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### ORMOND CENTER RECEIVES \$3.5 MILLION LILLY GRANT TO STUDY PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

What is excellence in ministry? How is it nurtured? How can congregations and denominations cultivate and support it? These are just a few of the questions that Duke Divinity School will address with a new program funded by a \$3,481,886 grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc. The gift was announced by Duke University President Nannerl O. Keohane.

"This generous gift from Lilly Endowment will address major issues facing the faith communities—how to ensure that aspiring clergy receive the kinds of training and support needed to help them succeed in the challenging role of ministering to a society characterized by both changing demographics and demands from faith communities," Keohane said. "It is appropriate that Duke's Divinity School, a leader in the training of future clergy, play this important role."

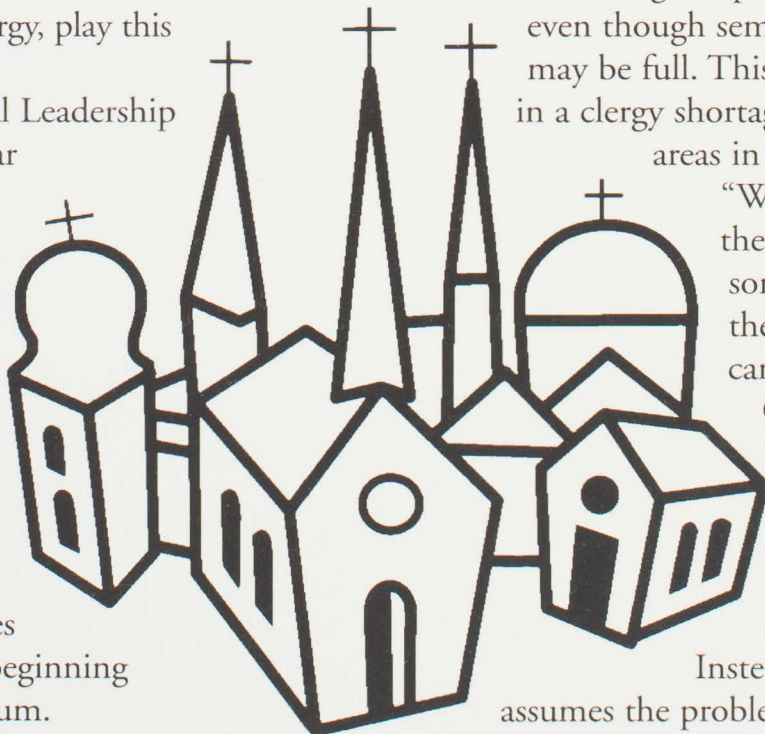
The Duke Pastoral Leadership Project is a three-year study combining research, electronic and print publication, consultations, and conferences. The project seeks to understand the leadership needs of churches in light of the social, cultural, and religious changes taking place at the beginning of the new millennium.

"There is evidence that ordained ministry, despite many strong exceptions, is in some respects a troubled profession," said Jackson W. Carroll, the Ruth W. and A. Morris Williams Professor of Religion and Society at Duke Divinity School. Carroll, who directs the school's J. M. Ormond Center for Research, Development and Planning, will oversee the three-year project. A nationally known sociologist of religion, Carroll specializes in the study of ministry, church leadership, and congregational life.

"Low morale is not uncommon among the clergy, and an apparently growing number of clergy are dropping out," says Carroll. "At the same time, there is some concern that declining numbers of folks are entering the pastoral ministry even though seminary programs may be full. This situation results in a clergy shortage in a number of areas in the country.

"We don't believe that the problem is due, as some have argued, to the quality of clergy candidates," says Carroll. "And attempts to point the finger in that direction are difficult to substantiate.

Instead, this project assumes the problem is the result of



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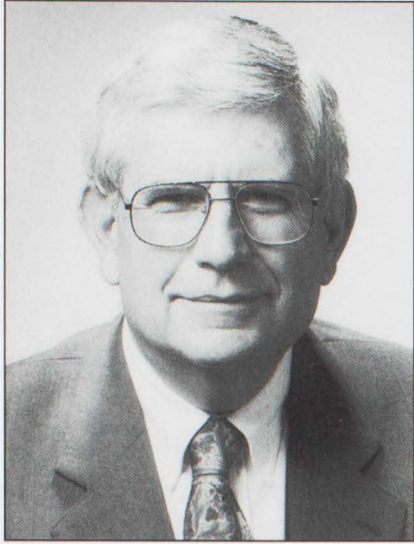
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**Jackson W. Carroll**

Carroll says today's clergy tend to be older, female, and married to clergy. He also points to such changes as a pervasive congregationalism among all denominations, theological debates, "consumerist" attitudes toward religion, a growing interest in non-traditional spirituality, an increase in the number of two-career clergy families, and economic shortfalls.

Carroll will be drawing together a group of theologians, historians, and social scientists along with church leaders, and a team of researchers to identify excellent ministry, how to encourage it, and how to plan for and support strong pastoral leadership in the future. Participants will represent both Roman Catholic and Protestant denominations, including Free Church, Reformed, Wesleyan, Pentecostal and liturgical traditions. They will also be ethnically inclusive, especially of African American traditions. The academics, church leaders, and researchers will cooperatively work to disseminate their findings and promote dialogue about them through conferences, symposia, and both print and electronic publications. A dissertation competition for doctoral students working in the areas of pastoral leadership and ministry will also be sponsored to promote future scholarly work.

"We will be satisfied that we have done an adequate job of tackling these complex issues if our findings move denominational officials and congregations to rethink the way they recruit and sustain pastoral leaders," said Carroll. "If semi-

both changes in the characteristics of recent recruits to the ministry and of broad changes in the social, cultural and religious context of the churches. The fact is that the changes in our society have in many ways changed the clergy role, outstripping the pace of our education and ministerial formation systems to train the next generation of leaders," he said.

nary faculties, regardless of denomination, accept the work of the program and give it standing by incorporating it into their curricula, and clergy and their congregations are helped to understand and respond adaptively to the challenges before them, then we will know our work has been 'useful for ministry,' to borrow a term from John Wesley," Carroll said.

"The Divinity School is grateful for this extraordinary opportunity to study and shape pastoral leadership for the church," said Divinity School Dean L. Gregory Jones. "Lilly Endowment has provided resources that will enable this thorough, thoughtful, and innovative work."

Lilly Endowment is a private, Indianapolis-based foundation that supports community development, education and religion. Duke Divinity School, one of 13 accredited seminaries of the United Methodist Church, educates 468 students from 30 states and 10 foreign countries in four degree programs.

## Ormond Center and United Methodist Agency Team for Unprecedented Survey of Congregational Life

**By United Methodist News Service**

Questionnaires were mailed in October to a random sampling of churches for "Faith Communities Today: A Survey of United Methodist Congregations," which is jointly sponsored and funded by the office of research for the United Methodist General Council on Ministries (GCOM), based in Dayton, Ohio, and the J.M. Ormond Center for Research, Planning and Development.

The research project is aimed at providing a better understanding of the vitality and presence of United Methodist congregations individually in the life of their communities and collectively in the life of the United States, according to Maxine Clarke Beach, a GCOM staff executive.

"From this survey, we hope to produce a picture of United Methodist congregations and describe the activities of congregations for their members and their broader communities," Beach explained. "We also hope to document their use of resources, to promote spiritual life for members and support for community people and institutions, and to depict the leader-

ship within the congregation and beyond that helps to sustain the uniquely American experience."

Jackson W. Carroll of Duke hopes United Methodist congregations will take the questionnaires seriously. "What we learn from this research project ... will enable us to strengthen our ministries to the local communities," he said.

Two thousand questionnaires are being sent out. Half of them are being mailed in a random sample to United Methodist congregations, while the other 1,000 are going specifically to racial and ethnic minority congregations in the church.

The collected data will be sent to Hartford (Conn.) Seminary, where it will be compared with information from other denominations and faith groups participating in the Cooperative.

This is the most extensive data-gathering effort of its kind ever undertaken in North America. It represents an unprecedented and historic attempt to survey about 20,000 congregations in 40 different faith groups.

All congregations completing the survey will receive by early June a report summarizing the findings.

# GRANT FROM LILLY ENDOWMENT FUNDS YOUTH ACADEMY

Duke University Divinity School has received a three-year, \$1.2 million grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc. for a program aimed at turning today's high school students into tomorrow's Christian leaders.

The Youth Academy for Christian Formation, a two-week summer program to begin in 2001, will bring 70 rising junior and senior high school students each year to study on Duke's campus.



The curriculum will combine the communal reading of ancient and modern theological texts, prayer and spiritual discipline, worship, mission and service, and reflection on contemporary social issues.

"Violent acts perpetrated by and against youth across our nation have been the catalyst for wide-ranging debates on how the media and the toy/game industry shape the lives and character of young people," said the Rev. Janice A. Virtue, the Divinity School's associate dean for continuing education and strategic planning. "The Duke Youth Academy is our attempt to assist today's youth in forming habits consistent with their Christian faith.

"The academy will be a very intense two weeks for the youth and the faculty who teach them," said Virtue, who developed the grant proposal.

"It is our hope that the conversation between youth and faculty will enable the participants to develop tools for theological reflection, moral and ethical decision

making, and discernment for Christian living and vocation."

Duke Divinity School was among several theological schools across the country invited by the endowment to create innovative programs for young people.

"We are grateful to Lilly Endowment for their generous funding of this youth academy," said Dean L. Gregory Jones. "This grant provides Duke with a unique opportunity to reach some of the country's most talented high school students and encourage them to discover a passion for practicing Christian life."

Participants will be chosen following a national recruiting effort that will target a diverse group of Christian youth. Joining the high school students will be 22 adult mentors, several Duke faculty members, five program coordinators, a faculty dean, an academy director and a wide range of Divinity School staff.

Applications for the summer 2001 academy will be available in December 2000. The cost of the two-week program, including lodging, meals, tuition and program materials, will be supported by the grant. Students will be asked to pay a \$100 enrollment fee and their transportation costs, but some scholarships will be available.

Lilly Endowment, a private, Indianapolis-based foundation that supports community development, education and religion, has funded youth programs at 25 theological schools around the country.

"High school-aged young people are eager to explore the Bible and serious theology in depth, and they are excited by discovering how faith affects so many aspects of contemporary personal and community life," said Craig Dykstra, Lilly Endowment vice president for religion.

For more information about the Youth Academy for Christian Formation, contact The Center for Continuing Education, Duke Divinity School, Box 90966, Durham, NC 27708, or call (919) 660-3448; e-mail can be sent to [div-conted@duke.edu](mailto:div-conted@duke.edu).

# JUDITH L. WEIDMAN NAMED 1999 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA

The Rev. Judith L. Weidman, who recently retired as general secretary of United Methodist Communications, has been named the 1999 Duke Divinity School Distinguished Alumna.

An ordained United Methodist minister who earned her master of divinity from Duke in 1966, Weidman has worked in church communications and journalism for 34 years. Since 1994, she has directed public relations efforts for the nine million-member United Methodist Church, the second largest Protestant denomination in the United States.

Weidman was honored Oct. 11, at an alumni luncheon held during the Divinity School's annual Convocation and Pastors' School.

"Judith Weidman's work in communications represents the kind of transformative service we seek to teach our students at Duke Divinity School," Dean L. Gregory Jones remarked. "Her commitment to the church, learning and service is a model for us all."

A native of Savanna, Ill., Weidman began her journalism career in 1966 as an assistant editor for the United Methodist Publishing House's adult curriculum department. She served as a special assignment reporter for the *Kokomo Tribune* from 1968 to 1971, when she was named associate editor of the *United Methodist Reporter*, an independent national newspaper based in Dallas. In 1975, Weidman was appointed general secretary for interpretation for the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Weidman became executive editor of Religion News Service in 1984. She helped steer the agency from virtual bankruptcy to financial solvency and *New York Times* syndication during the ensuing decade, attracting more than \$1 million in foundation grants.

Named Communicator of the Year in 1987 by the United Methodist



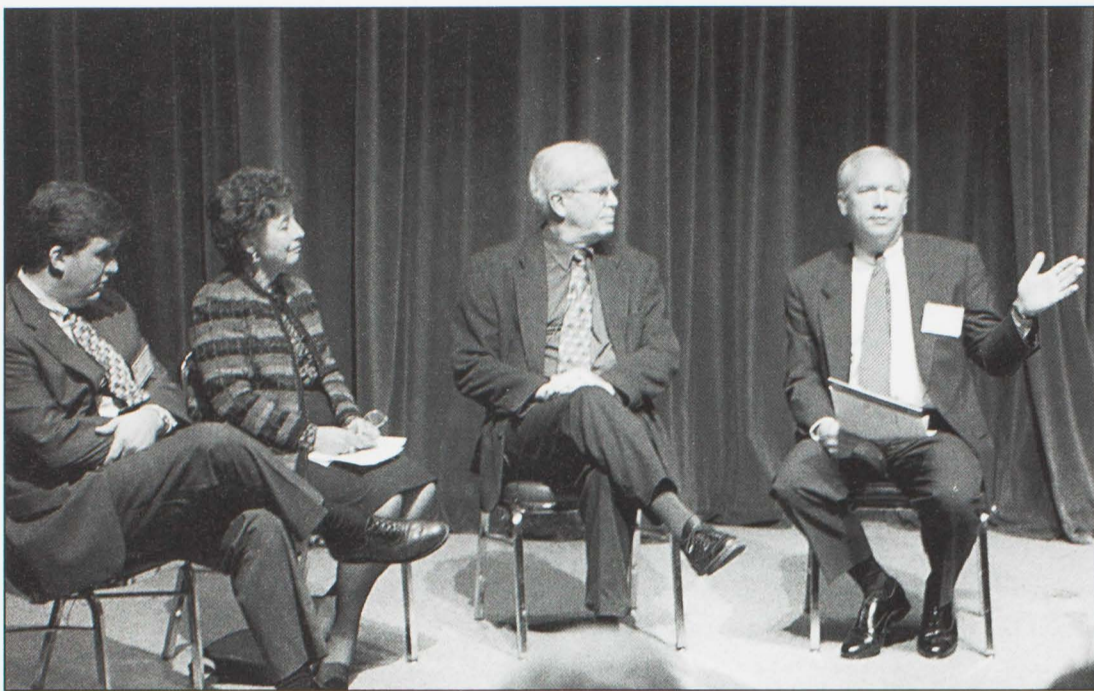
Association of Communicators, Weidman currently serves on the advisory board of the Center for Religion and the News Media, a joint program of the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. She is the editor of two books, *Women in Ministry* and *Christian Fellowship*, and has served as a media consultant in Japan, Korea, China, The Philippines and England.

The Distinguished Alumni Award was established in 1973 by the Duke Divinity School Alumni Association to recognize Duke Divinity School graduates for remarkable and exemplary service to God, the church and the human community.

Weidman's award was presented by the Rev. Nancy Burgin Rankin, chair of the nominating committee and superintendent of the Statesville District of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**The Rev. Dr. Judith Weidman, (l) past general secretary of United Methodist Communications, received the 1999 Duke Divinity School Distinguished Alumna Award from Superintendent Nancy Burgin Rankin of the Statesville District, Western North Carolina Conference.**

# Making a Difference: 1999 Convocation & Pastors' School



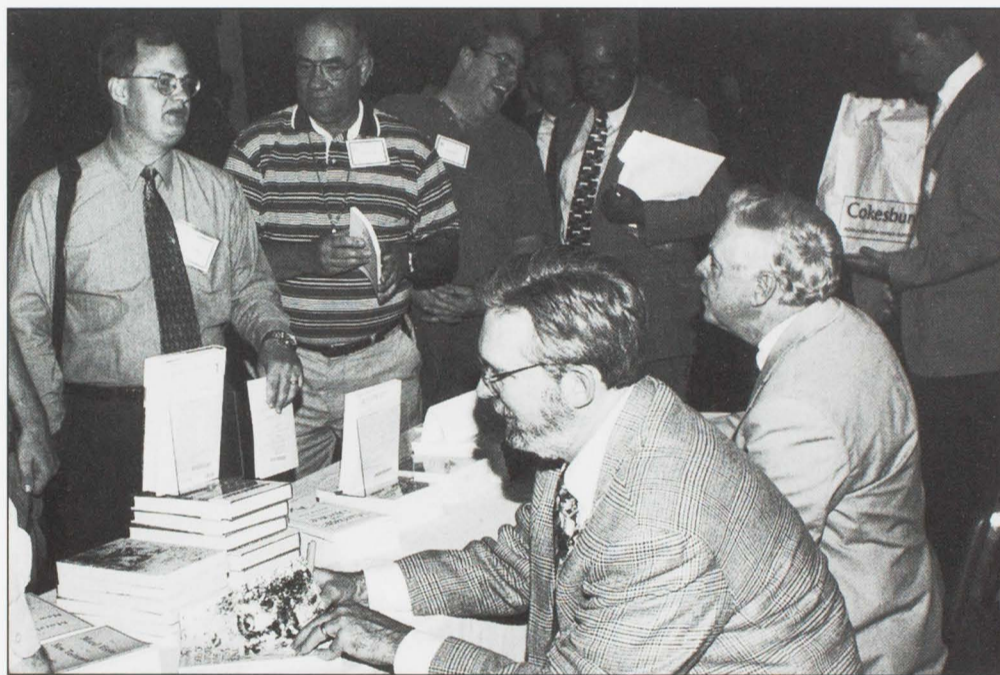
## KEYNOTE CONVERSATION

William H. Willimon, far right, moderates "Will the Church Make A Difference?" featuring (from far left) Divinity School Dean L. Gregory Jones, Methodist laywoman and *Connections* publisher Barbara Wendland, and Divinity School Professor of Christian Ministry Peter Storey. Seminarians on the edge of the 21st century have a greater passion for their faith, says Divinity School Dean L. Gregory Jones, and the church's challenge will be to focus that passion on Christ. Wendland argued that clergy need to speak in the laity's language. "The salvation of the United Methodist Church is the rediscovery of the poor," said Peter Storey. The church must go into the world and minister to and for the poor and disenfranchised, he said.



Carter Askren

Christianity needs a spirituality that loves Creation, cultivates the "gentler virtues," claims the Holy Spirit for its community, and holds to an eschatological hope, said Richard J. Mouw, president of Fuller Theological Seminary, at the 1999 Convocation and Pastors' School. Mouw, who presented the James A. Gray Lectures, has been a professor of Christian philosophy and ethics at Fuller since 1985.



Professors Richard Hays (c) and Mickey Efird (r) were among many faculty members who signed books for alumni following lunch during the festive Convocation Celebration Oct. 12. The faculty book signing was a first for this annual event.



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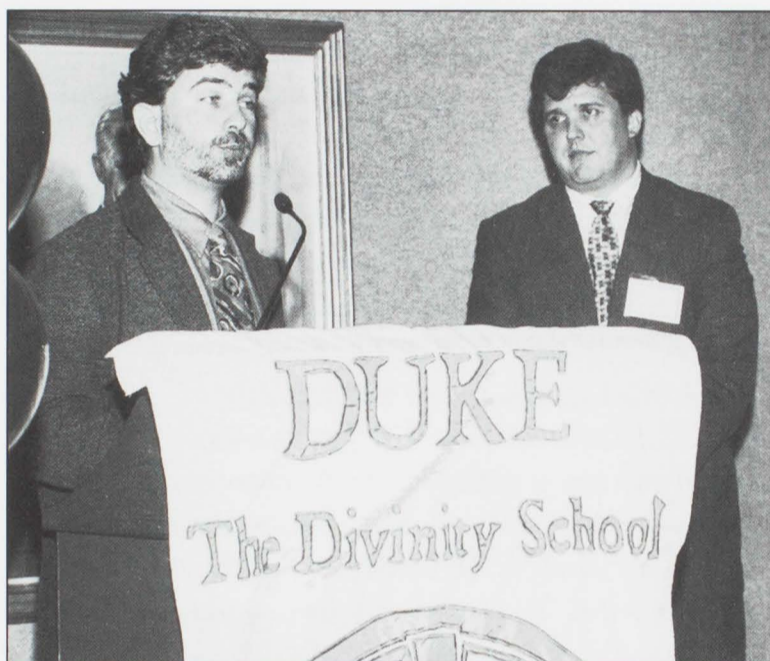
Divinity School National Alumni Association Officers (left to right) Frank M. Stith III of Hendersonville, N.C., secretary; Eric S. Porterfield of Sanford, N.C., treasurer; Arnetta E. Beverly of Charlotte, N.C., president; David Peters of Charleston, W.Va., immediate past president; and Hope Morgan Ward of Raleigh, N.C., Duke University Alumni Association Board representative. (Not pictured, Robert J. Howell, Jr. president-elect; M. Davies Kirkland, vice-president; Ashley Crowder Stanley and Javier A. Viera, members-at-large)



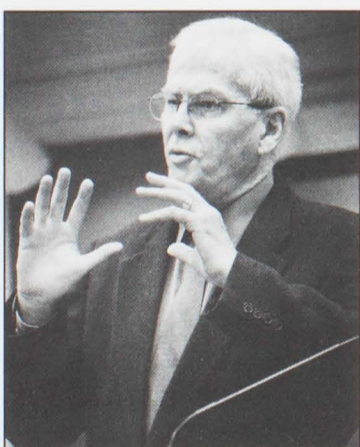
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"Get your hands dirty" and work for peace, justice, and reconciliation, said three-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee Elias Chacour, founder of Mar Elias Technical College in Ibillin, Galilee. The college is the only private campus in Galilee where Christians, Muslims, Jews, and Druze live and learn together. "Do we have the courage to stand up and risk being crucified for proclaiming the truth? You will always be frightened of the cross until you understand that it is only a problem of three days.... Jesus Christ is risen!" Chacour was Franklin S. Hickman lecturer for the 1999 Convocation and Pastors' School held at Duke Divinity School, October 11-13.

Joerg Rieger, (l) a 1994 Ph.D. graduate of the Duke University Program in Religion, presents two new books in honor of former professor of systematic theology Frederick Herzog to Dean L. Gregory Jones for the Divinity School. Rieger, assistant professor of theology at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, edited *Theology from the Belly of the Whale: A Frederick Herzog Reader*. The other book is *Theology & Corporate Conscience: Essays in Honor of Frederick Herzog*.



## CONVOCATION PREACHERS: STOREY AND LUNDBLAD



Carter Askren

Peter Storey, the former bishop of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa and now professor of the practice of Christian ministry at Duke Divinity School, preached that God's agenda for the new millennium calls us to a liberation from materialism, exclusivism, and violence. "To do God's agenda, the church must surely be the unmistakable sign of God's dream, the Kingdom of Heaven. . . countersigns of the world we know. If we are to find the courage to tackle God's unfinished task, to join God in this enterprise of making a difference, then we must become different ourselves."



Courtesy of Union Theological Seminary

Barbara Lundblad, associate professor of preaching at Union Theological Seminary, delivered a sermon on Mark 13:1-8. In a world full of gang violence, ethnic cleansing, and natural disasters, she asked, "who dares to come into such a time speaking of birth pangs? God is in labor from the future toward us. It is this hope... Jesus turns to you and me and asks, where are the midwives of the kingdom?"

# The Rev. Dr. Frank Baker, Methodist Historian, Dies

**Editor's note:** The following reflection by Dr. Geoffrey Wainwright on the life and work of Emeritus Professor Frank Baker was published in *The Independent* of London. It is reprinted here in its entirety with permission.

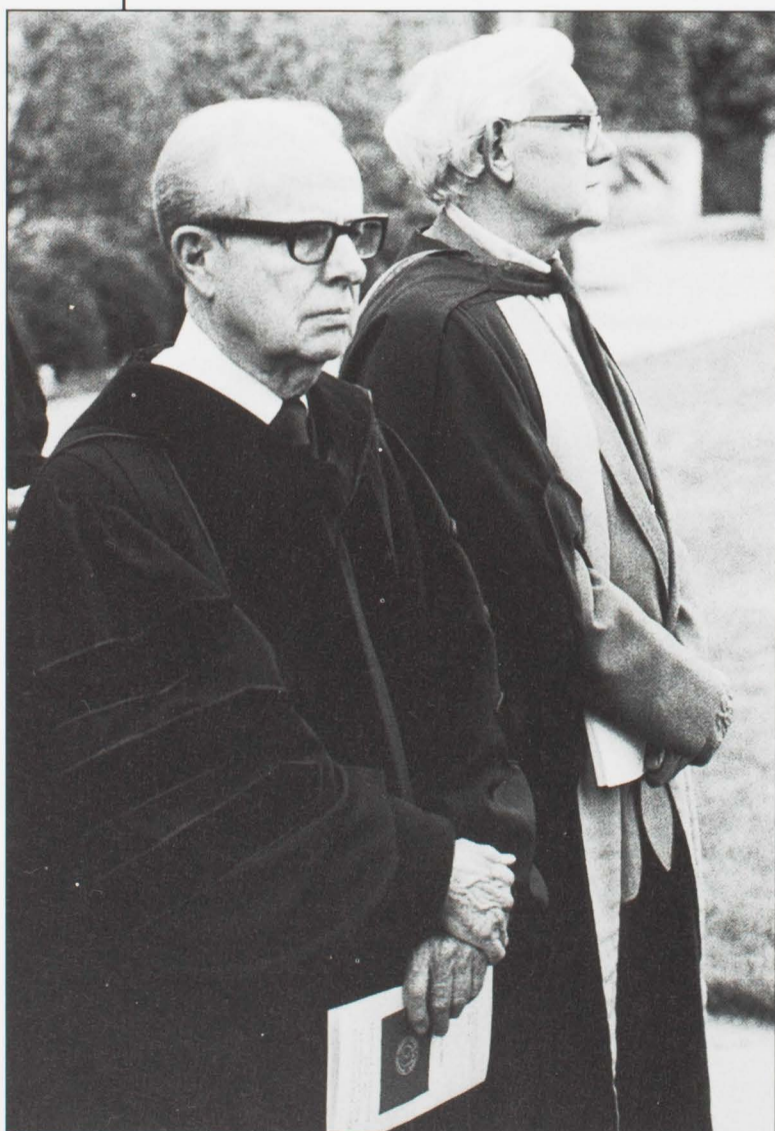
With the death of Dr. Frank Baker on October 11th there passed the second of the two senior scholars who shaped Wesley studies in the latter half of the twentieth century. On the one hand, the American Albert Outler, with brilliant insight and dazzling prose, presented John Wesley as a "folk theologian" who mediated classical Christian faith to some strata in English society that were ready to rise into an intellectual and spiritual appropriation of their religious inheritance; in so doing, Outler limned for today's worldwide family of 70 million Methodists a church father who could take his significant place on the ecumenical stage. On the other hand, the Yorkshireman Frank Baker, with meticulous research into people and places, did the spade work that the writing of history requires for its professional credibility, while managing to inspire by his enthusiasm for sometimes offbeat detail a whole band of amateur histori-

ans among the ecclesiastical descendants of the Wesleyan revival.

The two Wesley brothers, John and Charles, enjoyed equal rank in Baker's eyes. It was sometimes claimed that he knew more about John than John had known about himself (thus he could explain why John mistakenly thought he had Benjamin for a middle name); and Baker would unfailingly respond to the most recondite inquiries concerning the older brother from around the globe. Charles was the object of Baker's attention in *Charles Wesley as Revealed by his Letters* (1948) and in the magnificent *Representative Verse of Charles Wesley* (1960), where the treatment of the poet's vocabulary, prosody and rhetoric helped the younger Wesley to the belated literary recognition finally accorded him by such critics as Donald Davie and Richard Watson. The gradual and complex story of Methodism's unwilling yet ineluctable separation from the Anglican matrix has never been better told than in Baker's *John Wesley and the Church of England* (1970). The 1963 biography of the maverick figure *William Grimshaw, 1708-1763* was based on its author's earlier doctoral dissertation at the University of Nottingham. The adoption of a patristic and continental pietist practice was recounted in Baker's *Methodism and the Love-Feast* (1957).

At first blush, Baker's career falls into two neat chronological parts, first as a minister in English Methodist circuits, and then from 1960 as Professor of English Church History at Duke University in North Carolina; but in truth, the scholarship goes back to prize essays in younger days and to research conducted without neglect of busy pastorates, while the later teacher never gave up his pastoral heart and calling.

Born in Kingston-upon-Hull in 1910 and accepting Christ as his Saviour during the Humberside Crusade of 1924, Frank Baker in 1930 "entered theological college a Primitive Methodist" (it was Hartley-Victoria in Manchester) and in 1934 "emerged a simple Methodist," as he liked to say, in virtue of the union of the British Methodist



Left to right, Stuart Henry and Frank Baker at Baccalaureate in 1995.





**Frank Baker investigates a box of Wesleyana.**

denominations in 1932. After fulfilling the statutory years as a probationer, he received ordination in 1937 and subsequently served in various areas, both urban and rural, of central and northern England. Perhaps his most memorable ministry occurred in the Mansfield circuit, where he tended German prisoners of war in the Norton Camp. Some of these often highly educated men were released into the minister's custody for attendance at worship in the local chapel and hospitality in the Baker home. One of them, Juergen Moltmann, later attained distinction as a theologian and always referred to his continuing friend Frank Baker as "the great church historian."

When Dr. Baker was enticed to Duke University in 1960, it was not simply to teach and to allow him to track the first decades of Methodism on the North American continent (*From Wesley to Asbury*, 1976); he was also an editor and principal contributor in the *Encyclopedia of World Methodism* (1974), and most importantly, he assumed editorial charge of the planned academic edition of *The Works of John Wesley* that started with Oxford University Press and was later taken over by Abingdon. Of the 35 volumes, about half have now appeared, dependent on Baker's detailed labours in the establishment of a princi-

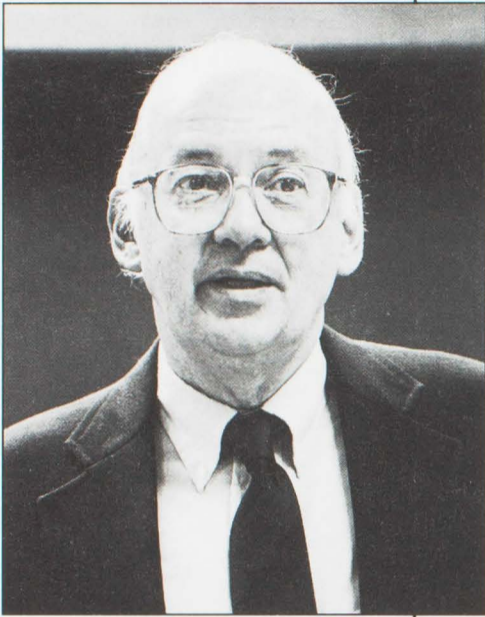
pled text from among the thickets of their 18th-century publication history (one of Baker's minor specialities being printers' "flowers" or identification marks). The various literary and theological genres were farmed out to specialist scholars as volume editors and commentators: Outler, for example, was responsible for the four volumes of Wesley's sermons, while Baker devoted himself to Wesley's letters. The project continues under the general editorship of Baker's former doctoral pupil, Richard Heitzenrater. When future students of Wesley ask for a monument to Baker's designs, they can be instructed to look around them to the volumes of that unsurpassable edition on their shelves. At Duke University they will have the extra privilege of doing so in the surrounds of the Baker Methodist Research Center that lodges some of the 15,000 manuscript and printed items of Wesleyana that Frank Baker

bequeathed after a lifetime's rummaging among trash cans, market stalls, second-hand book shops, and Sotheby's auction rooms.

In North Carolina, Frank Baker continued his pastoral ministry to the benefit of undergraduate, graduate, and professional students at Duke University. Sunday teas and Friday evening badminton were offered particularly to international students, who came to constitute a global network for correspondence and visits. Here, as throughout Frank's ministry, Nellie was at his side, herself a recognized lay preacher in the Methodist Church. Childhood sweethearts, they had had to wait until their late twenties for marrying because intending Methodist ministers in those days had to remain single until their ordination. Whenever American Methodists have asked me to characterize the British Church, I have always delighted to say, "If you want to see us at our best, look at Frank and Nellie Baker." Nellie survives Frank, with their two daughters, their son, and six grandchildren.

Geoffrey Wainwright  
Robert Earl Cushman  
Professor of Christian Theology

# SBL PRESIDENT ASKS, "WHEN DID GOSPEL BECOME SCRIPTURES?"



**D. Moody Smith, Jr. President  
Society of Biblical Literature  
and G.W. Ivey Professor of  
New Testament**

Did the authors of the Gospels intend to write scripture? The answer can be determined by a study of the Gospels' "form and content, as well as their broader literary and historical context," said D. Moody Smith, Jr. in his address to the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) at its joint meeting with the American Academy of Religion held November 20-23 in Boston.

Biblical historians and exegetes tend to be consumed by the pre-scriptural tradition behind the biblical text and inattentive to the fact that biblical text functions as Holy Scripture for religious communities, said Smith, SBL president and the George Washington Ivey Professor of New Testament at Duke.

"Scripture" for the early church, said Smith, is literature that continues the biblical history stylistically and theologically, and seeks to reach a more generalized Christian audience. Smith argued that Matthew and Luke were attempting to make a newer, more comprehensive version of Mark.

"I would say that the two Gospels based on Mark were written to function as scripture for the burgeoning Christian communities, whether or not Matthew and Luke thought in those terms. They not only give a narrative of Jesus' career, but a substantial representation of his teaching. Did Mark intend to write scripture? I don't think so. But it soon became evident that his Gospel, and the gospel genre, met a need for distinctively Christian scripture, although at least Matthew and Luke thought Mark needed improvement.

John's Gospel also functioned as scripture, Smith said. "In its present, canonical form it apparently contemplates the existence of other Gospels, probably one or more of the Synoptics. Does John think that they are to be regarded as scripture, too? The possibility is intriguing."

Smith said that his discipline has correctly held that the biblical authors did

not know they were writing a "New Testament," much less a Christian Bible. The New Testament canon was not defined until the fourth century C.E., and there are significant differences between the first century world in which the texts were written and the fourth century in which they were identified as part of the biblical canon.

"But are these realities typically overstated or overestimated?" asked Smith. "We are accustomed to think of the Gospels as well as the Epistles as occasional documents generated in specific times and places to address issues of such times and places," he said. The prospect that the Gospel and other biblical texts were written for a general Christian audience is not unfounded, Smith said.

"If I have made a case for anything it is this: that the intention to write scripture should not be excluded from a consideration of the purpose as well as the result of the composition of the Gospels. Perhaps in purpose as well as effect the Gospels tell us something about what scripture is."

The Society of Biblical Literature, founded in 1880, is one of the oldest learned societies in the U.S. with a membership of about 7,000. Its purpose is to stimulate the critical investigation of biblical literature, together with other related literature among disciplines including the study of ancient languages, textual criticism, history, and archaeology.

SBL publishes several journals, including the *Journal of Biblical Literature*, *Semeia*, and *Critical Review of Books in Religion* (with the American Academy of Religion), and more than a dozen monograph series. Other publications include, in cooperation with HarperCollins Publishers, Harper's Bible Dictionary, the Harper's Bible Commentary, the Harper's Bible Pronunciation Guide, and the HarperCollins Study Bible (NRSV).

The entire text of Dr. Smith's address will be published in a forthcoming issue of the *Journal of Biblical Literature*.

# After the Flood: Divinity Students Commit to Helping Rebuild

Long after Hurricane Floyd's floodwaters receded, the Divinity School's response to Eastern North Carolina's plight was still rising. By the first week of the new year, volunteers organized through Student Life Ministry (SLM) were completing the fifth Divinity School visit to the stricken region.

The Divinity School community collected \$2,700 for flood relief within the first few weeks after the storm. In addition to donating funds for distribution throughout the region, cash grants went directly to six students affected by the floods: each is either a full-time resident or a student pastor from Eastern North Carolina.

But it was hands-on help – prying up sodden sub-flooring, lugging out soaked belongings, boxing backlogged supplies for distribution – that counted most.

Lauren Richardson, a first-year M.Div. student, led a team in Vanceboro, near New Bern. Though she had prepared herself for devastation, Richardson found the landscape surprisingly normal looking: the highways were dry, corn stood in fields, and houses were still standing.

But on closer inspection, nearly every house was an empty shell. "It was disturbing," she said, "because everything looked fine if you didn't pay close attention."

Her team worked in a home near the Neuse River. Access to the house was

through a flooded cornfield, either by boat or piling into the homeowner's Jeep and fording the field. Though he had lost virtually everything, the homeowner wanted to treat the work team to lunch at the one restaurant still open in town. Instead, they talked him into joining them for the potluck lunch provided by volunteers at the local fire station.

Again and again, residents expressed gratitude at how much the work teams accomplished. "At the end of the day, [the homeowner] was thrilled to see we'd torn up the floor in an entire room," said Richardson. No other work team had managed this in a single day. Despite the ruin around them, the residents were full of hope. "We didn't hear anyone complain all day," she said. "It was humbling."

Jeremy Troxler, a first-year United Methodist student, volunteered for two trips to the area during fall semester. "I saw the need and how desperate it was, and I wanted to go back," he said. Troxler said he and others felt it was important to organize on-going work teams.

"It's easy to go while [the floods] are still in the headlines," he said. "But there's a long and sustained need. We wanted to keep the momentum going."

Paul Massingill, M.Div. '00 and senior class representative for Student Life Ministry, coordinated several of the trips. "I've been struck by the joy and resilience of people who've been affected by the flooding," he said. He also expressed gratitude for Divinity School students' response to a crisis in a less than exotic region.

"I have been thankful for people's willingness here to make the time and effort to help when a disaster is so close to home. I think it's important that we as a seminary respond to these kinds of needs."



**Britt Fisher, M.Div. '02, uses a crowbar to pry up sub-flooring in a home near New Bern. Flood waters reached halfway up the walls.**



**Carpeting, insulation, appliances, beds, and furniture piled high outside this home reveal the devastation from flood waters following Hurricane Floyd.**

## STUDENT PUBLICATION GOES ONLINE!

Last fall *The Between Times*, the student newsletter, took on a new look with its new team of editors, Becky Lynn Roselius and Saeed Richards. The two have engineered an online version, as well as introducing a new, up-beat format to this time-honored tract student publication.



**TBT editors: Saeed Richards and Becky Lynn Roselius**

“Our desire is to create the *TBT* to be a vessel used by the community to foster understanding, communication, and spiritual growth among its diverse constituents,” wrote the editors in their premier edition. The newsletter is published online and printed in hardcopy twice a month. The *TBT* features stories on Divinity students, faculty, and staff. Ongoing discussions can be found online in “The Lounge,” along with community events in “The Bulletin Board.”

“Even though we are at an academic institution, God’s presence here is loud and clear,” says Roselius. “The spiritual lives of all people involved at Duke Divinity affect and are affected by what happens here. I see the *TBT* as a forum for testimony to God’s work here as well as an instrument for God to work in and through this community.”

Becky Lynn Roselius is a native of Oklahoma City, Okla., and a former assistant professor of public policy at the Terry Sanford Center for Public Policy here at Duke University. A graduate of Baylor University in business management, she earned a master’s degree in public policy and the Ph.D. in economics at the University of Chicago. Her

dissertation examined methods for assessing the effectiveness of social programs to alleviate poverty. At Duke she taught courses on poverty and public policy. She is a United Methodist from the North Carolina Annual Conference.

Saeed Richardson is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and has worked in web publication for several years including work with New City Media and Blue Ridge Interactive, web design firms in the Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center, and online publishing for the *Roanoke Times*.

A native of Philadelphia and the son of a military family, he has lived most recently in Virginia Beach, Va. Saeed, a statistics major, was headed for a career in the Special Forces when a lengthy illness [mononucleosis] kept him bedridden for two months. During that time he began to reconsider his purpose in life and decided to become a minister. A member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Saeed plans to work in fulltime campus ministry with Campus Crusade for Christ.

He is currently an area coordinator for Residential Life, supervising six resident advisors and 147 students. He also works part-time for Duke’s Office of Information Technology.

“We’re all members of the Body of Christ, and each member has a different role and responsibility. I think God has given me a skill, and I see the *TBT* as the first piece of what I want to do in my life,” he said.

“We hope to draw out stories that give witness to God in our world and stories that allow us to unite together in prayer to heal the brokenness that exists in the world while we wait for Christ’s return—while we live in “the between times.”

Check out the *TBT* web site at [www.duke.edu/web/tbt](http://www.duke.edu/web/tbt).

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## Dana Moore Hall Joins Dean's Office

Dana Moore Hall joined the Divinity School Aug. 23 as executive assistant to Dean L. Gregory Jones. Dana is a native of Durham and has worked in Duke University Medical Center since 1979. Her most recent position was as the administrative assistant to the Department Chairman in the Department of Neurobiology. At Duke Medical Center she has worked for the anatomy, nephrology, hematology/oncology and cardiac diagnostic departments, as well as the associate dean's office in the medical school and the Duke Children's Telethon.

"The Divinity School is a warm and welcoming community, and I feel like I

have found a home here," Hall said. "I am excited to be working with Dean Jones and the rest of the Divinity School Community."

"We are thrilled to welcome Dana to the Divinity School," said Dean L. Gregory Jones. "Dana brings remarkable administrative and interpersonal skills to her new position. Her background in the United Methodist Church and her experience at Duke will be invaluable to our work."

Dana enjoys reading, waterskiing, and camping. She is an avid Duke basketball fan. She and her husband, Steve, live in Rougemont.



Dana Moore Hall

## Julie Anderson Named Divinity Development Officer

Julie Anderson, a native of Mississippi and an alumna of the Divinity School, joined the Office of External Relations in October as development officer.

Julie is responsible for the Divinity School Annual Fund and related programs, including the fall and spring phonathons.

Julie received her B.S. degree in chemistry from Millsaps College in 1993 and served as program coordinator for Youth Outreach Services of Bethlehem Community Center, Richmond, Va until 1995.

After graduating from the Divinity School's master of divinity program in 1998, Anderson worked for the Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP) before joining External Relations. At TIP, she worked in educational programming, publications, and customer service.

"We are very pleased to have Julie with us in Development," said Associate Dean for External Relations Wesley F. Brown. "Julie brings to her new duties an enthusiasm and familiarity with the

school that will serve her well in the coming years of the capital campaign and the annual fund phonathon. We welcome her here."

"I am excited about having the opportunity to help support the Divinity School's ministry through my work with students, alumni and friends of the school," Anderson said.

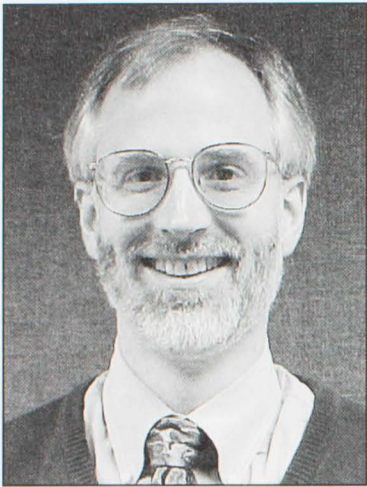
"I would have had a very difficult time financing my own theological education if it weren't for the generous scholarship I was given. I hope that my work in the Office of Development will help raise the funds to provide other students with similar support so they can have the same kind of opportunities that I had," she said.

When she is not raising funds for the school, Anderson enjoys Columbian decaf coffee, reading, and writing, especially poetry and short stories. Her poem, "The Tree," based loosely on Tertullian's conception of the Trinity as tree, appeared in the December 1999 issue of *First Things*.



Julie Anderson

# News & Notes Editor Seeks Ordination



**Carter Askren**

For the past 12 years, alumni have received regular issues of *Divinity News & Notes* thanks to Communications Director Carter Askren, who served as editor of the publication. Askren resigned in December to seek ordination in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and will spend the spring semester in a clinical pastoral internship at Duke Medical Center.

As editor, Askren published 25 issues of *News and Notes* and directed the publication's redesign in 1989. During the past year, *News & Notes* increased frequency from two to three times a year. Askren has worn many hats as editor, including those of writer and photographer.

Askren came to the Divinity School as a special student in 1985, and enrolled in the M.Div. program the following year, working part-time in the Communications Office. He served as an intern with the Episcopal Diocese

of North Carolina for a year, then returned to the Divinity School as interim director of communications in 1987. Dean Dennis Campbell named him director the following year.

"I've been very lucky to enjoy such a wonderful group of people – faculty, staff and students," he said. "But 12 years of writing about ministry has made me want to do ministry."

"We are grateful for Carter's service to Duke Divinity School," said Dean L. Gregory Jones. "His commitment to the school and its mission has been exemplary. We pray God's blessings upon him as he pursues ordination." Askren directed numerous changes at the Divinity School, including the development of the school's first Admissions video (coming soon in a new edition), the creation and development of the web site, and expanded internal communications via weekly e-mailed calendars. He has been active in Duke's Lutheran Campus Ministry and served on international studies, lectures and computer committees at the Divinity School.

Askren and his wife, Susan, are expecting their first child in June.



## Gifts

### **Progress Report November 1999**

#### **The Campaign for the Divinity School**

Campaign Goal: .....\$35,000,000  
Committed to date: .....\$25,635,943  
Percentage toward goal:.....73%

#### **The University-wide Campaign**

Campaign Goal: .....\$1,500,000,000  
Committee to date: .....\$1,007,610,134  
Percentage toward goal:.....67%

*For a copy of our case statement or for other information, please contact:*

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## Faculty and Staff Notes

Chapel Organist and Divinity School Organist **David Arcus** played the dedication recital of a new pipe organ by Gene Bedient at Sharon Road United Methodist Church in Charlotte, N.C., on September 19. Dr. Arcus also participated in the morning worship service, which included his composition "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" for choir, congregation, brass, timpani, and organ. On October 10, Dr. Arcus performed a recital on the Æolian organ at Longwood Gardens, once the country estate for Pierre S. duPont. The recital was co-sponsored by the Philadelphia and Wilmington (Delaware) Alumni Associations of Duke University. Two days earlier he performed an impromptu concert on the "Reigning Monarch of All Instruments," the six-manual Wanamaker organ of Lord & Taylor's Department Store, in Philadelphia. The Amercian Guild of Organists has selected him to receive the 2000 AGO-Holtkamp National Award in Organ Composition for his music "The Song of Ruth and Naomi" for soprano and organ.

**Lewis Ayres** published with S. Fowl, "(Mis)reading the face of God: The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church," *Theological Studies* 60 (1999), and "The Fundamental Grammar of Augustine's Trinitarian Theology," in Robert Dodaro & George Lawless (eds.) *Augustine and His Critics* (Routledge, 1999). He published the following articles in A. Fitzgerald (ed.), *Augustine Through The Ages: An Encyclopedia* (Eerdmans, 1999): "God," "The Cappadocians," "Being," and "Measure, Number, and Weight (Wisd. 11:21)." He delivered two papers at The International Patristic Conference in Oxford, August 1999.

**Michael Battle** gave a lecture, "Spiritual Formation" for the Burlington District, United Methodist Church, September 19. He also presented a lecture, "A Christian Spirituality of Community" to the inaugural session of the Duke Divinity School Royce and Jane Reynolds Certificate in Church Leadership Program. On November 17, he lectured on "Sewanee and South Africa" for The University of the South Lecture Series, Sewanee, Tenn. For the American Academy of Religion's Boston meeting, November 19-21, he gave a paper and lecture, "Desmond Tutu's Theology of Community"; a paper and discussion, "Imaging Heaven: A Spirituality of

Justice"; and a paper response, "A Spirituality of Teaching." At the 1999 Parliament of the World's Religions, Cape Town, South Africa, on December 4, he lectured from his paper, "A Christian Spirituality of Nonviolence: A Gandhian Critique."

**Teresa Berger** attended the "Evangelische Kirchentag" in Stuttgart, Germany, and gave a paper on eucharistic sharing entitled "Bread and Stone: The Sacrament of Unity in the Divided Churches." She also published "Christlicher Gottesdienst: Lebenszusammenhang (auch) von Frauen," in *Edith Stein Jahrbuch* 4,2 (1999).

**James Crenshaw** lectured at Furman University on October 19 on "The Shaping of Character within an Old Testament Community: Insights for Today." This was part of the Religion in Life Lecture Series. Crenshaw has also written "The Deuteronomist and the Writings," in *Those Elusive Deuteronomists: The Phenomenon of Pan-Deuteronomism*, eds. Linda S. Shearing and Steven L. McKenzie (Sheffield Academic Press, 1999). Also he published, "Flirting with the Language of Prayer (Job 14:13-17)," in *Worship and the Hebrew Bible: Essays in Honor of John T. Willis*, eds. M. Patrick Graham, Rick R. Marrs, and Steven L. McKenzie (1999).

**Mary McClintock Fulkerson** published "Grace, Christian Controversy and Tolerable Falsehoods" in *Grace Upon Grace: Essays in Honor of Thomas A. Langford*, ed. Robert K. Johnston, L. Gregory Jones, Jonathan R. Wilson (Abingdon Press, 1999). Her chapter, "Toward a Materialist Christian Social Criticism: Accommodation and Culture Reconsidered," appeared in *Theology and Corporate Conscience: Essays in Honor of Frederick Herzog*, ed. by M. Douglas Meeks, Jurgen Moltmann, Frederick R. Trost (Kirk House Publishers, 1999). She gave a panel presentation, "Time for Politics? The Challenges and Rewards of Political Activism in Overworked America" at "24/7: Rest and Unrest - A Conference on Balancing Work, Family, Community, Self," sponsored by Duke Women's Studies, Oct. 1-2. Dr. McClintock Fulkerson spoke on "Sexuality and Biblical Authority" at "Sexuality in Christian Community: Caring for All God's Children," a conference sponsored by More Light Presbyterians, First Presbyterian Church, Durham, N.C. Oct. 23. She read a paper, "'The World' Bites Back: Cultural Theory Lessons for Theologies of Consuming Texts" at the Theology and Culture



The Divinity School and the Judaic Studies Program celebrated the life and work of W.D. Davies with a reception on Oct. 15 in the Alumni Memorial Common Room. An internationally renowned New Testament scholar, Davies served on the faculty between 1950-1955 and returned to Duke in 1966. He retired in 1981 as the George Washington Ivey professor emeritus of advanced studies and research in Christian origins.

Conference, Candler School of Theology, October 16. At the American Academy of Religion annual meeting in Boston, November 21, she presented a paper at the Theology and Religious Reflection Session, "They Will Know We are Christian by Our Regulated Improvisation: A Postmodern Take on Ecclesial Identity."

**C. Jarrett Gray** preached at Calloway United Methodist Church in Arlington, Va., on October 3.

**Amy Laura Hall's** essay "Complicating the Command: Agape in Scriptural Context" was recently published in the 1999 *Annual of the Society of Christian Ethics*. Professor Hall gave a lecture in October entitled "A Thirst for the Truth: Augustine's *On Lying*" at Christ Episcopal Church in Raleigh. She also teaches the 3-5th grade Sunday School Class at Trinity United Methodist Church, Durham. Professor Hall was a panelist, with Visiting Professor David Keck and Keith Meador, at the December Divinity School Seminar on the topic, "Memory and Hope at the End of Life."

**Stanley Hauerwas** published the following articles: "The Christian Difference, or: Surviving Postmodernism," *Cultural Values* 3/2 (April 1999); "History, Theory, and Anabaptism: A Conversation on Theology after John Howard Yoder," with Chris Huebner. In *The Wisdom of the Cross: Essays in Honor of John Howard Yoder*, edited by Stanley Hauerwas, Chris Huebner, Harry Hueber, Mark Thiessen-Nation (Eerdmans, 1999); "The Future of Practical Divinity," with Will Willimon, *Circuit Rider* (Sept.-Oct. 1999); "Family Grace: The Christian Family and Difference it can make" in *Grace upon Grace: Essays in Honor of Thomas A. Langford*, edited by Robert K. Johnston, L. Gregory Jones, Jonathan R. Wilson, (Abingdon Press, 1999). He also wrote "Surviving Post-Modernism: The University, The Global Market, and Christian Narrative" for *Soundings* (Summer 1999). His lectures have included participation in the Summer Scholars' Institute at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, June 21, and "Why The Church Will Never Work in America," given to the Episcopal Clergy Conference of the Diocese of Maryland, Solomon's Island, September 26-27. He also lectured at the Universities of Copenhagen and Aarhus, Denmark; in Sweden at the University of Lund, Uppsala, at the Kortebo School of Theology, and gave the Ongman Lectures at Orebro Theological Seminary in October.

**Richard B. Hays** wrote the following articles: "The Conversion of the Imagination: Scripture and Eschatology in 1 Corinthians," *New Testament Studies* 45 (1999); "The Gospel, Narrative, and Culture," *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 9 (1999); "The Future of Reading the Bible in the Church," *Circuit Rider* (September-October 1999), 12-14; and "Homosexualität: die ethische Sicht des Neuen Testaments," in R. Hilliard and W. Gasser (eds.), *Homosexualität verstehen 2* (VBG-Verlag, 1999). He gave the Faculty Lectures, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C. (Oct. 5, 1999) on the topic, "Apocalyptic Ethics." He served as convener of The Scripture Project, The Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, NJ, Sept. 9-12, and was recently appointed by the provost to serve on the Duke University Review Committee on the Use of Human Subjects in Non-Medical Research (1999-2001).

In October **Richard Heitzenrater** served as curator of an exhibit at Bridwell Library, Perkins School of Theology, on "The Poor and the People Called Methodists" (exhibit will be on view until Feb. 8, 2000, in the Prothro Galleries). He presented a paper Oct. 14, on "The Poor and the People Called Methodists" as part of a conference at Southern Methodist University entitled "The Wesleys and the Poor: The Legacy and Development of Methodist Attitudes toward Poverty, 1739-1999." Dr. Heitzenrater led a preconference seminar on "The Wesleys and the Poor." He published a chapter in a festschrift honoring Provost and Dean Emeritus Thomas A. Langford, "God with Us: Grace and the Spiritual Senses in John Wesley's Theology," in *Grace upon Grace: Essays in Honor of Thomas A. Langford* (Abingdon, 1999). He also published "John Wesley on Education," in *From Roots to Fulfillment* and edited "Sermons and Hymns of John Wesley," (Nashville, 1999), a CD-ROM version of volumes 1-4 and 8 of The Bicentennial Edition of the Works of John Wesley. During October's Convocation and Pastors' School, he led a seminar on "Trials and Tribulations in the Wesleyan Heritage."

**Reinhard Hütter** presented "Freedom and Commandment: The Future of Lutheran Ethics between Church and Public," during the Symposium on "Ethics and the Public" at Erlangen University, Germany, July 17. At the November meeting of the Valparaiso Project on the Education and Formation of People in Faith (funded by Lilly Endowment, Inc.) in Indianapolis, he submitted a paper entitled, "Coming to Know the Truth and Hospitality



of the Triune God: Practices, Doctrine, Theology." He also gave a paper for discussion on "The Decalogue as Mirror of Sin(s)" at the first meeting of the Anglican-Lutheran working group on "Worship at Ethics" at Erlangen University, Germany, December 3-5, 1999.

**L. Gregory Jones** delivered the Staley Lectures at Emory and Henry College September 19-20 and the 1999 Homer J. Armstrong Lectures in Religion at Kalamazoo College October 14-15. He led a weekend seminar for the Louisiana Annual Conference on "Connecting to our Calling" October 22-24. He preached at Wake Forest University Divinity School as part of the inaugural chapel series September 14. He also preached at the Village Chapel on September 21, at Campbell University on September 23, at Lee Road United Methodist Church in Greenville, SC September 26, at West Market St. United Methodist Church in Greensboro on October 17, at Furman University on November 7, for Founder's Day at Duke Chapel on October 3, and on December 5 at Providence United Methodist Church in Charlotte.

Dean Jones continues his involvement in several working projects: Co-convenor of the Wabash Center Consultation on "The Vocation of Theological Teachers"; "The Scripture Project" of The Center of Theological Inquiry in Princeton; and the "Beliefs and Practices" seminar sponsored by Lilly-Valparaiso project on The Formation and Education of People in Faith.

Dean Jones is one of the co-editors, with Robert K. Johnston and Jonathan R. Wilson, of a volume of essays in honor of Thomas A. Langford entitled *Grace upon Grace* (Abingdon, 1999). He also contributed the introductory essay to the volume, "A Graceful Life: An Appreciation of Thomas A. Langford."

Dean Jones' essay "What Makes 'United Methodist Theology' Methodist?" was published in *Doctrine and Discipline* (Abingdon, 1999), Dennis M. Campbell, William B. Lawrence, and Russell E. Richey (eds). His recent "Faith Matters" columns in *The Christian Century* include "Why Are They Singing?" (September 8-15), "God's Holiness" (October 20), "One Good Teacher" (November 17-24), and "Hallow ThanksMas" (December 22-29). He also published with Susan Pendleton Jones, "A Center That Holds" in *Circuit Rider* (September/October).

Dean Jones interviewed for "Truth and

Consequences," a program on PBS, which aired in October as part of the series, "Today's Life Choices." He also lectured at Furman University on November 8 on "Leadership in the Christian Community" as part of the Religion in Life Lecture Series.

**Richard Lischer** delivered the Lyman Beecher Lectures in Preaching for 1999-2000 at Yale Divinity School. His lectures were titled "The End of Words: Preaching the Gospel in a World Come of Age." The lectures dealt with vocation, narration, and reconciliation as components of the preacher's identity and mission in the postmodern world.

**Joe Mann** lectured on "The Nature and Mission of the Church" for Duke Divinity School's Continuing Education Probationers Seminar on September 27. He also lectured on "Church Architecture and Building" for Dr. Karen Westerfield Tucker's "Introduction to Christian Worship Course" on September 28.

**Keith Meador** gave a presentation, "Psychology and Secularization Within and Through American Protestantism," at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Boston as part of a symposium on "Rethinking Macro-Social Secularization" on November 6. At the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America in San Francisco, he also presented "Religion and the Social Construction of Identity in Older Men" as part of a symposium on "Religion and Older Men," November 23. Dr. Meador was a panelist, together with Amy Laura Hall and Visiting Professor David Keck, on "Memory and Hope at the End of Life" during the Duke Divinity School seminar, December 4.

**Priscilla Pope-Levison**, along with John R. Levison, co-edited, *Return to Babel: Global Perspectives on the Bible* (Westminster John Knox Press, 1999). At the American Academy of Religion meeting in Boston in November, she presented the paper, "Making America Catholic: Divergent Strategies of Martha Moore Avery and Archbishop William O'Connell," in the Roman Catholic Studies Group. In June, she and John R. Levison gave two lectures on "Jesus for the 21st Century" for the Highlands United Methodist Church Chataqua Series in Highlands, N.C.

**Russell Richey** was co-editor with Dennis M. Campbell and William B. Lawrence, of *Doctrines and Discipline*, and also co-author

and primary co-editor with Dennis M. Campbell and William B. Lawrence of *Questions for the Twenty-First Century Church*. The two books are volumes three and four of Abingdon Press' United Methodism and American Culture series. He published "Revivals: An Arminian Definition," in *Theology and Corporate Conscience*, ed. M. Douglas Meeks (Kirk House, 1999) and "Early American Methodism" in *Perspectives on American Religion and Culture*, ed. Peter Williams, (Oxford: Blackwell, 1999).

October 21-23, he chaired a session on "Christian Theology in the South: Formal and Vernacular" at a conference on Religion in the American South: Towards a Renewed Scholarship, Emory University, Atlanta, sponsored by The Association for the Study of Southern Religion and the *Journal of Southern Religion*. Also in October, Dr. Richey served on a planning team for, and made a presentation at, a consultation on "Understanding Probation Theologically," an event in Nashville for United Methodist boards of ordained ministry undertaken by General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. He participated in the November 19 board meeting of *Quarterly Review*.

**J. Deotis Roberts** participated in a conference on Religion and Postmodernism at Villanova University, October 14-16. This international gathering of philosophers and theologians included featured lecturer Jacques Derrida from Paris. Dr. Roberts also participated in a conference at Penn State University: "Bonhoeffer's Dilemma: The Ethics of Violence," October 28-31. He presented a paper titled "Bonhoeffer and King: On Violence/Non-violence," October 28. As a member of a Ph.D. committee, he helped administer an oral exam at the Graduate School of Education, New York University, November 18. He was a participant in the meeting of the U.S Conference of the World Council of Churches in Atlanta, December 9-11. Sunday, January 16, he presented a two sermon-address at Shiloh Baptist Church, Washington, D.C., on the mission of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Val Rosenquist** presented a lecture to the judicatory heads of the North Carolina Council of Churches at the spring conference in Winston-Salem. Her lecture was entitled, "Kairos Time: The States of the Churches in North Carolina."

**Roberta Schaafsma** was elected chair of the Public Services Section Interest Group of

the American Theological Library Association for 1999/2000. She taught the continuing education seminar, "Electronic Resources for a Pastors' Library," at the Divinity School's Convocation and Pastors' School on October 13.

**D. Moody Smith's** commentary, *John*, in the Abingdon New Testament commentaries (Abingdon Press) was published in September. He has served on the ANTC editorial board since the inception of the series 10 years ago. He also published articles in the recent volumes honoring Frederick Herzog and Thomas A. Langford: "Prolegomena to a Canonical Reading of the Fourth Gospel" in *Theology and Corporate Conscience: Essays in Honor of Frederick Herzog*, ed. M. Douglas Meeks, Jurgen Moltmann and Frederick R. Trost (Kirk House, 1999) and "Grace Upon Grace in the Gospel of John," in *Grace Upon Grace: Essays in Honor of Thomas A. Langford*, ed. Robert K. Johnston, L. Gregory Jones, and Jonathan R. Wilson (Abingdon, 1999). In addition, this fall he delivered adult lectures on "The New Testament Canon" at West Raleigh Presbyterian Church, October 12, 22, 31.

**Karen Westerfield Tucker** gave the Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lectures at Emory and Henry College under the general title "With the Spirit and With the Understanding: Music in Christian Worship." She taught an advanced class on "Worship and the Arts" at the summer session of Duke's ministerial course of study, and in the November weekend course of study taught the basic class on Christian Worship. In August 1999, she taught at the Seminari Theoloji in Malaysia an intensive introductory Christian worship class for seminarians and persons seeking advanced theological degrees. While in Malaysia she also led a workshop for the Faith and Order Commission of the National Council of Churches of Malaysia, and gave a public lecture in Kuala Lumpur entitled "So We Worship, So We Believe: Trends in Worship at the Threshold of the New Millennium." In September, she attended the meeting in Hong Kong of the Executive Committee of the World Methodist Conference in 2001 at Brighton, England. In October, she was an invited speaker at the annual convocation for Berkeley and Yale Divinity Schools. Publications by her that have appeared include "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow': Trinitarian Eucharology in the Churches of the Reformation" in *Source*

*And Summit: Commemorating Josef A. Jungman, S.J.* (Liturgical Press); "Lex credendi, lex canendi: Noting the Faith of the Church' in *Ecumenical Theology Of Worship, Doctrine And Life Essays Presented to Geoffrey Wainwright on His Sixtieth Birthday* (Oxford); "Family and Midweek Worship: Private and Public Devotion in the Methodist Tradition" in *Doctrine and Discipline* (Abingdon), the third published volume of academic papers in the Lilly-funded United Methodism and American Culture series. For the September/October issue of *Circuit Rider* she wrote "United Methodist Worship: Back to the Future." For Discipleship Resources she wrote, "Worship and Culture: Inculturating the Good News" in volume 1 of *Worship Matters: A United Methodist Guide to Ways to Worship*, and "The Centrality of Christian Worship" and "Advent: Between the Times" in *Standing at the Door: Millennial Change Worship Resources*.

**Geoffrey Wainwright** gave a lecture in Cambridge, England, at the opening in September of a new ecumenical archives center in Westcott House. He then traveled on to Hong Kong in order to attend the meeting of the World Methodist Council's Executive Committee. In October he presided over the annual session of the international Methodist-Roman Catholic dialogue, held this year in Jerusalem. In November he gave the Stover-Ward Lecture at St. Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, under the title "Schism, Heresy, and the Gospel: Wesleyan Reflections on Evangelical Truth and Ecclesial Unity." That same month, he was presented with a celebratory volume *Ecumenical Theology in Worship, Doctrine, and Life: Essays Presented to Geoffrey Wainwright on his Sixtieth Birthday*, published by Oxford University Press, and edited by three former students (David Cunningham, Ralph Del Colle, and Lucas Lamadrid).

**Brett Webb-Mitchell** published "Grafted into Christ Forever." *The Cresset* (Michaelmas 1999) and "Beyond Inclusion: The Formation of People with Disabilities in the Church" in *Raleigh News and Observer*, June 22, 1999. He gave the following presentations: "Blueprint for Hospitality, Welcoming Unexpected Guests," featured in Illinois Area School of Evangelism, MacMurray College, Jacksonville, IL (November 1-2, 1999), and "A New Look at Family Ministry," three one-day workshops for Uniting Church in Enoggera, Oxley and Robina, Queensland, Australia, October 5, 6, and 7, 1999. Also in October, he presented

"The Power of One," four talks on "Grafted into Christ: Living Christian Life Together With People With Disabilities in Words and Art," given at Crossroads 1999 State Conference, Camp Warraee, Queensland, Australia, October 1-3, 1999. In September, he lectured on "The Modern Family in the Household of God," at St. John's Theological Seminary and Trinity College, Auckland, New Zealand. He was the speaker on "People with Disabilities in the Church" at the conference: "We are All Differently Aabled: Building Bridges," hosted by First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, N.C.

September 28, 1999. He was a featured speaker at a symposium about Promise Keepers, University of the Pacific, Stockton, Calif., September 7. He was also the speaker for Fragile-X Society of North Carolina, Mebane, N.C., May 28, 1999.

**Will Willimon** gave a series of lectures in November at Jamestown United Methodist Church in Jamestown, N.C. He also conducted a Duke Alumni Seminar at The Swag, in Waynesville, N.C., on the subject "God and Nature in Art." He spoke on "Preaching and Pastoral Care at the Pastors' School in Harrisonburg, Pa., November 8-9. He was a keynote speaker with George Bush III at the "Ivy Jungle," Campus Ministry Conference in Dallas, Tex., on November 9. He gave a series of sermons at Trenholm Road United Methodist Church in Columbia, S.C. on November 21-22. He edited the September/October issue of the *Circuit Rider*, a magazine for United Methodist clergy, in partnership with colleagues at the Divinity School. The issue addressed the future of the United Methodist Church.



**SHIRLEY CAESAR PERFORMS**  
Grammy award-winning gospel singer Shirley Caesar was one of several Divinity School students featured last semester in the school's monthly "Live At The Lampstand" community concerts. Caesar, a first-year master of divinity student, sang before a standing-room-only crowd of Divinity School students, faculty, and staff on Oct. 21.



## Comings & Goings

Director of Communications **Carter Askren** is seeking ordination in the Evangelical Lutheran Church (see story on p. 14). **Lois Blanton, Jo Burt**, and **Owen Fitzgerald** (see photos) each retired.

**Sandy McNutt** of External Relations has been named Director of Development for Duke Chapel. **Sarah Pickens Busby**, also of External Relations, moved to a development position in Women's Health at Duke Medical Center.

**Anne Kellam**, who had worked in Admissions/Student Life/ Financial Aid, has joined the staff of the Durham office of The Duke Endowment.

Newcomers and changes include **Courtney Parks Bray**, staff assistant to the division chairs and faculty. Courtney graduated with a degree in English from Michigan State University in May 1999 and is the fiancée of student Sam McCrimmon, MTS '01. **Audrey Brown** joined the J.M. Ormond Center as secretary last July. Audrey is a native of Greenville, N.C. and the mother of two sons, ages 7 and 25.

Installation of a voicemail greeting system has freed longtime receptionist **Gail Chappell** to work with academic programs on student issues and requests. Gail continues to provide faculty support.

**Karen Harper** joined the Divinity Library in August. Karen previously worked at Duke in the Chapel Music Office and in circulation at Perkins Library. She holds a B.A. in French from the University of Nebraska, Omaha. She and **Melissa Harrell** are circulation managers.

**Susan Pendleton Jones** is director of special programs, Center for Continuing Education.

She is working this year especially with the Reynolds Program in Church Leadership.

**Heather Lemons** joined the new Theology & Medicine Program as an administrative assistant. She graduated from Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa with a double major in international relations and vocal performance. A classically-trained vocalist, she spent two months on a mission trip to Honduras last summer performing contemporary Christian music.

**Rhonda Shue** is finance coordinator in the Office of General Administration & Finance. Rhonda came from the Medical Center where she had worked for 13 years for the Department of Medicine.

**Traci Joy Smith**, a Divinity student in the MTS program, joined the Center for Continuing Education as administrative secretary during the summer. She continues working full-time toward her degree.

**Michele Solomon-Brown**, administrative secretary for the Admissions Office and Financial Aid, comes to the Divinity School from Office of University Life.

**Maryann Tripp** is now senior accounting clerk in the Office of General Administration and Finance. Maryann is a native of Granville County, N.C., and worked previously for Duke Medical Center and City Auto Salvage as a title clerk.

**John Utz** joined the Divinity School as director of the Writing Program. He holds the M.A.R. degree from Yale Divinity School in religion and literature and will receive his Ph.D. in American Studies from Yale in May.

### RETIREES HONORED

The Divinity School honored recent retirees with a reception for each in the Alumni Memorial Common Room. The Rev. F. Owen Fitzgerald, D'54, (top), who served as assistant to the dean and with planned giving in the External Relations Office, retired in July. Lois Blanton (middle) retired Aug. 15 after more than 15 years as staff assistant to the dean. Dean Emeritus Dennis Campbell and Dean L. Gregory Jones each thanked Blanton for faithful service and presented her with a Duke University rocking chair. Jo Burt (bottom), long-time administrative secretary for Black Church Affairs, retired in October. The Black Seminarians Union presented a farewell entitled, "In Praise of a Virtuous Woman," which was followed by a reception.

### HOLY LAND WORK TEAM - MAY 1999



The Duke Holy Land Work Team, which visited the Holy Land last May, included 16 Duke students and team leaders Susan Pendleton Jones (front row, second from left) and Bonnie Jones Gehweiler (back row, far left). Eight Divinity students were (back row, l to r) Lily Chou, Camelia Pierson, Jeffrey Smith, Naomi Tyler-Lloyd, Rodney Parker, Pam Kelly, Deky Hall and Mary Jane Hitt. Eight Duke undergraduates from the Wesley Fellowship also participated.

## VISITING LECTURERS



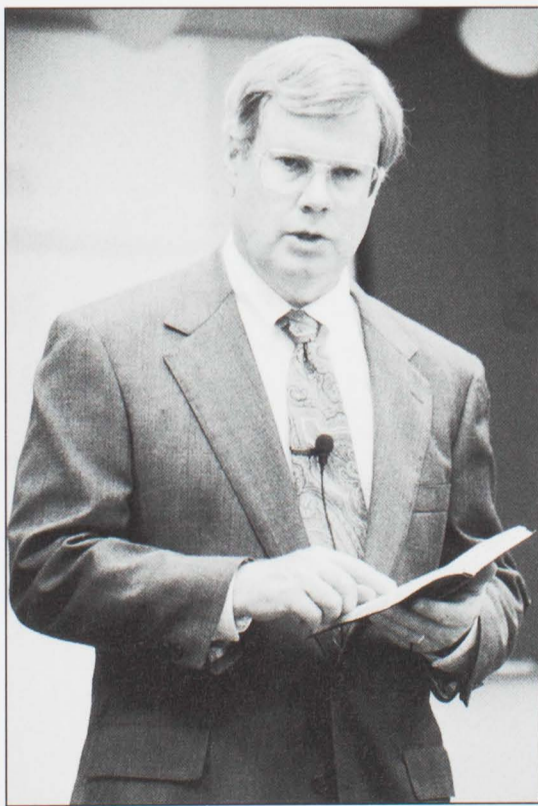
Former Duke basketball player Robert Brickey spoke about "Evangelism in the City" for Dr. Priscilla Pope-Levison's CM 105 class on Sept. 24. Brickey, who played with the Blue Devils between 1986-90, is urban/area director for Young Life.



Dr. Genna Rae McNeil, professor of history at UNC-Chapel Hill, spoke about "Baptists and Ecumenism" in the Alumni Memorial Common Room in October. The Black Seminarians' Union, the Baptist House of Studies, and the Office of Black Church Affairs sponsored her visit.



The Rev. Dr. James Earl Massey, dean emeritus of Anderson University School of Theology and pastor-at-large of Metropolitan Church of God in Detroit, was the 1999 Gardner C. Taylor Preacher and Lecturer. He preached in York Chapel Oct. 5 & 6 and at White Rock Baptist Church in Durham following a dinner on Oct. 5.



Dr. Alan Culpepper, dean of Mercer School of Theology and professor of New Testament, led the Baptist House of Studies Fall Bible Conference Sept. 27. Dr. Culpepper has also served as professor of New Testament at Southern Baptist Seminary and Baylor University.

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# ONE GOOD TEACHER

by L.Gregory Jones

WE BURIED a fine teacher the other day. He was an excellent scholar and his passion for his subject matter, for the life of the mind and the life of his students all shone forth brilliantly. As I looked out over the congregation gathered for his memorial service, I saw students who had traveled long distances to remember him, and recalled the difference he had made in many people's lives.

Henry Adams said, "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." I read those words in *Tuesdays with Morrie*, Mitch Albom's beautiful tribute to one of his teachers. Twenty years after he had graduated from college, long after he had stopped having any regular contact with Morrie Schwartz, Albom began to visit his beloved old sociology professor. Why? In part because Morrie was dying, but even more because Albom wanted to reconnect with a person who had played a key role in his life.

Morrie was lucky to have one of his students return to reestablish old ties and learn about the difference his teachings had made in Albom's life. Too many teachers live only with the unconfirmed hope that their teaching has made a difference. I never took the time to write and thank one of my best and most beloved teachers, a woman who during my high school years sustained hope in my ability and demanded excellence in me. She rekindled my love for learning at a time when it was close to being extinguished. She helped to change my life.

Over a century and a half ago, Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote in his journal: "The whole secret of the teacher's force lies in the conviction that [people] are convertible. And they are. They want awakening." When we encounter teachers who enable that awakening, who challenge our complacency or our smug self-confidence, we may struggle with the changes that occur — but we also are grateful for the growth. In many cases, teachers shape their students' lives with their passion, dedication and excellence.

Over the past few weeks, I have encountered several short essays bearing witness to the importance of teachers. In *Newsweek*, Robert Samuelson pays tribute to a teacher who not only gave good lectures, but also transmitted "life-changing lessons." In the *New York Times Review of Books*, Andrew Delbanco draws on Emerson's thought to insist that English teachers reclaim the vocation of being professors "in the religious sense of that word — ardent, exemplary, even fanatic."

Both essays inspired me to rededicate myself to the holy significance of teaching and to give thanks for the wonderful teachers whose commitment, witness and teaching had made such a pivotal difference in my life. I also was inspired to get in touch with some of them to express my appreciation.

Yet even as I have been moved by these positive examples, I am also moved by chemist Robert L. Wolke's testi-

mony to the power of bad teaching. In *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, Wolke argues that too often we assume that "bad teaching can have at worst a net educational consequence of zero, inasmuch as it fails to produce any positive effects." He contends that there is such a thing as "negative" teaching — that has a lasting adverse impact on students. He draws on his own experience to make his point, recalling a professor who managed to extinguish, at least for a time, Wolke's interest in a subject.

How many times have we not only missed an opportunity to teach others, but actually extinguished the curiosity, the searching spirit, the openness to intellectual conversion in those entrusted to our care? Teachers occupy a special place of privilege and responsibility, whether they are lecturing at a college, leading an honors seminar at a high school, beginning to acquaint children with the joy of learning at an elementary school, or instructing people in faith at a church.

We have paid insufficient attention to the roles that teachers play within the church, for good and for ill. Pastors are called to teach the faith to their congregations, just as laity teach in a variety of settings. I recall particular people in my own journey who have been extremely important in shaping my understanding of Christian faith and life — a Sunday school youth teacher who made us think and challenged us to grow, a pastor whose immersion in scripture made its pages come alive for me, a layperson whose passion for serving the poor awakened a deeper understanding of the scope of our faith and commitment, a faithful Bible study leader who has been teaching every week for over four decades.

Unfortunately, I also have been all too aware of poor teachers of Christian faith who have not only missed an opportunity to make the faith come alive for students, but have actually extinguished a love for God and the church that may have already been kindled. There may be no more important position in the church than to be a Sunday school teacher — and yet we often offer only the most minimal training, typically because we are so desperate to have the classroom staffed that we are afraid to ask our teachers to do more than be there on Sunday morning.

What if we really believed that teaching makes a difference? What if we really believed not that teaching is at worst an activity with a net educational equivalence of zero, but that it's an activity with the potential to feed the spirit? What if we became convinced that one of the reasons we have such difficulty in maintaining a love for the gospel among our young people is that we have invested so little in teaching them, in cultivating that passion and interest in the first place?

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# Emeritus Professor Charles Robinson Dies

Charles Kivet Robinson, associate professor emeritus of philosophical theology at the Divinity School, died Tuesday, Nov. 30, at his Columbus, Ohio, home. He was 70.

Robinson's primary teaching interest was Christian theology and his courses explored its major themes, including faith and tragedy. He authored a number of journal articles during his career and was awarded a Kearns Scholarship, a Dempster Fellowship and a James B. Duke Fellowship for scholarly study. A retired clergy member of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, Robinson had been a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Durham.

"Charles was a brilliant man. There's no doubt of that," said D. Moody Smith, a Duke Divinity School professor who knew Robinson when both were graduate students and joined him on the Duke faculty in 1965. "I believe his students appreciated his ability and obvious sincerity in the classroom."

Born in Los Angeles, Robinson graduated from Arizona State University in 1950 with a bachelor's degree in psychology and received his bachelor of divinity degree five years later from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. He did graduate work at Duke, earning his Ph.D. in religion and graduating with Phi Beta Kappa honors in 1958.

After serving as assistant professor at Wesleyan University in Connecticut for three years, Robinson joined the Duke Divinity School faculty in 1961. He was promoted to associate professor in 1967 and remained at Duke until his retirement in 1985.

Robinson is survived by his wife, the Rev. Mary Whetstone-Robinson, a Duke Divinity School alumna and an elder in the Illinois Great Rivers Conference; his son, Noel Kivet Robinson, of Tucson, Ariz.; and his daughter, Talitha Robinson D'Italia, of West Chester, Penn.



Charles Robinson

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## DEATHS

**Cecil W. Robbins**, D'33, died August 30, 1999, in Henderson, N.C. He served for many years as the president of Louisburg College in Louisburg, N.C.

**Richard J. Starling**, T'33, D'36, died July 12, 1999, in Monroe, N.C. He was a United Methodist pastor in the Western North Carolina Conference. He is survived by his wife, Letha Starling, and a daughter.

**Kermit F. Gibbons**, D'35, died August 24, 1999, in San Antonio, Tex. He served for 55 years as a pastor and administrator in the Southwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca Gibbons, two daughters, two sons, 13 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

**Harry C. Rickard**, D'38, died March 15, 1999, in Strasburg, Va. He was a United Methodist pastor in the Virginia Conference. He is survived by his wife.

**Norman A. Desrosiers**, T'49, D'53, died October 31, 1999, in Wilkesboro, N.C. He was a chaplain, pastor, and psychiatrist, having served as director of the Bryan Psychiatric Hospital, Columbia, S.C., and director of the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center, Butner, N.C. among others. He was also an accomplished church musician and inventor. Dr. Desrosiers is survived by his wife, Betty, six children, and eight grandchildren.

**Bill E. Bass, Sr.**, D'63, died October 31, 1999, in Statesville, N.C. He served for 42 years as a United Methodist pastor in the Western North Carolina Conference. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie Singleton Bass, a son, two daughters, and three grandchildren.

**B. Dean Brown**, D'67, died July 28, 1999, in Gastonia, N.C. He was a high school guidance counselor and a pastor in the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife, Vola Campbell Brown, two sons, and two grandsons.

**Kenneth R. (Robbie) Moore, Jr.**, D'75, died July 4, 1999, in Charlotte, N.C. He served as a United Methodist pastor in the Western North Carolina Conference. He is survived by his wife, Carole Herndon Moore, and his parents, Sara Helen Copley Moore and Kenneth R. Moore, D'51, of Greensboro, N.C.

**Joseph N. Dominguez**, D'86, died May 24, 1999, in Fairfax, Va. He and his wife had been missionaries in India and Kyrgyzstan, with Interserve working with youth. He is survived by his wife, Karen, and their two young children.

## CLASS NOTES FALL 1999

**Robert G. Gardner**, D'52, G'57, of Macon, Ga., wrote "African-American Baptist Educational Institutions in Georgia," in *Viewpoints: Georgia Baptist History* 16 (1998).

**George C. Megill**, D'52, visited family members in Brazil earlier this year. He and June have celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary. In Raleigh, N.C., George helps teach a Sunday afternoon Portuguese Bible study for some of the more than 200 Brazilian families who live in the Triangle area.

**William P. Lowdermilk**, D'58, has been honored at Quail Haven Village, a United Methodist retirement community in Pinehurst, N.C., as the new chapel there will bear his name.

**Judith L. Weidman**, D'66, of Nashville, Tenn., a religious news editor and journalist who has served since 1994 as the General Secretary of Communications for the United Methodist Church, has been named the 1999 Distinguished Alumna of the Divinity School (see photo and story p. 50).

**Diane Weddington**, T'72, D'76, has been appointed assistant professor of communications at St. Mary's College in Moraga, Calif. She is teaching media law, public policy and news writing, and she is working on a book on ethics and the internet.

**Daniel L. Hendricks**, D'73, G'76, of Louisville, Ky., is directing the Capital Campaign for the University of Kentucky. A fundraising professional, he was previously director of planned giving at Hanover College.

**James R. Bailes**, D'74, a United Methodist pastor in Knoxville, Tenn., served last year as an Annual Fund agent for his Class of 1974 and led his colleagues to the best increase in participation among all Divinity School classes. He was awarded a pair of tickets to a Duke basketball game.

**Nancy Ruth Best**, D'76, has earned the D. Min. in spirituality from Wesley Theological Seminary and has been promoted to coordinator of chaplaincy services at Durham Regional Hospital, Durham, N.C.

**Patricia Kaylor Suggs**, D'77, was recently promoted to associate professor of internal medicine and gerontology at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine. She also serves as part-time pastor of Marvin United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem, N.C. Her husband, **Douglas L. Suggs**, D'78, is director of pastoral care at the Triad United Methodist Home, a continuing care retirement community in Winston-Salem.

**Preston L. McKeever-Floyd**, D'79, delivered the fall lecture, "Strangers in a Strange Land: The African Roots of African-American Christianity in South Carolina," for the department of philosophy and religion at Clemson University. He is a professor at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, S.C.

**W. David McEntire**, D'81, has been elected president of the board of trustees of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. He is senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Palm Beaches, Fla. He and his daughter, Katie, are both delegates to the 2000 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference; she is a youth delegate to the General Conference as well.

**James D. Bell**, D'82, and his family spent the summer of 1999 in Lymington, England, where he was the exchange pastor of Lymington United Reformed Church. The Bells had a wonderful experience learning the customs and culture of southern England. They have returned home to Hampstead, N.C., where Jim is a United Methodist pastor.

**Fred J. Gomendo**, D'84, of Mutare City, Zimbabwe, has served since 1992 as a general committee member of the All Africa Conference of Churches. He is the retired president of the United Church of Christ of Zimbabwe and has recently been elected a councillor for the city of Mutare.

**Virginia Norton Herring**, D'85, D'99, is now assistant to the rector at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Greensboro, N.C.

**Clarice J. Martin**, G'85, has been named the Jean Picker Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y.

**Todd E. Outcalt**, D'85, has published *Holidays, Holy Days* (Abingdon, 1999), completing his trilogy for the Essentials for Christian Youth series. The other titles are *Seeing is Believing* and *The Heat is On*. Todd resides in Indianapolis, Ind.

**Bradley J. Longfield**, G'88, has been named dean of the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa. He has served as professor of church history at the seminary, and he is the author of *The Presbyterian Controversy: Fundamentalists, Modernists, and Moderates* and co-editor of *The Secularization of the Academy*.

**David B. Ramsey**, D'88, is a major account specialist with IKON Office Solutions in Greensboro, N.C. His wife, Terri, is an adjunct professor at University of North Carolina-Greensboro, and they have a 2-year-old daughter, Blair. The Ramseys are active members of the Unitarian Universalist Church.



**Jane G. Tillman**, D'88, is a staff psychologist at the Austen Riggs Center in Stockbridge, Mass. She recently published three articles in professional journals: "Religious Language in Psychotherapy: Dyadic and Triadic Structures," "Psychodynamic Psychotherapy, Religious Beliefs, and Self Disclosure," and "Psychosis as the Sickness Unto Death."

**Ann Marie Marshbanks Benjamin**, D'91, and Adam joyfully announce the birth of Emma Grace on June 27, 1999. Ann Marie is a physical therapist specializing in lymphedema treatment. The Benjamins reside in Raleigh, N.C.

**Arnetta E. Beverly**, D'92, director of the office of nurturing and ethnic ministries for the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church in Charlotte, N.C., has been elected president of the Divinity School Alumni Association. She succeeds **David R. Peters**, D'68, of Hurricane, W. Va.

**Leigh F. Meekins**, D'92, is serving as minister of children and their families at West End United Methodist Church in Nashville, Tenn.

**J. Mark Christian**, D'93, and Mary Elizabeth along with their 2-year-old daughter, Sarah, are delighted to announce the October 25, 1999, birth of Elizabeth Grace. They reside in Anchorage, Alaska, where Mark is an Episcopal priest working with the Vancouver, British Columbia, School of Theology extension program with ministerial students among First Nations peoples including Tlingit, Lakota, Navajo, and Nishga.

**Scott T. Kisker**, D'93, and Roberta proudly announce the April 4, 1999, birth of Maria Esther Hope. Scott is director of the Charles Wesley Heritage Centre in Bristol, England, while completing his doctoral dissertation at Drew University.

**John E. Upham Jr.**, D'93, D'96, has been ordained as a priest in the Anglican Province of Christ the King and is serving St. Mark's Anglican Church in Durham, N.C.

**Robert J. Laws III**, D'94, and Kimiko celebrated the February 25, 1999, birth of Zachary William Hironori. Robert is a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, and they reside in Ambridge, Pa.

**Carl H. King**, D'95, is the new chaplain at Methodist College in Fayetteville, N.C., where he will combine the arts and worship, lead mission experiences, and support small groups and Bible studies.

**Matthew A. Ritchie**, D'95, and Betsy share the happy news of the birth of Charlotte Ann on September 15, 1999. The Ritchies, including Charlotte Ann's big brother, are living in Richmond, Va. Matthew is senior deploy-

ment analyst for the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

**Brian K. Foreman**, D'96, and Denise announce with joy the June 15, 1999, birth of Brock in Charlotte, N.C.

**Javier A. Viera**, D'96, associate pastor at Christ United Methodist Church, New York, N.Y., has been elected as a member-at-large on the National Council of the Divinity School Alumni Association.

**Sarah J. Mount**, D'97, is enjoying ministry in Lynn, Mass. She encourages her friends to vacation in New England.

**Barry A. Allen**, D'98, D'99, a United Methodist pastor in Marion, S.C., is pursuing the D.Min. degree at Erskine Theological Seminary.

**Christopher L. (Lee) Canipe**, D'98, and Hilary are serving for a year as missionaries in Kostroma, Russia, which is a "sister city" to Durham, N.C.

**Danielle A. Hargett**, D'98, and W. Smith Kirkland were married on June 12, 1999. She is a United Methodist pastor in Henderson, N.C.

**Suzanne Smith** and **Eddie Dorn**, both D'98, changed their surnames following their summer 1998 marriage to **Dornsmith**. They now reside in Sauk Centre, Minn., where Eddie is studying accounting and Suzanne is serving a United Methodist/United Church of Christ parish. She completed a certification in advanced professional studies at the Pacific School of Religion in May.

**Nancy Jo Dixon Walton**, D'97, and R. **Lindsley Dixon Walton**, D'98, joyfully announce the birth of Sophia Louise Walton on August 1, 1999, in Alexandria, Va.

**Kristin E. Barger**, D'99, is now working with the Open Door Community in Atlanta, Ga., a unique place of Christian hospitality and friendship to the homeless men and women of the city. Open Door serves more than 300 people daily and includes prison ministry, as well as a prophetic voice in the public arena on behalf of the poor. The community is made up of 30 men and women from all walks of life whose work is grounded in prayer, worship, and scriptural reflection.

**William H. (Bill) Lamar IV**, D'99, is serving as pastor of Saint Philip African Methodist Episcopal Church in Monticello, Fla.

**Jennifer Hale Williams**, D'99, and **Warren A. Bevacqua**, D'99, were married on May 29, 1999, at Wesley United Methodist Church in Middletown, Pa. They are residing in Harrisburg, Pa., where they are serving as pastors of United Methodist parishes.



# The Divinity School CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR 2000

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RELIGION AND THE ARTS

**Living With a Brave Heart**

Featuring Randall Wallace, Screenwriter and Director

FEBRUARY 18-20

**Making Disciples: Home, Church, World**

A retreat for the Asheville, Marion and Waynesville Districts

Featuring Jack Levison and Priscilla Pope-Levison

FEBRUARY 29,  
MARCH 7-28

**Lay Academy of Religion featuring James M. Efirm**

Tuesday evenings, Christ United Methodist Church, Greensboro

MARCH 1

2000 GOODLING LECTURES

**Witness, Truth and Faith: Exploring Narrative Ethics for Illness**

presented by Arthur W. Frank, Professor of Sociology

at the University of Calgary, Canada and author of *The Wounded Storyteller*

MARCH 2

**Opening Doors: Access to Care at the End of Life**

*Sponsored by Duke Institute on Care at the End of Life*

Featuring lectures and a panel discussion including William May, PhD;

Kathleen Foley, MD; and Nessa Coyle, RN.

MARCH 13-14

**Farming with Justice: Contracts, Corporate Farming, and the Church**

Featuring Wendell Berry, philosopher, poet and author of

*The Unsettling of America: Culture & Agriculture*

MARCH 21-22

KENNETH WILLIS CLARK LECTURES

**Wisdom Christology in Paul and Paul and the Trinity**

presented by Gordon Fee, Professor of New Testament

and Dean of the Faculty at Regent College, Vancouver, Canada

APRIL 3

BAPTIST HOUSE OF STUDIES SPRING CONFERENCE

**Music and Worship in the Baptist Tradition: Past, Present and Future**

Featuring Michael Hawn Ph.D., Perkins School of Theology

APRIL 4, 5

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. LECTURES

Reverend Emanuel Cleaver, Pastor

St. James United Methodist Church, Kansas City, Mo.

APRIL 7-8

**Later New Testament Epistles**

Lay Academy of Religion featuring James M. Efirm

Memorial UMC, Charlotte

APRIL 11

INAUGURAL LECTURE: RICHARD LISCHER

**James T. and Alice Mead Cleland Professor**

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APRIL 25

**The Minor Prophets**

MAY 1-15

Lay Academy of Religion featuring James M. Efirm

Wesley United Methodist Church, High Point

MAY 1, 8, 15, 22

**The Book of Isaiah**

Lay Academy of Religion featuring James M. Efirm

Epworth United Methodist Church

MAY 4-6

**Sing a New Song in a Strange Land: Liturgy, The Creative Arts  
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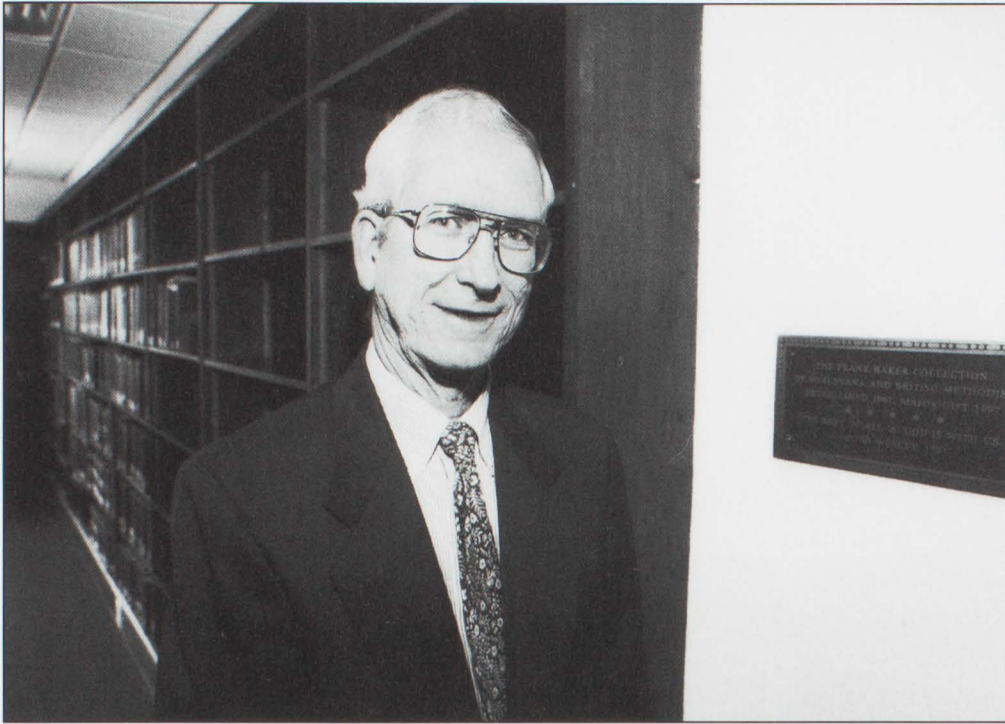
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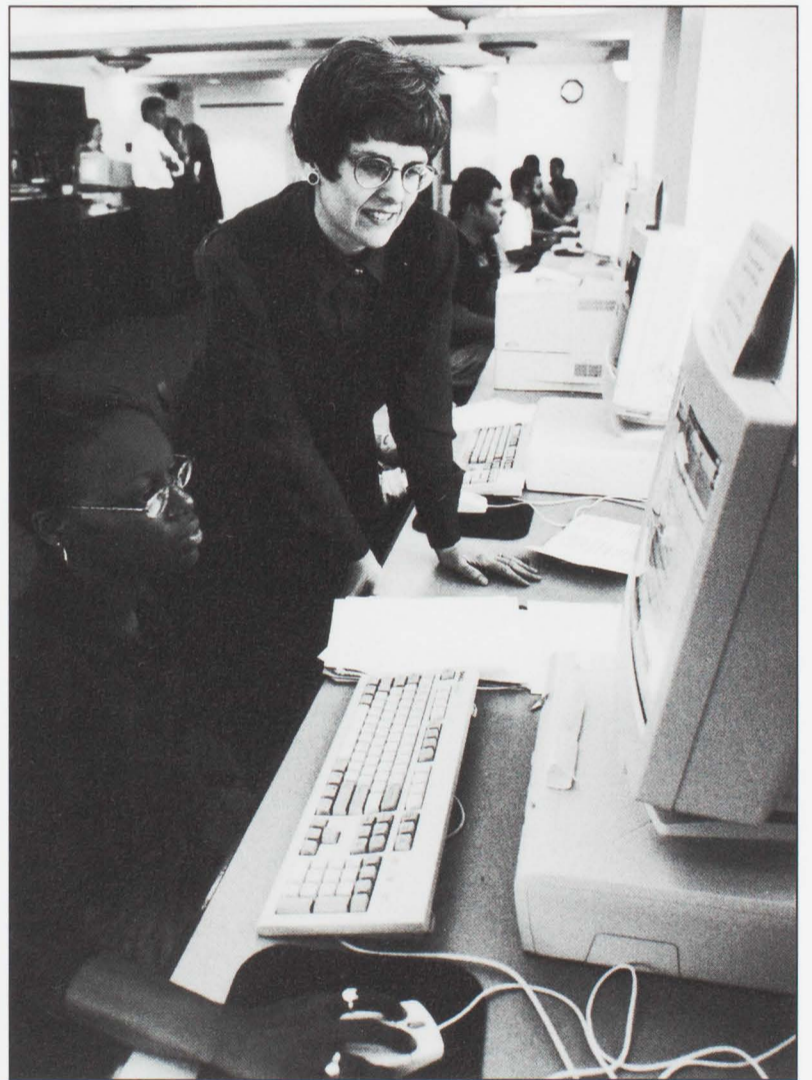
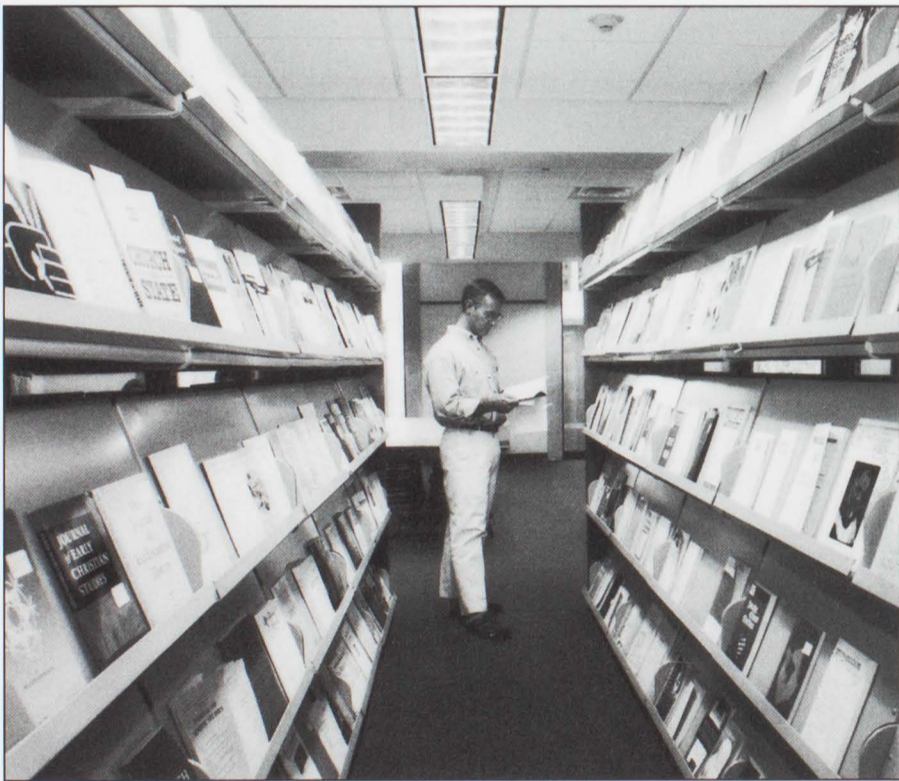
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## LIBRARY RENOVATIONS

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Librarian Roger Loyd found much to smile about during the grand opening of the renovated Divinity Library last fall. The changes include new shelving for periodicals (middle left) in the Jordan Reading Room. Reference Librarian Roberta Schaafsma assists a student at the bank of computers (below right) in the J. Ralph and Jeanne Waters Jolly Library Service Room. This room includes an expansive new entrance and circulation area. A student studies in The Baker Methodist Research Center (bottom, left), a room funded by Harold and Thelma Crowder to house the Frank Baker Collection of Wesleyana and British Methodism. A gift from Jack O. Bovender, Jr., chairman of the Divinity campaign committee and a member of the board of visitors, added a suite of offices for the library staff. The entire renovation was made possible by a total of \$625,000 in gifts.



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## The Divinity School announced at presstime a \$13.5 million gift to establish the Duke Institute on Care at the End of Life.

The gift was shepherded by Hugh A. Westbrook, D'70, a leader in the hospice movement nationwide. Look for more information in a news release on our web site: [www.divinity.duke.edu](http://www.divinity.duke.edu) — details will follow in the next issue of *News & Notes*.

## Duke Institute on Care at the End of Life presents ...



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### Featuring:

**William May**, ethicist  
Southern Methodist University

**Kathleen Foley**, pain and palliative care physician  
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center  
Cornell University Medical College

**Nessa Coyle**, pain and palliative care nurse  
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

This symposium celebrates the founding of the Duke Institute on Care at the End of Life. Based at the Divinity School, the Institute's focus and efforts reflect the contributions of scholars, students, and material resources from across Duke University in partnership with other universities and relevant institutions.

Opening Doors is designed to enhance the knowledge and research of professionals who work across the range of caregiving at the end of life. Clergy, physicians, RNs, physician assistants, palliative care specialists, hospice professionals, government regulators, ombudsmen and social workers will benefit from this symposium. Grief counselors, psychologists, family counselors and church lay caregivers will also gain key insights from the symposium.

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