

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.

Our school, unique in its placement within a top twenty research university and its commitment to educate pastoral and academic leadership, is poised to play an active role in the positive transformation of the church and the world. Religion has bound and divided communities since the beginning of time and now is no different. When polled about their research, over three hundred Emory professors named “religion” as a theme in their work. Ethically aware, theologically profound voices are desperately needed in our society, and Emory draws on its Methodist heritage and looks to Candler to bring wisdom, clarity, compassion, and tolerance to the conversation. For example, leading off one of our university strategic initiatives, “Understanding Religions and the Human Spirit,” is Carol Newsom, C. H. Candler Professor of Old Testament.

Candler’s faculty continues to be among the most distinctive in theological education. Forty-four members hold full-time appointment, and six hold part-time appointments. An additional fifteen serve in an adjunct capacity. Woodie White and Jack Meadors serve as United Methodist bishops in residence. Bishop L. Bevel Jones III remains at Candler working with the Development Office.

In our commitment to the practice of ministry, we partner with eighty churches to ensure that ministerial preparation takes place in both the local church and on the campus. Candler’s Contextual Education program intentionally pairs a faculty member with supervisors from church and community ministries so that teaching teams represent the church and the academy. Thirty-two Teaching Supervisors support our Contextual Education and Teaching Parish (student pastor) programs. Dr. Alice Rogers has broadened the Teaching Parish program, and it now includes students appointed to churches in the Alabama-West Florida, North Alabama, North Georgia, South Georgia, and South Carolina Annual Conferences.

This year, enrollment was 513, with 417 in the Master of Divinity program, 55 in the Master of Theological Studies program, 15 in the Master of Theology program, 7 in the Doctor of Theology program and 19 enrolled as Special, Non-Degree students. Eighty-three percent of students are enrolled full-time. The student population is 25% US ethnic minority, 9% international, and 48% women. More than 52 denominations are represented with 60% of MDiv students being United Methodist from 40 Annual Conferences. Other denominations of the Methodist family represented at Candler include African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Nazarene, Methodist-Wesleyan and the Methodist Churches of Brazil, Korea, and the Caribbean.

Good things are happening as we develop and put into action a plan for the life-long learning of church leaders. An exceptional conference, “Faith, Politics, and Public Policy,” is planned for October 8-10, 2006. Candler’s own faculty with expertise in this field, as well as Jim Wallis, Jim Forbes, Susan Pace Hamill, and several others, will

provide leadership. Information about this and other upcoming events is available at <http://candler.emory.edu>.

Progress has been made toward the construction of two new buildings to house the Pitts Theology Library, faculty and administrative offices, state-of-the-art classrooms, a teaching chapel, and the University's Ethics Center, with groundbreaking on Phase I planned for spring 2007. The University plans to gather its rich religious resources within and near the Candler facilities to create a "religious complex" centered around Candler.

The faculty has completed an inspiring strategic plan that calls for the facilities noted above, new faculty chairs, program support, and increases to our scholarship endowment. Last year, 80% of eligible students received scholarship support from Candler with an average scholarship covering 80% of tuition. Gifts from the Ministerial 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. This burden undermines their effectiveness in ministry, such that some seek alternative employment. Your continued support, gifts and prayers mean a great deal as we work to provide a strong educational program as well as support for the courageous and committed students who choose to undertake the challenge of theological education.

It has been my privilege to serve as Candler's dean for the last six years. Next year, I will be on sabbatical, working on the long overdue "new" book on the history of the Methodist Church in America and other writing endeavors. Thereafter, I will return to Candler as a member of the faculty. Thank you for your support throughout my deanship and for your support of Candler—and my successor—in the years to come.

Russell E. Richey

Dean and Professor of Church History, Candler School of Theology

GARRETT-EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

In the fall of 2005 Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary concluded a two-year celebration of its 150th anniversary. We continue to serve the United Methodist Church and the broader Pan-Methodist community 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 were honored to have had Dr. Ted Campbell serve us with distinction as our president from 2001 through 2005, and in June we look forward to welcoming our new president, Dr. Philip Amerson. Already well known across the North Central Jurisdiction, Amerson brings with him a wealth of experience and insight into theological education.

An emphasis on recruiting students who will become outstanding leaders for the church continues through our recruitment campaign, with special attention being paid to the distinctiveness of our Master of Divinity program and our Master of Arts in Ministry degrees. A very successful January term included cross-cultural courses in Palestine, in New Mexico, and in ministries in Chicago, as well as courses for regular residential degree students and students in Basic Graduate Theological Studies.

This academic year the seminary welcomed Assistant Professor Don Sik Kim as its new E. Stanley Jones Professor of Evangelism. In October Dr. Gennifer Brooks, assistant professor of homiletics, was named director of the newly-established Ernest and Bernice Styberg Preaching Institute. The Institute offers two major conferences each year, as well as providing support for preaching classes and consultation for pastors. In February Dr. Ron Anderson, associate professor of worship and music ministry, was installed as the Styberg Professor of Worship.

The seminary's focus on improving student housing has begun with the major renovation of its fifty-unit student apartment building. A master plan task force was appointed in 2005 to analyze existing seminary property assets, project future needs, and explore options with regard to property which will best help the seminary accomplish its mission.

Garrett-Evangelical surpassed the \$31 million mark toward its \$35 million capital campaign goal. Reaching that goal will enable the seminary to provide more scholarship assistance, retain a world class faculty, strengthen its curriculum, and continue to renovate its student housing. During calendar year 2005, the endowment portfolio exceeded the \$70 million level for the first time in its history. A grant from the Luce Foundation continues to help us develop a more complete process of planning and evaluation.

I came to Garrett-Evangelical as interim president in January, and words cannot express what an honor it has been to work with this fine theological school. We are proud to serve The United Methodist Church, and we ask for your continuing prayers and support as we pursue our mission of preparing Christian leaders.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jacob C. Martinson, Interim President*

NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE

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 144 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 2005 conference year, all of the resources received from the Conference, \$15,000, were directed toward the College's financial assistance program. Twenty-five United Methodist students from Wisconsin received \$209,225 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, liberal arts 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 12 foundation objectives 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.

3. Highlights of the 2005 year at North Central College

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT ranked North Central among top Midwest colleges for eleventh straight year. The college also ranked “best value.” Online *Princeton Review* identified North Central College as one of the “Best in the Midwest.”

In the fall of 2005, the full-time degree seeking undergraduate enrollment was 1,900, with a total head count enrollment of 2,600. Minority enrollment was 13% of full-time students. Our international student enrollment continues to expand with 52 international students this academic year. The freshman retention rate was 79 percent for all students and 82 percent for minority students. Fifteen percent of freshmen (64 students) are minorities.

Professor of History Ann Durkin Keating was feted by the City of Chicago for the publication of *The Encyclopedia of Chicago*, one of most significant and highly acclaimed historical projects of the last 20 years, which she conceived and co-edited.

The college received a \$500,000 five-year grant from U.S. Office of Education, through Associated Colleges of Illinois, to transform how teachers are prepared to serve low-income students. This program was modeled on College’s highly-successful Junior-Senior Scholars Program which provides tutoring for 240 children and youth in two urban elementary schools: the Johnson School on the west side of Chicago and the Oak Park School on the east side of Aurora. Over 150 North Central College students served as tutors in this program during the year. A six-week college readiness program, conducted in the summer, brings 150 urban High School students to the campus to be taught by 15 NCC students. Upon graduation, six NCC alumni who had been tutors accepted teaching positions at the Johnson Elementary School and two were hired by social service agencies in urban areas.

A naming gift was received from H. Robert Holmes '65 for renovation of the former Evangelical Theological Seminary building into space for the Office of Ministry and Service, College Chaplain and English department. Koten Chapel will undergo expansion to accommodate 50 more people and facilitate alumni weddings. The building will be named Kiekhofer Hall, honoring Holmes' grandparents, Ben '12 and Bess Kiekhofer. Ben was a nephew of College's third president, Herman Kiekhofer.

The College purchased the former Grace Evangelical Church (later known as Grace Evangelical United Brethren and, from 1968 to 1970, as the Grace United Methodist Church) for studio, rehearsal, classroom, and exhibit and performance space for the art, theatre, and music departments, allowing a reduction in the size of the proposed Fine Arts Center. Renovation to the west end of the church began, to create faculty offices; studios for drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics and other media; a graphic arts lab; and other art program space.

An Urban and Suburban Studies program using Naperville and Chicago as living laboratories has proven to be successful in its first two years. History and sociology classes are offered each term at the Chicago Temple (First United Methodist Church of Chicago). North Central students in this program will work with the Temple's outreach ministries. This program exemplifies the innovative, interdisciplinary approach of the College's integrative curriculum.

Convocation speakers included Barack Obama, senator from Illinois; Dr. Roy L. Brooks, nationally known speaker on reparations for African Americans; and Sherialyn Byrdsong, widow of Ricky Byrdsong, former Northwestern University Basketball Coach. After her husband was shot and killed by a white supremacist, Sherialyn began the Byrdsong Foundation to arrest the growing epidemic of hate and violence in our society by and against our youth.

Eight new tenure-track faculty members were hired in the fall. All have Ph.D. degrees from strong universities and teaching experience. Two are African-American and one is a Latina. Of the four half time, non-tenure track new faculty members, one is African American. To replace the retiring Rev. Dr. Howard Mueller, the Rev. Dr. David Janzen was hired as the Assistant Professor of Religious Studies. He earned a M. Div. degree from Canadian Mennonite University and a Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary. Dr. Janzen will have primary responsibility for teaching Biblical courses. David's teaching experience at Gustavus Adolphus and Bluffton College was followed by two years teaching at Seminario Anabautista Latinoamericano in Guatemala City, Guatemala. Among David's many accomplishments, he reads six ancient languages and speaks French, German, and Spanish.

The second Athletic Hall of Fame inducted nine of College's finest athletes and coaches from the 1940s to the 1990s. Academic Team Honors included regional championship by Students in Free Enterprise; two first-place state awards to *The NCC Chronicle*; and qualification by 12 forensics students to compete at the national level. Megan Orcholski '05 was the state forensics champion in prose, state finalist in poetry and dramatic interpretation, and was named to the All-American Team, one of just 14 students nationwide to achieve that distinction.

In sports, the football team posted back-to-back seven-win seasons for only the second time in school history; men's cross country took second at nationals, its 30th straight

year of finishing in top four; men's indoor track and field claimed its fifth straight conference title; men's basketball had its best nonconference record ever and attained national ranking; women's basketball also posted the best nonconference record in the program's history; Megan Rossi '07 is indoor track and field national champion in pole vault; Brian DeLoria is outdoor track and field national champion in pole vault; and softball claimed the conference crown and placed third at the NCAA regional.

B. Highlights in Ministry and Service

1. Campus Life and Spiritual Opportunities

As Chaplain Lynn Pries concluded his eleventh year and began his twelfth full year in ministry to the North Central campus community, student involvement and participation have continued to expand. A weekly contemporary worship is planned and led by students. Numerous other activities of the campus ministry program included weekend retreats; support of the Gospel Choir, and the United Methodist Student Organization. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. prayer breakfast, with guest speaker John Bradley, Director of the Post-Baccalaureate Program of the Chicago Area Health and Medical Careers Program, was attended by 180 people. The 17th Annual Gospel Extravaganza drew 300 people during a snowstorm. Eight North Central students attended the Midwest United Methodist Student Movement gathering in April. An Interfaith Student Organization sponsored several events including a Seder Dinner and an Interfaith Panel. The Assistant Director of Ministry and Service, Alycia Capone, planned the baccalaureate service which included a message from Rev. Dr. Howard Mueller, Professor of Religious Studies, and a challenge from Rev. Lynn Pries. Six 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. The Office of Ministry and Service coordinated twelve on-going projects involving five hundred students who volunteered more than six thousand hours. In addition, several large-scale volunteer projects were conducted throughout the year. Five spring "Breakway" Trips, the highest number ever, took a record 50 students to work and serve at Habitat for Humanity sites in South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, and West Virginia, and at L'Arche Community for developmentally disabled adults in Florida. The South Carolina group, composed of 11 football players. In the summer of 2005 an international service trip took students to San Miguel D'Allende, Mexico, to assist an orphanage with construction work and day care duties.

The Chaplain serves on the Cultural Events Committee that brings speakers to campus on topics of faith, ethics, and leadership

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. Four 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 four

churches and led six weeks of camping programs. Five students brought Vacation Bible School to fourteen local churches through the New Beginnings program. These teams provided weeklong programs for 1300 children and youth. The Chaplain coordinates these outreach ministries. Ashley Barlow '06, from Germantown, WI, was the student director for the 2005 New Beginnings team.

Five students and Rev. Pries attended the 2005 United Methodist Student Forum at Milsapps College in Jackson, Mississippi. Anna Kelsey Powell was elected President of the United Methodist Student Movement. Sarah Homan was elected as one of the North Central Jurisdictional representatives to the steering committee of the UMSM.

Three North Central College alumni are current students at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. One alumna graduated in 2005. Two North Central College graduating seniors from Wisconsin have been accepted as M. Div. students at Garrett-Evangelical Seminary. The two graduating seniors are Ashley Prescott Barlow, Germantown; and Tim Lathrop, Shorewood.

4. Relationship to the Conference

The college reaffirmed its relationship with the Conference by continuing increased financial assistance opportunities for children of clergy and full-time professional employees of Wisconsin Conference churches.

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

I take great pride in reflecting on the many accomplishments and special events that have occurred during the spring and fall 2005 semesters. The support and advocacy of the Wisconsin Annual Conference given to Wiley College through your contributions and prayers continue to assist us in fulfilling our mission and advancing our covenant commitment to The United Methodist Church.

The spring 2005 semester was a great success for Wiley College as we passed yet another milestone in our quest for excellence. Through the hard work and increased attentiveness of the faculty and staff and through careful adherence to innovative mentoring and residential programs, Wiley College was able to increase its spring enrollment from 791 to 801 students. Although this modest increase may not appear significant, most colleges lose students between the fall and spring semesters, sometimes as much as twenty-five percent or more. Wiley attributes its departure from the norm to a renewed commitment to customer service in governing faculty and staff interaction with our students and in addressing the needs and challenges of our first-year students in engaging ways.

The annual summer programs have been very successful and have allowed Wiley to serve the Marshall community in outstanding fashion. The National Aeronautics and

Space Administration's Science, Engineering, Mathematics and Aerospace Academy (NASA/SEMAA) summer program engaged over 250 students who participated in intensive studies including science, engineering, mathematics and aerospace activities. The NASA/SEMAA program has proven to be a valuable vehicle for opening young minds to the endless possibilities available to them in the sciences, an area where minority students tend to be underrepresented.

The National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) hosted approximately 270 students between the ages of 10 to 16 in a six-week program geared toward building their bodies, minds and character. The students participated in sports activities that included soccer, softball, volleyball and swimming. They were able to get good exercise, but also learned about sportsmanship and character building. They were also engaged in group discussions on topics such as the importance of good nutrition, the dangers of drugs and alcohol and the importance of attaining an education. The highlight of the program is always the "Olympic" competition with the NYSP at Jarvis Christian College on the final Friday.

The Upward Bound Math and Science (UBM&S) program has become one of our best recruitment programs due to stellar leadership and administration. Wiley College hosted approximately 50 high school students who are entering the ninth through twelfth grades. As a regional UBM&S education center, these students traveled to Wiley from five states for this six-week session focusing on science, mathematics and research. The students got a true taste of college life as they lived in the residence halls and dined in the cafeteria. They were able to participate in water research and made special field trips to exciting area attractions during their stay. Several students who have participated in the UBM&S program have matriculated at Wiley upon graduation from their respective high schools. Several students have completed an undergraduate education and are enrolled in master's degree programs. One former UBM&S program student has earned a medical degree.

It is very encouraging to report that for the fifth consecutive year enrollment has again increased to bring the total enrollment to 827 students for the fall 2005 semester. This is a wonderful testament to the hard work of our enrollment services staff as well as to our outstanding retention programs geared toward facilitating a smooth transition into college life for our incoming freshmen. The growing enrollment also is a testament to the rising prominence of our academic programs and recognition of the value we place on our commitment to a Christian-based learning environment.

Several milestones were achieved during the fall 2005 semester. The Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services has been successful in its efforts to acquire new directional road signs on the major thoroughfares leading into Marshall and to the campus. The Texas Department of Transportation completed erecting the signs in December. These signs will help prospective students who are not from Marshall find the campus more easily and will also be helpful for our many campus visitors. The Student Government Association made a significant contribution to the campus in October by purchasing a new marquee signboard. The signboard is located on the lawn at the Freeman P. and Carrie E. Hodge Center on University Avenue. The new marquee is programmable and is being used to display upcoming events and special announcements. It is a great addition to the campus community and the community at large.

Wiley was notified in October that it has been selected as a Tom Joyner Foundation (TJF) School of the Month for 2006. The program to assist HBCUs in raising funds began in 1998 and, as of December 2005, all 117 HBCUs have had their respective month as a Tom Joyner Foundation School of the Month. Several colleges were invited to present proposals to be considered as a School of the Month for the first year of the 2006 round of TJF aid to the colleges and universities. Wiley has been designated as the School of the Month for September 2006 with a goal of \$200,000. Wiley is the only institution in Texas or the Southwest region to receive this honor in 2006. Plans are underway now to begin raising funds to meet our goal.

The College has also been selected as a regional testing site for TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) by ETS (Educational Testing Service). TOEFL testing will give Wiley broad regional visibility and the opportunity to introduce our campus to a growing number of non-native speakers of English who wish to attend colleges and universities in the United States. This selection not only brings significant technological hardware to the campus, but will make Wiley a partner in one of the most advanced testing networks in the world. This is significant because it will enable the College to serve the rapidly increasing Latino student population in Texas with tremendous implications for sustaining increased enrollments.

Friends and alumni returned to the campus in November to help celebrate the annual Homecoming events. The Miss Wiley coronation was held during the week, along with many other activities for students and visitors. A particularly warm winter made the week of activities especially nice and the grounds crews have done a splendid job of keeping the campus in top-notch condition.

In addition, Wiley College earned the Miss National UNCF (United Negro College Fund) title again during 2005, the fifth time since 2000. This honor provided the student, Miss Natasha Jenkins, with extraordinary experiential learning opportunities in that she represented all 39 UNCF-member institutions at programs and ceremonies throughout the nation.

Again, let me simply acknowledge once more our appreciation to you for assisting Wiley College in fulfilling its mission as an institution of The United Methodist Church. Though our tasks are many and our resources few, we continue to strive for excellence in preparing our students to be servant-leaders and productive citizens in an increasingly global society.

Dr. Haywood L. Strickland, President and CEO

WISCONSIN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

We pray and work for the unity and renewal of the church and the healing and reconciliation of the world

Tracing its roots back to the early 1940's with an inter-denominational recreation ministry for young people, the Wisconsin Council of Churches (WCC) now encompasses 12 denominations with approximately 3,000 congregations and over one million church members statewide.

2005 Accomplishments

OPENING DOORS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING- Designed for adult education groups, this important study-action resource helps local churches focus on the affordable housing needs in their communities. Training workshops this year have been held in Beloit, Wisconsin Rapids, Milwaukee, La Crosse, Burlington, and Dane County.

MANDATORY REPORTING FOR CLERGY-Because of a new Wisconsin law, every clergy person in this state is now required to be a mandatory reporter for suspected cases of child sexual abuse. The Council has produced a clergy advisory booklet, *Mandatory Reporting for Clergy: What the New Wisconsin Law Means for You and Your Congregation*, which is made available through Council and judicatory sponsored training workshops.

EDUCATION FOR PASTORS--The Council's signature educational event for clergy each summer is the Washington Island Forum, which in 2005 drew 200 pastors to hear Forum Presenter Dr. Eugene Peterson. The Council also hosts regional events throughout the year on a variety of timely topics to equip clergy and lay leaders for effective ministry.

ANTI-HUNGER ADVOCACY- In partnership with the Hunger Task Force, the Council co-sponsored a lobby day at the State Capitol in support of expanded access to the federal School Breakfast Program. Wisconsin currently ranks last in the number of low-income children who receive free or reduce-priced breakfasts at school. Studies show that a nutritious breakfast raises school achievement, and also serves as an important anti-hunger strategy.

CHRISTOLOGY AND PLURALISM: DIALOGUE WITH CHRISTIAN EVANGELICALS-Dr. Veli Matti Karkkainen from Fuller Theological Seminary facilitated a two day retreat with the Council's Faith and Order Commission along with representatives from the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Assemblies of God, Evangelical Free Church, and other leading evangelicals in Wisconsin focused on the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Looking Ahead to 2006

HUNGER ON OUR DOORSTEP-the Council's new congregational study-action resource will be published in March, 2006 and mailed to every congregation. Focusing on the needs of food-insecure families in Wisconsin, this resource will equip local congregations to make a difference in alleviating hunger.

EVANGELISM AND CONGREGATIONAL RENEWAL-The Council's missional church project, to be launched in 2006, will focus on revitalizing the ministry of rural congregations.

GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY NETWORK-The Council will be working on the development of a statewide, grassroots advocacy network to equip Christians at the local level to effectively witness on behalf of the needs of the most vulnerable at the state and federal levels.

by Scott D. Anderson, Executive Director