

CANDLER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Candler School of Theology is grounded in the Christian faith and shaped by the Wesleyan tradition of evangelical piety, ecumenical openness, and social concerns. Its mission is *to educate—through scholarship, teaching and service—faithful and creative leaders for the church's ministries in the world*. These purposes define Candler's role as a school of Emory University and of the United Methodist Church and point to the unique challenges and opportunities we face in leading a national research university in re-discovering what it might mean to relate to a major denomination.

With the full University community, the faculty has undertaken a strategic planning process. This initiative has allowed the opportunity to reflect on Candler's significant commitments to church and society and to envision goals and investments through 2010. Chief among them is a three-phase building project. Plans are underway to construct a new building to house the Pitts Theology Library, classrooms, a teaching chapel, and the University's Ethics Center. Later, Bishops Hall and the Quadrangle building currently housing the Pitts Theology Library will be renovated. You will hear a great deal about this project once architectural designs have been secured. In the interim, know that this effort is long overdue and speaks to Candler's aspirations to secure facilities that will support the strong educational program already in place here.

Candler's faculty continues to be among the most distinctive in theological education. Forty-four members hold full-time appointment, and one holds a part-time appointment. An additional seven serve in a part-time or adjunct capacity. Thirty Teaching Supervisors support our Contextual Education and Teaching Parish programs. In addition, Woodie White and Jack Meadors serve as United Methodist bishops in residence, and the Right Reverend Frank K. Allan, recipient of this year's Emory Medal, serves as Anglican bishop in residence. Bishop L. Bevel Jones III remains at Candler working with the Development office.

As is typical, Candler faculty continue to provide leadership in professional societies. This year David Petersen serves as president of the Society for Biblical Literature and Roberta Bondi as President of the Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality. Both gave presidential addresses at the San Antonio AAR/SBL meeting in November. Gail O'Day continues as editor of the *Journal of Biblical Literature*, and Ted Brelsford as editor of the *Journal of Religious Education*.

Enrollment stands at 536, with 413 in the Master of Divinity program, 71 in the Master of Theological Studies program, 12 in the Master of Theology program, 7 in the Doctor of Theology program and 33 enrolled as Special, Non-Degree students. The number of students committed to full-time education is up with 80% of students enrolled full-time. The student population is 29% non-white, 7% international, and 52% women. More than 52 denominations are represented with 64% of MDiv students being United Methodist from 38 Annual Conferences. Other denominations of the Methodist family represented at Candler include African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Nazarene, Christian Methodist Episcopal, and the Methodist Churches of Brazil, Korea, and the Caribbean.

The United Methodist Church elected three Candler alumni as bishops this summer. Mary Virginia Taylor '75T is now the Episcopal leader of the Columbia area; William Willimon '73DST, of the Birmingham area; and Dick Wills '67T, of the Nashville area. With their election, twenty-one United Methodist bishops are Candler alums. Willimon and Bishop Hope Morgan Ward have been elected to the Emory Board of Trustees, replacing retiring bishops Robert Fannin and William Morris.

Great things continue to happen with Candler's continuing and church education efforts. Currently, plans are underway for a fall conference on *Music and Worship* (October 9-11, 2005). Information about this and other upcoming events is available at <<http://candler.emory.edu>>.

Through the generosity of alumni and friends, Candler's scholarship program is one of the top in the nation. Last year, 87% of eligible students received scholarship support from Candler with an average scholarship covering 80% of tuition. Gifts from the Methodist Education Fund (MEF) have played a large role in this success. However, so much more still needs to be done. More than 60% of Candler's MDiv graduates leave school with educational debt. Your continued support, gifts and prayers mean a great deal as we work to provide a strong educational program and a strong start in pastoral ministry for our students.

For more information about Candler, our extraordinary faculty and dedicated students, I hope you will bookmark <http://candler.emory.edu>

Sincerely and with Great Thanks,

***Russell E. Richey, Dean and Professor of Church History
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GAMMON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. Walter H. Mckelvey, President

Gammon Theological Seminary founded in 1883 is one of 13 accredited United Methodist seminaries in The United States. Located at 653 Beckwith Street in Atlanta, it is The United Methodist component of The Interdenominational Theological Center consortium. Gammon was established by The Methodist Episcopal Church in connection with Clark University.

The mission of Gammon Theological Seminary in partnership with The Interdenominational Theological Center is to recruit, support and educate pastors and leaders for The United Methodist Church.

The student body is comprised of 78 United Methodist students who are enrolled in graduate/post graduate degree programs from Africa, Asia and The United States.

The interdisciplinary curriculum offers a holistic educational experience integrating theological studies with preparation for the ministry. 160 courses fall into four major areas of study: Biblical Studies and Languages; Philosophy, Theology, Ethics and History; Persons, Society and Culture; and The Church and Its Mission. A variety of classes, many of which actively engage students in the ecumenical and multicultural environment on campus and in the community beyond; they encounter a preview of the diversity they will discover in serving congregations and communities after graduation.

The alumni of Gammon Theological Seminary serve the community and larger society as bishops, pastors, counselors, professors, government officials, denominational executives, campus ministers, chaplains, college administrators clinical pastoral counselors, political and community leaders.

Gammon has started a major renovation project at a cost of \$2.5 million dollars to renovate the Gammon Hall Administration and Dormitory facility.

Gammon has embarked upon the twenty-first century with a vision to strengthen its physical plant and to promote financial security for the institution with its fundraising efforts and to increase recruitment of prospective students that will honor its historic mission and embraces its promising future.

Submitted by: Madelyn C. Greene, Alumni & Student Affairs Director

GARRETT-EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The community of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary is currently concluding the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the seminary's founding. True to our 150 years of experience in preparing Christian leaders, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary today serves The United Methodist Church and the broader Pan-Methodist family as an institution whose core purpose is "to know God in Christ and, through preparing spiritual leaders, to help others know God in Christ." We approach this purpose through our three core values: evangelical commitment, critical and creative reason, and prophetic participation in society. We celebrate and carry on the traditions of Garrett Theological Seminary, Evangelical Theological Seminary, and the Chicago Training School.

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary serves about four hundred students in degree-related courses, and we also serve about two hundred faithful women and men who are trained in our summer Course of Study School. Seventy percent of our regular degree students and almost all of our summer Course of Study students come from the Pan-Methodist family of churches, with United Methodists being the largest denominational group. We are working to increase the numbers of students we serve, and we ask for your help in our attempt to identify highly qualified and highly motivated candidates for Christian ministry to be trained in the great heritage that we nurture at Garrett-Evangelical. We are proud to serve The United Methodist Church and the broader Pan-Methodist community, and we ask for your continuing prayers and support as we pursue our historic mission and our contemporary vision.

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary has taken the occasion of our sesquicentennial to focus anew our vision for the future. The seminary is continuing to implement a strategic plan that our trustees adopted in 2001. This plan lays out a vision for theological education in service to the church in this new millennium. The plan calls for strengthening ties with the Church, and specifically with local congregations. It calls for sustained attention to the task of recruiting a new generation of Christian leaders, including attention to youth and college ministries, and supporting our candidates by increased scholarship funding. The plan also lays out our commitment to serving the constituencies of Pan-Methodist denominations (African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal Churches), as well as The United Methodist Church, and our commitment to enhance the work of our three ethnic-minority ministry centers.

Our rich heritage deserves such a future as we have envisioned, and we recognize that the seminary needs to continue to attract critical resources to carry out this vision. In addition to the support of The United Methodist Church by way of the Ministerial Education Fund (which supplies approximately eleven percent of our annual budget), Garrett-Evangelical is now engaged in a sesquicentennial capital campaign, "Honoring Our Heritage, Forging Our Future," with an ambitious target goal of \$35 million, most of which is earmarked for endowment to support the vision of our strategic plan. To date we have raised gifts and pledges totaling \$28 million towards this goal, but the remainder of our goal will be the most difficult to raise. We ask annual conference leaders to help us by raising the full apportionment for the Ministerial Education Fund.

We are currently attempting to increase our enrollment through a recruitment campaign. We are working on renovating our student housing, and we are building better financial planning models for the future. In the last year the seminary has been the recipient of a substantial grant from the Luce Foundation, which is currently enabling the seminary to build a stronger cycle of planning and evaluation as we look to our future. A grant from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations in the last year has enabled the seminary to expand its capacity for library holdings and to proceed with electronic cataloging of some of our rare Methodist items.

The seminary has seen technological and other enhancements to our life: "smart" classrooms, new software, new staff in information technology, and a newly redesigned web site that we encourage

you to visit (www.garrett.edu). Since 2003 we have had a visitor parking lot—please come see us on the web or in person!

Ted A. Campbell, president

UNITED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

UTS Mission Statement: *United Theological Seminary is a Christ-centered graduate school of the United Methodist Church that equips leaders for the church in a pluralistic world through the nurture of piety, the love of learning and the pursuit of justice.*

We have been entrusted with a profound mandate to prepare spiritual leaders for the church, and to actualize the nurture of piety, the love of learning, and the pursuit of justice. The tradition of our founders was deeply rooted in the proclamation of the Gospel and the creation of dynamic communities of faith and service. In that same spirit we have made monumental decisions to define our tasks within radically shifting contexts, and provide for the effectiveness and sustainability of the seminary. To these ends we spent 2004 making plans in the following areas:

Relocating the Seminary

On Feb. 18, 2005, UTS purchased a new 80-acre campus for the seminary in Trotwood, OH. We now look toward to next steps, which include renovations and transition planning. We rejoice and thank God for all that has been done to facilitate this remarkable transition.

Providing Opportunities for Congregational Development

- The Center for Worship, Preaching and the Arts received a grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship which has been used to fund “Come to the Waters,” a series of two retreats on leading congregations through the Easter Vigil, and “Come to the Table,” a study guide and training session based on “This Holy Mystery.”
- The Pohly Center for Supervision and Leadership Formation has been working with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry to provide training in the Pohly model for the Virginia Annual Conference Cabinet in March of 2005. Other opportunities for this type of service to the church exist in several other states.
- The Center for Urban Ministry continues in partnership with the Hispanic/Latino Ministries Coordinator of the Southwest Region of the West Ohio Annual Conference by offering a monthly practical ministry training program in Spanish for lay pastors.
- The Center for Urban Ministry hosted Toward the City of God, an urban conference, with scholarship help provided by the West Ohio Annual Conference. The West Ohio conference has also designated 15 clergy who will undergo a Doctor of Ministry degree with a focus on urban ministry at UTS with the conference providing half the tuition. The center is also working with the West Ohio Urban Network to provide training for clergy newly appointed to urban congregations.
- **The Office of Continuing Education** continues in partnership with MTSO to offer a **Course of Study School in Ohio.**
- **The Institute for Applied Theology** continues to plan **Teaching Church Network Events** in various locations around the region including work with the Holston Conference, TN, First-Centenary in Chattanooga, TN, and continuing education programs in congregational development in Dayton

Growing Enrollment/Flex Semester

- We celebrate some **enrollment growth** in 2004. Fall Semester enrollment was 352 students enrolled, with 141 masters students, 196 doctoral students, and 13 special students. We are pleased that the flex semester system and new curriculum are working well and providing our students with multiple opportunities to take classes and to specialize in a particular work area within the M.Div. program.

Meeting the needs of a Digital Culture

- The **email newsletter** we began in March of 2004 has become very popular and we are adding e-mail addresses on a regular basis.
- We have **upgraded our website** to provide easier access to the expanding number of programs at United through a user-friendly navigation scheme.
- We are making major strides toward the development of an **online learning program** by the hire of a person who will develop meaningful and appropriate courseware for distance learning initiatives.

Collaborating with Others

- We are forming some fruitful partnerships as we explore Wellness Education as it relates to UTS. Recommendations for establishing a Center for Wellness Education will be presented to the board in the spring.
- A grant from GBHEM is funding a youth event in Ohio in the fall of 2005, *At the Threshold: Consider the Possibilities*. This event is being planned in partnership with other colleges, MTSO, and the two Ohio conferences. The focus of the event is to identify and nurture young people for professional and ordained ministry.

Preparing Leaders for the Black Church

- United's growing **Doctor of Ministry** program celebrates the addition of **new focus groups and mentors** that include some of the rising stars in a new generation of church leaders.
- We continue our commitment to **prepare leaders for the black church and community**.
- United's D.Min. program represents an **ecumenical group of constituents** including United Methodists, Episcopalians, Roman Catholics, Baptists, and many other denominations and groups.
- The D.Min. focus groups represent a growing number of partnerships that encompass a wide variety of expressions of ministry including **pastoral care, urban studies, community development, preaching, and health-related issues**.

We continue to diligently plan for the emergence of a dynamic Christ-centered learning community, and we are determined to collaborate with others in the pursuit of our mission, vision, and values. Let us pray and reason together so that United's vision will be of the greatest possible usefulness to Christ and the entire Church here and across the earth.

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A. Introductory Comments

As a comprehensive liberal arts college, North Central is committed to effective teaching, small classes, and rigorous standards. We are also committed to preparing our graduates for jobs and the world of work, and to serving the needs of all kinds of students — adult and traditional — in innovative formats, without abandoning our conviction as to what an education entails.

This concern for the whole person — body, mind and spirit — has been part of the North Central education since the Evangelical Association founded the College 143 years ago. A close working relationship with the church throughout the years has helped us to keep our focus and to provide the best education we possibly can.

1. Accountability

During the 2004 conference year, \$15,000 was received from the Wisconsin Conference for the college scholarship program. Fourteen United Methodist students from Wisconsin received \$175,999 in institutional scholarship and grant aid.

2. Philosophy and Priorities

The mission of North Central College is to prepare students to become productive, principled and involved leaders and citizens over a lifetime. As a comprehensive college affiliated with the United Methodist Church, North Central seeks to meet individual needs of students at different stages of life and from different ethnic, economic, and religious backgrounds — who bring diverse expectations to the educational process — with programs responsive to those needs (residential, outreach, full-time and part-time), while insuring that all students experience in common the “North Central difference”:

- One faculty committed to teaching...in small classes...in which writing, reasoning, and speaking skills are emphasized...and one standard is applied to all degree recipients.
- Educational programs rooted in the liberal arts and traditions of a residential college — including six Core Curriculum and three All College Requirements for all undergraduates — but also actively engaging the world around us, and the practical skills needed for jobs and successful careers.
- A commitment, both inside and outside the classroom, to cultivate a campus climate of tolerance and empathy that supports learning about leadership, ethics and values. The All College Requirement includes requirements in Religious Studies, Intercultural Studies, and Leadership, Ethics, and Values.
- Capstone courses incorporating issues of leadership, ethics and values are taught for each academic major. Every student is required to take the capstone course in the senior year.

3. Information

For the tenth consecutive year, US News and World Report named North Central as one of “America’s Best Colleges” and for the seventh time North Central was listed as a “best college value.” For fall, 2004, the full-time degree seeking undergraduate enrollment was 1,800 with a

head count enrollment of 2,600. Minority enrollment was 13% of full-time students. Our international student enrollment continues to expand with a total of 45 international students this academic year. The freshman retention rate was 76 percent. Two programs, one during the summer and one during the first year, are designed to enhance retention for minority students.

A year of outstanding speakers was highlighted by presentations by Martin Luther King Jr. Speaker, Rev. Joseph Agne '66, pastor of Memorial United Methodist Church in White Plains, New York. Other speakers included: Anti-Hate Convocation Speaker, Elizabeth Birch, Lonnie Bunch, president of Chicago Historical Society, who keynoted Martin Luther King Week, and Chief Justice of Supreme Court of Illinois Mary Ann McMorrow and Justice Rita Garman.

380 freshmen and 180 transfer students at North Central participated in various community service projects as part of "Into the Streets," a national outreach program. Working at 20 different sites in DuPage County and the Chicago area, these students were introduced to the College's service ethic and increased their awareness of social responsibility.

The college purchased a church building that was the home of Grace United Methodist Church until 1970. That building will become center for theater and the arts. A historic boiler house was remodeled and dedicated as a new coffee house. Plans were developed to make the former Evangelical Theological Seminary administration building a modern accessible facility. A new balcony in the chapel will accommodate fifty more people. Public fundraising will begin in February of 2005.

FIRST CHICAGO TERM fills to capacity for fall term 2004, with 25 students signed up and more on waiting list. Program includes courses in Urban and Suburban Studies and Chicago Field Study taught in the First United Methodist Church of Chicago by North Central faculty, with optional Chicago-based internship. In future years, participating students will live in Chicago.

The United Methodist Foundation for Higher Education named Dr. Howard Mueller as the "Outstanding Educator of the Year" for his extraordinary impact on North Central College students, staff, and faculty over 28 years. More than 100 UM colleges and universities were able to nominate.

The College enjoyed the best fundraising year ever with total receipts topping 18.7 million. The College finished its 31st consecutive year with a balanced budget.

B. Highlights

1. Campus Life and Spiritual Opportunities

As Chaplain, Rev. Lynn Pries concluded his tenth year and began his eleventh full year in ministry to the North Central campus community, student involvement and participation continued to expand. A weekly student planned and led service reaches students with an informal contemporary worship. Numerous other activities of the campus ministry program included weekend retreats, support to the Gospel Choir, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the United Methodist Student Organization. The Martin Luther King worship service and served as worship leader for the seventeenth Annual Gospel Extravaganza, which drew 500 people. Rev. Norval Brown gave the message at the annual Anti-Hate Chapel Service. Two professional musicians, Chester and Angela Andrew, directed the Gospel Choir. Sixteen students attended the Midwest United Methodist Student Movement gathering in April. The chaplain and a group of seniors developed the baccalaureate service featuring three student speakers and three choirs. Five hundred persons attended the service.

2. *Opening the Campus to the World*

The Campus Chaplain continued to encourage the campus community to look beyond itself to the issues of the nation and world through a variety of opportunities for work and travel. Thirty-six students and five North Central staff spent a week repairing homes in Virginia through the Appalachian Service Project. Thirty-three students participated in three spring break mission trips. Ten students traveled to Mexico in June to repair an orphanage. The Chaplain serves on the Cultural Events Committee to bring speakers to campus to challenge the community.

3. *Developing Leaders for the Church*

Part of the educational ministry of North Central and the campus ministry program itself includes training students to take leadership roles in the organizations and activities noted above. Two peer ministers developed programs for campus ministry events and groups. Two students spent the summer in internships in United Methodist camps. New Visions, our music ministry touring company, is a national model for outreach ministry in higher education. Through the year they led over fifteen worship celebrations. The Summer New Visions Company directed weeklong programs in six churches and led four weeks of camping programs. Five students brought Vacation Bible School to thirteen local churches through the New Beginnings program. These teams, which are coordinated by Rev. Pries, provided weeklong programs for 1200 children and youth. Six students and Rev. Pries attended the Student Forum in Conway, Arkansas.

With seven North Central College alumni currently in the student body of Garrett-Evangelical Seminary, the college continues to provide more students to G-ETS than any other college or university.

4. *Relationship to the Conference*

The college reaffirmed its relationship with the Conference by continuing increased financial assistance opportunities for children of clergy. Guidelines were established for twelve, \$3,000 scholarships for full-time employees of churches. Students maintaining a B average will retain the scholarship for remainder of their four years at the college. The scholarships will be distributed on a first come basis. A waiting list will be created as needed.

North Central College is dedicated to the pursuit of academic excellence in an atmosphere of value-oriented concern for each individual. North Central proudly proclaims its heritage and affiliation with the United Methodist Church. We affirm our affiliation with the Wisconsin Conference and request continued support by sending us your students and financial support for scholarship aid.

Harold R. Wilde, President

WILEY COLLEGE

Haywood L. Strickland, President

Our hearts were thrilled with the pomp and circumstance of the 2004 Commencement heightened by the sending of 125 graduates into the world of work or further study. Excitement built also when we welcomed 791 students for the Fall Semester of 2004 - a record enrollment for Wiley College.

Wiley College has received reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) for the next decade. The audit conducted by the University Senate Commission on the Black Colleges was successful, ensuring that Wiley College will continue to receive annual support from The United Methodist Church. The accreditation of the Teacher Education Program by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board further affirmed our efforts to strengthen all academic programs.

Focusing on the needs of the surrounding communities, Wiley College has embraced non-traditional students. Building on the success of its organizational management program, the College has expanded its weekend and evening courses to include all degree programs.

Equally significant are the summer outreach programs. Wiley College has some of the most outstanding summer programs in the nation. Students throughout Harrison County will converge on the campus for tutorial, sports and aerospace programs. The National Youth Sports Program, the NASA/SEMMA Aerospace Educational Laboratory, Upward Bound Math & Science Program, and the Technology Place for Kids Program make an exciting summer of learning and exploring for a variety of age groups.

The support of the Wisconsin Conference aids Wiley in the fulfillment of its historic mission. The College gratefully acknowledges the churches of the Wisconsin Conference.