formation program, and many years of service as a pastor will be tremendous assets as the Spirituality program moves through this time of transition." □

## LIFELONG LEARNING EVENTS



### Second Chances: Giving Them and Getting Them

"Second Chances" is the theme for Columbia's Spring Evening Lay School, with classes offered at **First Presbyterian Church, Marietta, (Mondays April 11, 18, 25, May 2), and Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, (Thursdays April 14, 21, 28, May 5).**

"As people of faith, when do we need and when are we offered second chances?" asks Linda Morningstar, associate director of Lifelong Learning. "In what ways are we called upon to give second chances to others? What makes it difficult or life giving?"

"Each week a different instructor will help us explore these questions and give Old Testament, New Testament, ethical, and pastoral perspectives."

Course leaders include faculty members Beth Johnson, J. Davison Philips Professor of New Testament, and Martha Moore-Keish, assistant professor of theology; Richard Blake, the seminary's public service librarian and an ordained minister of the Reformed Church in America; and Chris Moore-Keish, a Presbyterian pastor with extensive hospital chaplaincy experience.

Cost is \$50 in advance, \$55 at the door, or \$45 for members of the host churches. For a brochure or to register, call 404-687-4577 or email [layinstitute@ctsnet.edu](mailto:layinstitute@ctsnet.edu). □

## Lifelong Learning Events

For more information about the courses listed below and to download a registration form, go to

<http://www.ctsnet.edu/lifelong/calendar/index.asp>.

For additional information, please contact Pat Roper, registrar, at 404-687-4587 or [roperp@ctsnet.edu](mailto:roperp@ctsnet.edu). Unless indicated otherwise, all events are on the seminary campus, in Decatur, GA.

### **Mysticism and Resistance (Certificate in Spiritual Formation).**

**April 3-6.** While Christian mysticism goes back at least as far as the Gospel of John, many mainline Protestants have no acquaintance with mystical theology. Participants will question assumptions about mysticism, as they learn unitive religious experience and meet some of the individuals who exemplify the Christian mystical life. Leaders: Barbara Brown Taylor, Julie Johnson. \$225.

**Contemplative Retreat for Men. April 10–15. Monastery of the Holy Spirit, near Conyers, GA.** Leader: David Guthrie. \$300 (includes meals and housing).

**“Second Chances” Evening Lay School. Mondays and Thursdays in April.** First Presbyterian Church, Marietta, GA (Mondays April 11, 18, 25, and May 2) and Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta (Thursdays April 14, 21, 18, 25, and May 5). Class meets 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. See page 9.

### **Group Spiritual Direction (Certificate in Spiritual Formation).**

**April 17-22.** Group spiritual direction is a process by which people gather regularly to assist one another in an ongoing awareness of God in all of life. Three conditions are essential to the life of the group: members must agree to commit themselves to an honest relationship with God, to participate wholeheartedly in the group process through prayerful listening and response, and to open their spiritual journeys for considerations by others. Leader: Rosemary Dougherty. \$300.

### **Evangelism: From Crusade to Coffee Shop (Colloquium 2005).**

**April 18-20.** Leighton Ford '55, president of Leighton Ford Ministries, and a former vice-president of the Billy Graham Crusade, will lead participants in considering images of evangelism – the storyteller, the artist of the soul, the friend along the journey - and how these images may affect our understanding of sharing the good news. Jin S. Kim, organizing pastor of Church of All Nations, PC (USA) in Minneapolis, MN, will preach during two worship services. \$75 includes Monday dinner and Tuesday luncheon; separate meals are \$15 each per person.

**Invitation to a Deeper Spiritual Life (Immersion Experience: Certificate in Spiritual Formation). April 24-29.** Participants will study the formative elements of spirituality—Old Testament, New Testament, Monastic, and Reformed—and will have the opportunity for personal reflection through guided meditative journaling. This is the initial course for the Certificate in Spiritual Formation. Occasional students are welcome. Leaders: Columbia faculty. \$400.

### **Guthrie Scholars (Columbia Alumni/ae Class of 1993). May 2-6.**


The seminary covers all costs, except travel.

**Forgive Us Our Debts: Reflecting on the Ethics of Borrowing and Lending – Part II. May 3.** Co-hosted by the Southern Institute for Business and Professional Ethics and Columbia Seminary's Lay Institute of Faith and Life. Free. See page 11.

**Soul Tending: Finding Spirituality in Your Ministry (Youth Ministry Certificate). May 6-7.** This event is designed to encourage youth leaders to nurture their own spirituality as they incorporate spiritual practices into their ministry with youth. \$150 (includes two meals; on-campus housing available for additional cost).

### **Evangelism and Emerging Cultures (Thompson Scholars).**

**May 19-24.** Leaders: Steve Hayner and guest facilitators. \$150 (covers meals and double occupancy room at Holiday Inn Select, Decatur; additional cost for single room). See page 11.

**The Word Became Flesh: Spiritual Explorations in Art (Certificate in Spiritual Formation). June 5-10.** This course combines a look at the evolution of early Christian art and provides participants with opportunities to give voice to their faith and make the invisible visible. Visual art is the primary focus; poetry and music will also be explored. No artistic experience is necessary. Leader: Liz Forney. \$300. 



## S<sup>3</sup> Applications Due April 22

Group project applications for Columbia's S<sup>3</sup> program are due April 22. The program, which is funded by a \$1.3 million grant from the Lilly Endowment, offers opportunities for pastors of all denominations, working in small groups, to develop models for sustaining excellence in the practice of ministry.

For the two-year program, participants receive approximately \$1,000 each per year to fund a project that focuses on aspects of Sabbath, study, and service. Each participant also receives up to \$300 in need-based aid for travel to the program orientation and subsequent annual meetings, which are held each August.

Groups will be notified of acceptance by May 13. The orientation workshop is August 15-19 on the Columbia campus.

For information about the S<sup>3</sup> Project or application materials, please visit [http://www.ctsnet.edu/lifelong/continuing\\_education/s3.asp](http://www.ctsnet.edu/lifelong/continuing_education/s3.asp) or contact Sarah Erickson, associate director for Lifelong Learning and S<sup>3</sup> Project coordinator, at 404-687-4526 or [ericksons@ctsnet.edu](mailto:ericksons@ctsnet.edu).



## Applications Invited for Thompson Scholars Program

MAY 19-24

Columbia's Thompson Scholars program is accepting applications for the 2005 event, which convenes May 19.

The program supports the work of evangelism in the church and is made possible through financial contributions in honor of Dr. Cecil Thompson, professor of evangelism, rural church, and mission at Columbia from 1946 to 1967.

This year's event will be led by Steve Hayner, Peachtree Associate Professor of Evangelism and Church Growth, and guest facilitators currently involved in evangelism with emerging generations and cultures. Dr. Hayner says, "The culture is changing, and former ways of communicating God's good news no longer seem relevant. Many churches are struggling as they think about evangelism with younger generations and other emerging cultures. This year's Thompson Scholars will consider ways in which emerging generations think, and we will talk about such topics as preaching, discipleship, worship, and leadership development for a new time." In addition to campus activities, the event includes visits to emergent worship experiences in the Atlanta area.

The program fee of \$150 covers housing at the Holiday Inn Select in Decatur (double occupancy; single rooms available at an additional cost) and all meals during the event.

Applications may be submitted via e-mail ([ericksons@ctsnet.edu](mailto:ericksons@ctsnet.edu)) and should include the following information: applicant's name, church, address, phone, email, and brief answers to two questions: (1) What do you see as critical issues and opportunities when engaged in evangelism with emerging cultures? (2) Why would you like to participate in the Thompson Scholars program?



## Ethics of Lending

MAY 3

Columbia's Lifelong Learning program will present a seminar on the ethics of lending, Tuesday, May 3, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Harrington Center on campus. The event is co-hosted with the Southern Institute for Business and Professional Ethics.

This seminar follows one offered in February on the ethics of borrowing. The series considers what responsibilities borrowers and lenders have to one another. Participants will look at what the Bible, theologians, early church fathers, and ethicists have said about lending and about borrowing.

Cam Murchison, dean of faculty and professor of ministry at Columbia will be among those leading this second session. John Knapp, president of the Southern Institute, will moderate.

"The two sessions complement one another, but you needn't have participated in the first to attend the second," says Linda Morningstar, associate director of Lifelong Learning. "The hope is that by looking together at hypothetical cases and real-life situations, each of us will be better equipped to pause and reflect, when we're borrowing or lending."

Admission is free, but space is limited, so please register. Call 404-687-4577 or e-mail [layinstitute@ctsnet.edu](mailto:layinstitute@ctsnet.edu).

### Correction

In the Autumn 2004 issue, in the Emeriti Faculty section of For the Record, the last name of President Emeritus Ben Kline was spelled with a C. That was a typographical error, for which the editor apologizes and takes full responsibility.

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is equally so. Writing to fellow alumni/ae recently to ask for their contributions to the Annual Fund, David Weitnauer (M.Div. '86, Th.D. '97), made an important point:



*“If we build a broader base of support among graduates . . . charitable foundations and other donors that use participation rates of alumni/ae giving as a criterion for funding will be more inclined to support the seminary.”*

Last year, for the first time in several years, the percentage of Columbia's graduates who support the Annual Fund exceeded 20 percent. With only 91 more gifts, that participation rate will climb to 25%, a goal the Alumni/ae Council hopes to reach by June 30, 2005.

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