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**Academic Leaders Share Their Hopes for the Future of LCU**

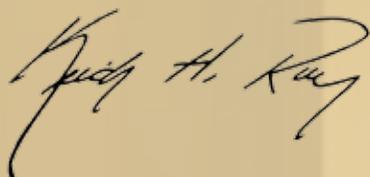
## A Message from the President...

I am sitting at my desk at the mid-point of my fifteenth year at LCU. It is 2013 and the new semester has just launched. Over these years it has been more than amazing to see the good providence of God. At times it is manifest through the lives of our students and their zeal for the Kingdom of God. Other times, it comes through stories of our alumni and constituents who support and share our mission. The joy and satisfaction that comes in seeing those things and a myriad of others is what makes the view from my chair so remarkable.

But perhaps, more than anything else, watching the Lord assemble a team of competent and committed servants is most satisfying of all. We are reminded throughout Scripture how God raises up leaders, works through history, and intervenes as necessary to see His will accomplished. The legacies of those who have gone before us at LCU have laid a masterful foundation for our future. Our hats are off for the years of sacrifice and wisdom that have positioned us for a time such as this. I must admit watching His process is often frightful and elusive; but as they say, "He (God) is never early and never late, but always on time."

Now you know why I am so delighted that this issue announces some very timely changes at LCU. The changes in academic leadership roles are always pivotal for an institution like ours. These changes have the potential for impacting an entire generation of prospective leaders. Through prayer, dialogue, and engagement in key processes, God has brought us talented, motivated, and devout leaders for both the Seminary and the School of Undergraduate Studies. With this team in place, and God's good grace among us, let 2013 begin and the next generation begin bearing the fruit of God's good providence at LCU.

Always delighted in Him,



Dr. Keith H. Ray, DMin  
President



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## About the cover:



Provost Clay Ham posed for the camera recently with interim Deans for Adult & Graduate Studies Dr. Don Green and Steve Collins, Undergraduate Studies Dean Dr. James Estep, and newly installed Seminary Dean Dr. Dinelle Frankland.



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# Academic Leaders Share Their Aspirations



**Dr. Clay Ham,  
Provost**

When I talk about the importance of academic personnel for a Christian university, I often talk about that group being the “curriculum” of the university. Students may think when they enroll at Lincoln Christian they are signing up for a series of classes that add up to an academic program. But, in my mind, LCU students sign up to sit in

face-to-face classes or to log on to an online class site with LCU faculty. In this sense, LCU professors are the University’s curriculum.

To this end, we have been working diligently to recruit quality faculty and academic administrators. Last year we hired two new faculty for Lincoln Christian Seminary: Dr. Paul Kissling, Professor of Old Testament, and Dr. Tara Samples, Assistant Professor of Psychology and Counseling. The Seminary also renewed a working relationship with Dr. Chuck Sackett to teach and mentor preaching students, while he continues as Preaching Minister for Madison Park Christian Church,

Quincy, IL. Dr. Rochelle Cathcart was added to the faculty of the Hargrove School of Adult & Graduate Studies; she directs a new MA in Intercultural Studies program offered completely online and teaches intercultural studies courses in the Seminary.

As a result of the collaborative work of a search committee comprised of both Seminary and Undergraduate faculty, we are pleased to announce the hire of Frank Dicken as Assistant Professor of New Testament and Nick Zola as Assistant Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity, effective July 1, 2013.



Another ongoing faculty search is for an Academic Dean for the Hargrove School of Adult & Graduate Studies. Dr. Tom Tanner had this responsibility before he accepted a position with the Association of Theological Schools last year. The person hired for this position will join two other Academic Deans appointed earlier this academic year.

Dr. Jim Estep transitioned to the position of Dean of LCU's School of Undergraduate Studies this past fall. Jim brings significant experience to the position, having served as Vice President of Academics previously at Great Lakes Christian College and at Kentucky Christian University. He also maintains significant engagement with local churches through a ministry he co-founded, called "e2: Effective Elders." Not one to sit still for long, Jim has the Undergraduate faculty considering plans for increased engagement with Undergraduate students in the classroom and beyond.

Dr. Dinelle Frankland was recently appointed Academic Dean of Lincoln Christian Seminary, a position she held on an interim basis the past three semesters. Dinelle has served as Professor of Worship Studies since 2003. Before that, she was a professor at Ozark Christian College and Dallas Christian College. Read on to learn how Dinelle

is leading the Seminary faculty toward some exciting academic initiatives.

## Hargrove School of Adult & Graduate Studies

### Stephen Collins, Interim Dean of Undergraduate Programs

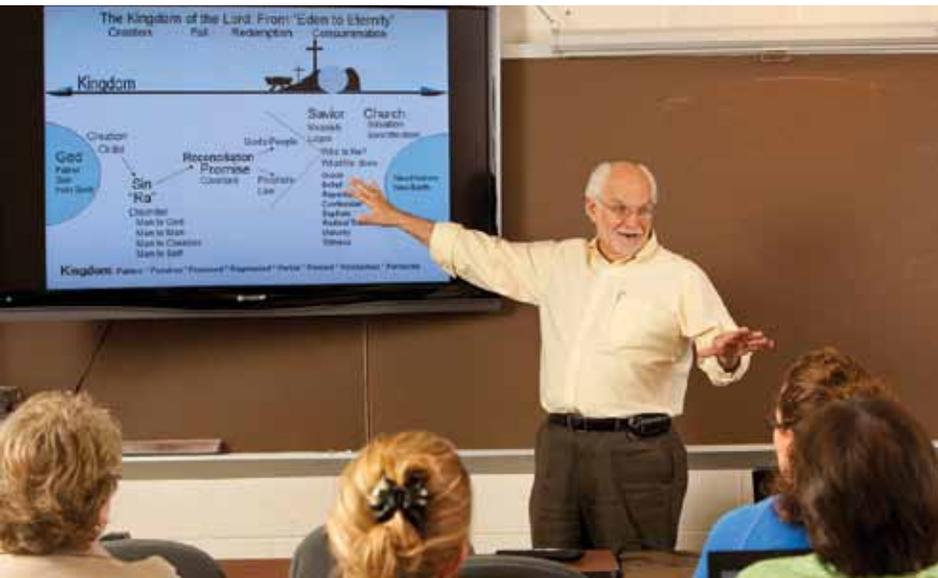
My vision for the undergraduate programs of the Hargrove School of Adult & Graduate Studies is what Earl C Hargrove envisioned for this school since its founding.



When President Hargrove founded Lincoln Bible Institute in 1944, he started not only a college and a seminary, but also a school for non-traditional students using non-traditional methods. Those programs existed for nearly a decade. Then about 10 years ago, under the direction of Bob Monts, we were able to start a program called *LincUp* that allowed us once again to be a school for the type of student Mr. Hargrove had in mind. I had the privilege of joining

that venture and witnessing its growing into the School of Adult & Graduate Studies, named the "Hargrove School" for Earl C Hargrove in recognition of his vision. So from the beginning, our school has been what former Dean Tom Tanner called "a school for the rest of us," a school for those who don't fit the traditional mold of a college or seminary student. It is a school for the busy dad who never got to finish college; for the searching mom who wants a life of significance; for those Bible college students who did not graduate, but are now able to fulfill lifelong dreams; for the 20-something who wants something different. It is a school where grandparents and grandchildren sit in the same classroom, to the benefit of both. It is a school where Christians of different persuasions study the same persuasive Word. It is a school where black, white, and brown students are known not for their color, but for their character and their commitment to the Christ.

Here, students are able to have second and third chances. Well-educated, wonderfully-gifted, and experienced adjunct faculty from all kinds of ministries share their lives with students. We have classrooms in Lincoln, Bloomington-Normal, Peoria, and Las Vegas. We also have classrooms that are



merely computer connections, bringing instructors and students into each other's virtual presence and into God's real presence—around the globe from airport lounges to living room La-Z-Boys. The Hargrove school welcomes people of all ages and nations who are always seeking one thing...to follow God wherever He leads, no matter where or who they are. Our school dreams big, prays hard, listens carefully, teaches wisely, and walks faithfully. It is a "school for the rest of us."

### Dr. Don Green, Interim Dean of Graduate Programs

Earl C Hargrove's vision is the future I envision for the graduate programs as well. In a presentation that President Hargrove made to the trustees, faculty, and staff in the fall of 1970 entitled, "A Must for the Future," our visionary founder called for a return to a third school (once called "The Christian Workers School") in addition to the college and the seminary. In that presentation he envisioned a school that



would train "thousands of Christian men and women to minister according to the gifts God gave them" and a school that would "use the technological discoveries of our age to promote the Gospel of Christ and win the world."

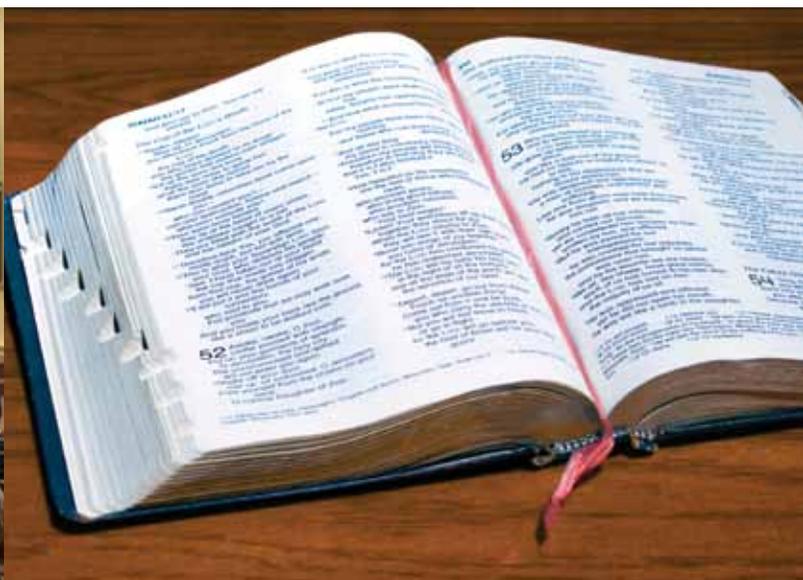
Since it began its first online graduate program with 15 students in 2009, LCU's Hargrove School has enrolled nearly 300 graduate students from more than 30 states and 13 other countries intent on pursuing Master of Arts degrees in Bible and Theology, Intercultural Studies, Organizational Leadership, Spiritual Formation, and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). Three of these degrees are offered entirely online and one (Spiritual Formation) is offered entirely on-site at Eastview Christian Church in Normal, IL. As we explore possible future graduate programs such as a Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy at our Las Vegas extension site, an online Master of Arts in Business, and other masters' programs, we want to be sure that graduate education through the School of Adult & Graduate Studies is attainable (completing a master's degree in less than two years), accessible (completing an MA online or at other off-campus sites), and affordable (keeping tuition costs at a minimum).

As Earl Hargrove observed more than 40 years ago, "We must remember we do not have all the answers to all questions. We must feel our way along. But unless we start, we shall continue to use only a small part of God's people in the leadership ministry. Let us find a place for every worker in the Kingdom of God." The Hargrove School of Adult & Graduate Studies is fulfilling that dream. It will continue to do so as it seeks to become a school of thousands, from around the globe, preparing to live faithfully, think Biblically, grow intellectually, improve professionally, and learn continually for the glory of God and the advancement of His Kingdom.

## Lincoln Christian Seminary

### Dr. Dinelle Frankland, Academic Dean

I have been privileged to serve alongside the faculty of Lincoln Christian Seminary for 10 years. During this time, the educational goal



of the Seminary has never wavered — to develop servant leaders who will carry out Christ’s Great Commission in the world. To meet this goal in a continuously changing educational landscape, we are moving forward in several strategic areas.

In August 2012, we began to offer the option for students to complete up to two-thirds of the Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree in an online format. We are continuing to explore this delivery system for other programs, which will enable us to expand our influence while remaining consistent with the mission of LCU. To this end, we are also pursuing the possibility of extension sites.

As a Seminary faculty, we have begun discussing the possibility of expanding our current Master of Arts (MA) degree to include both an MA in specialized ministry and an MA oriented toward general theological study. These alternatives integrate the value we place on scholarship with our commitment to the service of the Church.

The MA in Counseling professors are diligently pursuing accreditation with the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Because CACREP is committed to high educational standards, membership will enhance the counseling program and

attract highly qualified students.

The Doctor of Ministry (DMin) program continues to grow under the leadership of Dr. Barney Wells. The program has now graduated 12 students in four different specializations. The curriculum continues to develop leaders by deepening their understanding of ministry, broadening knowledge and skills for ministry, and sharpening the evaluation of ministry.

Dr. Paul Kissling has brought years of Old Testament scholarship and teaching experience. Dr. Tara Samples has already become an invaluable asset in the area of counseling. We are pleased to have Dr. Chuck Sackett as professor of preaching reimagining that program as it is taught by a well-respected practitioner. Dr. Rochelle Cathcart has brought enthusiasm and renewed purpose to the development of the intercultural studies programs.

Other goals for the Seminary include: continued collaboration with the School of Undergraduate Studies, encouraging faculty scholarship and development, and reaching out in new venues for prospective students.

Over the past several months I have been encouraged and supported by the administration, faculty, staff, and students. Together, we have made progress toward a bright future. I am

confident that, with God’s guidance, we can accomplish these goals and many more.

## School of Undergraduate Studies

### Dr. James Estep, Academic Dean

It has been six months since I assumed the role of Dean. I began my tenure with the School of Undergraduate Studies by meeting with



every faculty member, one-on-one for a very open and candid conversation about their vision, concerns, desires, and hopes for LCU. After reflecting, reviewing, and engaging their insights and observations, I can say with certainty that the School of Undergraduate Studies is firmly committed to advancing the Church. That includes the church, “little c,” the local congregation, and the Church, “big C,” the work of the Kingdom. Regardless of how you spell it, we are dedicated to the mission of the



C/church, and that dedication informs our vision and mission as a community of higher education.

To this end, we promote student success in achieving their God-given calling and profession, with a corresponding spiritual vitality and Christian understanding of all of life. This is fostered by a faculty who are as committed to Christ as they are to excelling in their fields and the classroom. Our high-quality faculty provides students with an academically rigorous program of study, nurtured in an atmosphere of faith that permeates the students' lives and relationships. Both on campus and off, through acts of service, worship, and devotion, and within every academic discipline, we strive to "take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor. 10:5 NASB). Academic excellence is our goal for students of every major and calling.

This vision compels the Undergraduate faculty to form dynamic partnerships that connect our campus to our constituents, whether that is a congregation, international mission, counseling center, school, hospital, or business. We are developing new opportunities for students to glean

practical experience, exploring possibilities for expanding distance and continuing education, and we are providing more direct opportunities for students to take part in Kingdom service. All of this will be done while continuing to enhance and press toward ever increasing academic excellence in an atmosphere of faith. This year we inaugurated a new curriculum to meet the needs of a new generation of LCU students, the result of more than two years' work. The new curriculum focuses on common core requirements, but with flexible open electives to accommodate academic minors and coursework recommended by an advisor. It is also more adaptable to a student's calling. We have recently redefined our academic fields to improve not only administrative effectiveness, but heighten collegiality between programs and professors as they cooperate with one another toward the purpose of preparing servant leaders. The School of Undergraduate Studies continues to affirm its heritage as it prepares the next generation to carry out a vision of Kingdom service, advancing the work of the C/church.

Supporting the Provost, deans, and faculty are **Dr. Silas McCormick** and **Ms. Cathy Kissling**.

Silas is a 2001 graduate of LCU who went on to complete a PhD in Higher Education and a Juris Doctorate. He is primarily tasked with ensuring that the University meets the standards of the various agencies that accredit

LCU. Cathy has joined the Provost's office as Associate Director of Academic Services. She has previous experience as Registrar and Assessment Coordinator at the TCM International Institute in Austria.



*Dr. Silas McCormick*



*Cathy Kissling*



# *Honoring Dr. Les White*

It is with great regret that Lincoln Christian University announces the passing of a brother in Christ, an alumnus of the College and Seminary, and a serving trustee. On January 6, 2013, Dr. Leslie L. White passed from this life at Hillcrest Hospital in Painesville, Ohio.

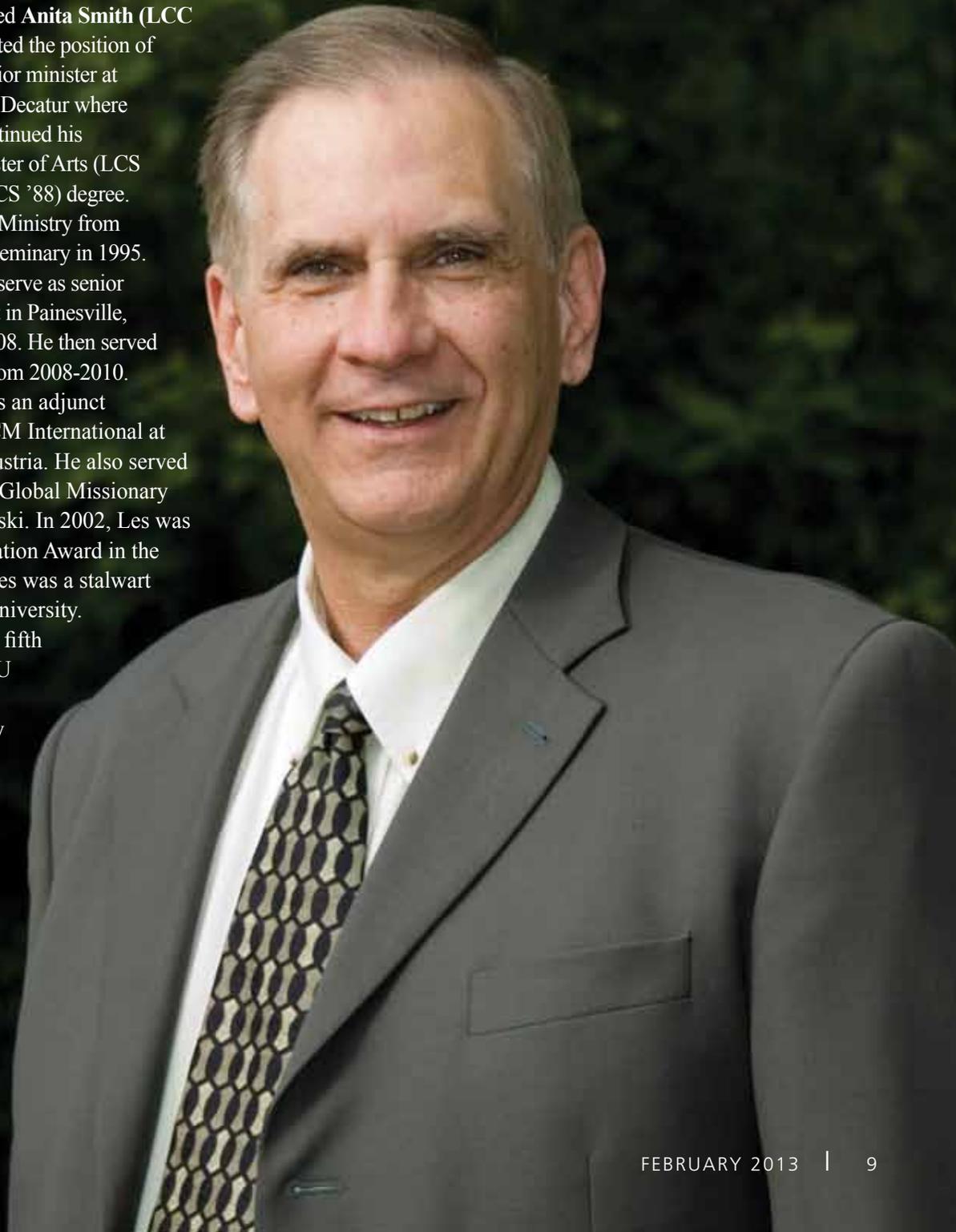
Les enrolled at Lincoln Christian College in 1968 and was very involved in campus life including participation in the “Kingdom Builders” and the “Master’s Men.” While a student, he was also involved in youth ministries in Williamsville and Decatur, Illinois.

On June 13, 1971, Les married **Anita Smith (LCC '72)**. Soon afterwards he accepted the position of associate minister and later senior minister at Northwest Christian Church in Decatur where he served for 21 years. Les continued his education by completing a Master of Arts (LCS '83) and Master of Divinity (LCS '88) degree. He graduated with a Doctor of Ministry from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1995. In 1991, Les accepted a call to serve as senior pastor of First Church of Christ in Painesville, Ohio, where he served until 2008. He then served LifeSpring Christian Church from 2008-2010.

Over the years Les taught as an adjunct professor for LCU and for TCM International at Haus Edelweiss in Vienna, Austria. He also served on the Board of Directors for Global Missionary Ministries with George Bajenski. In 2002, Les was presented with LCU’s Restoration Award in the field of Preaching Ministry. Les was a stalwart trustee at Lincoln Christian University.

He would have completed his fifth full term as a trustee with LCU in this academic year. He has served faithfully and fervently beginning with his first term in 1989. The completion of his term was cut short by his untimely death.

We pray God’s blessings and grace upon Anita and the family and thank them for sharing this beloved Christian servant with all of us and many others around the world.



# Rejoice



# Christmas in the Chapel Marks a 25-Year Milestone

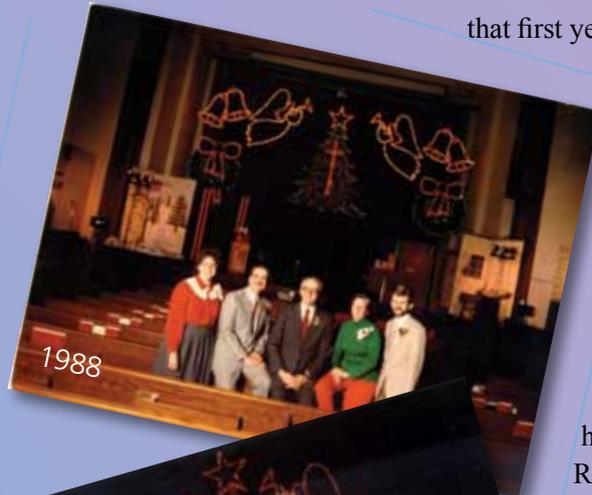
Several months ago it all began to happen around here again as the lights and decorations were dusted off. The “Rejoice” sign was hung and the white ramp put into place. And, of course, the familiar refrain of “Good Christian Men, Rejoice” could be heard flowing from the choir room as the LCU campus celebrated the 25th annual presentation of Christmas in the Chapel (CITC).

This central Illinois seasonal tradition began in December of 1988 under the leadership of former Music Department Director Richard Hargrove, and assisted by department members Jim Allison, Linda Storm, Jeff Colleen, and Music Office Secretary Annette Billington. The idea for beginning this celebration grew out of decades of weekend Gloria Choir and Chorale tours during the Christmas season. A desire to enhance these musical offerings with drama, art, dance, lighting, costumes and multimedia effects was limited by the space afforded on a traveling tour bus. As a result, the decision was made to begin housing these Christmas presentations on campus in the Earl C Hargrove Chapel Auditorium. Taking advantage of the large, beautiful stage area and a seating capacity of 1200, the productions have grown from two presentations

that first year for a few hundred attendees, to seven presentations in recent years attended by nearly 6,000 visitors annually.

The first two seasons were based on a published musical written by Don and Loral Marsh entitled, “Merry Christmas With Love.” Every year since, a new original script has been written for the productions. There have been historical scripts set in the Medieval, Renaissance and Victorian periods, as well as the 1910’s, 1920’s, and 1940’s. Physical settings for the storylines have included a nursing home, a toyshop, a department store, a high school, a fairytale land, and a barnyard. Even familiar movies like “Gone with the Wind,” “Singing in the Rain,” and “Groundhog Day” have provided inspiration for script ideas.

Part of the durability of Christmas in the Chapel is due to the longevity of leadership over the years. Jeff Colleen took over direction of the Chorale in 1991 and has been directing the Christmas programs ever since. Jim Allison and Linda Storm lent steady hands and guidance to every program for 23 years, and associate professor Sue Jones has been assisting with the Chorale and various vocal ensembles and soloists for the past 17 years. Current LCU ANGEL Administrator and Assistant Professor of Communications Tom Sowers participated as a



freshman in the very first CITC as a member of Chorale, and also volunteered his skills as an electrician and carpenter, working that year with mostly cardboard, chicken wire, and coffee can lights. The technical aspects have grown to include a multiple layer stage with a revolving platform, an 80-foot walking ramp, intelligent lighting, digital audio and video capabilities, scrims, star curtains, dry ice machines, and snow generators. Much of the visual and aesthetic “magic” of the presentations is due to Tom’s 25-year leadership. Tom’s wife Guyla manages the ticket sales and is the friendly voice heard on the phone when people call the CITC information number.

In 2003, Lincoln resident and professional artist Jennifer Boeke began contributing her talents to the production as set painter and graphic artist. Some years this requires her to create and paint a huge background scene on a 30’ X 40’ canvas. Even though Jennifer and her husband Henry now live in Colorado, Jennifer still returns to Lincoln every November to take up residence for a month of work

on the Christmas stage. Adam Johnson began participating in 2003 when as a student he caught Jeff Colleen’s attention with his drama skills and interest in script writing. For the past eight years Adam has helped write the script, create the characters, and has served as drama director, working with the gifted students who bring the story to life.

The youth choir from the First Christian Church in Clinton, IL, under the direction of Melanie Cheatham, brought joy and sparkle to the Christmas programs for a 10-year period from 1995 – 2004. Melanie and her daughter, Chelsea Ewald, have been responsible for designing and directing the energetic choreography that takes place on stage every year. Other LCU staff and alumni who have made significant contributions over the years include Dr. Isaac Gaff, Scott Sarver, Rich Niccolls, Ann Spellman LaMotte, Kathy Jo Risley, Glenda Allison, Sandy Lindsay, and current Administrative Assistant to the Worship Ministry Program Alex Dayvolt.

Of course, it’s the hundreds of gifted LCU students over the years who are the true “face” of Christmas in the Chapel.



They give voice to the music and life to the characters, and volunteer hundreds of hours each year to late night rehearsals, paint and power tools, putting everything together in order to once again tell His story. Every year the team comes together with the same task and the same questions, "How do we usher in Christmas again this year? What are the sights and the sounds, the images and the memories that will serve as the spark to light the Christmas flame again?" And every year it comes back around to the same answer: "It's all about His story." It's the story that has been passed down to this generation of students. It's the story that surrounds them in every class, every Chapel service, and every activity they engage in here. It's the story they have committed to living and retelling, in as many ways as there are ears to hear it.

"Good Christian men, rejoice! With heart and soul and voice, rejoice! Now ye need not fear the grave! Jesus Christ was born to save! Rejoice!"



# Fresh Brewed Life

April 24, 2013  
Earl C Hargrove Chapel



*Nicole Johnson*

Nicole Johnson is one of the most sought-after creative communicators in America today. Her ability to blend humor with compassion enables her to capture the innermost feelings of women facing life's daily struggles. She has addressed more than three million women and toured with Women of Faith for 11 years, which included her "Fresh Brewed Life" message that gives "hope for the daily grind" to women dealing with issues from motherhood, to the tragedy of cancer, to being a woman in today's society who seeks to be a valued daughter of the living God. She has 20 years of experience as an actress, television host and producer, and has published seven books.



*Dr. Dinelle Frankland*

A popular speaker and musician, Dr. Dinelle Frankland is Professor of Worship and Academic Dean at Lincoln Christian Seminary. She is a native of Albion, IL, and holds a Bachelor of Sacred Music degree, a Master of Music degree, and a Doctor of Worship Studies degree. She has served Lincoln Christian University since 2003 and developed a graduate degree program in worship studies that provides worship leadership for churches today. She also teaches regularly at TCM International, a graduate seminary near Vienna, Austria. She is the author of *His Story, Our Response: What the Bible Says About Worship*.

# WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

## Schedule:

- 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Registration in Chapel Foyer
- 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. Session 1: Nicole Johnson – “Hope for the Daily Grind”
- 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Session 2: Dr. Dinelle Frankland – “The Centrality of the Gospel Story”
- 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch in Laughlin Center, visit book tables and the Warehouse Coffee Shop
- 1:00 – 2:15 p.m. Session 3: Dr. Dinelle Frankland – “Four Tables”
- 2:15 – 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Session 4: Nicole Johnson – “Life-Changing Lessons of Love”
- 3:45 – 4:00 p.m. Closing

Registrations received by Wednesday, April 17, 2013, are \$35. Registrations after that date are \$40. Sorry, no refunds.

Register by:

- **MAIL** registration form to  
Christian Women's Conference, Lincoln  
Christian University, 100 Campus View Dr.,  
Lincoln, IL, 62656
- **ONLINE** at [www.lincolnchristian.edu/cwc](http://www.lincolnchristian.edu/cwc) to  
register and pay
- **PHONE** 217.732.3168, ext. 2215

## Special Offering Goal:

Thank you!...for your significant participation in last year's offering which was used to purchase and install a sprinkler system in our men's residence hall to meet the state requirements for safety.

This year, we present a \$15,000 goal to assist in the funding of renovations in Alumni Hall to make it handicap accessible in a number of areas, including entrances, doorways, stairways, and restrooms.





Associate VP of Alumni Lynn Laughlin presents Restoration Awards to Dr. Gary Hall (left) and Ruth and Gerald Denny (right).

## Fall Reception Sets Stage for LCU Highest Alumni Honor

Indianapolis, the International Conference on Missions (ICOM), and the gathering of several hundred Lincoln Christian University alumni set the stage for the presentation of the 2012 Restoration Awards on November 16, 2012. Rising out of many impressive nominations from around the country, the Alumni Executive Cabinet faced the difficult challenge of narrowing the honors to two alumni awards.

Most appropriately, in the ICOM venue that focuses on both stateside and foreign missions, a husband-wife team was selected for 53 years in Christian ministry, with 30 of those years entrenched in the mission work of Pioneer Bible Translators (PBT). **Gerald Denny (LBI '61, LCS '66)** and his wife **Ruth (Iden) Denny (LBI '61)**, were honored for their pilgrimage that led them to service on the PBT Board of Directors, followed by administrative roles in PBT's first regional office in Lexington, and traveling and serving in at least 10 different countries. While they served with PBT in many different capacities, they are the current directors of PBT Care, which focuses on caring for all PBT missionaries and the branches in which they serve.

With the accolades of their many PBT co-workers, one common thread ran through the fabric of the testimonies we heard, attributing to them a ceaseless ministry of physically, spiritually, and emotionally serving scores of missionary families, and a prayer offering of thousands of hours devoted to the people and outreach of PBT. For lives given over to life-long ministry, Gerald and Ruth Denny were presented the 2012 Restoration Award in the field of Missions.

Coming from a conservative Iowa family, strong in Christian values, **Dr. Gary H. Hall (LCS '69)** fell in love

with the Old Testament while completing his undergraduate studies at Eastern Christian College in 1963. He made his way to Lincoln Christian Seminary that fall, where he received a Master of Divinity two years later. Eager for to further his education, Gary enrolled in Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary where he also worked as a Greek teaching assistant. Following his graduation with a Master of Theology, Kentucky Christian College called him to teach Old Testament, Bible doctrine, and theology classes. He and his wife Cheryl then moved to Richmond, VA, to pursue his residency work at Union Theological Seminary. Gary filled two other teaching appointments, again at Kentucky Christian College where he was named Academic Dean, and a summer opportunity at Springdale College in Birmingham, England.

In 1986, Gary joined the faculty at Lincoln Christian Seminary as Professor of Old Testament and Hebrews where he remained until his retirement in 2012. His 26 years at Lincoln Christian University included leading educational trips to Mexico, Israel, Turkey, and Greece. Additionally, while at LCU, he contributed scores of articles for the Stone-Campbell Journal, articles and Sunday school lessons for the Christian Standard, chapters included in other publications, and he published reviews of more than a dozen books by other authors. However, his work on Deuteronomy is perhaps his "hallmark." Provost Clay Ham states, "Dr. Hall has written more on the book of Deuteronomy than almost any other scholar in the Stone-Campbell tradition."

With a shared gladness of his colleagues and former students, Dr. Gary H. Hall was presented the 2012 Restoration Award in the field of Christian Higher Education.

### MINISTRY NEWS

**Aaron McCombs (LCC '84) and wife Rhonda (Schultz) McCombs (LCC)** concluded a six-year ministry with the Pleasant Hill (IL) Christian Church on October 14, 2012, and began serving the Kewanna (IN) Church of Christ.

**William A. Palmer, Jr. (LCC '68)** completed an 18-month interim ministry with Philippi Christian Church in Deltaville, VA, on November 15. His book, *The Battle of Eltham's Landing*, was published in April and is now available in digital format for Kindle devices. William resides in West Point, VA.

**Jennifer Waggoner (LCU '11)** reports she has recently ended an eight-year youth ministry at Faith Christian Church and has begun a new youth ministry at Mansions in Heaven Community Church in Bloomfield, IN.

**David L. Atkin (LCC '95)** reports that he and his 13 year-old son Noah will embark on "Gloritrek" from May 19 to August 4, 2013. They will be bicycling coast-to-coast and church-to-church from Los Angeles to New York City. Team Expansion's Gloritrek is about declaring God's glory among the unreached nations. David and family reside in Taichung, Taiwan, and he serves with Team Expansion. To host them or follow them on their journey, go to [www.gloritrek.com](http://www.gloritrek.com).

**Chris Hankins (LCC '86)** has checked in to report he is in his tenth year of missionary work in the Philippines.

**Brian P. Yahey (LCC '05)** reports that he has been the worship minister at Poplar Springs Church of Christ in King, North Carolina since June 1, 2008.

**Joe D. Harvey (LCS '09)** joined the faculty of Florida Christian College as Assistant Professor of Ministry. He also serves as the Director of Student Services. Joe and his wife Valerie reside in St. Cloud, FL.

**Danny DeVilder (LCC '88, LCS '93)** entered a second year of chaplain residency at St. Luke's Hospital in Chesterfield, MO. His wife **Angela (Leek) DeVilder (LCU '08)** homeschools their children and teaches for a "Classical Conversations" homeschool group. She is training for her second half-marathon.

**Mike Heston (LCC '64, LCS '94)** has retired following almost 50 years of ministry, serving churches in Illinois and Missouri and his para-church ministries including two campus ministries, inner-city work, and a special appointment as a "friend-of-the-court/child advocate" for the 32nd Judicial Circuit of Southeast Missouri. He will now work part-time for a Christian boys' ranch near West Plains, MO, where he resides.

**Timothy and Toni (Ahlstrom) Shinall (both LCU '12)** were appointed to serve in Spain with SEND International. They look forward to sharing Christ through teaching English as a second language. They will continue to live in Franklin, IL, until their departure for Spain in 2013.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**Lisa Schwab (LCC '98, LCS '02)** is the Executive Director of the Pediatric Resource Center in Peoria, IL. As a service program at the University of Illinois College of Medicine, the Center provides comprehensive medical evaluation, advocacy, and social services to child victims of abuse or neglect. In addition to overseeing financial duties, supervising staff, and helping to secure funding, Lisa provides counseling, court advocacy, education, and training to pediatric clients and their caretakers. She also runs a private practice that provides therapy to children with histories of extreme trauma and loss. She is an active member of Richwoods Christian Church in Peoria.

**Emily J. Rodenbeck (LCS '11)** is working as a pre-hospitalization screener therapist at Children's Home Association of Illinois since June, 2012. Emily resides in Peoria Heights, IL, and attends Richwoods Christian Church in Peoria.

**Les Morrison (LCC '85)** is the Director of Marriage & Family Services at Perspectives Counseling Centers, an outpatient counseling agency with multiple locations in the metro area of Detroit, MI. The Center has more than 35 Christian, licensed counselors. Les and his wife, **Rhonda (LCC '87)**, reside in Clinton Township, MI.

**Dr. Jeremy Miselbrook (LCS '02)** successfully completed the defense of his doctoral dissertation entitled "Jesus the Hero: The Heroic Portrayal of Christ in Hebrews" at Loyola University Chicago. He and his wife, Kathleen, reside in Mundelein, IL, and will celebrate their twentieth wedding anniversary in 2013.

**Charles E. Nelson (LCC '84)** has retired after 30 years from the Computer Science Department of Rock Valley College, Rockford, IL. He served as a tenured professor and was department chair for more than 10 years. Chuck will continue his consulting operations, custom software development, and computer science writing.

**Wayne Shaw (LCS '80)** was recently elected to the Oklahoma State Senate. He becomes the first Republican in the history of the state to represent his district. In the primary he defeated a Tea Party candidate. In the general election he defeated a liberal democrat. He has been the senior pastor of First Christian Church in Grove, OK, for the past 15 years. He will continue working with the church on a part-time basis.

### BIRTHS

**Vicki (Lee) Ruhl (LCC '02)** and her husband, Jared, announce the birth of their daughter Audrey Ann, who was born October 22, 2012, weighing in at 12 lbs. 13 oz. Audrey joins big brother, Owen. The Ruhl's reside in Round Lake, IL, and attend Willowcreek Church in South Barrington.

**Warren (LCS '04) and Beth (LCS) Brosi** welcomed into the world their fourth child, Hope, born September 21, 2012. She joins Grace, 8 years old; Walker, 6 years old; and Weston, 3 years old. Warren is in his thirteenth year of ministry with the Berlin Christian Church, New Berlin, IL. Beth is employed at Springfield Ball Charter School.

**Jamie (Elliott) Russell (LCC '02)** announces the birth of their third child, Kyrie Faith, in May, 2012. Kyrie joins big sister Selah Grace, age 3, and big brother Anthem Joseph, age 2. Jamie also earned her master's degree in Early Childhood Education in March, 2012. Jamie, husband Stanley, and their children reside in Roswell, NM.

## DEATHS

**Carol Vogel (LCC)** of Lincoln, IL, and wife to **Benjamin Vogel (LCC '64)** passed from this life suddenly on September 25, 2012, while hospitalized following knee surgery. She was 71. Carol was a devoted volunteer for the Pregnancy Resource Center for over 10 years and had retired from Christian Homes, where she served as a nurse for 25 years. She also worked alongside her husband in their Lincoln Area Tape Ministry for 40 years. They were married for 51 years and had two children, Kenneth who preceded her in death and daughter **Kristine Dolbear (LCC '91)** of Golden, CO.

**Dr. Darrell Terry (LBI '56, LCS '69)** passed from this life on December 3, 2012, at the age of 79 following a three-month stay in an intensive care unit. Dr. Terry was residing in Long Beach, CA, at the time of his death. Dr. Terry had a PhD in Sociology and was a 1968 recipient of the Restoration Award in the field of Career Ministry.

**Carl Dahlquist (LCC '70)**, camp manager at Lake Springfield (IL) Christian Assembly, passed away suddenly on November 13, 2012. He had been battling cancer. Carl had also served Rock River Christian Service Camp in Polo, IL, and Camp Como in Colorado. He was married to **Shirley (Kruse) Dahlquist (LCC '64)**, who preceded him in death. He later married **Etta "Sunny" Porter (LCC '75)**. She survives, as do two children, **Jeff Dahlquist (LCC '97)** and **Angela Britt (LCC)**. Carl was a 1995 Restoration Award recipient in the field of Camp Ministry.

**Roger Cole (LCS '69)** passed from this life on Saturday, August 18, 2012, following an extended battle with cancer. He was residing in Ruidoso, NM, at the time of his death. While in Ruidoso, he taught Ethics, Logic, and Philosophy at Eastern New Mexico University. He also co-developed a "Brain Stretch" Forum to enlighten and engage students and community members in a dialogue of scientific and philosophical topics. He is survived by his wife Pam, a son David, a daughter Barbara, a stepdaughter Brandi, and several grandchildren.

**Karen (Robinson) Noah (LCC '92)** passed from this life September 3, 2012, following a courageous yet brief battle with cancer. She was 42. She was married to **Jeff Noah (LCC '93)** and they have four children. They were ministering in Harlan, KY, at the time of her death. Two memorial services were held, one at the Harlan Christian Church and one at the First Christian Church in Jacksonville, IL.

**Max L. Whited (LBI)** of Mulberry Grove, IL, passed away August 22, 2012. He is survived by his wife **Norma (Elam) Whited (LBI '51)**, five of their six children, and 15 grandchildren. One son preceded him in death in 1992. Max preached at several churches in Illinois and Missouri and was instrumental in founding the Bond Christian Service Camp. The last five years he ministered with the Woburn Church of Christ. He was also a trustee of St. Louis Christian College where he served as development counselor for several years. Max and Norma were married more than 62 years.

Ferol Good, wife to **Dwayne A. Good (LBI '58)**, passed away on June 8, 2012, following a battle with cancer. The Goods were residing in Joplin, MO, at the time of her death. Dwayne and brother **Dwight (LBI '58)** continue touring around the country in their music and concert ministry as the "Good Twins."

**Phillip R. Lockhart (LBI '58)** passed away on January 9, 2013, at his home following a lengthy illness. Phil was in the ministry for over 50 years, serving churches in Illinois, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, and Missouri. He served the Diamond Grove Christian Church east of Joplin for 20 years. He also served as a trustee and later president of Artesia Christian College in Artesia, NM. In addition, he served as trustee for Midwest Christian College in Oklahoma City, OK. He is survived by his wife **Sara (Hodges) (LBI '58)**, two sons Brent and Barry, and one daughter Beth Baker, as well as 12 grandchildren and four great-grandsons.

**Byron Moats (LCS)** passed away at home in Napa, CA, on April 27, 2012. He graduated from San Jose Bible College in 1967 and attended Lincoln Christian Seminary from 1967 to 1969. He pastored several congregations before going to the Napa Valley Christian Church in 1979. He served there for more than 25 years, retiring in 2008. He is survived by Julia, his wife of nearly 50 years. Also surviving are his children Lynnette, Trenton, Christopher, and Marganit. He had seven grandchildren.

**Joe Duane Cook (LCC)** passed away unexpectedly on January 20, 2013, at his home in Oak Harbor, WA, at the age of 49. He attended LCC between 1999 and 2002. He was preceded in death by his wife Diane in 2009. He is survived by his mother and two daughters Samantha (age 12) and Sydney (age 8), six siblings, and several nieces and nephews. He was ministering at the Oak Harbor Church of Christ at the time of his death. He had been there nine years. He previously served churches in Minco, OK, and Decatur, IL.

# Spring 2013 Calendar

March 8-9

Midwest Evangelical Theological Society Meeting hosted at LCU

April 5-6

The Vine Conference

April 23-24

NCCAA Baseball Mid-West Regional Tournament hosted by LCU

April 24

Christian Women's Conference

May 7

Founders' Day

May 17-18

50th Class Reunion, Class of 1963

May 18

Commencement

June 25-27

Lincolnland Classic Bible Bowl

Tournament hosted by LCU

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Girls' Volleyball Camp, High School	July 7-10	\$200
Girls' Volleyball Camp, Jr. High I	July 10-13	\$200
Girls' Volleyball Camp, Jr. High II	July 14-17	\$200

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# 2013 Hall of Fame Inductees

An annual tradition that took root in February of 2003 brought together a “brotherhood” and “sisterhood” of alumni who carry with them an allegiance to their university and a spirit that is unique to the athlete. Lincoln Christian’s sports programs date back to her earliest years as Lincoln Bible Institute, as much as 68 years ago when our beloved Dr. Marion Henderson (1922-2012) played basketball on the gym floor, distinguished himself as a player, and for years after, as a coach. He was the first inductee into LCU’s Hall of Fame in February, 2003.

The tradition has continued and new names were added to the roster of Hall of Fame inductees in February 2013 which included the entire **2003 LCU Volleyball Team**, known for their NCCAA Division II National Championship, their Midwest Regional Championship, and marking the best winning percentage in the history of the school, with a 2003 winning record of 36 wins, 4 losses. Three team members were named All-Americans: Lauren Cox and Christen Owen as NCCAA 1st Team All-Americans; and Amanda Cole named NCCAA 2nd Team All-American.

Because of a coaching record of 452-196 between the years 1991-2006, former Volleyball **Coach Kevin Crawford** was also named to the Hall of Fame for a remarkable record of 11 consecutive trips to the NCCAA Division II National Tournament, a three-time recognition as National Coach of the Year, and for having led his team to five final four finishes with two national championships. He coached 19 first and second team All-American players during the course of his coaching career at Lincoln Christian. He also served as Athletic Director from 2004-2006.

Another Hall of Fame inductee for women’s sports emerged from the 2000-2004 basketball era. **Brittany Robbins-Welk (LCC ’05)** displayed some remarkable statistics during her four-year basketball career: NCCAA 1st and 2nd Team All-American (2003, 2004), All Midwest Regional Team all four years of her career, NCCAA Scholar/Athlete in 2004, and NCCAA National Championship All-Tournament Team in 2004. She was a starting player all four years of her career, was named to four all-tournament teams, and was team captain in 2003 and 2004. Impressive stats included 2,396 career points, 510 rebounds, 322 career assists, and 308 career steals.

Activities for the February 16 event included a women’s alumni basketball game and volleyball game, a men’s alumni basketball game, a Hall of Fame induction ceremony, and a pair of basketball games with this year’s men and women players going up against Emmaus Bible College. Inductees and their families were also hosted at a special honors luncheon.



# Dr. John D. Castelein Honored at September Convocation Distinguished Professor of Theology

Lincoln Christian University (LCU) is privileged to recognize Dr. John D. Castelein with the title of Distinguished Professor of Theology. Humble, intellectually astute, and faithful to the church, Dr. Castelein has served with distinction as a faculty member since 1977.

LCU President Dr. Keith H. Ray made the announcement at the University's Convocation service in the Earl C Hargrove Chapel on August 28, 2012. In Dr. Ray's announcement speech, he explained, "This is the highest-level rank for a faculty member and generally assumes an outstanding career as a full-professor at Lincoln Christian for at least 20 years." Promotion to this rank may be initiated only by the Academic Dean, the Provost, or the President, and approved by all, as well as by the Board of Trustees.

A graduate of both LCU's School of Undergraduate Studies and Seminary, Dr. Castelein also earned his Ph.D. from the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. In 35 years, he has served on the faculty of both schools, having been appointed to the Seminary faculty in 1992.

"Through thoughtful teaching and mentoring of students, Dr. Castelein has set the trajectory for a generation of contemporary philosophers and theologians within the Stone-Campbell Movement," says Dr. Clay Ham, Provost. "His academic integrity and pedagogical transparency have enabled his students to examine Christian theology honestly, critically, and confidently. His influence extends beyond our campus through his service in various ministries

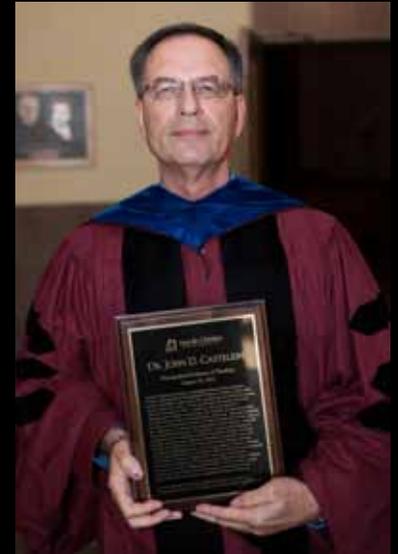
in Belgium, Indiana, and Illinois, including his work as preaching minister at Lincoln Christian Church from 2001-2006."

Dr. Castelein's influence through lectures extends to the North American Christian Convention, the International Conference on Missions, TCM International, Wheaton College, Faulkner University, and other colleges and universities.

He has written various articles and book chapters, as well as making contributions for the *Quest Study Bible* and the *Baker Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*.

You can learn more about Dr. John Castelein on the LCU website by visiting his biographical page under the "Academics" link by selecting "Faculty" and then his name.

We'd like you to join us in congratulating Dr. Castelein on this honor, and we look forward to many more years of his excellent servant-leadership in teaching at Lincoln Christian University.



# Completed Joy

“Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.”  
Philippians 2: 1, ff



## Featured speakers:

- Dr. J. K. Jones
- Dr. Keith H. Ray

## Spotlighting:

- Members of the Gloria Choir, 1965 – 1984 (who will be performing at two Homecoming worship services)
- All recipients of the Restoration Award from its beginning through 2012

## Plus:

- Presentation of 2013 Restoration Award(s)

## Schedule:

*Friday, October 11, 7:00 p.m.* – Worship service featuring Dr. J. K. Jones and the Gloria Reunion Choir

*Friday, October 11, 8:30 p.m.* – Alumni Reception and Fellowship

*Saturday, October 12, 8:00 a.m.* – Breakfast honoring LBI, LCC, and LCU Restoration Award Recipients

*Saturday, October 12, 10:00 a.m.* – Worship service featuring Dr. Keith H. Ray and Gloria Reunion Choir

*Saturday, October 12, 12:00 noon* – Homecoming Banquet

## Registration and Costs:

We ask everyone to register for the various activities and events they plan to attend. The only Homecoming cost is for the Saturday Noon Banquet of \$10 per person. Please place this event on your calendar and watch for more upcoming information. Online registrations or registrations by mail will begin June 1, 2013.



# Alumni Homecoming

On the Campus of Lincoln Christian University

**October 11 and 12, 2013**



# Chinese Students Find Home Away from Home

*By Kristen Hallatt*

Most people agree that the holidays are supposed to be filled with quality time with family, but for the international students at Lincoln Christian University, it is not possible to travel back home to their own families over lengthy breaks. Lincoln Christian University's Host Family Program provides a home away from home for these students, especially when the dormitories and campus services are not available for use. This year's pilot program has given four Chinese students the opportunity to experience more of American culture by staying in homes of local families.

The purpose of the host family program is more than simply providing food and a roof over the heads of these students. This program presents the international students with opportunities to build new relationships with those of a different cultural background. The host families were interviewed and selected by Lincoln Christian University staff and are actively involved in either Lincoln Christian Church or Jefferson Street Christian Church. They have selflessly partnered with Lincoln Christian University to provide warm and loving homes for the international students during the holidays. Since the international students on campus have agreed to abide by the Christian lifestyle, the students are placed within a family and home that will respect and support their commitments. Host families agree to house these students for approximately two weeks; however, as families get to know their students, many decide to host them for longer durations of time. I will use the students' English names in this article.

David is one Chinese student who is thankful for the host family program. Over Thanksgiving break his host family introduced him to the American pastime of hunting, "...and I enjoyed the American food at Thanksgiving." David became

even more like family during the Christmas break when he helped with household chores and traveled with them to Ohio. In fact, David introduced his parents in China to his host parents via Skype.

The host families help international students become more knowledgeable about American culture. At the same time, these families who have openly welcomed international students into their homes are also experiencing a different

culture for themselves. As an example, Canaan, who spent the holiday with Brian and Barb Messner went to school with the Messner children and shared what life in China is like with their classmates.

China Institute Associate Director Weilun Lee is excited about the early results.



In addition to the support provided by the host families, Associate Director of Student Success Belinda Landry arranged for University employees and local church members to provide a meal each day the students remained on-campus without cafeteria services. English Language Academy student, Ellen, was the guest of Bill and Betsy Lewis. She told Weilun, "In our culture, we are not so open to having foreigners stay in our homes for so long." Weilun says this has truly demonstrated how to treat others using Christian values as a way to share Christ's love.

The host family program has been a big surprise to these students who gave little thought ahead of time to what they would do during the holiday breaks. The little things, like receiving a Christmas present along with the other members of the host family, are what make this program an experience "beyond their expectations."

*Kristen Hallatt is a senior at Lincoln Christian University where she works in the International Student Office and is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology.*

## Faculty/Staff News

The LCU Board of Trustees and Administration installed **Dr. Dinelle Frankland** as Academic Dean of Lincoln Christian Seminary on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at the 9:30 a.m. chapel service in the Earl C Hargrove Chapel Auditorium. LCU Provost Clay Ham announced her appointment last December. Dr. Frankland served as the Seminary's interim Academic Dean for the past three semesters and before that as Associate Dean of Student Formation. Dr. Frankland earned a BSM from LCU's School of Undergraduate Studies, an MM from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a DWS from the Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies. Before joining the Lincoln Christian Seminary faculty in 2003, she served as professor of music at Ozark Christian College and at Dallas Christian College. She has regularly taught at TCMI in Vienna, Austria and authored *His Story, Our Response: What the Bible Says About Worship* (College Press, 2008). In addition to her teaching and leadership responsibilities, Dinelle leads worship and speaks at churches, retreats, and conferences.

Lincoln Christian University is pleased to announce the hire of **Cathy Kissling** as Associate Director of Academic Services, effective January 14, 2013. For the past two years, Cathy has worked for Responsive Education Solutions, first assisting their Chief Legal Officer and later developing a new risk management department for nearly 60 charter schools. Prior to that, Cathy served as registrar and assessment coordinator for TCMI in Austria and helped with their accreditation process with the Higher Learning Commission. She is a graduate of Great Lakes Christian College and is currently completing an executive MBA from Texas Women's University. Cathy is married to Dr. Paul Kissling, Professor of Old Testament in LCU's Seminary. The Kissling's have two married sons. Cathy enjoys spending time with their four energetic grandchildren, helping people grow to know the Lord, quiet times working on quilts, and visiting with friends and family.

Out of a field of hundreds, Associate Professor of Business Administration **Michael Gowin** was recently selected as one of "96 amazing people" to help best-selling author Dan Pink promote his new book, *To Sell Is Human*. According to Michael, "Dan has written several insightful and provocative books that



I continue to recommend to students and colleagues, among them: *A Whole New Mind*, *The Adventures of Johnny Bunko* (the first American business book published in manga, the Japanese comic style), and *Drive*." Pink stepped away from traditional promotional efforts and recruited a team of fans to help publicize the book. Michael describes his group as "...university faculty, entrepreneurs and business folks, an architect, ad agency types, attorneys, consultants--a wide gamut of experience and industries." As a launch team member, Michael received an advance copy of the book and wrote a review before the December 31, 2012 release date.

LCU is helping to shape the academic discussion of missiological philosophies and strategies, as demonstrated through the book, *River of God: An Introduction to World Mission* (Wipf and Stock, 2012) Seminary Professor of Theology and Church in Culture. **Dr. Robert Kurka** contributed a chapter to the book, as did former professor Dr. Robert Douglas. Co-editor Stephen Burris (LCS '80) and contributor Dr. Paul McAlister (LCS '72) are both graduates of Lincoln Christian Seminary.

Many of you have already joined the LCU Teacher Education group on Facebook (LCUteachered@groups.facebook.com or <http://www.facebook.com/groups/LCUteachered/>). The **Teacher Education** program uses this group to post job opportunities, service opportunities, important information, resources, and much, much more. This is a good way to connect with current students, students at consortium schools, alumni, and in-service teachers.





During November 19-20, 2012, the Christian Education Field, led by **Dr. Karen Estep**, hosted representatives from the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). The ACSI team met with administrators, faculty, and students. While on campus, they attended chapel and toured our facilities. The purpose of their visit was to evaluate the teacher education programs

offered at LCU. The report from the ACSI team listed seven commendations for LCU and no recommendations for improvement. This visit demonstrates growth, improvement, and success in our teacher education programs.

Professor of Intercultural Studies **Dr. Rochelle Cathcart** spoke last fall to the missionaries and trustees of ACM International at their annual retreat. She delivered an encouraging message of God's faithfulness, even in difficult times. She connected with our missionaries, and most of them referred back to her message as they gave reports and updates of their work. Her ministry that evening was appreciated by both the trustees and the missionaries.



*The generosity of Robert J. Woods and Joan Jarrett Woods through the Woods Foundation made the recent acquisition of a new mini-bus possible.*



VP of Enrollment Services Krista Brooks made several announcements this fall. **Courtney Eells** joined LCU as Admission Counselor for the Seminary in August 2012. Courtney received her BA in Anthropology and International Studies at Kansas State University. In addition, **Lindsey Clark** transitioned to a full-time position to assist with Seminary and Adult & Graduate Studies admission and greet visitors dropping by the admission office. Speaking of which, the Enrollment Services department is now all under one roof! The Adult & Graduate Studies and Seminary admission staffs joined the Undergraduate and financial aid staff members in the newly appointed Enrollment Services area which is located in the north end of the Warehouse student center. Jessica Hanson, Stephanie Umphrey, Lindsey Clark, and Bob Monts now have new office locations. Phone numbers are still the same!

LCU Athletic Coordinator **Mac Ingmire** recently accepted the responsibilities of NCCAA Mid-West Region Vice Chair for Division I & II. Mac will continue his LCU position while he takes on the additional duties such as chairing the DII Regional meetings, keeping and distributing their meeting minutes, helping to screen applicants for NCCAA membership, and maintaining historical data (i.e. awards, championship information, and results) for the Mid-West Region. Mac will also be dealing with compliance/eligibility issues that may arise within the Mid-West Division II.



# Grants Lighten Our Hearts and Warm Our Souls

*By Freddie Tedrick, Director of Facility Management*



Lincoln Christian University has been blessed in recent years by receiving seven grants for lighting and heating upgrades. We received four grants from Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation from 2004 through 2009. These grants totaled \$100,681 and were used for lighting upgrades throughout campus. The lighting industry has made and continues to make great strides in lighting quality and efficiency. As a result of these four grants, we were able to retrofit all of our old fluorescent and incandescent fixtures to energy efficient ones, changing approximately 6,300 lamps and 2,000 ballasts. These changes resulted in 476,000 kilowatt hours of savings in the course of a year. This translates into an annual monetary savings of approximately \$39,000. We have also received three grants from Ameren's Act on Energy program from 2009 to 2012, totaling \$11,441 for lighting and boiler upgrades.

During the grant writing processes much credit must be given to our lighting vendor, Budget Lighting Inc., and our heating contractor, Mr. Keith Hundley.

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It is prudent for us to be good stewards of our natural resources. By reducing our electrical consumption we also reduce the carbon footprint we leave on God's creation.

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Our primary motivation in writing these grants was first and foremost to be good stewards of what God has so richly blessed us with. There is much money that can be saved by continuing to upgrade lighting and HVAC equipment, and we will continue to do so in the future. It is also prudent for us to be good stewards of our natural resources. By reducing our electrical consumption we also reduce the carbon footprint we leave on God's creation.

We plan to write another grant request soon to continue with campus boiler upgrades this summer. As LED lighting technology continues to prove itself and it becomes more affordable we will look at additional upgrades to the lighting that we upgraded almost 10 years ago. The future of lighting technology and available grants is very bright, and we must continue to enlighten ourselves and take advantage of these opportunities.



# Leave a Legacy for a *Lincoln Leader*

By Gordon D Venturella, CFRE

Establishing an endowed scholarship will make a lasting difference in the lives of future *Lincoln Leaders*. That's why nearly three years ago we set a goal of increasing our existing endowment by 10% or \$400,000.

Because of generous donors, we exceeded that goal in half the time. So, we raised the goal to \$600,000 and are now very close to achieving it when the three years end on May 31, 2013.

An endowment provides financial assistance to future *Lincoln Leaders* in perpetuity. The overwhelming concern of most students today is affording the education they want and leaving school with a small or no student loan. An endowed scholarship is a direct way to support these students.

During the *Lincoln Leaders* Answering the Call initiative the following named scholarships and endowments have been established:

- Lynn R. Laughlin Scholarship for Alumni Continuing Education
- John Ralls Endowment Fund
- Dr. Robert Lowery Scholarship
- Green-Powless Leadership Legacy Scholarship
- Gary and Phyllis Bussmann Christian Education Scholarship
- Henry and Ida Johnson Scholarship for the Promotion of Diversity in the Seminary
- Evan Miller Business with Integrity Scholarship
- Paul Emerson Memorial Scholarship
- Hunt-Brady Scholarship
- Charles W. and Mable E. (Wise) Swisher Scholarship
- Mark and Sarah Wright Scholarship
- Brancato-Pelham Scholarship
- Renatta Pigg Scholarship

This year, the total endowed scholarship fund was able to award a total of \$138,000 to 97 students.

There is a way for almost everyone to leave a lasting legacy in the life of current and future *Lincoln Leaders*. You may contact University Advancement and discuss the best way for you.

## **We're sorry. We made a mistake.**

In the November Annual Report, we accidentally failed to list gifts in memory of John Ralls given to the University by Scott and Cheryl Teaford. We sincerely apologize for this omission.

## **You can make a difference and leave a legacy in any of the following ways:**

Establish a named endowed scholarship in your family name, in honor of or in memory of a special person. The minimum amount to establish an endowed scholarship is \$10,000. This may, however, be funded over five years.

A way in which to establish an endowed scholarship without costing you anything in your lifetime is to include Lincoln Christian University in your planned giving. You may predetermine the amount and the type of student(s) you want your scholarship to assist with University Advancement and include the same in your will, living trust, life insurance policy, annuity, or another fund you may have. You will have the satisfaction of knowing in advance that you are leaving a lasting legacy for students about which you care.

You may contribute to an existing scholarship. Perhaps you already have a friend or relative who has a scholarship established. You may make a gift in any amount and designate the specific scholarship. This is a great way to honor the person named in the scholarship and/or the person who established the scholarship.

A professor you had during your days at LCU and/or one who visited your church regularly may have exceptionally influenced you. You may make a designated gift to any of the following endowments already established for current or former faculty:

- Boatman International Scholarship
- Gary and Phyllis Bussmann Christian Education Scholarship
- Dr. Thomas G. and Jan S. Ewald Scholarship
- Green-Powless Leadership Legacy Scholarship
- Earl C and Jesse A. Hargrove Scholarship
- Dr. Marion W. Henderson Preaching Scholarship
- Dr. M. Lynn and Ruth Ann Hieronymous Scholarship
- Lynn R. Laughlin Scholarship for Alumni Continuing Education
- Dr. Robert Lowery Scholarship
- Charles E. and Allene M. Mills Scholarship
- Bruce R. Parmenter Scholarship
- John Ralls Endowment Fund
- Dr. Wayne E. Shaw Preaching Scholarship
- Strauss Chair of Worldview Studies
- S. Edward Tesh Scholarship
- John Webb Scholarship

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# The Vine

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**April 5-6, 2013**

**The Vine Conference** is a retreat for high school students (grades 9-12), designed to challenge and draw them deeper into God's Word. Join us on the LCU campus, as Professor of Intercultural Studies Rob Maupin challenges students to live a life of courage. **The Vine Conference** will include dynamic speakers, worship, and breakout sessions (youth minister track available).

Cost: \$25 per person (\$35 after March 25, 2013)



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For more information or to register for **The Vine Conference** visit [LincolnChristian.edu/thevine](http://LincolnChristian.edu/thevine).