

CONCORDIA SEMINARY GUILD



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REPORTS AND MESSAGES

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

WITH THE SUMMER SEASON almost behind us, I am sure we are all ready for the Seminary Guild to begin – and we have.

THE GUILD EXECUTIVE met on September 1st, and made plans for the Opening Service reception and Harvest Day.

ORIENTATION was held on September 1st also for the two new students. I told them about the Guild's work in helping and supporting the students, and presented them with a \$50 gift card for the Bookstore. They expressed their appreciation for the gift.

THE OPENING SERVICE was held on Sunday, September 12, in the Martin Luther Chapel, followed by a reception hosted by the Guild Executive and the Faculty Wives in the Student Lounge.

HARVEST DAY IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16TH. The Registration Form and Agenda is at the end of the newsletter. After the bad experience with registrations for Guild Day, we **STRONGLY** suggest that you follow through with **MAILING ONLY. YOUR REGISTRATIONS SHOULD BE RECEIVED, INCLUDING PAYMENT, BY THE DEADLINE DATE OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 4TH**. We have to accommodate the time frame given by Chef Paul. As stated in the last newsletter, we were charged **\$400** more, due to late reservations. This money could have been used in support of our students. Your help with timely registrations is greatly appreciated. We have a \$4.00 late fee for all late registrations. We look forward to our Presentation by Wally and Howard Bogusat on their time in Haiti. The host for the Coffee Hour is Pilgrim, Hamilton.

OTHER NEWS – The kitchen was cleaned on August 25th by Naomi Hohnberg, Sylvia Barich and Mary Silver. A new freezer is in the process of being purchased as per the decision made on Guild Day.

DON'T FORGET YOUR PANTRY ITEMS on Harvest Day or any monetary donations for the Pantry Fund. Please identify your group or individuals that are making donations.

IN CLOSING I ask for your continued prayers for the students and their families, the staff and faculty, and the Guild Executive. Also, a sincere "Thank You" to everyone for their prayers, cards and phone calls following my surgery. I truly appreciated this. Looking forward to seeing everyone on Harvest Day.

*Blessings, Peace and Love,
Judy Zastrow*

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE: *We must polish the Polish furniture.*

PUNS FOR AN EDUCATED MIND: *The roundest Knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference.*

HOW HOT WAS OUR SUMMER: *It was so hot the birds had to use potholders to pull worms out of the ground.*

LAWS OF NATURE: *Law of Gravity – Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.*

FROM THE TREASURER:

REPORT AS OF THE GUILD EXECUTIVE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 1ST – OPENING BALANCE at the beginning of the fiscal year - \$6,608.05. Currently there is a balance in the Chequing account of \$6,608.05 which includes \$348.51 in the Food Pantry not yet disbursed. The U.S. account has a balance of \$462.37.

*Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Stephenson*

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE: *The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.*

PUNS FOR AN EDUCATED MIND: *No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.*

HOW HOT WAS OUR SUMMER: *It was so hot that when the temperature dropped below 35C you felt a little chilly.*

LAWS OF NATURE: *Law of Random Numbers – If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.*

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:

OUR MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION to date is 850, down from last year's 904. We are still aiming to reach our goal of 1,000. I would like to thank the Contact People for their time and efforts in their congregations. All the Contact People will be acknowledged on Harvest Day and Concordia pins will be presented to all those who are new.

*Your sister in Christ,
Carol Nagel*

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE: *A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.*

PUNS FOR AN EDUCATED MIND: *Atheism is a non-prophet organization.*

HOW HOT WAS OUR SUMMER: *It was so hot that you discovered that you could get sunburned through your car window.*

LAWS OF NATURE: *Law of the Result – When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.*

FROM THE FACULTY ADVISOR:

Dear Members of the Seminary Guild,

WITH THE START OF THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR less than 24 hours away, the thought suddenly occurred to me that seminaries as such are not yet 500 hundred years old, and that for almost the first 300 years of seminaries' existence, the Roman Catholics had a monopoly on them.

SINCE CHURCH MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS are dwindling and ministerial students are increasingly hard to come by and seminaries are downright expensive propositions for the church bodies that run them, we

cannot dodge the awkward question: why still bother with these institutions that eat up so many personal and material and financial resources?

THE CHIEF REASON for us to keep going is that, after Christ appointed personal ambassadors to continue His ministry here on earth (i.e., the Apostles), these ambassadors appointed a further stream of such ambassadors (known originally as “presbyters” or elders; see Acts 14:23), and also gave the command that a steady supply of yet more ambassadors be continually appointed to meet the Church’s needs (see Titus 1:5).

BACK IN JANUARY 1989, when he preached for my installation here at Concordia, the sainted Dr. Kurt Marquart chose as his text a verse from St. Paul that puts the mission of a seminary and the specific task of a seminary professor in a nutshell: “What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also” (2 Tim. 2:2). Because a presbyter/pastor must have thorough knowledge of what he is to teach, his training must have an “academic” component: “he must hold firm to the sure word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in solid doctrine and also to confute those who contradict it” (Titus 1:9).

AND THERE’S A HUGE PERSONAL and spiritual dimension to ministerial formation. This first happened when Christ kept company with the apostles for three whole years, and when the apostles took certain men with them on their journeys (e.g., Mark, Timothy, Titus, and many more), who sooner or later became their associates in ministry. This side of pastoral formation keeps going 20 centuries later as our students interact with their professors and fieldwork supervisors.

AS I READ THE NEW TESTAMENT, I am struck by how Christ and the Twelve and later the apostles and their pastoral staffs could count on the aid of support groups in the infant Church. Think of the women who supplied the needs of our Lord and the apostles from their own resources (Luke 8:1-3). Think also of some of those mentioned by Paul in his letters, e.g. but not only in Romans 16.

WE HERE AT CONCORDIA thank God that you form such a big part of our support group, and that you do so by offering all kinds of personal, spiritual, moral, and material support. As we rejoice in your prayers and pledge to pray for you in return, we look forward to another year of cooperation with you for the benefit of our students as they undergo pastoral formation, and we thank you for your unflagging partnership with us in the Gospel.

*With my love in Christ,
Rev. Dr. John R. Stephenson, Pastoral Advisor to
Seminary Guild*

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE: *When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.*

PUNS FOR AN EDUCATED MIND: *I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.*

HOW HOT WAS OUR SUMMER: *It was so hot that the potatoes cooked underground, so all you had to do was pull one out and add butter, salt and pepper.*

LAWS OF NATURE: *Law of Biomechanics – The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.*

STUDENT ROSTER 2010 – 2011

STUDENT’S NAME	CLASSIFICATION	BIRTHDAY	FAMILY
Bonato, Daniel	Special/Vicar	October 7	Noelia, 2 children
Choi, Seung Woo	M.Div. II	June 20	Ju Yeon Lee, 2 children
Christoforidis, Vasilios	M.Div. I	October 24	Rebecca, 2 children
Craig, Revd. Ken	M.Div. IV	November 25	Julie, 3 children

STUDENT ROSTER (con't)

STUDENT'S NAME	CLASSIFICATION	BIRTHDAY	FAMILY
Green, Ernie	M.Div. IV	January 11	Cindy, 3 children
Hart, Perry	M.Div. II	January 24	Tara, 3 children
Hromowyk, Wes	M.Div. II	November 8	Single
Juhlke, Jesse	Special/Pre-Sem	February 10	Single
Kosbakian, Revd. Kevork	M.T.S.	October 2	Single
Lettieri, Domenick	Diploma/Vicar	February 16	Nancy, 2 children
Mastin, Tyson	M.Div. I	September 15	Single
Nieminen, Johannes	M.Div. I	April 26	Lydia, 3 children
Palmer, Greg	Vicar	June 20	Maria, 5 children
Pillay, Dereck	Diploma	April 12	Chandra, 2 children
Preus, Andrew	M.Div. I	October 4	Leah
Preus, Paul	M.Div. I	November 26	Bethany, 3 children
Richert, Jeremy	M.Div. II	April 25	Single
Schultz, Kurt	M.Div. II	November 20	Single
Swords, Jeff	Diploma	November 13	Karen, 2 children
Tucho, Revd. Mezgebu	Colloquy	January 15	Married, 3 children
Zhang, Wayne	Vicar	July 3	Tasi, 2 children

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE: *The bandage was wound around the wound.*

PUNS FOR AN EDUCATED MIND: *I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.*

HOW HOT WAS OUR SUMMER: *It was so hot that the farmers were feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying boiled eggs.*

LAWS OF NATURE: *Law of Physical Surfaces – The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor covering are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet/rug.*

**HARVEST DAY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2010**

AS A NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS at Concordia Seminary we anticipate the coming of Harvest Day, to be held **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16**. It begins with Registration and Coffee Fellowship where Guild members can meet and greet each other again. At our Business Meeting reports will be given by the Executive and plans proposed in which we can help and support the faculty, staff and especially the new and returning students and their families, as they tackle their studies and life at the Seminary. An interesting presentation will be given by Wally and Howard Bogusat relating to their visit to Haiti and the horrific earthquake that occurred at that time. The Introduction of Students will acquaint the members with their adopted students. To end the festivities a Luncheon, organized by Lois Juritsch and catered by Chef Paul will be served at which time students and Guild members can enjoy fellowship with one another. Be sure to record the date, **Saturday, October 16**, on your calendar and fill out and send in your Registration Forms, keeping in mind the deadline date of Registration, **Monday, October 4**. We look forward to seeing you all on Harvest Day.

*Kay Tiffney,
Newsletter Editor*

H A R V E S T D A Y A G E N D A

8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.	Registration and Coffee Fellowship
9:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	Hymn Sing WELCOME: Dr. Thomas Winger, Acting President Concordia Seminary
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	BUSINESS MEETING
(As time allows)	Hymn Sing
10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	CHAPEL SERVICE
11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	PRESENTATION: Mr. Wally Bogusat and Mr. Howard Bogusat Their experiences when visiting Haiti and the ensuing earthquake during their stay there.
11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS
12:15 p.m.	CATERED LUNCHEON - Chef Paul

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE: *The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.*

PUNS FOR AN EDUCATED MIND: *A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.*

HOW HOT WAS OUR SUMMER: *It was so hot that the cows were giving evaporated milk.*

LAWS OF NATURE: *Wilson's Law of Commercial Strategy – As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.*

FRIENDS

Some people come into our lives
And fill an empty space,
And others smile and seem to make
This world a better place.

Some people let the sun shine in
Dispelling doom and gloom,
And some can make the stars come out
To light a darkened room.

Some people give us strength and hope
To make a bright, new start,
And walking through our lives they leave
Their footprints in our heart.

Iris Hesselden
Friendship Book 2010