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The President's Perspective



Dr. Keith H. Ray, President

Where would Lincoln Christian College and Seminary be without the talent and devotion of its faculty, staff, and administration? The answer is obvious. And yet I believe you need to read the stories that tell of the very special people who serve here. These stories reveal a remarkable giftedness, a clear passion for the things of God, and a keen sense of calling. When you multiply those three factors by the 140 employees at Lincoln Christian College and Seminary, it translates into a ministry of excellence.

That ministry of excellence is invested in our students and passed along to all of you who serve and support our mission. Even though you may not be able to visit our campus or work alongside these fine servants, I want you to know these true-to-life stories. I hope you

will be encouraged as you read this issue of the Restorer and see the "human side" of our divine mission.

Even more, I hope you will see how they personify the four components that make Lincoln Christian College and Seminary a very special place. As the four columns of the cover indicate, we strive to uphold the "greatest commandment" to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Interestingly enough, the four components of that commandment coincide with the four pillars of our educational philosophy. This is reflected in our on-going commitment to a heart developed through service learning, a soulful life reflected through a Biblical theology, a mindfulness toward all of God's creation through worldview studies, and finally a humble strength in the pursuit of professional development. All of this culminates in a servant leadership reflected in our ultimate role model: Jesus Christ.

Please note with me the amazing way God has ordained these lives of service in such a way that His great commandment is being achieved every day in every way at Lincoln Christian College and Seminary and ultimately around the globe.

Dr. Keith H. Ray
President

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Lincoln Names

College Academic Dean



K Karen Diefendorf, Academic Dean (effective summer of 2006)

Dr. Tom Tanner, Vice President of Academics for Lincoln Christian College and Seminary, has announced that by an overwhelming recommendation of the faculty to President Keith Ray, Karen Diefendorf has been called to serve as the new Academic Dean of Lincoln Christian College. She will begin her service here August 1, 2006, following her retirement this summer from the Army, where she has served as chaplain for the last 20 years.

Karen, a Lt. Colonel in the Office of the Chief of Chaplains in the Pentagon, has developed exemplary credentials:

- Instructor of the Year award at the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School
- Army Legion of Merit (rarely given to officers below the grade of Colonel)
- Selected by Army to complete an S.T.M. degree (in ethics) at Yale Divinity School
- Designer and developer of every course taught in basic chaplaincy program for 3 years

- Experience in assessment of learning in a variety of contexts with young adults and adults
- Ability to lead and manage multi-million dollar programs and multiple personnel
- Frequent promotions to increasing positions of responsibility and challenge, including her latest assignment with the Pentagon
- Cross-cultural experience (five years in Korea)
- Highly honed pastoral skills and heart for ministry noted in all her reference letters
- First female commissioned by the Chaplaincy Endorsement Commission of the Christian Churches/Churches of Christ for military chaplaincy and first female chaplain to earn silver wings as a paratrooper.

Karen is a graduate (with honors) of our College (B.A. in Christian Education in 1975) and of our Seminary (M.Div. in Pastoral Care in 1983). She has a Master's in Theology from Yale and is working on a Doctor of Ministry from Lexington Theological Seminary. Additionally, she received the Honorary Doctor of Theology degree from Seoul Christian University in 2004. She knows our school and has a deep and abiding desire for it to excel. She was honored with the 2003 Restoration Award from our Alumni Association for extraordinary service in military chaplaincy.

Dr. Tanner explained, "We were charged by the president to find a dean who could take us into the future in a way that would complement, but not duplicate, my own contributions . . . one who would lead this faculty, both pastorally and prophetically . . . one who would be respected for his or her own character, maturity, and critical thinking skills. We believe we have done just that in Karen Diefendorf."

The College has had only six academic deans in its sixty-one year history (Charles Mills, John Webb, Rondal Smith, Gary Weedman, Walter Zorn, and Tom Tanner, who will continue as Vice President of Academics). Karen would be the seventh and the first female dean in our history. Karen has been married for 28 years to her husband Walt; and they have two daughters, Amanda (25) and Ashley (21) and one son Bradley (13). Please pray for Karen and her husband and family as they transition their lives to this new ministry among us.

LCC Faculty Presents Paper at University of Edinburgh



B Brian Johnson poses at Cambridge, England

Brian Johnson, Assistant Professor of New Testament, will be presenting a paper entitled "The Jewish Feasts in the Gospel of John" at the International Society of Biblical Literature meeting in Edinburgh, Scotland, this coming July. This is Brian's third paper to be presented at an International Society of Biblical Literature gathering. The other two were in Cambridge, England, and Groningen, The Netherlands.

The paper's abstract is this: The Jewish festivals provide structure to the Gospel of John and provide a thematic backdrop to the narrative's action. Particularly, the Jewish festivals serve to emphasize the opposition between Jesus and the Jewish leaders. The paper will interact with recent works on the Gospel of John and the temple, as well as historical sources on first-century Jewish practice in order to understand how the Jewish festivals used in the Gospel of John show the nature of this conflict.

New Faculty Join LCCS

Next Academic Year

Dr. Tom Tanner, Vice President of Academics, announces the calling of the following four faculty effective this coming academic year. Two more faculty replacement searches are under way, and we hope to have an announcement about them within the next few weeks.



Fred Hansen

Fred Hansen has been called to serve as full-time *Instructor of Biblical Languages* in our Seminary and also teach some in the College. Fred is a 1997 graduate of LCC, majoring in World Missions, and earned an M.A. in Old Testament from our Seminary in 2002. He has been the preaching minister at Blooming Grove Christian Church near Palmyra, IL, since 2000 and has taught Biblical languages in our Seminary on an adjunct basis since 2002. He has led many short-term mission trips to Mexico and has distinguished himself in his preaching and teaching ministries. He is working on an M.Div. in New Testament from our Seminary and is considering doctoral work after that. He has received outstanding reviews in the classroom, and we are delighted to have him join us. He and his wife Cindy have two children. They will be commuting for a while from their new home near Palmyra, but he will be joining us on a full-time basis starting this summer. We are blessed to have this young man, who blends so well our desired partnership between scholarship and ministry.

Rob Maupin has been called to serve as *Assistant Professor of Intercultural Studies* in the College, working with Mike Nichols to prepare missionaries and other cross-cultural servants. Rob is a graduate of Ozark Christian College and has an M.A. in Intercultural Communication and Missions from Wheaton College. He served in youth ministry in churches in Missouri and Texas before moving to Mexico City in 2001 to serve as founder and team leader of "Mission Mexico City." He has an incredible heart for the world, with a special interest in Latin America, especially young people. He was the featured speaker for this year's International Focus Event (formerly Week of Worldwide Witness) on our campus. Two of his mentors, J.K. Jones and President Ray, have been instrumental in helping us pursue this opportunity with Rob. Due to prior commitments, he will continue his work in Mexico City until this Christmas, so he will not be joining us until January 2007. We are thrilled that Rob is joining our faculty, and we look forward to working with him, along with his wife Shannon and their two children.



Rob Maupin



Njeri Mbugua

Njeri Mbugua has been called to serve as *Associate Professor of Social Sciences* in the College. Njeri (pronounced "Jeri") has a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Nairobi in Kenya (she's a Kenyan citizen) and earned a Ph.D. in Sociology from Indiana University in 1999. She has taught social sciences for the last seven years at Illinois Wesleyan University, where she was nominated her first year there for the students' annual "Teacher of the Year" award. She is a gifted teacher, a deeply committed Christian, and a keen scholar. She has published two books (including a sociological novel, "Joki: When Elephants Fight, the Grass Suffers"), nearly a dozen book chapters and articles, and has presented papers at more than 30 professional conferences. She is active in her church, teaches Sunday school, leads a Bible study group, and, according to her minister, "has a wonderful heart for the Lord, His Word, evangelism, and worship." One of our long-term missionaries to Africa and an alumnus of our school who knows Njeri well says of her, "our students would be blessed to be taught by Dr. Njeri Mbugua." We look forward to partnering with this African sister in the Lord to better accomplish our global mission.

Chris Simpson has been called to serve as *Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Interdisciplinary Studies* in the College. Chris has a B.A. in Religion from New Mexico State University, an M.A. in Theology from our Seminary (1999), and is completing a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Nottingham in England. His doctoral dissertation seeks to offer an apologetic for the Christian faith in a postmodern context. He has been an instructor at LCC this past year, teaching courses in philosophy, theology, and Interdisciplinary Studies. He has published four scholarly articles in his young academic career and has made three presentations at professional conferences. He was a Fulbright Scholar at the Institute of Philosophy in Belgium in 2003-04. He held a preaching ministry in Westervelt, IL, for three years while in Seminary here and has also served on a month-long missions trip to the Philippines. He and his wife Kaysha have one young son and another child on the way. We are delighted Chris will be making his Kingdom contribution in this place.



Chris Simpson

IDS - Coming Home to Roost

By Alicia Crumpton

"I graduated from LCC in 1983, and twenty-two years later, I find that I have come full circle. I am writing to express my gratitude and appreciation for my LCC education and experience, particularly in the Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) program.

"After leaving LCC, through some circuitous turns, I landed with an engineering/consulting firm. Imagine the middle '80's, a female with a BA in education, getting hired on with an all-male engineering/consulting firm. I can tell you, there were times when I wished I had attended a prestigious university where I might have had a little more credibility. But . . . and this is key . . . as I engaged with other colleagues, I realized I was different . . . and a key differentiator was the nature of my undergraduate education.

"Along the way, I attended the University of Michigan to get an M.S. in Information Science and started my own consulting business. God's synchronous ways were at play when in 2004 I went to Austria as a short-term worker for TCM in Austria. Imagine my surprise when I ran into Dr. Gary Weedman [on staff at TCM], and he laid down a gauntlet for me to pursue my Ph.D. in leadership studies.



Alicia (Ellis) Crumpton, LCC '83

"I returned from Austria, applied to and was accepted by Gonzaga University's Ph.D. program. My research led to transformative learning and authentic leadership development theories which describe personal change, transformation, and leadership development in terms of fostering self-awareness through critical reflection, dialog, and honoring multiple ways of knowing (cognitive, imagination, dreams, and spirituality). I believe the IDS program exemplified these characteristics.

"Many of my colleagues described the shallowness of their education and feel ill-equipped, empty, and feel something is missing. They describe feeling ill prepared for being in the world. The ways they face the world, circumstances, and people are very different. In contrast, who I am and the way I perceive the world was greatly influenced and formed by my participation in the IDS program.

"Imagine how wonderful it is to begin thinking again about the concept of interdisciplinary studies and their application to leadership development. Let me express my gratitude for experiences long ago that played and continue to play such an integral role in my personal change, transformation, and development."

Veteran IDS Professor Janet Shaw Retires



Professor Janet Shaw

Holding the distinction of being the only faculty member on staff who has been here for the duration of LCC's IDS (Interdisciplinary Studies) program, Professor Janet Shaw is looking ahead to retirement from the LCC classroom after 33 years of English Literature instruction, 29 of which have been under the IDS curriculum.

Janet attended Lincoln Bible Institute, graduated from Greenville College, and received her M.A. from Indiana University. Prior to coming to LCC, Janet taught high school English. Her

areas of academic specialization are English Composition and American Literature.

But to know Janet is to know she has many areas of specialization, all of which are a great fit for Kingdom work. One of those areas is Janet's commitment to teaching outside of the classroom by serving our students as a leader of Week of Evangelism groups which includes thirteen years at Portuguese-speaking churches in New England.

Janet has never been reluctant to step into another climate where language or culture might be a barrier. She has done extensive travel to mission fields during summer break in places such as the Republic of Congo, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Zaire, Mexico, Indonesia, Philippines, South Africa, Austria, the Czech Republic, Liberia, the Ivory Coast, Ghana, Singapore, India, and Israel. Other foreign travel includes Athens, Rome, Florence, Paris, London, and northeastern China.

While in Indonesia, Janet lectured on the American culture, and has also addressed various women's groups in the Ivory Coast, South Africa, and Indonesia, and taught English composition in Manila. Not to be overlooked, however, are Janet's invitations to speak for conventions, conferences, and women's groups here in the U.S.

Janet has been married for forty-nine years to Dr. Wayne Shaw, Dean Emeritus of Lincoln Christian Seminary. Their early years together

included local church ministry in Dix and Louisville, Illinois, as well as in Ellettsville, Indiana. They are the parents of four sons, Haydn, Scott, Barton, and Errett (now with the Lord).

A professor of this caliber, one who has a worldview that is rich and vivid because of a wealth of personal experiences, is a rare treat and a classroom dream come true. Janet's depth of passion and wisdom for the things of God and His Kingdom will be sorely missed. We regret that our next generation of students will not know what it is to learn at the feet of this gifted educator.

Grandmother, mother, mentor, and role model, Janet Shaw fills many roles with excellence. From her red velvet cake to her lectures on literature, whatever she does, she does with a servant's heart. What King Lemuel learned from his mother in Proverbs 31 is a lesson we can apply as well to Professor Shaw: *"She sets about her work vigorously...She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy...Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land...She is clothed with strength and dignity...She speaks with wisdom and faithful instruction is on her tongue...Her children [and students] rise up and call her blessed: 'Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.'"*

Lincoln Alumna *Recognized*

Public School Teacher Named Outstanding Young Teacher



Chelsea Cheatham, LCC '99

Chelsea Cheatham, LCC '99, who is in her third year of teaching at Lincoln (Illinois) Community High School, has been honored for her accomplishments in the field of coaching and communication and has received the Illinois Speech and Theatre Association's 2006 Jerry Mathis Outstanding Young Teacher Award.

Chelsea, who came to Lincoln Christian College from Clinton, Illinois, received the AA from Lincoln Christian College in 1999 and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in Teacher Education from Illinois State University. She came back to Lincoln in the spring of 2003 as a student teacher and taught English and speech at Lincoln Community High School. In the fall of 2003, Chelsea was called as full-time faculty in LCHS's English Department, where she also coaches the speech team, directs the school's plays, and coaches cheerleading.

Chelsea's talents and heart to serve is greatly appreciated here on the LCC campus. She has designed and directed the choreography for our Christmas in the Chapel performances every year since 2001.

Doug Jennings, Associate Director of ISU's School of Communication, says this, "She is a talented and dedicated young woman whose contributions in the field of education have only begun." To this we say, "Amen." We are pleased that Chelsea's roots are here at Lincoln, where she grew a big heart for teaching, for the arts, and for young people.

Associate Professor Miriam Windham Named Honoree on World Teachers' Day

Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc. (TESOL) upon the occasion of World Teachers' Day in October, 2005, named our own Miriam Windham as an outstanding English language teacher. She was one of 17 faculty worldwide named for their various disciplines. Miriam was recognized as an English language educator whose commitment and efforts are changing the lives of the students and colleagues.

One of Miriam's students, Carol Matheson, further adds to this honor by stating, "Her TESOL experiences and her confidence in teaching TESOL classes provides her students a relaxed classroom for learning. She is kind and respectful to her students and imparts all the knowledge and experience she has gained over the years. We learn from the practical examples that she shares and leave her classes feeling confident about the subject. I also feel I have found an ally on the road to my new TESOL adventure."

Miriam has recently completed her residency requirements for the Ph.D. in English Studies at Illinois State University.



Associate Professor Miriam Windham

Nancy Olson, *Library Director*

Leads LCCS Library into Contemporary Excellence



Nancy Olson, LCCS Library Director

Among the several gauges by which one could measure the academic excellence of an institution of higher education, the library undeniably stands tall among them. Therein is one of the most telling truths of those who promise a quality education: a library that provides students with the ability to locate, evaluate, and communicate information, providing a tool for academic success and lifelong learning.

At the helm of this monumental responsibility is Nancy Olson, Library Director, who distinguishes herself with both academic and professional credentials. Nancy received her BA from Great Lakes Christian College, her MS in Librarianship at Western Michigan University (Kalamazoo, MI), and the Master of Divinity from Lincoln Christian Seminary. She joined Lincoln's faculty in 1988 as Assistant Librarian, was named Associate Director in 1991, and was named Library Director in 1994. She leads a staff of seven other library employees, along with a number of work-study students.

The Jessie C. Eury Library, named after Lincoln's first librarian, is noted as one of the largest libraries among educational institutions affiliated with the Christian Churches/Churches of Christ. It houses more than 130,000 volumes and has computer access to 25 million volumes in Illinois libraries and to one billion volumes in 43,000 libraries worldwide through an international library data base. Nancy also was instrumental in the library receiving a large state grant in order to digitize selected Restoration Movement hymnals from the mid 1800s. It would be well worth a trip to www.lccs.edu/library to get a look inside the walls of this library.

Those who serve and study on this campus can appreciate the excellence that comes out of Nancy's work ethic and expectations that gives us bragging rights to our library. But her giftedness also reaches out of our library walls to places of service across the U.S. and into a number of other countries.

Nancy serves as Executive Director of the Association of Christian Librarians, a position she has held since 1994. The ACL, which enjoys a membership of 500, serves evangelical librarians from the U.S., Canada, and a number of other countries. Nancy also works closely with the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE, an accreditation agency), where she serves as an official voice of the ACL and makes recommendations for accreditation status on behalf of other educational institutions. She also serves currently as the Vice Chair for the Commission on Accreditation for ABHE. Additionally, Nancy participates as a team evaluator for the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (known as ATS).

Because of a deep commitment to missions, Nancy has traveled to Japan, England, Germany, and to TCM International in Austria, as well as twenty other countries. Just this last summer, Nancy helped TCM develop their library as they work toward accreditation.

With a library facility that grows by 1,500 - 2,000 volumes each year, Nancy's dream is that Lincoln could have a state-of-the-art library facility . . . one that would house what is currently a contemporary library system and resource. She has pushed the walls out about as far as they can go, so she holds onto her dream for a new building. But more than that, Nancy expressed her greatest desire is that of ongoing collaboration with faculty . . . meeting their needs and the needs of our students for research, for tools that bring about intellectual and spiritual development, and to provide the pathway to lifelong learning.

Learning Resource Center

Staffed with Encouragers

“Helping under-prepared students prepare, prepared students advance, and advanced students excel”

(NADE - National Association of Development Educators)

When you enter the Learning Resource Center office occupied by its Director, Jan Rutledge, you'll see the above quotation on a sign on the



Jan Rutledge (center) is pictured with her LRC staff

wall, and you will know this is a place of positive reinforcement and a place that makes a difference in the success stories of our students . . . not just for today's exam or for tomorrow's term paper, but for life.

Jan was called to serve as the College's Director of Learning Resources in 1997 and came equipped with a M.S. in Educational Guidance and Counseling and Developmental Education and ten years of public school teaching experience. Although the Learning Resource Center was already established, the need was growing to develop a broader-based department to meet the needs of under-prepared high school students desiring to be academically successful in a college setting. She is joined by three others, Dorothy Anderson, Larry Roberts, and Janet Jackson, who are pastoral care and counseling and family life specialists.

This year, the LRC's staff of four is working with 110 students, who in one form or another are seeking help with academic learning skills. Some come for time management and organizational skills; others need help with reading strategies; others require special test-taking assistance; yet others need to learn how to take meaningful notes

or seek help with memorization. Some need only minimal assistance and direction; others require two or three sessions per week, where with the LRC staff they design a very structured study schedule and accountability reporting. But whatever the level of care, Dr. Tom Tanner, Vice President of Academics, observed that "You rarely can walk by Jan's office during the day without seeing her with her head bowed praying with a student. Her helping students begins with her praying with the students."

Jan serves as part of the admissions team who determine from a prospective student's application and academic history just where in LCC's learning program they need to be placed. Jan explains, "Because of who we are, we go beyond what other colleges and universities do; we do more than what the government requires. We just have a heart for our students." Jan explains further, "Some don't make it to graduation, but they all demonstrate very valuable growth in social and learning skills that make their futures a lot brighter."

A recent study revealed that over the past four years, 12% - 18% of the LCC graduates received some level of assistance from the Learning Resource Center. "Graduation day is a day of huge celebration for us," says Jan. "To watch them cross the stage and move on to the work God has called them to, and to know I've helped in some small way keeps me coming to this office day after day, month after month, year after year."

Environmental Services Led by *Relationships - Not Rules*

It's no easy chore seeing to the housekeeping and environment of some 17 buildings and complexes. And, just like home, what is done today will need to be done again tomorrow. But unlike home, in an institutional setting there are EPA codes and guidelines that are important in maintaining and protecting the environment and our campus family. The task could be monumental were it not well managed.

That is why Joye Anderson, LCCS's Supervisor of Environmental Services, and 17 other people in this department, approach their work with a relationship-driven theme, rather than rules. It begins with the word "team" and incorporates a value system that says:

- We are a key component to carrying out the ministry of LCCS. Therefore, this is our ministry.
- We are responsible to each other and work together for the common good.
- We are encouragers and value others and their respective roles.
- We have been empowered and are trusted to think independently.
- Because physical, emotional, and spiritual wellness is critical to the well being of the whole team, we accept the individual responsibility of wise management of our personal lives.
- We are stewards of our time, our resources, and of the LCCS campus.

Joye has a supervisory style that might be unique in some settings, but she has turned a lot of heads by leading a team of staff who have become the eyes and ears of the campus, who confidently know that they "fit" into the overall plan,

and who care for each other. Faithfully, every morning at 7:30, Monday through Friday, this team of colleagues pray together and then walk as a group for 15 minutes for physical exercise and alertness.

As the campus grows and new buildings emerge, as the student population increases, and as we host more campus events, the challenges of Environmental Services are growing proportionately. "We can't wait until we're in the thick of things to be ready. We're planning now for what next year and the year after that will bring," explains supervisor Joye Anderson. "President Ray and his administrators have a vision of who we [Environmental Services] need to be. We are respected for what we bring to this ministry. It's a new generation of thinking."



Joye Anderson, front center, leads the campus's largest staff team

Worship Ministry

Scholarships



Scholarships from \$500 - \$2,000 are available to incoming students in the Worship Ministry degree program. Both freshmen and transfer students are eligible. These scholarships will be awarded over both semesters during the student's first year on campus.

To be considered for a Worship Ministry scholarship, the student must be admitted as a full-time student for the first time at LCC and audition for admittance into the Worship Ministry degree program.

To receive and maintain the scholarship, the student must be accepted into the Worship Ministry program, be enrolled full-time for both semesters, and maintain academic progress as outlined in the Worship Ministry Handbook. Scholarship eligibility status will be reviewed at the end of the first semester.

The Worship Ministry faculty, based on the student's skill level, career intent, and demonstration of Christian character, will award all scholarships.

Please note that in order to award these scholarships in a timely manner, applications and entrance auditions for those interested must be completed prior to June 30, 2006.

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Samuel Music/Yamaha *University*

Lincoln Christian College and Seminary Continues Participation in Samuel Music/Yamaha University Piano Loan Program

For the past several years, Lincoln Christian College and Seminary's participation in the Samuel Music/Yamaha University Piano Loan Program has provided us with the use of new Yamaha Conservatory Grand and Professional Vertical Acoustic Pianos, as well as Clavinova Digital Keyboards with the latest technology advancements in keyboard music. Use of Yamaha Clavinova Digital Pianos has allowed Lincoln Christian College and Seminary students to become familiar with its many digital voicing features as well as the 16-track recording unit built into the keyboard.

For the loan program to be successful, Samuel Music offers to sell these units (maintained by the university staff and still under new

manufacturer's warranty) at the end of the academic year loan agreement, to members of the faculty, staff, alumni, and friends at tremendous values.

Lincoln Christian College and Seminary has announced that interested parties can seek more information or make an appointment to see, play and hear the instrument of their choice by calling 888-742-6632. Through this support, Lincoln Christian College and Seminary and Samuel Music/Yamaha can continue the yearly loan agreement in 2006-07 with a selection of new Yamaha Grand and Vertical Acoustic Pianos, and the latest Clavinova Digital Keyboards.

ENERGIZING SMALLER CHURCHES NETWORK (ESCN)

A new organization called ENERGIZING SMALLER CHURCHES NETWORK (ESCN) has been established to promote the **health and growth** of the smaller church by encouraging them in their **value and vision**.

The ESCN believes that **smaller churches have potential!** They possess the potential to grow and have the ability to influence the towns and cities where they minister. Because of this, a seminar has been created to stimulate smaller churches in fulfilling God's purpose for the life of their church.

Come and hear excellent speakers and workshop leaders who have led smaller churches to growth and influence. Remember – don't come alone! Bring staff members, elders, deacons, ministry team leaders and other leaders who would benefit from being exposed to the vision and potential of every smaller church. We want to provide **inspiration and information** to help smaller churches become all that God wants them to become.

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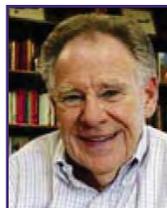
OUTSTANDING MAIN SPEAKERS!



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LINCOLN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE AND SEMINARY IS HOSTING THE ENERGIZING SMALLER CHURCHES NETWORK (ESCN)

September 8-9, 2006



Conference Schedule

Friday

- 6:00 p.m. REGISTRATION
- 7:00 p.m. MAIN SESSION - Ben Merold Speaking
- 8:00 p.m. Q & A with Ben Merold
- 8:45 p.m. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Saturday

- 8:30 a.m. MAIN SESSION - Tom Claibourne Speaking
- 9:45 a.m. MAIN SESSION - Richard Crabtree Speaking
- 10:30 a.m. WORKSHOPS
- 11:45 a.m. WORKSHOPS
- 1:00 p.m. LUNCHEON MEETING - with Wayne Smith
- 2:15 p.m. CLOSING

Memorial/Honor *Gifts*

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Kenneth Baldwin	Marjorie Baldwin
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	John & Dorothy Cachiaras
	Christian Corner Class, Lincoln Christian Church, Lincoln, IL
	Douglas & MaryEllen Davidson
	Gary Davis
	Joe & Sue Diers
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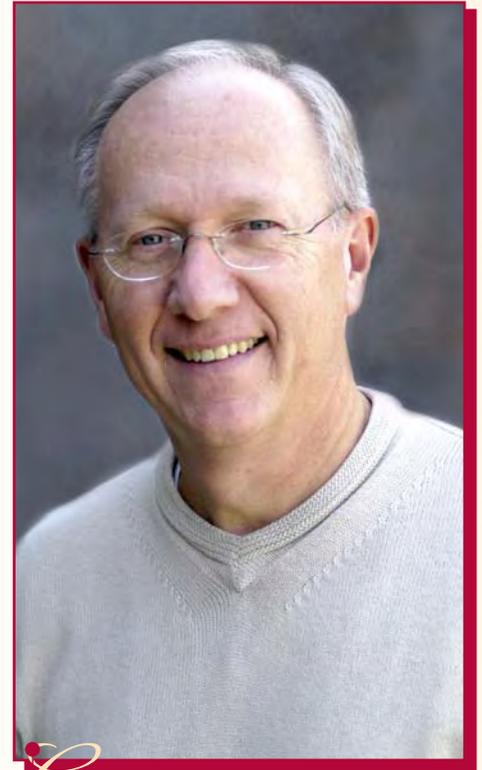
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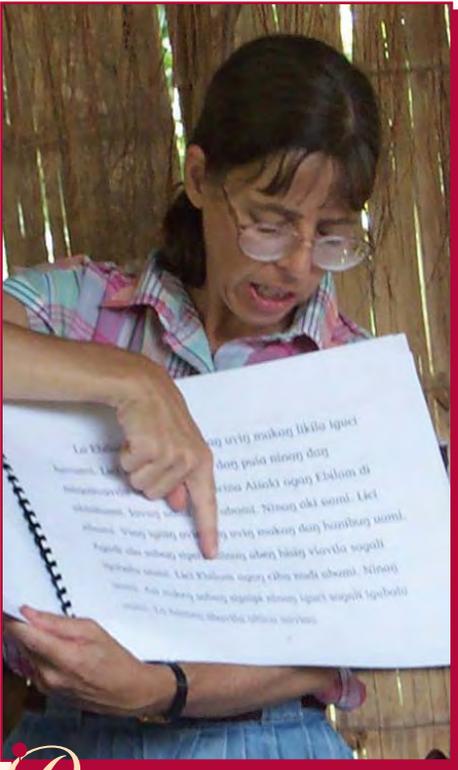
Gene Appel

The summer NACC receptions gave opportunity to recognize two Restoration Award recipients: Stan Endicott of Irvin, California, in the field of Music and Worship Ministry; and Dan Clymer of Manchester, New Hampshire, in the field of Christian Higher Education and Church Planting. These two recipients were featured in the summer issue of the Restorer.

During our campus Homecoming in October, two other recipients were recognized in the presence of more than 400 alumni during the Friday night preaching service. Gene Appel, lead pastor of Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington, Illinois, and Gary York, senior minister at Eastview Christian Church in Bloomington, Illinois, were both recognized for exemplary service in the field of Preaching Ministry. Both men minister in mega-church surroundings and have been instrumental in raising up and leading breakthrough churches of thousands.



Gary York



Dr. Martha Wade

The National Missionary Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, gave opportunity to recognize two other recipients, Twila (Schnautz) Sias, a professor of Christian Education and English at Florida Christian College, and Dr. Martha Wade, a missionary and Bible translator in Papua New Guinea for 26 years. Twila received the Restoration Award for outstanding service in Christian Education, especially as it relates to her leadership in developing the Teacher Education Program for Elementary Education at Florida Christian College. Martha's award was in the field of Missions, and she was recognized for the heroic contribution she has made and continues to make among the Apal people in the Madang Province and in the midst of a daunting jungle environment.



Twila (Schnautz) Sias

LCC Hosts Hall of Fame *Weekend*



New inductees join prior Hall of Fame Members

Lincoln Christian College hosted its third annual Hall of Fame weekend January 27 and 28. Six individuals and one national championship team were named to the Hall of Fame, joining 13 prior members. The inductees were selected by the Hall of Fame committee based upon the following accomplishments:

Bob Green: Class of 1953, basketball starter 1948-52; captain 1951-52; leading rebounder 1951-52; Cenill Conference champions 1951-52; preacher 55 years.

Jeff Green: basketball starter 1976-80; captain 1979-80; NCCAA All-American 1979-80; All-Midwest Regional Team 1978-80; career scoring 1,833; career rebounds 709; career field goal percentage .50; career assists 209.

Rich Green: basketball starter 1979-82; co-captain 1981-82; NCCAA All-American 1981-82; NCCAA All-Midwest Regional Team 1979-1982; career scoring 1,764; career rebounds 707; career field goal percentage .53; career free throw percentage .81.

Randy Sanders: Class of 1979, baseball 1977-79; captain 1978-79; career batting average .300.

David Fittro: Soccer Coach 1989-90; record 1989 0-9; record 1990 8-1. Best record in LCC men's soccer history.

Jeremy "JT" Thomason: Class of 2000, baseball starter 1996-98; NCCAA All-American; NCCAA All-Midwest Regional Team; captain 1997-98; career batting average .439; career r.b.i. 58; career hits 104; career runs 73; career fielding percentage .982; career innings pitched 104; career wins 10.

NCCAA Division II National Championship 1998 Volleyball Team: Record 48-4. Team members: Sarah Allen, Heather Brock, Misty Cook, Kim Hageman, Corrie Jennings, Becky Nangle, Stephanie Nangle-Farr, Tracy Nolan, Kelly Randolph, Stephanie Thomas, Jen Toeppe. Coaching staff: Kevin Crawford, Ed Plumier, Joe Mollett, Mark Tippet. Individual accomplishments: NCCAA 1st Team All-Americans: Misty Cook, Corrie Jennings, Stephanie Nangle-Farr, Jen Toeppe. NCCAA All-Midwest Regional Team: Misty Cook, Corrie Jennings, Stephanie Nangle-Farr, Jen Toeppe. Team captain: Stephanie Nangle-Farr.

The new inductees will be joining Dr. Marion "Doc" Henderson, Lynn Laughlin, Nancy Siddens, Galen Winters, Chuck Webb, Howard Merchant, Harry Orn, Bob Phillips, Larry Leatherman, Jim Williamson, Amanda Siddens-Bowman, Stephanie Nangle-Farr, and Matt Clark.

Happy Anniversary



Dr. LeRoy and Gwen Herder

Dr. LeRoy and Gwen Herder, LBI, celebrated 50 years of marriage on February 12, 2006. They have served in ministry for 45 years, which has included service with Platte Valley Bible College, missionary work in South Africa, and pastoring in Utah, Colorado, Nebraska, and Kansas. They established Family Encouragement Ministry through which they continue to hold numerous revivals, marriage retreats, and family, leadership, and worldview seminars.

Ministry News

Kenichiro Kira, LCS '03, and wife **Amanda (Spiering) Kira, LCC '03,** begin a ministry with Mejirodai Church of Christ in Hachioji, Tokyo, Japan, in April 2006.

Jerry Rupert, LCC '62, recently completed an 18-month interim ministry as Associate Minister of Pastoral Care and Administration with the First Christian Church of Roswell, Georgia.

Garland Bare, LBI '51, reports he has retired from office practice, but volunteers in the County Indigent Clinic where he sees refugees, immigrants, homeless, and the unemployed. He continues to speak at colleges, churches, and retreats. He and his wife **Dorothy (Dyson), LBI '50,** reside in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Alecia Lutz, LCC '95, recently received the 10-year service award for serving with Sight and Sound Ministries, Inc. Alecia resides in Paradise, Pennsylvania.

Matt Payne, LCC '92, reports he is being sent out from Our Place Christian Church located near Portland, Oregon, to plant a church in the area of Beaverton, Oregon. It is anticipated weekly services will begin in October, 2006.

Lynn (Cinelli) Jarrett, LCC '96, has recently published her first book titled *Why Bother Looking? Finding God in Your Seasons of Life*. It can be purchased at www.whybotherlooking.com. Lynn and her husband Jon reside in Canton, Michigan.

Marcia (Merry) Forman, LCC '71, serves as Cass-Schuyler Hospice Bereavement Coordinator and Chaplain in Virginia, Illinois. She is also coordinator of Older Adult Ministries at Grace Methodist Church in Jacksonville, Illinois. She and her husband **Calvin, LCC '71,** reside in Jacksonville, and Calvin is retired from the ministry.

Jason Gordon, LCC '00, began serving as Minister of Connections with the Brady Lane Church of Christ in Lafayette, Indiana, on September 11, 2005. He and his wife **Katie (McMinn), LCC '00,** reside in Lafayette.

S. John Miller, LCC '69, LCS, concluded a 27-year ministry with South Side Christian Church, Springfield, Illinois, on August 31, 2005. During his ministry he served as Christian Education Minister and helped develop the financial, administrative, shepherding, and care ministries of the church. John and his wife Sondra continue to reside in Springfield.

Kurt Smith, LCC '00, reports that he is serving as worship minister at Central Church of Christ, Streator, IL. Additionally he and his wife Mailee are expecting their first child in April. Mailee, a Greenville College 2003 graduate, is a pro-life attorney with Americans United for Life.

A. Leon Langston, LBI '69, has been supply preaching at the Gap Creek Christian Church near Elizabethton, Tennessee, since September. He has now accepted the call to become their minister. He and his wife **Mary Ann (Bowen), LBI,** reside in Elizabethton.

Miscellaneous

After eleven years serving with Hope International University, **Mike Boon, LCC '75, LCS '80,** began serving as Assistant Registrar and adjunct professor at William Jessup University. **Mike and wife Debbie (Hearn), LCC '77,** reside in Roseville, California.

Larry McManus, LCC '91, reports he has recently joined the staff of G. W. Berkheimer of Tinley Park, Illinois, where he will be responsible for developing a sales territory in the Joliet/LaSalle/Peru Illinois area.

Dawn (Lockhart) Wiles, LCC '02, and Justin Wiles were married on October 1, 2005. The couple resides in Fairfield, Illinois, where Dawn serves as children's minister at First Christian Church. Justin is an academic support advisor at Olney Central College.

Darrin Akin, LCC '92, and Sandra Mealy were married on May 28, 2005, at First Christian Church in Yuma, Arizona, where Darrin serves as Minister of Worship/Music. They reside at 2087 East 25th St., Yuma, AZ, along with Sandra's three sons: Jonathan (17), Andrew (13), and Joseph (11).

Tyler Escoubas, LCC '02, was married to Hilary (Sydney) on September 2, 2005. Hilary is a registered nurse. Tyler reports he is Troop Chaplain for Boy Scout Troop 85.

Sandra (Cochran) Fisher, LCC '93, reports she earned her Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Bilingual Education from the University of Wisconsin/Milwaukee in August of 2005. She and her husband David reside in Elkhorn, WI.

Myra Lo Arntzen, LCC '60, recently retired from more than 45 years of insurance work. Myra resides in Macomb, Illinois, where she is very active in the Maple Avenue Christian Church, serves on the missions team and teaches Sunday School.

Births

Karen (Springs) Provart, LCS '05, and husband Patrick announce the birth of Joshua Philip, born December 5, 2005. He joins a big brother, John Patrick. Additionally, Karen received her LPC license in December, 2005, and plans to work in the counseling field. The family resides in Bloomington, IL.

Joe Mollet, LCC '00, and wife Rachel announce the birth of Jocelyn Ainsley, born November 22, 2005. Joe and Rachel (Lowery) recently moved to Lincoln, Illinois, from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where Joe served with Bellevue Christian Church as youth minister. Effective February 1, Joe assumed the role of Director of Athletic Transportation and Head Men's Baseball Coach at LCC. Rachel is also employed at LCC as Manager of the Student Apartments.

Scott, LCC '87, LCS '02, and Kerryn Shaw, LCS '02, announce the birth of Rachel Elise, born in Beijing, China, November 17, 2005. Rachel is also welcomed by big sister Ellie. The family resides in China, where they serve as missionaries.

Dan DeVilder, LCC '88, LCS '93, and wife Angela (Leek), LCC, announce the birth of their fourth child, Hayden Samuel, born October 26, 2005. Hayden joins Maya (6), Natasha (4), and Dylan (2). Dan and Angela reside in Monroe, Wisconsin, where Dan serves as senior minister at the Monroe Christian Church.

Derrick, LCC '00, and Karen (Jarrett) Ritchie, LCC '97, welcomed a second son, Nathanael Tate, born August 7, 2005. He joins his big brother Josiah (5). The Ritchies reside in Tower Hill, Illinois, where Derrick is senior minister at the Tower Hill Christian Church.

David, LCC '91, and Marcy (Ross), LCC '93, Rudin welcomed Grace Leanne, born August 24, 2005. The Rudins reside at Crystal Lake, IL, and David is senior minister at Summitview Christian Church in Hoffman Estates, Illinois.

Rob Tevis, LCC '98, and wife Sarah, LCC, announce the birth of their first child, a daughter Havyn Ariella, born May 5, 2005. Rob is the minister at the Cerro Gordo (IL) Church of the Brethren and is a current student at LCS. The family resides in Cerro Gordo.

Dr. Kirsten (Merritt) McCoull, (former LCC faculty), and her husband Dr. William McCoull announce the birth of their first child, Rhianna Heather, born September 29, 2005. The family resides in Macclesfield, Cheshire, UK.

Ben, LCC '99, and Beth (Puckett) Crouse, LCC '01, announce the birth of Jayla Mae, born January 13, 2006. Jayla joins two sisters, Kate (3) and Aubrey (1). This very busy family resides in Noblesville, IN, where Ben serves as Worship Pastor at Genesis Church.

Deaths

Patricia Ann (Terpstra) Avery, LBI '56, beloved wife of 47 years to **James H. Avery, LBI '61,** passed from this life on December 2, 2005, following a battle with cancer. Services were held at the Draper Park Christian Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where James and Pat had ministered for 37 years. Pat is survived by her husband and four children.

Stephanie Carden, LCC, passed away suddenly on December 4, 2005, at the age of 25. Stephanie is survived by her parents and two sisters. She was residing in St. Peters, Missouri, at the time of her death.

Jamie (Coleman) Brennan, LCC '99, suffered uncommon loss during 2005, as her brother Joe was killed by a drunk driver on January 8; her father John passed away on September 20; and her mother Joyce passed away on November 23. Jamie and her husband Timothy reside in Lincoln, Illinois.

Debra Cross, LCC, passed away October 23, 2005, at the age of 49 following a battle with cancer. She is survived by two daughters, Amanda and Julie. She was residing in Hemet, California, at the time of her death. Debbie was a former LCC staff member and served in the Admissions Office from 1976-1982.

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Registrations

The non-refundable registration fee is \$25 if received by Wednesday, April 19. After that date, registrations are \$30. Registrations may be mailed to Christian Women's Conference, 100 Campus View Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656 or by registering and paying online via our website, www.lccs.edu, going to the events link and clicking on Christian Women's Conference.

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Christian Women's Conference

Key Messengers



Ellie Lofaro

What will others remember about you? Answer: Not what you may think. It's not our tithe. It's not our college degree. It's not our salary. It's not our 1040 form that matters. Those things may earn us some kudos, but they don't make for a lasting legacy. What lasts is what we do with a sincere heart for the glory of the Lord. Explore Joshua 4 with Ellie and discover the keys to leaving a Godly legacy and passing on what really matters.



Yvonne Howard Chapman

Hear Yvonne's message entitled "I Need a Giant Trust" as she helps us deal with this truth: life is stressful and sometimes problems seem so big that we see no way out! Overcoming the stress of life only happens when we take our eyes off of those issues and put our focus and trust in God.



Kathy Slamp

God has no other method to reach a hurting and dying world, except through you and me. As we are obedient to Him, He uses each of us to "make known the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." What an awesome mandate and what a joy! Kathy's message will challenge you to allow God to use you whenever and wherever.



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Schedule

- 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. **Registration, Chapel Foyer**
Coffee Hour in Henderson Hall
- 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. **Session I**
Marilyn Laszlo – Group A
Yvonne Howard Chapman – Group B
- 10:30 – 11:45 a.m. **Session II**
Marilyn Laszlo – Group B
Yvonne Howard Chapman – Group A
- 12:00 – 1:00 **Session III (see below for description)**
Lunch hour and free time
or Cambric Garden in Chapel Auditorium
- 1:15 – 2:30 p.m. **Session IV**
Kathy Slamp – Group A
Ellie Lofaro – Group B
- 2:45 – 4:00 p.m. Kathy Slamp – Group B
Ellie Lofaro – Group A
- 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. **Book Signings**

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The President's Perspective



Dr. Keith H. Ray, President

The sentiment that best defines yet another school year at its closure is “gratitude,” primarily gratitude that God’s gracious hand has visited our campus and generated an abundant harvest of Christian leaders, 171 graduates in all. Add to that gratitude for skilled and motivated faculty and staff who pour out their lives and talents for our mission that serves His mission. There is gratitude for a partnership with constituent churches, alumni, and friends who are largely responsible for resourcing our mission with students and providing support. Gratitude is natural when considering the fact that this year’s graduating class reached the milestone of bestowing our 5,000th diploma.

Finally, gratitude is the only word to describe the overwhelming affirmation provided by all of our accrediting associations. After the long process of a self-study and site visits by three separate teams, we anticipate being reaffirmed for another ten years. Even more delightful are the countless commendations for the quality and caliber of the College and Seminary. This is obviously great news as we forge ahead with “Lincoln 2015: An Unprecedented Endeavor.” It is clear that God has already begun to reveal the “unprecedented” in our ministry and mission.

I only offer Him gratitude and you congratulations for “the things God has given to those who love Him.” *

Solo deo Gloria... To the Glory of God Alone,

Dr. Keith H. Ray
President

*I Corinthians 2:9 is a fundamental scripture for “Lincoln 2015.”

About the Cover:

President Ray congratulates LCC graduate Scott Nelson, who serves as Minister of Discipleship and Involvement at the Christian Church of Clarendon Hills, IL.

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A Grand Good-Bye

Professor Janet Shaw Honored



Dr. Keith Ray presents Professor Janet Shaw with the President's Distinguished Service Award.

Saying goodbye to a 40-year member of our campus family is bitter-sweet. To let someone go after investing so much of one's life in this place is not easily done...yet, finding appropriate reason for making the goodbye a grand one was a delightful experience. And that we did for Professor Janet Shaw.

Our students helped us say goodbye during our Founders' Day chapel

service on May 2. Professor Neal Windham delivered a spoken tribute telling Janet that to this very day, she remained his favorite professor (Neal was Janet's student back in the late '70's). It was to her credit, he explained, "Janet remains my favorite college professor because she taught me how to read great literature with God, whose claim on my life is total, in mind. Others had tried, but she succeeded, and I am forever grateful." Additional words from President Ray led to a spontaneous standing ovation by the student body.

Then Janet's colleagues, the faculty, staff, and trustees, expressed their appreciation at the annual Faculty-Staff-Trustee banquet on the evening prior to Commencement. At this event, Dr. Ray named Janet as the 2006 President's Distinguished Service recipient for scholarly service, an honor given to only one for the academic year.

As an additional surprise, Janet was also named a recipient of the 2006 Restoration Award in the field of Christian Higher Education, presented by the Lincoln Christian College and Seminary Alumni Association. This is the highest award given by our alumni and represents excellence in ministry and service of the highest caliber.

Janet believes in finishing well. Indeed she has done that . . . and at a time when there is still much more she will certainly do in God's vast Kingdom. We anticipate Janet's influence and role-model presence to surround us for many years to come, as she models Christ outside of the classroom and as she and her husband Dean Emeritus Dr. Wayne Shaw continue with their national and international travels.

Commencement Speaker

Dr. Charles R. Richardson



Dr. Charles R. Richardson served as Lincoln's 61st Commencement Speaker.

Dr. Charles Richardson of Morris, Illinois, where he serves as senior minister of First Christian Church, was Lincoln's 2006 Commencement

speaker. Originally from Centralia and Salem, Illinois, Dr. Richardson graduated from Lincoln Christian College with a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministries in 1969 and from Lincoln Christian Seminary with a Master of Divinity in 1972. He earned the Doctor of Ministry degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

Dr. Richardson has served at the First Christian Church of Morris for 34 years. At the time of his arrival there in 1972, the church was seven years old and had just broken ground for their first building the year before. Attendance was averaging 100. Since then, the church has been through six additional building programs, and attendance has grown to an average of 775, with five full-time staff. Just two years ago in 2004, this church planted a daughter church, the Village Christian Church, located in Minooka, Illinois.

A lifetime member of Lincoln's Alumni Association, Dr. Richardson has also served a number of terms on the Lincoln Christian College and Seminary Alumni Council. He has also worked with the Chicago District Evangelistic Association, the Morris Community Foundation, and the local ministerial association in Morris.

Dr. Richardson is married to the former Janice Garren, and they have two married daughters and four grandchildren.

College Graduates *Of 2006!*



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Dustin David Copass, Bloomington, IL
Jessica Courson, Salem, IL
Brooke Ashley Escobar, Chicago, IL
Christopher Paul High, Champaign, IL
Joshua C. Jackaway, Jasonville, IN



Laura Marie Jagers, Indianapolis, IN
 Leslie Diane Johnson, Mt. Vernon, IL
 John William Knox Jr., Raymond, OH
 Amy Mason, Cedar Bluffs, NE
 Ashley Ann McGuire, Streator, IL

LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT (LINCUP)

Joyce L. Bechtel, Lincoln, IL
 Christopher James Bigger, Peoria, IL
 Jennifer Dalrymple, Lincoln, IL
 Sherry A. Ellis-Smith, Peoria, IL
 Carmen Elaine Halsey, Sherman, IL
 Candra L. Landers, Lincoln, IL
 Michael Anthony Langley, Mahomet, IL
 Melanie J. Long, Pekin, IL
 Nicole Elizabeth Loyd, Carthage, IL
 Larry A. McMullen, Lincoln, IL
 Janet M. Monts, Decatur, IL
 Peter Gbessay Nevi, Morton, IL
 Dinah B. Osborn, Decatur, IL
 Michael Picklesimer, Sidney, IL
 Douglas G. Rudow, Decatur, IL
 Maribeth Shirley, Mt. Vernon, IL
 Keith L. Taliaferro, Decatur, IL

MUSIC MINISTRY

Barry Joe Friesen, Fort St. John,
 British Columbia, Canada
 Elissa Joy Johnson, Greenville, IL
 Michael Travis Johnson, Mulberry Grove, IL
 Cheryl Diana Sanders, Fayetteville, GA

PREACHING MINISTRY

Anthony G. Bliss, Fairfield, IL
 Kyle Gennicks, Athens, IL
 R. Jeremiah Monts, Lincoln, IL
 Scott Russell Nelson, Mentor, OH

Joshua David Ottwell, Pittsfield, IL
 Joan F. Rainsberger, Winchester, VA
 Joel David Scott, Avon, OH

YOUTH MINISTRY

Eric Diemer, Buda, IL
 Bryan James Leonard, Logan, IA

Mathew D. Sitler, Washington, IL

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

BIBLE

Sarah Beth Copley, Petersburg, IL
 Ryan Scott O'Toole, Athens, IL

Congratulations to the
4th graduating class of LincUp



LincUp graduated twenty-eight students in its adult degree program.

Seminary Graduates *Of 2006!*



CERTIFICATES

TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

Matthew Allen D'Camp, Lincoln, IL
Carol Halteman Matheson, Springfield, IL

MASTER OF ARTS

Edward E. Bacon, Wapella, IL
Jan Barczuk, Rockford, IL
Michael Douglas Barton, Angola, IN
Nicole Suzanne Bilyeu, Decatur, IL
Barry Joe Friesen, Fort St. John, British Columbia
Matthew Alan Grinn, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Andrew M. Hamilton, Bradley, IL
Brenda J. Hanshaw, Princeville, IL
Ronald E. Jones, Mechanicsville, VA
Robert Thomas Kean, Bartlesville, OK
Elizabeth Ann Koehler, Springfield, IL
Stacy Joseph Landry, Saybrook, IL
Amber Dawn Parks, Cape Girardeau, MO
Jeremy Thomas Robison, Emden, IL
Christopher Andrew Sandel, Springfield, IL
Edward Franklin Sanders IV, Conyers, GA
Bethany Ann Stewart, Springfield, IL
Seindang Theinkang, Putao, Myanmar
Richard Bryan Treatch, Colorado Springs, CO
Nathaniel A. Wainwright, Knoxville, IL
Joshua Mark Weber, Mount Pulaski, IL
J. Blair Wilgus, Lincoln, IL

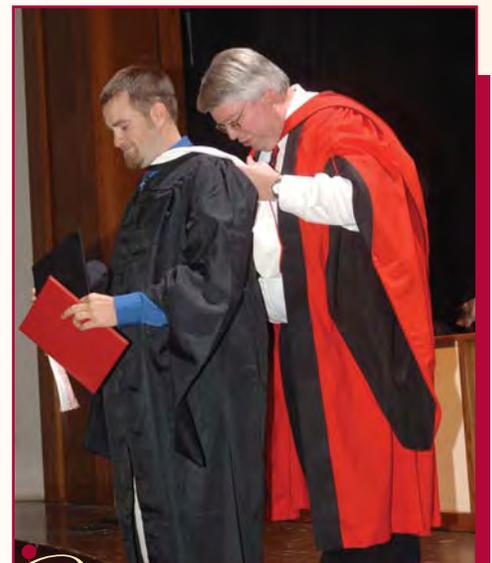
MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING

Ember S. Beddingfield, Jacksonville, IL
Bethany Anne Butler, Argenta, IL
Rebecca Lynn Carlyle, Champaign, IL
Beth Ann Graves, Lincoln, IL
Elisha Hamilton, Bradley, IL
Kate Elynn King, San Jose, IL
Stephen Todd Phelps, Effingham, IL
Mark S. Richmond, Bloomington, IL
Danielson Samuel, Kochi, Kerala, India
Richard A. Schell, Emmett, ID
Susan K. Knobloch Schweigert, Peoria, IL
Paul J. Stamm, Pine Village, IN
Abby Ann Wright, Springfield, IL

MASTER OF DIVINITY

D. Eric Dailey, Springfield, IL
Nathan Dale Davenport, Paxton, IL
Ryan Jay Edgecombe, Decatur, IL
Brandon Fler, Normal, IL
Dustin Moulton Fulton, Mason City, IL
Rodney Michael Godley, Danville, IL
Michael Allen Graves, Lincoln, IL
Jeremy Blaine Heller, Metamora, IL
Yawnatan Hkawpang, Myitkyina, Kachin State, Myanmar
Michael J. Jackson, Fairview, IL
Andrew W. Lucas, El Paso, IL
David D. Noble, Pontoon Beach, IL
Philip Bryan Perrey, St. Charles, MO
Derek Miles Pottinger, Akron, OH

John Michael Reside, Williamsville, IL
Genilyn Michelle Sams, Ft. Smith, AR
Melissa Lynn Sandel, Springfield, IL
David Michael Stamerjohn, Morton, IL
Paul T. Stroup, Mackinaw, IL
Matthew Edward Sullivan, Shoals, IN
Bryce Aron Wiley, Williamsport, IN



Barry Friesen from British Columbia, Canada, receives his Master of Arts hood from Dr. Robert Lowery.

THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES WERE AWARDED IN AUGUST

- Shane Wesley Allen, Mt. Vernon, IL**
A.A., Office Management
- Kimberly Ayars, Lincoln, IL**
Certificate in TESOL
- Amanda Barczuk, Rockford, IL**
Certificate in TESOL
- Michael Paul Jackson, Hopedale, IL**
B.A., General Ministry
- Robert Clyde Larsson, St. Ignatius, MT**
A.A., Bible
- Jennifer Aileen McKnight, Salina, KS**
B.A., Intercultural Studies (Bivocational Missions)
- David Charles Peters, Calgary, Alberta, Canada**
M.A., Contemporary Christian Theology
- Jonathan Garrett Pittman, Quincy, IL**
B.A., Youth Ministry
- William Ritterskamp, Thompsons Station, TN**
M.A.C.M.
- Sharon S. Simonson, Lincoln, IL**
Certificate of Ministry
- Danté R. Watson, Champaign, IL**
B.A., Christian Education

THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES WERE AWARDED IN DECEMBER

- Adam Thomas Ader, Morris, IL**
B.A., General Ministry
- Jessica Erin Beckner, Cantrall, IL**
B.A., General Ministry
- Curtis D. Benjamin, Green Bay, WI**
B.A., Christian Leadership & Management (LincUp)
- Christopher John Bivens, Plano, IL**
B.A., General Ministry
- Corri A. Burns, Springfield, IL**
A.A., General Ministry
- Adrienne W. Clark, Ellettsville, IN**
A.A., General Ministry
- Mindy Crawford, Lincoln, IL**
A.A., Office Management
- Suzanne Elizabeth Faber, Polo, IL**
B.A., Family Life Ministry
- Margaret Cook Ho, Shillong, Meghalaya, India**
M.A., New Testament
- Patsy Ann Holtman-Isaacs, West Peoria, IL**
B.A., Christian Leadership & Management (LincUp)
- Jaime L. Kaufield, Las Vegas, NV**
B.A., General Ministry
- Franklin D. Mathis, Decatur, IL**
B.A., Christian Leadership & Management (LincUp)
- Malyssa Jane May, Indianapolis, IN**
M.A.C.M.
- Shawn Miner, Lincoln, IL**
B.A., General Ministry
- Brandi R. Orton, Memphis, MO**
A.A., Office Management
- Larry Joe Puckett Jr., Decatur, IL**
A.A., General Ministry
- Warren Ray Shake, Linton, IN**
B.A., General Ministry (LincUp)
- Brandon Lynn Umphrey, Heyworth, IL**
B.A., Christian Business Administration
- Kari Marie Werth, Anderson, IN**
A.A., Bible
- Izaak Charles Wilson, Mt. Pulaski, IL**
Certificate in TESOL
- B.A., General Ministry**



Christopher High (center) and Chandra Landers (center right), both honor students, are just minutes away from receiving their degrees.



Kate King received her Master of Arts in Counseling degree from Lincoln Christian Seminary.



Christian McGee, of Catlin, Illinois, wears the gold rope indicating he has graduated with honors.



Cheryl Liggett, a graduate from our LincUp program, graduated with high honors.



Honor student Kyle Gennicks of Athens, Illinois, celebrates with his fiancée Colleen Hedden.

Special Honors *For Graduates*

Lincoln Christian Seminary

Each year the Seminary faculty choose outstanding students to honor who are representative of various academic areas. These outstanding students represent the three degree programs: Master of Arts, Master of Arts in Counseling, and Master of Divinity. Criteria for selecting these honored graduates include academic excellence, personal maturity, spiritual depth, and ministry involvement. Our faculty are honored to honor these and all our graduates as they continue to use their gifts to serve others to God's glory.



Edward Franklin Sanders

Congratulations, Edward Franklin Sanders, Conyers, GA.

Dr. Gary Hall, his major professor, says, "What a joy it has been to have Eddie Sanders as a student. He has distinguished himself by hard work and determination. He is deeply committed to Scripture, life-long learning, and ministry. He is humble and congenial, and will make a significant impact on any church he serves." Eddy has accepted a preaching ministry at Hartselle Christian Church in Hartselle, Alabama. His major was in the field of Old Testament.

Congratulations, Melissa Lynn Sandel, Springfield, IL.

According to Dr. Robert Lowery, "Compassionate, articulate, gifted, passionate, committed are the words that come to my mind in assessing Melissa as she concludes seminary education and continues serving as Director of Small Groups Ministries at the West Side Christian Church in Springfield, Illinois. Supremely, she is a woman who knows who she is in Christ. Such a relationship with Christ has enabled her in being an example to other servant-leaders as she has balanced grace and truth, humility and confidence, a teachable spirit and a model teacher's ability, and in being an excellent student of God's Word and servant of God's Word." Melissa specialized in General Ministry.



Melissa Lynn Sandel



Beth Ann Graves

Congratulations, Beth Ann Graves, Lincoln, IL

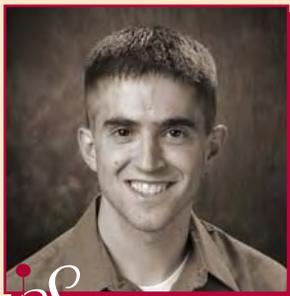
"Beth Graves has combined a rich and sometimes painful experience in the school of life with a striving for excellence in ministry. She exhibits personal and spiritual maturity in service to Christ as a counselor. I present her as an example of surrendered excellence," states Dr. Paul Boatman, Beth Ann's major professor in the field of counseling.

Special Honors

For Graduates Continued

Baccalaureate Honors

Each year the College faculty choose outstanding students to honor who are representative of the four fields or departments of Bible/Theology, General Education, Christian Ministries, and Christian Education Ministries, as well as LincUp. Criteria for selecting these honored graduates include academic excellence, personal maturity, spiritual depth, and ministry involvement. Our faculty are honored to recognize these and all our graduates as they continue to use their gifts to serve others to God's glory.



Scott Russell Nelson

Congratulations, Scott Russell Nelson, Mentor, OH. The Bible and Theology Field helps students acquire a working knowledge of the Old and New Testaments, a reasonable confidence in their ability to interpret and apply the message of Scripture, and a genuine desire to use this knowledge and ability to grow personally, worship corporately, and witness globally. Scott exemplifies what we desire for every student: a deep desire to study God's Word well, an enthusiasm to share God's Word in God's world, and a genuine longing to apply God's Word to his life. We congratulate Scott as our honored student in the Bible and Theology Field. Scott is currently the Minister of Discipleship and Involvement at the Christian Church of Clarendon Hills. He is pursuing a Master of Arts degree in Christian formation and ministry at Wheaton College. He is marrying Amariah Hays on July 22, 2006.



Cory Ryan Dunt

Congratulations, Cory Ryan Dunt, Milford, DE. The Christian Education Ministries Field helps students develop the character and skills necessary for servant leadership in educational or care-based settings. Cory Dunt is an example of such a servant leader in the educational arena. He brings a contagious attitude of energy and enthusiasm to all that he undertakes, whether in the classroom or in a ministry setting.

His work consistently measures up to a high standard of excellence, usually exceeding all expectations. Cory plans to join the U.S. Coast Guard. His educational plans are to attend the University of Delaware to pursue a Master of Education degree in educational leadership.

Congratulations, John William Knox Jr., Raymond, OH. Our college catalog reads, "The Christian Ministries Field helps students develop the character and skills necessary for leadership ministry." The field is comprised of business, missions, youth ministry, preaching, music and mass communications majors. Johnny personifies the very best of what we prayerfully desire in all of our students. His Christ-like spirit, eagerness to serve, and desire to know Jesus and make Him known led us to choose Johnny as our honored student in the Christian Ministries area. He will continue to work as Associate Youth Minister at Lincoln Christian Church. He plans to attend Lincoln Christian Seminary to pursue a Master of Divinity degree.



John William Knox Jr.



Mary Joan Burlington

Congratulations, Mary Joan Burlington, Lincoln, IL. The General Education Field is proud to honor Mary Burlington as a student who values the importance of a well-rounded Christian education. Especially as an Interdisciplinary Studies student, Mary has shown herself to be industrious, curious, and astute. She has cultivated an interest in and passion for learning in a wide

variety of subject areas. Mary's commitment to worshipping God by enriching her mind ensures that she will be just the sort of lifelong learner that we seek to develop at LCC and within the General Education program. This summer Mary will serve as the youth intern at Logan Christian Church in Logan, Iowa. Her educational plans are to finish her TESOL certificate.

Congratulations, LincUp Honored Student Carmen Elaine Halsey, Sherman, IL. Carmen typifies what a servant leader is. She has served as a role model for other LincUp students and strives to be an encourager to her fellow classmates. Carmen also demonstrates the ability to integrate what she reads and what she hears in class into her work and daily life. She is the kind of student who knows God's Word, engages God's world, and pursues God's will for her life. Carmen plans to volunteer in youth ministry and to seek a position in healthcare administration. She will be attending Benedictine University in Springfield, pursuing a Masters degree in organizational behavior.



Carmen Elaine Halsey

Burmese Seminary Student *Overcomes Challenges*



The happy face of Yawnatan "Jonathan" Hkawpang is reflected in his Seminary Professor, Dr. Robert Lowery.

Yawnatan "Johnathan" Hkawpang told his preacher friend, Robert Twist of Elkhart, Illinois, "I have six tickets to use to invite someone to my graduation. But I have no family here . . . so will you come for me instead?"

Commencement day was a milestone event in Yawnatan "Jonathan" Hkawpang's life and indeed his was one of the happiest faces to walk across the platform. Coming from Burma (also known as Myanmar), Jonathan made Lincoln his home for the last four years, with only one visit back to his home and wife and daughters. Burma is 90% Buddhist and only 5% are Christian, so there were no Christian seminaries available to Jonathan among his people. A second-generation Christian, he completed his undergraduate education in 1987 at Ozark Christian College in Joplin, Missouri, followed by a trip back home to establish his ministry, the Himalayan Christian Mission.

Foreign missionaries are not permitted to teach in Burma, so it is essential

that native teachers are prepared to teach and preach. Jonathan explained that he chose to come to the U.S. because his people consider us a Christian country; and he felt that if he could learn about how we serve, then it would be helpful to him in his ministry.

He enrolled four years ago in Lincoln Christian Seminary to earn his Master of Divinity degree. The advanced degree, the language, the culture . . . all were challenge enough, but being away from family for four years was the biggest challenge. Jonathan's family made one attempt to visit, but their visas were denied, fearing they wouldn't return to their country.

Among his most difficult days was when Jonathan's middle daughter was stricken with the deadly dengue fever, a mosquito-borne sickness, and he feared that she might not survive. He wanted so very much to comfort her and tell her of his love, but he could not. Many joined Jonathan in a prayer effort on Mary's behalf, and she survived.

Being so far away from home was only bearable because of the family of Christ that surrounded him from campus and several area churches. Now that his graduation is completed, he will say goodbye to his American friends and return to his home and two immediate mission fields in Burma. The first is the Naga tribe of people who live in a primitive jungle and who have no common language. The second will focus on the larger cities where Buddhism is the prominent religion. Additionally, an immediate task will be to proof-read a translation of the Old Testament. This, along with the New Testament in the language of his tribe, will provide the entire Bible to a large population, both in Burma but also along the China border and into that country.

Classmate and preacher-friend Dustin Fulton from Mason City, Illinois, explains his great respect for Jonathan, saying, "Here's someone who has helped to convert his whole tribe to Christianity. I think we ought to be asking questions and learning from him."

May God bless this servant as he steps into the circle of those from LCCS who are surrounding the globe with the Gospel of Christ.

Graduation Highlights



Nathan Davenport receives special congratulations from Dr. Ray as Lincoln's 5,000th graduate.

Saturday, May 13, 2006, marked Lincoln's 61st Commencement. The 171 graduates receiving degrees and certificates constitute our third largest class ever. Of these, 58 students were from Lincoln Christian Seminary, one shy of the record of 59 set in 1999. Our 28 LincUp graduates is the highest ever for that program. Here are some other interesting data:

- ✓ Nathan Davenport came across the platform as the 5,000th graduate in our history. Nathan, LCC '00, received the Master of Divinity from Lincoln Christian Seminary. Nathan and his wife Lindsay are entering Bible translation work with Pioneer Bible Translators.
- ✓ Robert Larsson of St. Ignatius, Montana, who began his undergraduate work in 1946, completed his bachelor of arts degree 60 years later.
- ✓ The top three areas of service for our 2006 graduates are associate/youth ministry, preaching ministry, and cross-cultural ministry.
- ✓ Nearly two thirds of the Class of 2006 will be serving in a church or para-church ministry, with 12% of those serving cross-culturally. Of this group, 29% will also be pursuing further education.
- ✓ One third of our graduates will be serving as follows:
 - 13% will be pursuing further education.
 - 10% will be entering the business world.
 - 9% will enter social work.
 - 3% will be teachers or engaged in childcare.

Why Accreditation Matters

by Dr. Thomas Tanner, Vice President of Academics

Advancing and assuring quality Biblical higher education. That is the mission and motto of one of Lincoln's three accrediting agencies. It is a sentiment that suits us well, having hosted three accreditation teams this past spring. We choose to be part of accreditation (all accreditation in this country is voluntary) because it helps us advance the quality of what we do and assure our constituents that what we do we do with quality—all in the light of our Biblical mission.

We are accredited regionally by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association (the largest of the regional accreditors) and by two national/faith-based accreditors—the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) and the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE, formerly AABC). We have been accredited by ABHE since 1954 and by ATS and HLC since 1991.

Part of the accreditation process is to undergo a thorough review, called a self study, at least every ten years, which we just completed this past year. The self study results in a self-study report, which is then reviewed by a team of peers from other schools, who also visit campus to interview dozens of individuals (from trustees to students to alumni) to corroborate the report. The school's self-study report, along with the reviewing team report, is sent to that accreditor's decision-making commission for final action. The accreditation review process calls us to examine ourselves, to see if we are truly bearing the kind of fruit that honors our Biblical mission.

We entitled our 2006 self-study report “A Conversation around Great Questions” because we focused on our most pressing questions—questions about mission, about learning, about leadership, about students, about stewardship, about covenant relationships, and about planning and assessment. We believe these are the questions that matter most and are questions that deserve serious and sustained conversation. Our three accrediting teams agreed, as the accompanying article testifies (please note that the three accrediting team reports summarized in that article are not official until their respective commissions render a final decision).

What Our Accreditors Are Saying about Lincoln

When Lincoln was last visited by all three of our accrediting agencies in 1996, the resulting team reports listed seventeen different areas of concern for us to address. Ten years later in March of 2006 we were visited again by three evaluation teams. This time the three teams listed only three areas of concern! That is not to say that Lincoln is perfect nor that we deserve any credit apart from God, but it is to say that we have made much progress with God's help and that we are well on our way to realizing our vision of becoming “a national leader in Christian education.”

The three accreditation teams who evaluated us this spring were overwhelmingly positive and encouraging about what we are doing. One team member stated afterwards that in all his years of evaluating schools he had never written so little in an evaluation report because there was so little that needed critiquing. Another team member asked one administrator privately after the official review, “Is this school really as good as it appears to be?” We believe we are, not because of

who we are but because of Whose we are. God has blessed Lincoln in many wonderful ways over the last ten years, and our accrediting teams provide an external, objective testimony to those divine blessings.

Our progress and our blessings can be measured in many ways, but here are a few brief statistics noted for our accrediting teams. Since our last accreditation visits a decade ago, Lincoln has increased its student enrollment by 32%, its faculty by 45%, its graduating class by 62%, its annual revenues by 82%, and its endowment by 303%. We have introduced more than twenty new or revised academic programs in the last decade, including innovative programs in worship and pastoral care. In just the last five years, our faculty have published more than a hundred articles and a dozen books, have made presentations at 35 professional conferences, as well as visited nearly 50 countries on short-term mission trips and preached and taught more than 2,200 times in churches across this country. Our accrediting teams also gave preliminary approval to our proposed Doctor of Ministry degree program, scheduled to start in January 2007. That will make Lincoln the only school among our constituents to offer academic programs all the way from an associate's degree to a doctoral degree.

Among the most important areas of progress, however, are the following strengths that our three accrediting teams noted for Lincoln:

- strong and pervasive sense of mission, coupled with careful fiscal management
- exemplary board of trustees and distinguished administrative leadership
- quality academic programs and outstanding faculty
- innovative sense of covenant community
- well-designed curriculum, especially our Interdisciplinary Studies program

To be sure, Lincoln, like any school, has areas that need improvement. The three teams highlighted three such areas for us: 1) that we continue to enhance our diversity, 2) that we expand space and staff for our library, and 3) that we continue to improve our assessment of student learning. We are already hard at work on these areas, with the hiring of our first African-American faculty member and administrator, with plans to remodel the current library facility and a goal to build a new one, and with increased efforts at a more systematic approach to assessment.

In all of this we give God the glory and thank Him for His continued blessings on this school and on this ministry. We do believe we are facing an encouraging new day and an exciting new decade in Lincoln's history, a decade that will be marked by “unprecedented endeavor” as we seek to accomplish the Board's vision of becoming “a national leader in Christian education.” To that end, we find both comforting and challenging these two statements from the accrediting team reports:

- “[Lincoln's] efforts to create a pervasive understanding of [its] mission could serve as a model for other institutions with a faith-based tradition.”
- “Lincoln Christian College and Seminary has come a long way since the last [accreditation] visit...[The board's and administration's efforts] to inspire the LCCS community to aspire to a higher level of distinction are outstanding and could well serve as a resource for other institutions facing similar challenges.”

New Faculty Arriving *for Fall Term*



Mitch Simpson

Mitch Simpson has been called to serve as Assistant Professor of English, teaching mostly Written Composition and some Speech as well. Mitch is a 1972 graduate of our College and a 1996 graduate of our Seminary (M.Div. in New Testament). He also has a master's degree from Huntington (IN) College. Mitch has been a full-time instructor in English at Purdue University, whose writing program is one of the best known in the country. His supervisor at Purdue says of him that he is a "highly accomplished teacher" who

was hired after a national search that drew more than fifty applicants because he was "superior" and who has since "served as a role model of a committed and conscientious teacher for the other instructors in the program." Mitch served as preaching minister at Fowler (IN) Christian Church from 1992 to 2002 and has been a curriculum writer for Standard Publishing. We are delighted he is joining us.



Cliff Wheeler

Cliff Wheeler has been called to serve as Assistant Professor of English and IDS, as well as teaching some courses in our TESOL program. Cliff graduated from LCC in 2000 and earned a second bachelor's and a master's degree from the University of Illinois at Springfield in English with ESL certification. He has taught writing and literature at Spring Arbor (MI) University. His supervisors there describe Cliff as one who "consistently receives outstanding evaluations from his students," "an extremely

personable and compassionate young man who seeks a variety of methods to help others learn and grow," and "an extremely capable and caring servant of the students." He has served in a coffeehouse ministry near Michigan State University and has also led students on cross-cultural missions trips. We welcome him to our faculty.

Dr. Robert Lowery Introduces *New Book*

Revelation's Rhapsody: Listening to the Lyrics of the Lamb (How to Read the Book of Revelation) by Dr. Robert Lowery, Associate Dean and Professor of New Testament at Lincoln Christian Seminary, will be released this summer. Orders for this book may be placed through our bookstore by phoning (217)732-3168, ext. 2224. It will be available in print form from College Press and in electronic form from LOGOS Research Systems (Bellingham, Washington).

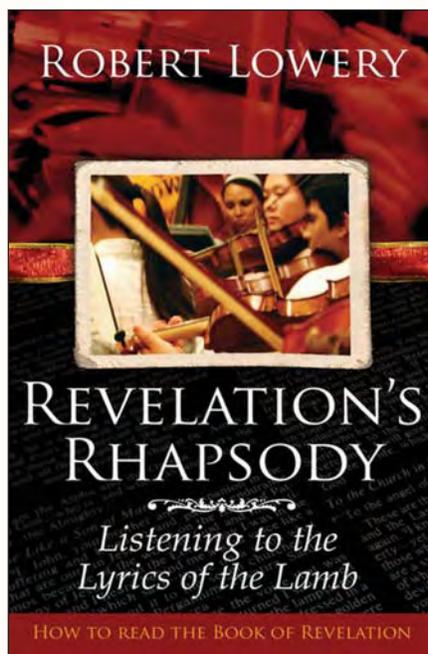
Please see the following endorsements of Dr. Lowery's book on Revelation:

Dr. Lowery conducts us deeply into the symphony that is Revelation. His wise guidance helps us hear the music coming from the throne room. This deepens our devotion. And then we are drawn to worship in ways that are practical, pastoral and evangelistic—just as the Lamb leads. I can't wait to hear volumes two and three! – Tony Twist, PhD, D.Min., President, TCM International Institute, Heiligenkreuz, Austria

Popular level guides to the Book of Revelation abound, but most of them either insist that the last book of the Bible is a road map of current events or

a source for reconstructing first-century history only. Lowery avoids both of these pitfalls and deftly leads the lay person or college undergraduate down a safe path to interpretive sanity. Enjoyably written and peppered with personal illustrations, Lowery sets the stage for what he hopes will be two more volumes on the Apocalypse: a brief commentary and an analysis of some of the more disputed exegetical and hermeneutical issues not touched on in this introduction. [This is] a welcome addition to a crowded field and one which clearly stands out from the crowd! – Craig L. Blomberg (Ph.D.), Distinguished Professor of New Testament, Denver Seminary, Littleton, CO

For over twenty-five years I have been inspired by the teaching, scholarship, and passion of Dr. Robert Lowery. In fact, I still turn to him for Biblical insights, understanding, and accurate application. He approaches one of the most intimidating books of Scripture with the precision of a surgeon and the love and concern of a close friend. Your intellect will be stretched, your assumptions challenged, and your soul infused with new hope. – Gene Appel, Lead Pastor, Willow Creek Community Church, South Barrington, IL





Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new women's dorm included the digging of the first hole. Two of the participants, Sue Rogers (3rd from left) and Sally Miller (center), were among Lincoln's very first occupants of the current women's residence hall in 1963.

Good News

Lincoln Christian College and Seminary's future has never looked brighter. Over the last seven years under the leadership of President Keith H. Ray we have repeatedly demonstrated good stewardship of our resources. The old operational debt continues to be paid down, and our modest endowment continues to grow. Campus improvements have created our best learning environment to date.

We have experienced significant growth and are nearing 1,300 students. Best news of all, we have doubled our preaching and mission majors. We are in awe of what the Lord has accomplished in such a short time.

The next ten years will be even more exciting. Our new vision and plan, *Lincoln 2015*, brings new challenges. *Lincoln 2015* is the most aggressive growth plan to date.

Challenging News

We have nearly reached our maximum capacity and potential where some of our facilities are concerned. Our unprecedented growth comes with a price tag. Without increased facilities we will have to cap enrollment, and this means turning students away who desire to train for ministry.

The Solution

To continue to increase the number of servants for the Church, we must build a new dormitory and additional classrooms.

Our first project is the new dormitory, and construction has already begun. When funds are available, we will then start construction on the new Seminary building. At that time, our exist-

ing Seminary building, Restoration Hall, will be remodeled for college classrooms.

You or your church or Sunday School class can be part of the solution by providing for one of the following projects. Gifts of \$500 or more to either of these buildings will be recognized on a donor appreciation wall in the building you choose to support. It would be deeply appreciated if you and/or your Sunday school class and/or your church could provide for one of the following, and if you like, we will acknowledge your gift with a plaque at the entrance to a room.

In the dorm:

Furnish a bedroom	\$1,000
Provide a bedroom	\$5,000 *
Provide a suite	\$50,000 *

In the Seminary building:

Provide a faculty office	\$25,000 *
Provide a classroom	\$100,000

**Can be given over a five year period.*

Perhaps there is a family loved one or a church leader for whom you have great appreciation and whom you would like to honor. Your family or church name, engraved on a plaque, could be a testimony to those who pass through our halls for years to come that you stood with us in the ministry and mission of Lincoln Christian College and Seminary.

Will you carefully consider how you can be a part of the legacy of Lincoln Christian College and Seminary? Please call Gary Edwards at 217-732-3168 or e-mail gedwards@lccs.edu. We are eager to discuss the possibilities of your gift.

New Ministry to Muslims Stirred by *LCS Professor*



Dr. Robert Douglas, front center, poses with his Cross-Cultural Evangelism class in Kottayam, India.

Creative scheduling which opens doors for seminary students with busy schedules has the added benefit of creating special teaching opportunities. Dr. Robert Douglas, LCS Professor of Intercultural Studies, taught an intensive-week seminar on Cross-cultural Evangelism in Kottayam, India. Forty ministers and church leaders associated with Kerala Christian Mission participated in this course, March 6-10, 2006.

Under the theme “Evangelizing Muslims,” Dr. Douglas led the students in understanding the distinct culture and perspectives of Indian Muslims. The 150 million Muslims in India give India the

second largest Muslim population among the nations of the world. A major outcome of the seminar was the development of a plan for Kerala Christian Mission to raise a team of national workers supported by Indian churches to focus on mission/evangelism work among the Muslims in Kerala state.

Dr. Rajan Ipe, president of the 2005 National Missionary Convention, leads Kerala Christian Mission and served as Dr. Douglas' translator. Lincoln Christian Seminary was acknowledged for making Dr. Douglas available for this ministry.

Dr. Brian Messner to Lead *5th Study Tour*



Students enjoy a gondola boat ride on a canal in Venice.

LCCS will offer a study tour to Italy and Greece May 23-June 6, 2007. If you would like to experience Milan, Venice, Florence, Assisi, Rome, Pompeii, Delphi, Mycenae, Corinth and Athens, walk in the footsteps of Peter and Paul and learn more about art, architecture and history from LCCS faculty, please contact

Dr. Brian Messner (messner@lccs.edu or 217-732-3168, ext. 2350).

See the Study Tour website at www.lccs.edu/IDS for complete itinerary and pricing information. The tour is open to anyone from the LCCS family of alumni and friends. We hope you can come along for our fifth tour!

Class of 1956 Celebrates 50th Year Reunion



First row: Glenn Hull, James Oliver, Charles Coonce, Elwyn Buche, Burdett Wantland, Roger James, Charlie Lee
Second row: Ray Gipson, William Cooper, William Stark, Earl Beaty, Richard Marshall

As has been our tradition for a number of years, the 50th year class was invited to campus to share in a time of reunion and participation in the weekend commencement activities. Twelve out of twenty-eight living members were able to participate, many of them along with their spouses. These remarkable graduates came from Florida, California, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, and Georgia. All were found to be actively involved in ministry and Christian service.

Ministry News

Dr. Gary Weedman, former Lincoln Christian College Academic Dean, has accepted the call to the presidency of Johnson Bible College, Knoxville, TN.

Tawnya (Boudouris) Nall, LCC '96, was recently hired as the Executive Director of Paracletian, Inc., a parachurch ministry serving as a maternity home for women in the Indianapolis (IN) and surrounding areas.

David C. Williams, LCC '86, graduated in March, 2006, with an MA in Pastoral Ministries with an emphasis in conflict management from Trinity Seminary in Liverpool, England. He is currently employed as a workplace chaplain for Hilmar Cheese Co. and the Turlock (CA) Police Department.

John Boberg, LCS '85, received his D. Min. degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He will celebrate his 19th year of service at Crystal Lake (IL) Christian Church in July, 2006.

Tom Jeffries, LCC '68, retired from Continental Airlines December, 2005, concluding a 20-year career as an airline pilot. His career made it possible for Tom and his wife, Carol, LCC, to serve as self-supporting missionaries in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, as associates of FAME from 1994 to 2000. The Jeffries are moving to the Wichita, KS, area, where Tom will be a flight safety instructor.

Charles, LBI '56, and Margaret (LBI) Coonce report Charles has officially retired from ministry but still serves in various capacities at the Morton (IL) Christian Church. He also serves as a care giver with Home Instead. Margaret is church secretary at Morton Christian Church. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December, 2005.

Miscellaneous

Angi (Hood) Goodwin, LCC, was promoted to Assistant Director of Meals on Wheels of Tippecanoe County, IN.

Kathi Isbell, LCC, is serving as an Education Specialist with Aurora, Inc. in Evansville, IN. Aurora exists to end homelessness in Evansville and Vanderburgh Co. Her role is to raise community awareness and promote their ten-year plan (available at www.auroraevansville.org).

Jana (Grandi) Pullins, LCC '02, was married to Jason Pullins in May, 2004. They are expecting their first child in September of 2006. Janna is a child care provider and Jason is a union carpenter. They reside in Columbus, OH, and serve with the Newstart Community Church in Powell, OH.

Dr. Gary W. Buffington, LCS '80, Chaplain for 28 years in the Air Force, retired in February, 2005. Throughout this time, he represented the churches of the Stone-Campbell tradition. He lives with his family in San Antonio, where he has accepted a position as Human Factors Scientist with Science Applications International Corporation, specializing in "human factors" influence operations analysis and targeting.

Cara (Tingley) Getz, LCC '01, was married on July 2, 2005, to Jesse Getz. She is currently teaching at East Peoria Community High School, and Jason is Vice President of Operations at Getz Fire Equipment in Peoria. They are members of Washington (IL) Christian Church.

Births

Jaymee Nicole Yan, born January 26, 2004, was welcomed home in Anchorage, AK by Dave and Amber (Thacker) Morrone, LCC, on January 17, 2006.

Paul, LCC '98, and Angie (Clark), LCC '98, Akeman, announce the birth of a beautiful baby girl, Avery Grace, born prematurely on April 18, 2005. She has experienced numerous health complications and the Akeman's can be reached at www.caringbridge.org/visit/averygraceakeman.

Jay, LCC '92, and Lynette, LCC, Leeck announce the birth of their third son, Igor Dale, born August 10, 2005. Jay serves as an elder at Haltom City Christian Church and as a police officer in Allen, TX. Lynette works as a registered nurse. The Leecks live in Denton, TX.

Jason, LCC, and Kelly (George), LCC '00, Berkholz welcomed their firstborn son, Joel Jason, on November 26, 2005.

Shawn, LCC '99, and Jennifer (Butler), LCC '01, Lindsay announce the birth of their second daughter, Emily Victoria, on January 6, 2006. She joins five-year old Abigail.

David, LCC '02, LCS '05, and Kristin (Jackson), LCC '02, Jarrett welcomed Jackson Isaiah on January 14, 2006. David is the Minister of Creative Arts and Worship at Rochester (IL) Christian Church.

Ezekiel Wesley was born January 19, 2006 to Adam, LCC '00, and Corrie (Jennings), LCC '01, Waters. Adam is the Lead Pastor of a church plant called The Orchard Church in Maineville, OH (a suburb of Cincinnati). Corrie is a teen programmer for the City of Sharonville recreation department and does the administrative work for the church.

Josh and Jodi (Winters), LCS '03, Knox announce the birth of Jansen Taylor on March 3, 2006. Jansen joins big sisters Jordan and Jacey. The Knox family lives in Pekin, IL.

Deaths

Aloa JoAnn (Stevens), LBI '60, Harris ended her earthly journey on February 23, 2006, after a lengthy battle with Parkinson's disease. She had served for 42 years at Winston-Salem (NC) Bible College, where she was known as "Mama Harris" because of her motherly demeanor that she extended to so many. In 1996 she received the Restoration Award in the field of Christian Higher Education from Lincoln Christian College and Seminary.

Drs. Dale, LBI '59, and Sue Alice Erickson lost their youngest son, Sean, to a battle with cancer on March 7, 2006. Dr. Dale Erickson is an adjunct professor in bioethics in the Seminary. The Erickson's live in Albuquerque, NM.

Eddie Morgan, LCC, of Decatur, IL, passed away March 13, 2006.

Escoe Robinson, LBI '49, passed away March 15, 2006 at the age of 86 in a nursing home in Herrin, IL.

Correction: Dan DeVilder wants his friends to know he's in Monroe, Michigan at 216 Ross Dr. (not Wisconsin as reported in the last Alumni News).

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Conference Schedule

Friday

- 6:00 p.m. Registration
- 7:00 p.m. Main Session, Ben Merold Speaking
- 8:00 p.m. Q & A with Ben Merold
- 8:45 p.m. Roundtable Discussion

Saturday

- 8:30 a.m. Main Session, Tom Claibourne Speaking
- 9:45 a.m. Main Session, Richard Crabtree Speaking
- 10:30 a.m. Workshops
- 11:45 a.m. Workshops
- 1:00 p.m. Luncheon Meeting with Wayne Smith
- 2:15 p.m. Closing

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THE PRESIDENT'S *Perspective*



Dr. Keith H. Ray, President

Occasionally, there is wisdom in rehearsing our history. You will quickly see this issue of the Restorer is just that – a brief historical sketch. The connection between the past and our future is built upon our churches, our alumni, and dear friends. You are evidence of a mission well-engaged. For more than 62 years we have put our hand to the plow; and looking back in this issue is not an act of regret, but a convincing loyalty to our roots.

On the other hand, we are compelled, even called, to consider our future. “Lincoln 2015” is rooted in our past, a reflection of the present, and a “divinely” appointed ambition for the future. In a phrase, this is an “unprecedented endeavor.” I’m calling on all of our constituency to join in this vision through prayer and financial support, involvement in and recruitment of students, and collaboration that will enrich both our mission, your life, and the life of the church of which we are a part.

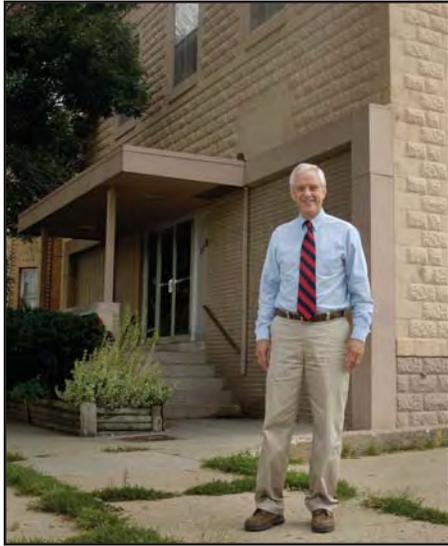
Consider with me the statement published in 2000 by the World Trends Research Center: “The next three decades may be the most decisive 30-year period in the history of mankind.” If that observation has any ring of truth to it, I pray we will be poised to serve our great God for “a time such as this.”

Longing for His future,

Dr. Keith H. Ray
President

TWO DOWN *One to Go*

We learned this summer that two of our three accrediting agencies have officially reaffirmed our accreditation for another ten years, the longest term possible. The third accrediting agency will not meet until next February for a final action, but we are anticipating another ten-year reaffirmation from them as well. As we reported in the last *Restorer*, all three accrediting teams that visited us last March had high praise for the progress Lincoln has made over the last few years. They noted especially our exemplary leadership, our strong sense of mission, our gifted faculty, our innovative curriculum, our careful financial management, and our pervasive sense of community. They only asked us to continue to enhance our assessment efforts, strengthen our library (especially with more space and staff), and increase our diversity. We were also given official approval to offer the Doctor of Ministry degree program, which will begin in January of 2007 (for more on that program contact Dr. Jeff Snell at jsnell@lccs.edu). Following these official accreditation actions this summer, we learned that one of the accrediting review members noted that in all the years he has been reading self-study reports he has never read a report as fine as the one Lincoln wrote. To God be the glory. Great things He has done and is doing.



THE BEGINNING – 1944 - 1951

as told by Lynn Laughlin, Vice President of Alumni Development

Standing here at 118 N. Logan Street, the first official home of Lincoln Bible Institute, I feel a sense of awe that a great birthing took place right here more than 60 years ago. It is now an apartment building, but it still stands as an icon of a great beginning.



Pioneers of the Restoration Movement who led a great movement to restore the Church to its original purpose and design (especially the century beginning in 1813 and going through 1913) captured the heart of a spirit-filled and God-driven preacher, Earl Hargrove. Preaching during the early 1940's in central Illinois at Lincoln Christian Church, he grieved at the shortage of preachers available to fill the pulpits in Illinois and Indiana. Churches were suffering. Some were closing their doors. He was convicted that *"We can have preachers if we but train them. This is our task."*

During the course of two or three years prior, Mr. Hargrove joined with other area preachers and church leaders to plan and pray for a way to meet the great need for ministers of the Gospel. In the spring of 1944, Mr. Hargrove preached a message entitled "Spreading the Gospel," and he continued to preach this same message many times during the next few months. The people who heard it renamed the sermon "The Preachers are Coming!" which became the resounding and motivating slogan for what was to follow:

"We are to have in Lincoln a college to train preachers for a world in need. In a territory unequaled in wealth and opportunity, stands a multitude of small churches, dying because of a lack of preachers. In a territory unequaled in quality of young people, many a young person would gladly serve Christ if he had the opportunity. In a territory full of men needing Christ, evangelism has been neglected and people are dying without Christ. To meet the need, we present a Christian Bible College." – Earl Hargrove sermon, spring 1944.

Before the end of the first academic year (1944-45), LBI had already accomplished many milestones:

- September 7, 1944, marked the opening of LBI and classes were under way
- The very first classroom setting was on the campus of Lincoln College, shortly after which LBI's official home was moved to 118 N. Logan Street
- Six faculty served the new student body:
 - Earl Hargrove, President
 - Charles Mills, Dean and Church History Department Head
 - Jessie Eury, Dean of Women and Librarian
 - Park Netting, Christian Education Department Head
 - J. T. Segroves, Old Testament Department Head, Coach of Athletics
 - Owen L. Crouch, New Testament and Missions Department Head
- Fifteen charter men and women made up the student body of the College
- Forty-eight charter men and women made up the student body of the Christian Workers School
- More than 150 individuals and more than 50 churches were supporting this mission
- Fifteen churches were being served by Institute preachers, and more than 200 were added to the family of believers by LBI preachers that first year.



Pictured above is the Hargrove Family, Earl and wife Jessie, and two sons David (center) and Richard taken in early 1940's.

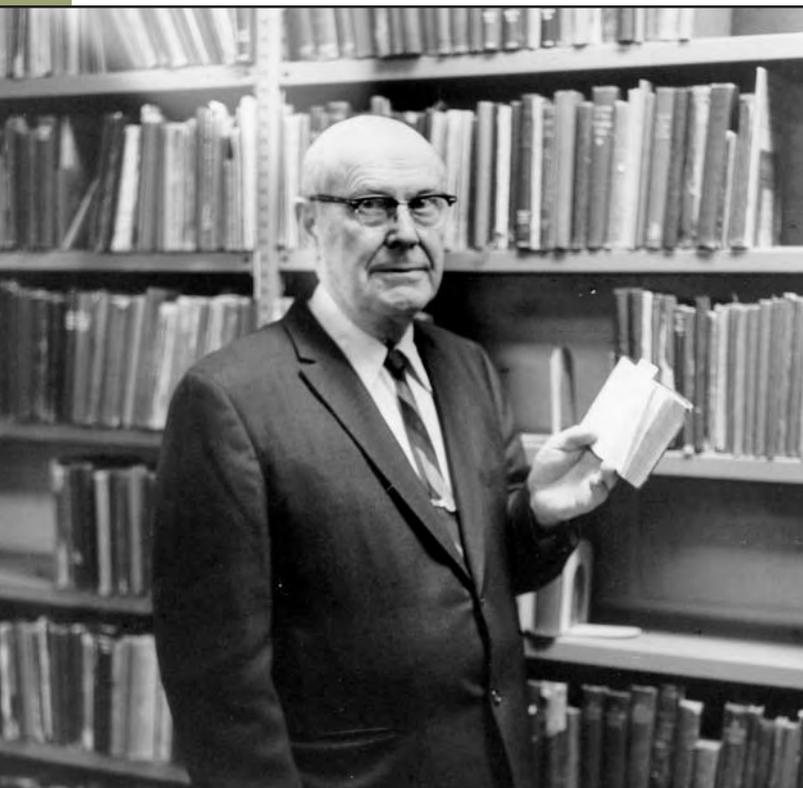
The following five or six years resulted in growth in enrollment and the need for additional facilities. A rented gymnasium allowed for athletic events, and plans for additional living quarters loomed on the horizon. Most critical at this time, however, was a well-planned curriculum that would meet the needs of the churches. Mr. Hargrove's challenge was that *"... the servant of God must be given every tool necessary to communicate His message. God's preacher must know and understand people, be skilled in the art of communication and be taught the use of educational aids. . . For this reason, our curriculum should include many courses in general education, Bible education, and professional education."*

PART II

THE EARLY YEARS – 1952-1964

Here I am standing in front of one of Lincoln's most "historic" buildings . . . Timothy Hall. Having purchased 227 acres on the east edge of Lincoln in 1952, we began to build our very own campus, and Timothy Hall was the first building to be constructed. Although in later years it became a men's residence hall, its original purpose was to provide classrooms, offices, and the library. The next step in construction was the cafeteria and gymnasium, followed by Harmony Hall, a women's residence. The gym doubled as a place of assembly, chapel services, and other special events.

A graduate school, also under the Lincoln Bible Institute name, was established in 1952 with Enos Dowling serving as the first Dean, beginning in 1953.



Enos Dowling, Lincoln's first graduate school dean, is pictured with his rare book collection.



Lynn Laughlin poses in front of historic Timothy Hall.

By the 1957-58 academic year, a faculty and staff now numbering 31 and a growing student body presented an ongoing need for more facilities. No longer could Timothy Hall provide adequate offices and classrooms, and thus the first wing of the Administration Building was erected. Signs of LBI's increased outreach and growth included an Institute band, Chorale, a radio station and radio choir, traveling vocal quartets and trios, and other Christian service teams.

Of the early faculty, we particularly note that Dr. Marion Henderson remained as the last faculty member on staff to be counted among those who came in the "early years." Dr. Henderson, who began his teaching ministry as Professor of New Testament in 1951, retired from classroom teaching just this last year, 2006. As a member of the fourth LBI graduating class in 1948, probably more than any other, Dr. Henderson has influenced the lives of more Lincoln alumni than any other faculty member.

I came as a freshman in the fall of 1960. This was my era, and I witnessed some major hurdles. A vivid memory for me is the moving of the library in academic year 1960-61. I can recall being part of a long line of students, each of us with an armload of books, marching from the old library located in Timothy Hall across the lawn



Dr. Marion Henderson is pictured as a young professor in 1951.



The Chorale, Lincoln's 65-voice choir during the 1967-68 academic year

to the new library in the Administration Building. Miss Eury, our librarian, was there at the front door to meet us. Those who came after us in later years would never quite know what a moment in time that was for us—a great step forward for the school—a sign of a school growing up.

Historically significant, on January 1, 1962, Lincoln Bible Institute changed its name to Lincoln Christian College. The graduate school, which had been in existence as a separate school since 1952 but had no distinctive name of its own, became Lincoln Christian Seminary. At that time, the purpose and policy statement was altered to reflect the two new names so that each school could have similar, yet descriptive, names. According to a news release in the school's *Restorer* publication dated December 30, 1961, "The program, the purpose, the faith

and the vision of the school have not changed since the school was born in 1944."

On Lincoln's 20th birthday in 1964, the early slogan of "Let's Build it for Christ" (adopted when LBI moved to its own campus in 1952), was now an echo of what had become reality . . . with residence halls that now included the new Alumni Hall dormitory for women, an enlarged cafeteria, gymnasium, classrooms, library, offices, a maintenance building, and a print shop. Timothy Hall had become the site for Lincoln Christian Seminary. Enrollment in the College reached a record high of 515 and represented students from 29 states and seven foreign countries. The Seminary's enrollment for the year reached 114. The theme for the year was "Going the Second Mile." Indeed this theme prevailed in student life that year. But as Lincoln moved out of its second decade and had traveled its second mile, a whole new era was on the horizon.



Taken in 1960, this photo shows students carrying books from the old library to the new library located in the Administration Building. Note Miss Jesse Eury, Librarian, greeting students at the front door.

PART III

COMING TO MATURITY – 1965 - 2004



Earl Hargrove, Founding President

It was said of President Hargrove that *“As president of LCC, he always lived with two colleges in his heart; the one that was—and the one he hoped it to be.”* – Leon H. Appel, 2nd President of LCCS, June 3, 1972. President Hargrove, while speaking to the faculty, staff, and trustees in the fall of 1970, said, *“Businessmen do not run their business establishments today as they did in 1944. Those who would attempt to do so would soon be in trouble.*

Business has not changed its purpose. It has only changed its method by which it arrives at its purpose.”

Change was imminent, and it was around the corner. In an address to the presidents of our sister schools, President Hargrove in January of 1972 said this: *“Our basics tasks are: to change lives and give them Christian values; to strive with people until their Christian service springs from their nature; and to teach every man to use his God-given talent in Christ’s ministry.”* President Hargrove was calling for an overhaul of our curriculum and for sweeping changes in our approach to students.

By the fall of 1965, Lincoln Christian Seminary had its own facility known as Restoration Hall made available through a gift from B.D. Phillips, President of the T. W. Phillips Oil Company of Butler, Pennsylvania. Eight faculty led in the academic tasks of the Seminary under the direction of Dean Enos Dowling.

Construction would soon lead to a new men’s residence hall located on the south section of campus, a facility that was dedicated to God’s glory in the fall of 1968. It would be named Titus Hall. College missions programs had expanded greatly to include summer mission trips and a thrust to raise up missions recruits. Other programs adding to the reputation and outreach of the school included a touring Chorale, Gloria Choir, and Master’s Men, as well as a ministry in fine arts through a strong drama program.



The popular Master’s Men, 1965

The year 1970 brought about the making of a new campus icon . . . the Earl C Hargrove Chapel, made possible in part by an \$800,000 gift from the B. D. Phillips family. With construction under way during the summer of 1970, it would be more than a year before the building was ready for occupancy, providing a 1,600-seat auditorium, five classrooms, faculty offices, and several music studios. The first chapel service was held November 24, 1971, although the facility still lacked the chapel stage, seating,

and other furnishings. Classes were held in the facility for the first time during the spring semester of 1972.

In 1972, after 28 years of serving as Lincoln's founding president, Earl Hargrove moved from his role as President to Chancellor; and Dr. Leon H. Appel, who had served two years as Lincoln's Vice President, was named President. For many years Dr. Appel had served as chairman of the board of trustees and knew very well the business of LCCS.

As more and more of the campus family was made up of non-traditionals (married students, families, and second-career students), the need was great for apartment housing. On November 3, 1973, ground was broken for four buildings, and 56 units were ready for occupancy the following summer.

Then grief struck our campus as after just two short years as our president, on August 1, 1974, President Leon Appel suffered a fatal heart attack, leaving a stunned campus family in search of on-going leadership.

The years to follow, though sometimes tumultuous, would serve to prove Lincoln's foundation was strong and her mission God-ordained. Who could lead a faculty, staff, and student body through the pains of a confused and divided world shaken by the Vietnam conflict, resulting in a whole new profile of students? The long-term presidency of Earl Hargrove and the all-too-brief presidency of Leon Appel would be followed by several succeeding chief executives:

- Leroy Trulock** – *Interim President*, 1974-1975
- Robert E. Phillips** – *President*, 1975-1980
- John P. Hasty** – *President*, 1980-1981
- Charles E. Mills** – *Interim President*, 1981-1984
- Charles E. McNeely** – *President*, 1984-1996
- Phil Zoeller** – *Interim President*, 1996-1998
- Keith H. Ray** – *President* 1998 to present

Each new era of presidency brought with it a new level of growth and maturity. But perhaps most significant, because of what is involved in reaching such status, is the accreditation by three different agencies. We are accredited regionally by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association (the largest of the regional accreditors) and by two national/faith-based accreditors, the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) and the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE, formerly AABC). We have been accredited by ABHE since 1954 and by ATS and HLC since 1991.

By 1984, at the time of Lincoln's 40th birthday, combined enrollment for both schools had reached 578, and her faculty and staff numbered more than 70. By 1994, at her bi-centennial year, enrollment was at 844. By 2004, enrollment reached 1,260 and faculty and staff numbered more than 100.

Between 1974 and 2002, new construction came to a halt. However, a new office/meeting room facility located just west of the campus proper was purchased and renovated in 1995 by the Alumni Association. It was named the L. H. Appel Alumni and Visitors' Center in honor of our second president, Leon H. Appel.



Construction site of Hargrove Chapel in 1970

Other areas of growth took a quantum leap:

- renovation of existing facilities
- campus landscaping
- computerized labs and classrooms
- gift revenue
- very intentional strategic planning
- articulating core values
- clear and decisive mission and vision statements

A whole new area of administration was formed in 2000 under the leadership of Don Green, Vice President of Church Development. This area addressed one of Lincoln's strategic issues, and that was "to be a premiere resource to help the church become what God intends," thereby ensuring that LCCS will stay church-focused.

An adult degree completion program was introduced in 2001 and celebrated its first graduating class in 2003. The program allows for Christian adults to grow spiritually while growing professionally, ultimately resulting in a Bachelor of Arts degree in Leadership and Management or in General Ministry.

The first new building to be built on campus in 30 years was dedicated to the glory of God on February 23, 2002. Named for the long-term relationship of the Ernie and Naomi Laughlin family, the Laughlin Center was constructed to house a 30,000 square-foot gymnasium named the Thomas A. Gaston Arena (provided as a memorial by the Gaston family). The facility provides arena seating for 1,100 people, training and locker rooms, office space, a fitness center, and much needed parking space.

At year 2004, Lincoln was turning yet again another corner as the needs of the 21st century pressed upon us.

Earl C Hargrove Chapel today



PART IV

FACING THE FUTURE – 2005-2015

Lincoln 2015 – An Unprecedented Endeavor



I'm standing here with President Ray at the construction site of our new 288-bed residence hall. This facility will be completed next summer in time for the 2007 fall semester. While this is a momentous event on our campus, more important than constructing a new building is what this represents. We are predicting 1,500 students in the near future. This new building and other innovative efforts are just tools to help us respond to the vision of our Board of Trustees to "become a national leader in Christian education."

IDENTITY

Our timeline to becoming a national leader, which began in 2005 and is designed to culminate in 2015, has many indicators along its way to fulfillment. Who we are and have always been does not change so much as how we are perceived, how strongly we profess our calling, and how we show evidence of our commitment to Christian higher education . . . in other words, our identity.

In a nutshell, we will become known as a school that prepares Christian leaders who will see the world through the lens of Scripture.

- Every field of study will have a Biblical/theological foundation
- Worldview analysis and interdisciplinary studies will result in critical thinking and sensitive engagement
- Spiritual formation experiences will result in life-long discipleship
- Vocational training and service learning will bring practical competence.

FACULTY

If our prediction of 1,500 students is correct, we must start now and reach year 2015 with continued faculty/staff growth and development.

- Over the next nine years, we must add 16 new faculty and 12 staff to accommodate the needs of a growing student body. They will be devoted to scholarship and service, mentoring and ministry, the Word and the world.
- We will increase the diversity of our faculty as well as their global outreach
- We will encourage professional development for both faculty and staff.

FACILITIES

Growth of this magnitude must be accompanied with careful planning for the "physical plant," with the following changes being eminent:

- Construct a new dormitory (already under way)
- Expand cafeteria into Henderson Hall (summer of 2006)
- Upgrade current dorms
- Break ground for new Seminary building
- Remodel Timothy Hall for additional offices
- Expand Laughlin Center with an auxiliary gym (summer of 2006)

Additionally and as funds are available, we will also:

- Construct a new library
- Complete interior renovation of the Earl C Hargrove Chapel



Pictured above is a conceptual drawing of the proposed new Seminary building.

COMMUNITY

Still echoed here today are the words of founding President and Chancellor Earl Hargrove spoken in 1972, *“Let us, therefore, consider our students as individuals full of potential and blessed with different talents. Let us help them to maturity in Christ and sharpen their God-given talents, realizing there is a place for every worker in the Kingdom of the Lord.”* These words run parallel with the recent words of our own President Keith Ray, who said, *“As a Christian community of higher education . . . we strive to unlock the gifting, passion, and sense of calling (GPS) for our students and our employees so they may be empowered to work in alignment with God and His purposes.”* In this effort we shall:

- Strengthen our ability to mentor and serve our students in their spiritual and academic journeys
- Focus on service learning



Lincoln students, both early and present, represent faithful Kingdom workers devoted to the work of their generations.

- Develop a holistic approach to advising
- Place more than 90% of our students in ministries here and abroad
- Provide the Doctor of Ministry program in our Seminary, which means that LCCS offers the full spectrum of education, from an Associate of Arts degree to a Doctor of Ministry.

CONNECTIVITY

Collaborative and covenantal relationships with the church, with special friends, and with devoted alumni have always helped shape Lincoln as a distinctive, holistic Christian College and Seminary. We have blended the best of all learning experiences to bring about a great and growing educational institution. The “connectivity” we seek is two-fold:

- 1) We are devoted to serving the Church of Jesus Christ and our alumni and friends who, along with hundreds of thousands of believers, faithfully serve the Church to fulfill her calling to seek and save the lost. To this end we desire to:
 - Collaborate and network with alumni
 - Introduce Church Development strategies for healthy churches
 - Help our faculty serve and teach locally and globally
- 2) We seek the devotion of those who would stand at our side as partners and stewards of this unprecedented endeavor, as we grow a school to new heights in order to develop Christian leaders with greater ability, commitment, and faithfulness.

“Opportunities for the future abound. The time is right for us to embark on this unprecedented vision and plan. The best is yet to come!”

– Dr. Keith H. Ray, President, December, 2005

“Today again a voice is starting forth which will resound by the power of God down through the corridors of time like the music of a thousand choirs. Christ will be proclaimed by voices of preachers yet unseen . . . To young people of faith and consecration, your day has come! . . . Put up the flag of evangelism. Run it to the top of the mast. The preachers are coming!”

– Founding President Earl C Hargrove, Spring, 1944

LCC DRAMA DEPARTMENT *Presents*

THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER

By
George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart



"It seems we're going to have a real old-fashioned Christmas," promises a character in Kaufman and Hart's timeless American comedy, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*. Yet this holiday season at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Stanley of Mesalia, Ohio, promises to be anything but, thanks to Sheridan Whiteside, famous critic, celebrity lecturer, radio personality, "intimate friend of the great and near great," and, by many accounts, "the world's rudest man." A nasty spill on an icy porch during a winter lecture tour forces the formidable Mr. Whiteside to convalesce for the holidays in Middle America, which he systematically turns upside down. His extended family of luminaries, mad visionaries, and assorted oddballs threatens the narrow provincial values and rectitude of the Stanley home as, unable to visit his world, Whiteside has his world visit him. Whiteside physically overtakes the house, insinuates himself in family affairs and becomes the occasion for a nightmarish Twelve Days of Christmas featuring ten-thousand cockroaches, a clutch of choir boys, four penguins, three celebrities, two convicts, an octopus, and an Egyptian mummy.

October 12, 13 & 14, 2006

7:30 p.m.

Earl C Hargrove Chapel

Tickets: Adults: \$7.00 – Students (through College): \$5.00
For information call: 217-732-3168, ex 2254

Coming This Spring
March 15, 16 & 17, 2007

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LCCS TO HOST ILLINOIS STATE *Ministers' Retreat*



David Butts

"A SPIRIT-EMPOWERED MINISTRY"

Featured Speaker: David Butts, Harvest Prayer Ministries, Terre Haute, IN

Special session for Ministers' Wives with Kim Butts –

Topic: "Women of Prayer."

- Monday Afternoon Opening Session with David Butts, Harvest Prayer Ministries
 - Monday Evening's After-Dinner Speaker: Darryl Bolen, First Christian Church, Greenville, IL
 - Tuesday A.M. Bible Exposition: J. K. Jones, Lincoln Christian College and Seminary
 - Tuesday A.M. Bonus Session: Dr. Michael Diduit, Editor of *Preaching Magazine*, as part of the Webb Preaching Lectureship
 - Three Tuesday Sessions with David Butts, Harvest Prayer Ministries
 - Enjoy Worship Services led by Nathan Soice, First Christian Church, Monticello, IL
- Date:** November 6 – 7, 2006
- Time:** Registration between 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 6. Retreat concludes at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7.
- Location:** Restoration Hall
- Cost:** \$40 (\$15 is non-refundable). Spouse may attend for additional \$25. If you can only attend one day, the cost is: Monday - \$25; Tuesday - \$20. Registration fee includes Monday evening dinner buffet, Tuesday lunch, and refreshments.
- Registration:** Please register with Darrell Hinkle, First Christian Church, 701 N. Sycamore St., Villa Grove, IL 61956. Ph: 217-832-5231; e-mail: vgfcc@villagrove.com. Registration deadline is October 23, 2006.
- Overnight housing:** Not included in registration fee; however, special rates of \$71 (sleep up to 4) have been arranged at the Holiday Inn Express in Lincoln and will be booked for you when you register.

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ANNUAL WEBB *Lectureship*

ANNUAL WEBB LECTURESHIP



Dr. Michael Duduit

Lincoln Christian College and Seminary will host the 2006 Webb Lectureship on Preaching November 7th on the Lincoln Christian College and Seminary campus. The 2006 guest speaker is Dr. Michael Duduit, president of American Ministry Resources LLC, and the founding publisher and editor of *Preaching* magazine. Dr. Duduit is author and editor of several books, including the *Handbook of Contemporary Preaching* (Broadman & Holman Press), *Joy in Ministry* (Baker Books) and *Communicate With Power* (Baker Books). His email newsletter, *Preaching Now*, is read each week by more than 11,000 pastors

and church leaders in the U.S. and around the world. He has been a pastor and associate pastor, has served a number of churches as interim pastor, and speaks regularly for churches, colleges and conferences. A graduate of Stetson University (B.A., 1975) and Southern Seminary (M.Div., 1979), he earned the Ph.D. in Humanities at Florida State University (1983). Dr. Duduit and his wife, Laura, have two sons, James and Stephen.

Our Lectureship theme this year is "Preaching Truth in a Culture of Confusion" with the following schedule:

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 9:30 a.m. (Earl C Hargrove Chapel)
"Living in a Whatever World"

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 10:30 a.m. (Campus Bookstore) - Book Signing

Tuesday, Nov. 7, Noon (R49, Restoration Hall) - Q & A Session

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 3:00 p.m. (R49, Restoration Hall)
"Preaching Truth in a Culture of Confusion"

The John M. Webb Lectureship on Preaching was established to honor the contributions of John M. Webb (1916-1982), who served the College as Professor of Preaching and Academic Dean from 1956-1975, and was later named Academic Dean Emeritus by the Board of Trustees. Guest lecturers for past Webb Lectureships have featured such outstanding preachers as Fred Craddock, William Willimon, Calvin Miller, Eugene Lowry, and Haddon Robinson. Next year's lecture will be November 14, 2007, and will feature Robert Smith, Jr., of Beeson Divinity School.

"This is a seminar that should not be missed!" commented President Keith Ray. "We are honored to have Dr. Duduit on our campus to share his message with our students and the public."

The public is encouraged to attend the lectureship. There is no charge. For more information visit Lincoln Christian College and Seminary's website at www.lccs.edu or contact Mrs. Lora Clements at (217) 732-3168, extension 2254.

POPLAR CREEK COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH *Honors LCS Professor*

Poplar Creek Community Christian Church, a growing church in the western Chicago suburb of Bartlett, is in the middle of a new building program and has plenty of projects, people and places to invest its resources. However, they never want to lose sight of modeling good stewardship corporately.

Having realized a capital gain on the sale of property, they determined to make a "gift that makes a difference" to a worthy ministry. Pastor Mike Pierce and Poplar Creek Church have numerous connections to LCCS. Mike, his wife Betsy, daughter, son-in-law, parents and uncles are all alums. The church has had as many as five alumni on staff at one time.

The church also enjoys a special relationship with LCS professor Dr. Robert Lowery, who has served in numerous capacities over the last decade and has been a good friend of Poplar Creek. The leadership determined a way to honor

LCCS in general and Dr. Lowery in particular was to provide \$50,000 for the new Seminary Building and name the faculty conference room in honor of Dr. Robert and Marilyn Lowery.

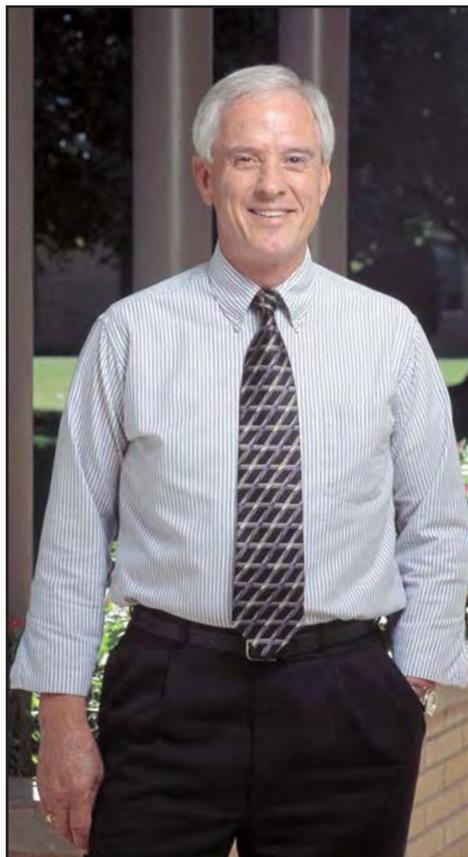
LCCS honors this church, its good stewardship, and its witness in Chicagoland.



Poplar Creek Community Christian Church, Bartlett, Illinois

A WORD FROM LYNN

Vice President of Alumni Development



DEAR ALUMNI AND CO-LABORERS,

By the time you read this, classes at Lincoln will have begun. But I want to share with you an event that occurs each year prior to classes beginning in August. The event is called "Faculty and Staff Retreat," designed to launch us into the next school year. In the morning session we usually discuss an important aspect of the upcoming year. This year was no different, as Gene Harker, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, shared with us the important role that both faculty and staff play in the life of students. We talked about the Strategic Plan, first in a main session and then in small groups. This might sound a little boring to some, but the best is yet to come.

Now for the heart of what I want to share. After being divided into our small groups to discuss the strategic plan, we were then dispersed all over campus to do one thing: pray. We covered every part of campus life, from students to staff, from professors to physical property, and from maintenance to curriculum. Prayers were lifted to the throne of God on behalf of people and programs. We asked for the Lord's blessings to flow down to this campus. We petitioned the Almighty for His mercy to be in abundant supply. We asked for direction for our students as they come to prepare for Kingdom service. It wasn't just "another" prayer time...but an overflow of hearts wanting to be in tune with God and His purpose for LCCS.

After a season of prayer, we came together for corporate worship where the Lord was truly the center of our praise and adoration. The richness of that time is still evident on this campus.

The reason I'm telling you this is because I want you to know the heart and soul of the ministry of Lincoln has not changed. The fervor of President Earl Hargrove is alive today in President Ray, and the servant attitude of faculty and staff still speaks as it did in the early days.

I praise the Lord who never changes and challenges us to maintain the faith.

Your brother and friend,

Lynn R. Laughlin
Vice President of Alumni Development

NATIONAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION

Alumni Reception

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2006

Meet us in Indianapolis, as the 59th National Missionary Convention is hosted at the Indiana Convention Center November 16 – 19, 2006.

An alumni reception and program, including Restoration Awards, will be held on Friday, following the evening's closing session. Details are as follows:

Where: Wabash Room, Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN

Date: November 17, 2006

Time: 8:30 p.m., or immediately after closing session

Cost: No cost, but reservations are required

Register: Please register using the form provided below or go online to www.lccs.edu, Alumni link, and click on the events link to the NMC Alumni Reception registration form.

Name _____ How many reservations? _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Return form to: Alumni Office, Lincoln Christian College and Seminary, 100 Campus View Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656 or fax to 217-732-4078; or register on-line at www.lccs.edu.

Please visit us at our exhibit booth in the convention center.

TIMOTHY HALL REUNION

A reunion for all former Timothy Hall residents is being planned in conjunction with next spring's Holer-Fest on April 30 and May 1, 2007. All past residents are invited to come and mark the last year of Timothy Hall serving this campus as a men's residence hall. Upon the completion of the new women's dorm next year, male students will be moving into a renovated Alumni Hall, and Timothy Hall will take on a new look as faculty offices and classrooms.

More details will be announced. Questions? Contact Cliff Anderson at 217-735-4122 or e-mail him at canderso@lccs.edu.

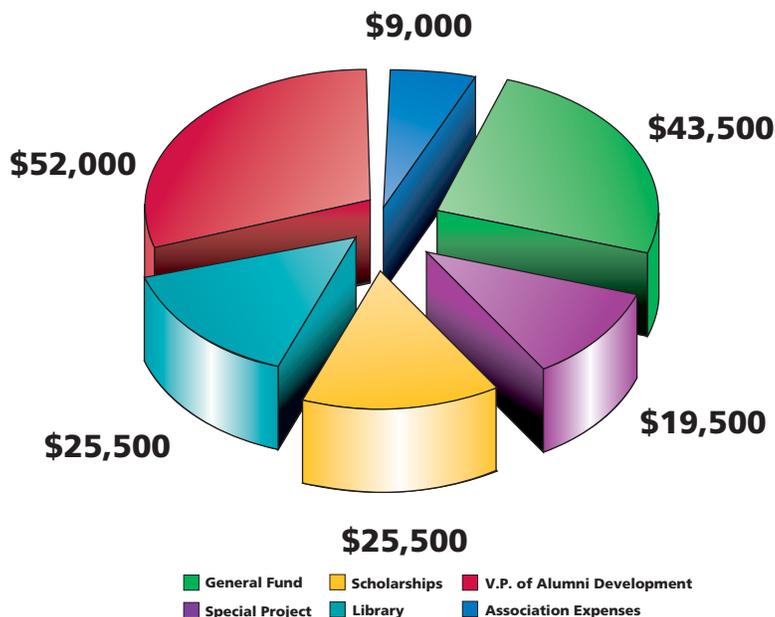
ALUMNI ANNUAL FUND *Drive*

\$175,000 TARGETED FOR 2006-07

September and October are energized months for the Alumni Office as we kick off our annual fund drive, first with a mass mailing to every alumni unit across the country, and then to pull together and train 25 students who will be “our voices” for two weeks in October during our annual phonathon drive.

Two years ago we raised our annual fund goal to \$175,000. We not only reached that goal, but exceeded it by \$21,000. Last year we asked, “Can we do this again?” Indeed, we did do it again and exceeded our \$175,000 goal by \$20,611. As a result, we accomplished some great things that made a significant difference to the ministry of LCCS. For example, we provided scholarship funds to about 30 LCC and LCS students; helped buy new books and tech equipment for the library; provided funds for bathroom renovation in the cafeteria; purchased new trees that have been planted on campus; provided new sound equipment for Henderson Hall; provided general funds for faculty salaries and other day-to-day expenses; helped fund the V.P. of Alumni Development office; and the list goes on.

It's not that we're relaxing, but we're feeling confident now that we can expect another great year in alumni giving. We will aim for \$175,000, with the expectation of going over the top once again. The chart above will explain how we will distribute this year's gifts. Our special project (\$19,500) will be used to cover the housing expense of our missionary in residence and to provide for the purchase and installation of campus security lighting surrounding our residence halls. We look forward to partnering with you as the alumni momentum continues to grow. Thank you for what you are able to do on behalf of our alumni annual fund drive.



OCTOBER MAKES THE *Difference*

There's no question . . . the key to a successful annual fund drive is the personal contact. We try to accomplish that in two ways. First we send each alumni unit a personal letter with an invitation to step into the circle of those who will help shoulder the alumni goal of raising \$175,000.

If we don't hear from our alumni as a result of the letter, we engage 25 students who will be dedicating hundreds of hours to call alumni homes on behalf of the annual fund drive. The effort of our students and your generous response to them definitely makes the difference. That is why October is so important to us!

In addition to seeking your annual gift commitment, these students will talk to you about your needs, concerns, and praises. They will commit to pray for you, and indeed, they will! At the conclusion of each calling session, time is set aside to pray for those who have requested prayer. It is a privilege to be a part of this effort and to share their heart-felt prayers, offered up on behalf of our alumni. When one of our students calls, you will be blessed by allowing them to come to you by phone. As these future alumni look to you for gift commitments and as they engage in prayer on your behalf, would you also be an encouragement to them in their studies here and in their own personal Christian walk. This “two-way ministry” experience is terrific!

LINCOLN ALUMNUS RE-INTRODUCES NOTED PROFESSOR, PREACHER AND THEOLOGIAN

Alumnus **Kurt Iver Johanson, LCC '83, LCS**, of Dallas, Texas, has contributed to a book edited and published as a testament to the life and times of James S. Stewart. Stewart is believed by some to be the greatest preacher of the 20th Century. The book, *Walking with God*, is a volume of 30 unpublished sermons by Stewart that are described as “probing, all with an urgency that speaks to the importance of preaching. He is a preacher’s preacher, an artist of the English sentence and a poet who speaks to matters of the heart. He demonstrates what it means to read the Bible theologically . . . and thus preaches the words that strengthen and inspire” (Paul Scott Wilson, Professor of Homiletics, Emmanuel College, University of Toronto). Kurt Johanson, Senior Minister at Pleasant Grove Christian Church in Dallas, Texas, and Adjunct Professor at Dallas Christian College, provided the Afterword.

MINISTRY NEWS

Jeff Mayfield, LCC '79, LCS, has accepted the position of Minister of Discipleship at Central Christian Church, Beloit, Wisconsin. Several LCCS alumni are on staff at Central, including **David Clark, Craig Zastrow, David Meding, and Lana Clark**. Jeff served LCCS for 17 years in a number of roles. Jeff and his wife **Melinda, LCC**, and son Payne began their new ministry in September, 2006.

Scott Stocking, LCS '95, began his fifth year of service at the Congregational Christian Church, Roberts, Illinois, and his fifth year as adjunct faculty in Lincoln’s LincUp program. He also recently copy-edited the book, *Sailing with Scoundrels and Kings*, by John Jourdan.

Larry Zumwalt, LCC '71, sends a ministry update reporting that the New Life Praise and Worship Center located in Peru, Indiana, has moved to a new downtown location. Larry is recovering nicely from a mild stroke and is back at work.

Bill Lindsay, LCC '98, and his wife Rose, whom he met in Izmir, Turkey, are serving as LCC Missionaries in Residence this semester. Bill has returned to the States in order to further his education. His ministry experiences in Turkey, which is 99.6% Muslim, included language-learning, earthquake relief near Istanbul, coffee house outreach, discipleship, drama, and camp work.

Tom Myers, LBI '59, completed 50 years of ministry with a retirement celebration at the First Christian Church of Fallbrook, California, on June 25, 2006. Tom and his wife Sharon have moved to Groveland, Illinois, to be close to family. Alumnus **Elwyn Buche, LBI '56**, of Placentia, California, presented Tom with the Christian Servant’s Award on behalf of the LCCS Alumni Association at the retirement celebration.

Tom Ewald, LBI '60, LCS '64 and '69, is one of three authors to publish an article in the recent *Journal of Psychotherapy* entitled “The Relationship among Shame, Guilt, and Self-Efficacy.” Tom is Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at Lincoln Christian Seminary.

Becky Payne, LCC '94, LCS '00, has passed her National Counselor Exam and is officially a Licensed Professional Counselor for the State of Illinois. Becky resides in Springfield, Illinois, and ministers with the Inner City Mission there.

Three Lincoln professors have recently contributed a chapter to the book, *Evangelicalism & The Stone-Campbell Movement, Vol. 2, Engaging Basic Christian Doctrine*. Those professors are Drs. Gary Hall, Brian Johnson, and Robert Kurka. Alumnus **Dr. Paul Kissing, LCS '84**, also contributed a chapter. The book was edited by alumnus **Dr. William Baker, LCC '74, LCS**. It is published by ACU Press, Abilene, TX.

Robert Hayworth, LCC '80, reports that his responsibility has shifted from Worship Minister to Interim Pastor at Grace Brethren Church in Chico, California.

Marjorie Iden, LCC '64, retired from Christian Education/Children’s Ministry after 42 years in the local church effective August 31, 2006. Marge resides in Lincoln, Illinois, where she has concluded her Children’s Ministry at the Lincoln Christian Church. Marge’s many gifts also include Christian public speaking, camp work, leading worship, vocal soloist, pianist, guitarist, and vibra harpist. Marge was presented Lincoln’s Restoration Award in 2001 and the Christian Servant’s Award on September 10, 2006.

Dr. Robert Kurka, LCS '79, has been selected to receive the 2006 Alumni Distinguished Servant Award from Crossroads College (formerly Minnesota Bible College) in October of this year. It is given to deserving and achieving alumni who have demonstrated a heart for ministry and accomplishments worthy of note. Congratulations to Dr. Kurka, who serves LCCS as Professor of Bible and Theology.

MISCELLANEOUS

Jason “JP” Miller, LCC '04, has been named publisher of Badger Nation.com and BadgerNation magazine, a media outlet that specializes in reporting University of

Wisconsin-Madison Badger athletic news. Jason resides in West Branch, Iowa.

Helen (Cranfield) Walker, LCC, and husband Phillip recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They reside in Shrewsbury, United Kingdom.

Mandy Wagner, LCC '02, reports she graduated from the University of Kansas in the spring of 2006 with her Master of Public Administration. Mandy serves in City Management with the City of Derby, Kansas.

David Schultz, LCC '75, recently participated in a seminar, “Religion in American Life,” in College Park, Maryland. He has been named a Fellow by the Knight Center for Specialized Journalism. He is the associate editor of the Huntington, Indiana, Herald-Press, where he reports on government and writes a column.

April (Heern) Twenhafel, LCC '02, is attending Fuller Theological Seminary pursuing a master’s degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. She and her husband Nick celebrated their one-year anniversary in May, 2006. They reside in Huntington Beach, California.

Rachael (Smith) Traywick, LCS '95, was married to John Traywick on January 10, 2006, in Poipu, Hawaii. The couple resides in Lihue, Hawaii on the island of Kauai, where they are each employed in the real estate industry.

Lloyd Ludwick, LCS '87, '88, received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Covenant Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. **Pam Ludwick, LCC '83, LCS '91**, completed her third year of teaching after receiving her Master of Education and teacher certification in 2003. They also celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in May, 2006.

BIRTHS

Karl (LCC '93) and **Stephanie Flentje** were blessed with a third child, Ruth Tabea, on June 17, 2006. She joins her big brother Samuel and sister Rebekka. The family lives and ministers in Muhlhausen, Germany and can be contacted at Pastor@Baptisten-Mhl.de.

Greg, LCC '96, LCS '01, and Jenny (Royalty) Lee, LCC '98, announce the birth of Mary Abigail Lee on June 17, 2006. “Abby” joins brother Jack. Greg and Jenny minister with Suncrest Christian Church in St. John, Indiana, where Greg is lead pastor.

Ben and Karen (LCS '02) Lee announce the birth of Nathan David, born May 13, 2006. Nathan joins brother Marcus, age 2. The family resides in Bloomington, Illinois.

Kyle Proctor, LCC '99, and wife Janelle (Siebert), LCC '01, welcomed a son, Camden Andrew, born February 15, 2006. Kyle is employed with West Central Regional Community Corrections in Veedersburg, Indiana; and Janelle is employed at Security Abstract & Title Company in Crawfordsville, Indiana. They reside in Waynetown, Indiana.

Kurt Smith, LCC '01, and wife Mailee announce the birth of their firstborn son, Moses Obadyeah, born Easter Sunday, April 16, 2006. The family resides in Sreator, Illinois.

Tony and Meghan (Meier) Ross, LCC '02, announce the birth of their first child, Landon Matthew, born May 13, 2006. Tony serves as music minister and Meghan is children’s minister with the First Church of Christ in Georgetown, Illinois.

Chris Simpson, LCS '99, and wife Kaysha, LCC '98, celebrate the arrival of Lydia Marie on June 5, 2006. Chris serves as Assistant Professor of Philosophy in Lincoln’s IDS department.

Jason Anhalt, LCC '03, and wife Brooklyn announce the birth of their first child, Noah John, born in April, 2006. Jason ministers with the Parkview Christian Church in Orland Park, Illinois.

Ron Buche, LCC '91, and wife Erin (Johnson) Buche, LCC, announce the birth of Joise May, born August 17, 2006. Ron and Erin minister with the Deep River Church of Christ, Merrillville, Indiana, where Ron serves as preaching minister.

DEATHS

Delbert L. Pickett, LBI, passed from this life at the age of 73 on September 6, 2005, in Pana, Illinois. He is survived by his wife **Carleen, LBI**. Delbert was recognized as an honored veteran of the Armed Forces at the graveside service with military rites by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, as well as the AmVets Honor Guard. Carleen requests memorial gifts be sent to the Pana Christian Church or the Alumni Association of Lincoln Christian College and Seminary.

Jack Busby, LBI, age 78, passed away suddenly on July 24, 2006. At the time of his death, he was residing in Greenville, Illinois, where he was ministering with the Woburn Church of Christ. Services were held in Salem, Illinois, with many of Jack’s LBI colleagues participating.

R. Dean Hickerson, LBI '56, age 77, passed away suddenly on July 23, 2006. He had been involved in inner city mission work in the Kansas City area for many years. Memorial services were held at the Legacy Christian Church in Overland Park, Kansas, with Dean’s brother **Kent Hickerson, LCC '63**, officiating.



Do you hear what I hear?

Thursday, November 30

7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 1

7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 2

10:00 a.m. ❖ 2:30 p.m.

❖ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 3

3:00 p.m.



CHRISTMAS IN THE CHAPEL

Christmas ticket request forms will be mailed in October to those on our mailing list; or please contact us at (217) 220-2253 or at christmas@lccs.edu to request an order form.

To download a ticket request form, please visit: www.lccs.edu/christmas.

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Mission Statement:

Lincoln Christian College and Seminary is a Christian higher education community whose mission is to nurture and equip Christians with a Biblical worldview to serve and lead in the church and the world.

Core Values:

We believe our highest privilege is to glorify God, serve His Son, and rely upon His Holy Spirit. To that end we pledge ourselves to these core values:

- 1. Authentic community* that fosters Christian character, conduct, accountability, and unity amidst growing diversity.
- 2. Holistic development* of students in and out of the classroom as spiritually mature and academically prepared lifelong learners.
- 3. Servant leadership* and its focus on leading and learning through serving, based on one's gifts, passion, and sense of calling.
- 4. Responsible stewardship* of the abilities and resources that God provides for and through His people.
- 5. Our Restoration heritage* and its plea for Christian unity and Biblical authority in carrying out God's global mission.



Dr. Keith H. Ray

Dear Friends,

In our usual tradition, the President's Report is a synopsis of our fiscal year 2006. You will note that it is structured after our strategic plan and provides both quantitative and qualitative reports. This may require you to peruse with greater scrutiny and an eye toward our vision. Please take the time to do this. Our accountability to you is of paramount importance to us.

This year, more than most, has had its challenges with increased enrollment but less tuition dollars due to our generous scholarship. We have received accreditation approval from all three agencies, but there is a need for diversity among our students, faculty, and staff. The long awaited Doctor of Ministry was approved and will be underway by the time you receive this *Restorer* issue. All in all, we continue to move forward with humble anticipation of God's leading and provision. We are indebted to Him and you as our "life-giving" partners.

As you snuggle up into a comfortable chair to read this issue, be reminded you deserve a good portion of credit in the news of our mission. The servant leaders that emerge from our campus are a by-product of numerous resources converging on a 227-acre campus in Lincoln, Illinois... and the world is a better place for it. May our God be praised!

Yours for Kingdom Partnership,


Dr. Keith H. Ray, President

Highlights to Celebrate

This year Lincoln Christian College and Seminary . . .

- had the second highest annual enrollment with 1,243 students
- enrolled the largest incoming class in the College's history this fall with 254
- enrolled the 2nd largest incoming class in the Seminary's history this fall with 108
- enrolled the highest total number of students this fall in our history with 1,124
- had nearly two-thirds of new freshmen desiring to serve in ministry or missions, compared to only one-fourth ten years ago
- graduated the largest class in Lincoln's history with 211 degrees, including a record 151 in the College and 60 in the Seminary
- placed more than 95% of its graduates in various ministry and other positions, including more than 10% in cross-cultural ministry
- had a record number of students who majored in preaching and youth ministry, with more than 150, double from a decade ago
- had near record gift income from churches, almost \$1 million . . . second year in a row at the million level

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROGRAM

Lincoln's Highest Degree



Dr. Robert Kurka will teach the D. Min. course from March 26-30, 2007.



Details of the D. Min. program are introduced to interested alumni.



Dr. Jeff Snell (center), Director of the D. Min. program, explains details to prospective students.



Students can attend D. Min. classes for one week each quarter.

Over four decades of dreaming and a decade of prayerful planning culminated January 8-12, 2007, with the launching of Lincoln's Doctor of Ministry program. The D.Min. is the highest professional degree focused on effective ministry practice. Offering this program reflects the Seminary's commitment to equipping servant-leaders who are lifelong learners.

On January 8, Dr. James Estep and Dr. Jeff Snell presented *Developing Effective Ministry Research Skills*, a seminar that introduces students to the critical thinking and research skills necessary for optimum effectiveness. This was followed by *Developing a Biblically Grounded Ministry*, by Dr. Robert Lowery. This course helps students develop advanced skills in employing Scripture to address contemporary ministry concerns.

Lincoln's Doctor of Ministry program offers an opportunity to equip for maximum impact through

- *Renewing of the mind.* Ministry in our ever-changing culture is increasingly complex. Kingdom leaders need a deeper and broader intellectual foundation, because they serve in a world in which knowledge doubles every five years.
- *Refreshing of the spirit.* The tenure of church leaders is on the decline, reflecting the high levels of stress and frustration they increasingly experience. Focused time with God, as well as enriching relationships with informed peers and seasoned experts, can help address this concern.
- *Retooling of the hands.* Ministry skills can be gained in numerous ways. Optimal effectiveness, however, requires the integration of critical thinking about ministry theory and careful attention to ministry practice.

Program features include:

- *Specializations* in preaching, church/parachurch leadership, spiritual formation, and pastor care.
- *A synergistic learning environment* featuring gifted scholars and nationally renowned practitioners teaching classes together.
- *Trusted Lincoln personnel* combined with fresh and diverse voices (including Dr. Robert Smith of Beeson Divinity School and Dr. John Walker of Blessing Ranch).
- *Flexible education* that respects and enhances previous ministry training and experiences.
- *Convenient scheduling* that enables students to finish in as little as three years with as few as six trips away from home. Classes last one week, courses are offered quarterly, and scheduling is sensitive to ministry demands.
- *Affordable, credentialed training.* The 36-hour program, which costs \$375 per credit hour, is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools (www.ats.edu).

The next D.Min. course, which will be offered March 26-30, is *Developing a Culturally Sensitive Ministry*. It will be taught by Dr. Robert Kurka and LCCS President Dr. Keith Ray. On June 11-15, Dr. J.K. Jones and Dr. Neal Windham will offer *Developing a Devotionally Shaped Ministry*.

For further information about this exciting new program, please see the LCCS website (www.lccs.edu) or contact D.Min. Director Dr. Jeff Snell at (217) 732-3168 or jsnell@lccs.edu.

HELP US BUILD A NEW BUILDING *for the Seminary*

Lincoln Christian College and Lincoln Christian Seminary have always depended upon the financial partnership of our alumni, churches, and friends to train servant leaders for the Kingdom. This will never change, and it has always been good that LCCS be accountable to our partners as we steward the resources graciously provided. It is our prayer that we will always be a worthy and valuable “return on investment” as we supply excellent servant leaders of the Lord’s church.



Pictured above is a conceptual drawing of the new and yet unnamed Seminary headquarters.

Why A New Seminary Building:

Then...

In May of 1966, Lincoln Christian Seminary dedicated a brand new graduate building, Restoration Hall. Built at a cost of \$288,000 with a special gift from the B.D. Phillips family, this facility was designed to house a student body of 100 and a faculty of eight, offering two graduate degrees. At the birth of the Seminary, LCS was one of the smallest seminaries in the country.

Now...

Much has changed over the last forty years, but the Seminary's mission to prepare servant leaders for the church has never changed. Today, Lincoln Christian Seminary has more than 400 students with thirteen faculty, offering two certificates and five degrees, plus a doctorate. Now Lincoln Christian Seminary is in the top 20% in size.

But forty years later our Seminary still resides in Restoration Hall, which has been "restored" about as many times as it can be. The Seminary has simply outgrown its 40-year-old home and needs a new place for a new time and a new world. The Seminary, which places nearly 100% of its students in leadership ministry, needs this kind of place to call home for her next generation of students.

The Need...

The vital need and demand for servant leaders continues to increase. The new Seminary building will give us room to continue our remarkable growth and help meet the needs of the church.

The new facility will feature technologically-equipped classrooms, a worship center/lecture hall, a student commons, and a faculty com-

mons that will build community, along with an open and inviting foyer that speaks to the openness and outreach that Lincoln has demonstrated for forty years.

What is to become of Restoration Hall?

Restoration Hall will provide classrooms for our growing undergraduate school. Like the Seminary, Lincoln Christian College has experienced remarkable growth in the last ten years, and we need additional classrooms.

How You Can Help...

At this time, there is no single benefactor to provide the funds. Instead, we are asking our alumni, friends, and churches to provide \$4 million to give us a debt-free facility that will provide an excellent learning environment for Lincoln Christian Seminary students for years to come. Will you help us build a building that meets that mission and prepares a whole new generation of Christian leaders to serve all around the world?

You will find in this issue a pledge envelope. Would you consider a one-time gift or a multi-year pledge? All gifts of \$1,000 or more will be recognized on a donor wall in the new building.

The new seminary building provides us with several naming opportunities. The building, a classroom, or a faculty office may be named for the donor or by the donor to memorialize or honor another family member or person.

**Call Gary Edwards at (888) 522-5228
to discuss naming opportunities.**

A COMMUNITY *Committed to Learning*

We are committed to learning through a diversity of learning approaches, especially through . . .

- **Mentored/Service Learning**

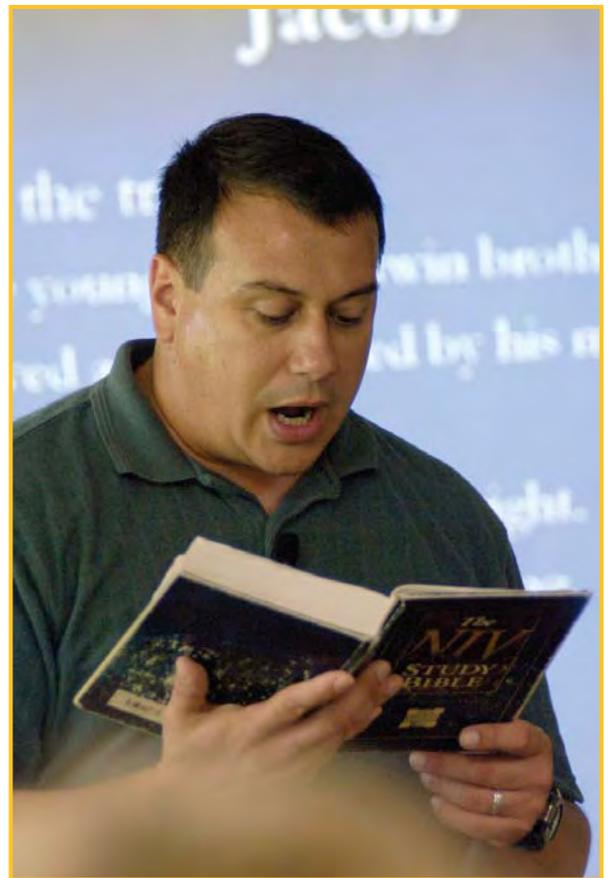
- ✓ Faculty advising and faculty concern for students were rated in the top 20% among all private colleges in this country, according to the nationally administered Student Satisfaction Inventory by Noel-Levitz
- ✓ Student-faculty interaction and a supportive campus environment were rated in the top 35% among all colleges in this country, according to the National Survey of Student Engagement from Indiana University
- ✓ Nearly nine in ten (88%) of LCC students were engaged in community service and/or other field experiences, compared to less than 60% of students at other private colleges
- ✓ Senior college students rated their internship experiences as very valuable, with a score of 4.5 out of a possible 5.0
- ✓ Senior college students rated LCC faculty at a very high 4.5 out of a possible 5.0

- **Cross-Cultural Learning**

- ✓ 22% of LCC students were engaged in international Week of Evangelism trips in 2006
- ✓ 45% of LCC students participated in some form of cross-cultural experience during Week of Evangelism in 2006
- ✓ Faculty served in more than 35 countries during the last five years

- **Other Learning Approaches**

- ✓ Nearly half (48%) of our students are involved in independent research with our faculty, compared to only one fourth (23%) at other private colleges
- ✓ Nearly two thirds (63%) of our students reported working with faculty outside of the classroom in some significant learning experience compared to only 48% of students at other colleges and universities



Brian Johnson is a popular Professor of New Testament in the College.



Students are a part of the process of assessment wherein effective teaching is rated.

- ✓ Students rated their spiritual development here at a 9 out of 10, compared to 6 out of 10 for all other private college students

- ✓ Seminary students rate their experiences in integrating theology and ministry well above the national norms for seminaries

- **Overall Learning**

- ✓ Lincoln students in the College and Seminary rated their overall academic experiences well above the national norms on three different national measurements of educational effectiveness

- ✓ Faculty are consistently rated by our students well above national norms among all major categories of student satisfaction
- ✓ More than three fourths (76%) of our College students scored above the national norms in standard tests for reading, writing, and critical thinking and 38% scored in the top 25%
- ✓ Nearly one third (31%) of our students were honored students (Deans' List) in the 2005- 06 academic year

We are committed to learning by making assessment and improvement a priority, especially by . . .

• Implementing Assessment

- ✓ College and Seminary have begun using nationally-normed assessment tools to determine how well our students are doing compared to peers at colleges and seminaries across the country. In every major category, our students rate Lincoln above the national norms
- ✓ Three accrediting teams reviewed our College and Seminary and gave Lincoln high praise for teaching and learning

We are committed to learning by developing a faculty of sufficient size and diversity . . .

• Improved student/faculty ratio

- ✓ The College student/faculty ratio increased to 16:1, right at the average Bible college ratio
- ✓ The Seminary student/faculty ratio increased to 14:1 (higher than the average seminary ratio of 9:1) due to our continued enrollment growth

• More diverse and more developed faculty

- ✓ Percentage of female faculty has tripled in the last five years from 11% to 31%



This section is a display of books published by LCCS faculty and can be found in our campus bookstore.

- ✓ Percentage of faculty with doctorates (or pursuing doctorates) has grown from 48% to 56% in the last five years
- ✓ The total number of faculty in terms of full-time equivalency has grown from 51 to 59 in the last five years
- ✓ Hired our first non-white faculty member in 2006 and just hired another for 2007
- ✓ Faculty published 12 books, 45 chapters in books, 24 book reviews, and 60 journal articles and presented 39 papers at academic conferences
- ✓ Two faculty presented papers at international conferences this past year



Lincoln students rank us above peer colleges and seminaries in every major area.

A COMMUNITY *Committed to Leadership*

We are committed to leadership by preparing servant leaders through existing and new programs . . .

- **Revised existing programs in preaching, youth ministry, worship, and other majors**
 - ✓ Had largest number of preaching and youth ministry majors in several decades with more than 150
 - ✓ Saw increase of 96% in worship ministry majors from 25 to 49 in two years
 - ✓ Enrolled largest number of mission majors in College history with more than 85
 - ✓ Enrolled largest number of Master of Divinity students in Seminary history with 115
 - ✓ Enrolled largest number of Master of Arts students in Seminary history with 234
- **Placed more students in leadership ministry than ever in our history**
 - ✓ Graduated largest total class ever with 211 graduates in the College and the Seminary
 - ✓ Graduated largest undergraduate class ever with 151 graduates in the College



Receiving a Master's degree is further honored by the adorning of the hood.

Seminary Lectureship February 21, 2007 Featuring Dr. Diane Langberg

Dr. Diane Langberg, Ph.D., is a practicing psychologist whose clinical expertise includes 35 years of working with trauma survivors and clergy. She speaks internationally on topics related to women, trauma, ministry, and the Christian life.

Dr. Langberg is director of a group practice in suburban Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which is staffed by Christian psychologists, social workers, and counselors. She is a faculty member of Westminster Theological Seminary. She is the author of *Counsel for Pastor's Wives* (Zondervan), *Counseling Survivors of Sexual Abuse* (Xulon Press), and *On the Threshold of Hope: Opening the Door to Healing for Survivors of Sexual Abuse* (Tyndale House). Dr. Langberg is a columnist for *Christian Counseling Today* and contributes to many other publications.

Dr. Langberg is Chair of the Executive Board of the American Association of Christian Counselors, serves on the boards of Ministry Wives Network International and GRACE (Godly Response to Abuse in a Christian Environment), and the Society for Christian Psychology. She is also the founder of The Place of Refuge, an inner-city, non-profit trauma and training center. Dr. Langberg is the recipient of the Distinguished Alumna for Professional Achievement from Taylor University, the American Association of Christian Counselor's Caregiver Award, and the Philadelphia Council of Clergy's Christian Service Award. She is married and has two sons.



Dr. Diane Langberg

The lectureship is free and open to the public.

Theme: Human Suffering and Pastoral Presence

Schedule:

- 9:30 a.m. Lecture 1: "Scenes from a Counselor's Life: A Journey into the Heart of God"
- 12:00 noon Q & A in the Cafeteria Addition
- 2:30 p.m. Lecture 2: "Ministry in the Midst of Sexual Abuse"

Thank you, Christian Homes, Inc. of Lincoln, Illinois, for your assistance as a co-sponsor of this lectureship and for your partnership in bringing Dr. Langberg to our campus.

For more information, please call the Seminary office at 217-732-3168, ext. 2354 or e-mail bboggs@lccs.edu.

- ✓ Placed 95% of College graduates in ministry or related areas
- ✓ Placed 98% of Seminary graduates in leadership ministry
- ✓ Sent 10% of our graduates into cross-cultural ministry
- ✓ Sent more than 70 students into preaching and youth ministries

We are committed to leadership by assisting local congregations in developing leaders . . .

• Coaching

- ✓ Conducted 14 congregational assessments with follow-up consultation for churches
- ✓ Provided consultation service for 17 churches and Christian organizations
- ✓ Led leadership seminars for 13 churches

• Conferences

- ✓ Hosted 87 ministers for the Illinois Ministers’ Retreat in November
- ✓ Hosted about 650 church leaders from 150 churches in nine states for the Elders’ and Church Leaders’ Conference in February and developed a DVD of training materials for helping churches become more effective redemptive communities
- ✓ Hosted 825 ladies for the Christian Women’s Conference in April

• Resources/Services

- ✓ Scheduled 244 speakers for pulpit supply and special events, and reported 352 speaking engagements arranged by faculty and staff
- ✓ Publicized 571 ministry opportunities
- ✓ Provided 2,015 lists to various individuals and churches in our ministry referral service with an additional 63,848 downloads
- ✓ Had 38,688 hits on the Church Development web page
- ✓ Averaged 1,800 hits per month on the Church Leader Network



Dr. Paul Copan, Professor of Philosophy from Palm Beach Atlantic, was the featured speaker for the Strauss Lectureship.



Nearly 400 subscribers around the world use our Church Leader Network website.

- ✓ Continued upgrades to the Church Leader Network website with nearly 400 registered users from 38 states and 14 other countries. (Check out the Global Network on the homepage at www.churchleader.net)

We are committed to leadership by modeling Biblical leadership principles . . .

- Committing our future to God’s leadership through bold visioning . . .**
- ✓ Developed a “Lincoln 2015” Strategic Plan for the next decade (see plan on page 10)

LINCOLN 2015: A STRATEGIC PLAN — *An Unprecedented Endeavor*

For the last five years we have pursued a plan that has focused on developing a community committed—committed to learning, leadership, students, stewardship, and covenant relationships. That plan, described in this *Restorer*, is now giving way to a new plan based on a new vision. That new vision, established by our Board of Trustees last year, is for Lincoln to become “a national leader in Christian education.” The campus community has spent nearly a year discussing that vision and developing a strategic plan that will help bring it to reality during the next decade. The resulting strategic plan has four major planning priorities, accompanied by sixteen strategic initiatives. While several of these initiatives await funding, it is all the more important to plan wisely for the future, recognizing the wisdom of Proverbs 19:21, “*Many are the plans of a man’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.*” That is our prayer: that His purpose prevails.

We will become A National Leader In Christian Education by Developing . . .

1) A Mission-minded

COMMUNITY OF SERVANT LEADERS focused on . . .

- *Exemplary students* who value and demonstrate learning, serving, leading, discipling, diversity, and holistic development, with special attention on spiritual formation
- *Excellent faculty* who are professionally competent, spiritually mature, increasingly diverse, suitably rewarded, and engaged in teaching, scholarship, and service at local, national, and international levels
- *Engaged staff* who are appropriately credentialed, committed, compensated, diverse, and growing professionally in their responsibilities

2) A Mission-minded

CULTURE OF LEARNING focused on . . .

- *Service learning* where students learn by serving through increased emphasis on mentored ministry in various settings, including exploring a “work college” model where students work to reduce their costs
- *Worldview thinking* where students and faculty understand and live a Biblical worldview, as well as understand, evaluate, and engage other worldviews
- *Cross-cultural learning* where more students study abroad and an increasing number of American ethnic and international students study here in order to reflect a more global and diverse campus
- *Lifelong learning* where students understand the skills and attitudes necessary to continue their education—formally and informally—throughout a lifetime of service
- *Learning through information literacy* where students understand and faculty model how to locate, evaluate, and communicate information needed for their respective areas of service, and where library facilities, resources, services, and instruction encourage and enhance that kind of learning
- *Learning through academic programs* where students learn more deeply by strengthening existing programs and initiating new ones, based on our mission, market, and available monies

- *Assessment leading* to improvement of our students’ learning through benchmarks that exceed national norms in every major category of learning and student satisfaction

3) A Mission-minded

CAMPUS OF QUALITY focused on . . .

- *Enhanced facilities* that encourage community living and learning in responsible ways, especially through new and upgraded residence halls, remodeled faculty and classroom facilities, new seminary building, more community-oriented cafeteria, expanded athletic facilities, remodeled/new library facility, and technology appropriate for twenty-first century learning—all in an environment focused on ecological sustainability
- *Expanded finances* that support a well-maintained campus, an ample endowment, an adequate amount of operating reserves, and sufficient funds for scholarships and fellowships to make a Lincoln education accessible and affordable nationally and internationally to all qualified students

4) A Mission-minded

CONNECTION WITH OTHERS focused on . . .

- *Expanded relationships with churches* through our church development efforts and through targeted partnerships with key churches in a variety of settings, including more diverse churches
- *Enhanced relationships* with alumni through our alumni development efforts that focus on increased support, improved recruitment, and greater attention to and care for our alumni
- *Improved marketing* to increase our recognition on a local, regional, national, and even international scale, including greater use of technology
- *More intentional national and international connections* by partnering with other organizations that will help us enhance our mission and vision

A COMMUNITY *Committed to Students*

We are committed to students by recruiting and retaining mission-minded students . . .

- **Recruitment and Enrollment**

- ✓ Enrolled largest new class in College history this fall with 254 (2nd highest in Seminary with 108)
- ✓ Had second highest enrollment ever last year with 1,243 students in both schools
- ✓ Had largest number of total students ever in Seminary this fall with 363
- ✓ Had third highest ever average ACT score for entering freshmen (in top 1/3 nationally)
- ✓ Had one of the most ministry-focused entering classes in years with nearly two thirds committed to local church ministry or cross-cultural missions
- ✓ More than 4 in 10 (42%) of new freshmen came from churches over 500 in Sunday attendance
- ✓ Nearly 1 in 7 (14%) of new freshmen came from churches under 100 in Sunday attendance
- ✓ Nearly 5 in 10 (46%) considered no other college except Lincoln
- ✓ Nearly half (45%) of new seminarians will work at least half-time, most in ministry, compared to national average of only 29% among all seminaries
- ✓ Nearly one third (31%) of new seminarians will commute more than one hour to campus, compared to only 14% nationwide among all seminarians

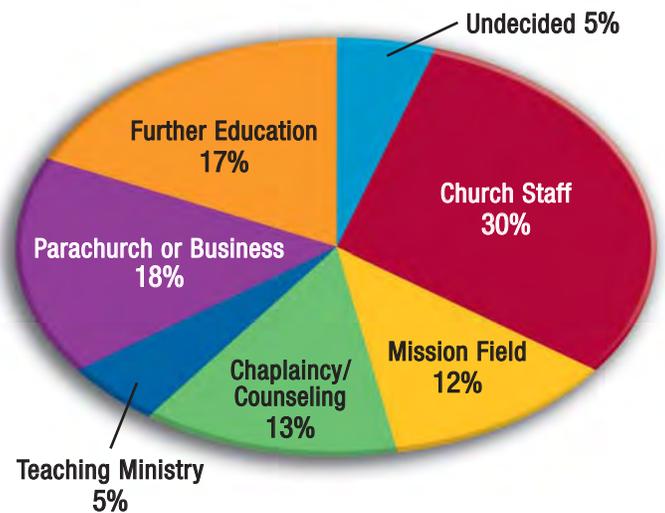
- **Retention and Graduation**

- ✓ Graduated second highest percentage of students in decades with 52% of entering freshmen from at least four years ago graduating this past spring (peer average is 48%)
- ✓ Had freshman to sophomore retention rate of 68%, above peer average of 65%
- ✓ Had 87% retention rate for all college students last spring; 89% for all seminarians



Seminary Professor Robert Douglas can be found regularly in conversation with Seminary students.

Placement of Graduates



- ✓ Began new academic advising system based on a “life map” approach
- ✓ Had largest graduating class in history last spring with 211
- ✓ Placed more than 95% of all graduates in ministry or related area last spring
- ✓ Filled every bed and more in every residence hall this fall with highest occupancy rate in decades at 102%
- ✓ Began construction on new residence hall to accommodate increasing growth



Small group gatherings take place across campus weekly.

A COMMUNITY *Committed to Stewardship*

We are committed to stewardship by increasing endowment and decreasing debt . . .

- **Increased endowment**
 - ✓ Endowment total of \$4.78 million is above peer average of \$3.1 million
 - ✓ At least one fourth of all unrestricted estate gifts are placed in the endowment fund
- **Decreased debt**
 - ✓ Operating debt has decreased by 20% over the last five years
 - ✓ Operating debt totals \$2.2 million, down from peak of \$3.7 million in 1999
 - ✓ Capital debt of \$5 million to remodel/rebuild the campus was down to \$4.6 million last year
 - ✓ Average debt of peer schools is \$4.9 million

• **We are committed to stewardship by stewarding our people . . .**

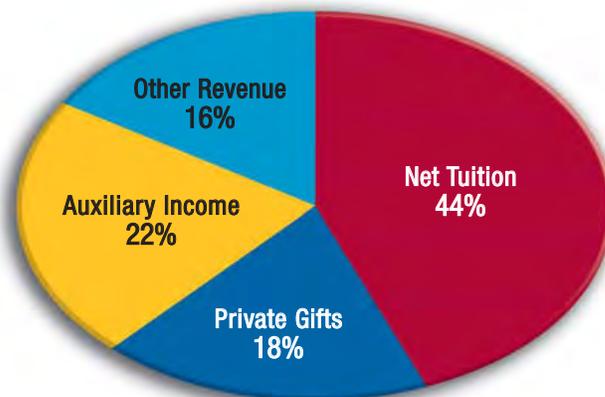
- ✓ 62% of our budget is devoted to salaries and benefits, consistent with peer institutions
- ✓ Faculty salaries are above peer averages for peer seminaries but are slightly below average for peer Bible colleges
- ✓ Recent employee surveys indicate faculty and staff overwhelmingly affirm LCCS for its compensation scale, balance of work and life, job satisfaction, and overall reputation
- ✓ The average loan at graduation for a College or Seminary student is only \$10,900, compared to national average of more than \$22,000; one third leave with no debt at all

Top Ten Donor Churches 2005-2006

1. Lincoln Christian Church, Lincoln, IL	\$56,466
2. Poplar Creek Christian Church, Bartlett, IL	\$50,000
3. West Side Christian Church, Springfield, IL	\$48,033
4. Central Christian Church, Mt. Vernon, IL	\$40,030
5. First Christian Church, Fairfield, IL	\$37,766
6. Eastview Christian Church, Normal, IL	\$32,140
7. First Christian Church, Morris, IL	\$16,600
8. Madison Park Christian Church, Quincy, IL	\$16,135
9. Traders Point Christian Church, Indianapolis, IN	\$15,000
10. Jefferson Street Christian Church, Lincoln, IL	\$14,641

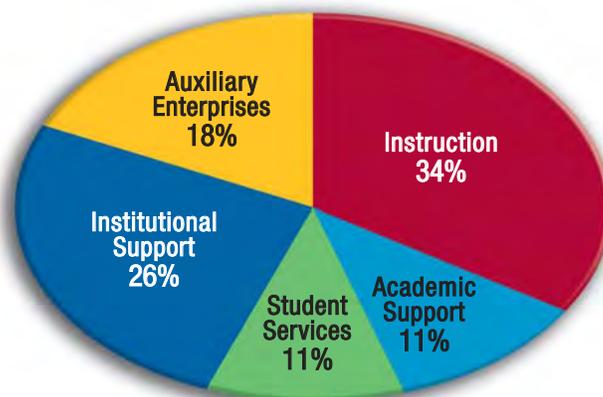
We are committed to stewardship by being fiscally responsible with our annual budgets . . .

Revenue for 2005-06 Fiscal Year



Net Tuition	\$5.3 million
Private Gifts.....	\$2.2 million
Auxiliary Income	\$2.7 million
Other Revenue	\$2.0 million
Total Revenue	\$12.2 million

Expenses for 2005-06 Fiscal Year



Instruction	\$4.1 million
Academic Support.....	\$1.4 million
Student Services.....	\$1.4 million
Institutional Support.....	\$3.2 million
Auxiliary Enterprises	\$2.0 million
Total Expenses.....	\$12.1 million

A COMMUNITY

Committed to Covenant Relationships

We are committed to covenant relationships by developing partnerships with key churches, alumni, and others, and also by treating our various constituents well . . .

- **Through the Church Development Office, which**

- ✓ Coordinated about 250 preaching and teaching engagements last year, with an additional 350 other engagements being filled directly by faculty and staff
- ✓ Publicized nearly 600 new ministries to students and other interested persons
- ✓ Sent out over 2,000 lists for new ministries to persons requesting them
- ✓ Posted new ministry lists online with almost 64,000 downloads

- **Through the Alumni Office, which**

- ✓ Sponsored fourth annual “Sustaining Ministry Excellence” week for mid-career ministers at Blessing Ranch, Livermore, Colorado
- ✓ Hosted receptions at NACC, the National Missionary Convention, and the Eastern Christian Convention
- ✓ Provided “tuition-free” grants to children/grandchildren of alumni to attend spring and summer events, camps, and WorldView Eyes
- ✓ Provided benevolent funds to alumni with special needs
- ✓ Presented four 2006 Restoration Awards to outstanding alumni:
 1. Janet Shaw in the field of Higher Christian Education (featured in June issue of the *Restorer*)
 2. Dr. John and Deanna Walker in the field of Christian Counseling
 3. Richard Wamsley in the field of Preaching Ministry
 4. Curt Nordhielm in the field of Missions



Dr. Keith Ray (far left) and Lynn Laughlin (far right) presented three Restoration Awards during our National Missionary Convention Reception to Richard Wamsley, left, Deanna and John Walker (center), and Curt Nordhielm (right).

- **Through Stewardship Development Office, which**

- ✓ Launched the Lincoln 2015 campaign to raise funds for the construction of a new Seminary building and dormitory
- ✓ Offered estate planning seminars and assisted 182 people with their estate plans that resulted in \$6,850,000 being left to Christian ministries
- ✓ Facilitated a total of \$2,424,730 gift income to support the ministry of LCCS
- ✓ Assisted churches with their capital and annual stewardship needs
- ✓ Redesigned the LCCS website
- ✓ Assisted 5 para-church organizations with their stewardship needs

- **Through the Human Resources Office, which**

- ✓ Established a Health/Wellness team that is specifically targeting helping our faculty and staff through a wellness program
- ✓ Encourages regular faculty and staff meetings and conferences for campus communication, encouragement, and development
- ✓ Reports LCCS is named as Best Christian Workplace (see below)

Survey Question from Best Christian Workplaces Institute (where 5.0 = highest score possible)	Lincoln	Peers*	Finalists**
1. The organization's mission...makes me feel my job is important.	4.48	4.25	4.36
2. The organization is well managed.	4.43	3.67	3.97
3. Management explains [well] its decisions.	4.30	3.55	3.64
4. There's a high level of trust between sr. mgmnt. and employees.	4.31	3.32	3.61
5. Over the past year the organization has improved for the better.	4.42	3.86	4.07
6. I'd recommend this organization as a superior place to work.	4.49	3.79	4.21
7. This organization acts on its employees' suggestions.	4.06	3.34	3.49

* Peers = Bible college and seminaries across the U.S. who participated.

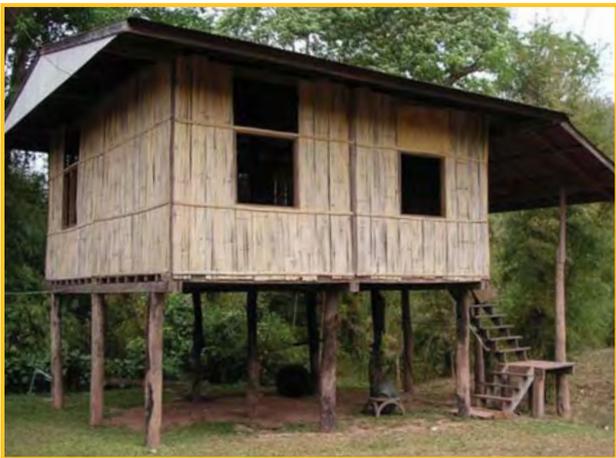
** Finalists = Peer institutions that were selected by the Institute as being rated especially high by their employees.

LINCOLN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE AND SEMINARY ANNOUNCES A —
Mission/Vision Tour of Southeast Asia
May 25-June 11, 2007

Tour Leader: Dr. Paul Boatman

Combine the adventure of travel to exotic locations with personal encounters with effective mission ministries in three distinct cultures. Travelers will experience the multicultural context of Singapore, the largest Muslim nation in the world in Indonesia, and the mysterious Buddhist culture of Thailand. Major cultural sites will be visited, as well as Christian mission sites for training, church-planting, worshiping, and a variety of “Samaritan Ministries.”

Arrangements are made through Pilgrim Tours. Total cost, from Chicago via American Airlines and Singapore Airlines, including fine hotels and two meals most days is \$3,579 per person, double occupancy.



For more information

Contact Dr. Boatman through the Seminary office at 217-732-3168, extension 2354. Details are also available through our website www.lccs.edu, looking for the "Mission/Vision Tour of Southeast Asia," and clicking on the available link.



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE – Wednesday, April 25, 2007

He Speaks To Me

"For the Word of God is living and active..."
– Hebrews 4:12

Key Messengers:

Priscilla Shirer – *He Speaks to Me*

Priscilla Shirer is a BIBLE teacher. Through the expository teaching of the Word of God, she desires to see women not only know the uncompromising truths of Scripture intellectually but experience them practically by the power of the Holy Spirit. Priscilla is now in full-time ministry to women across the country and the world. She is the author of *A Jewel In His Crown*, *A Jewel In His Crown Bible Study & Journal*, and *And We Are Changed: Transforming Encounters With God* along with two video driven Bible studies, *He Speaks to Me: Preparing to Hear from God* and *Discerning the Voice of God: How to Know When God Speaks*.



Kay Moll – *Now What?*

According to Isaiah 6:8, Isaiah "heard the voice of the Lord." Once Isaiah heard the Lord's voice, his life was never the same for God sent him immediately into action. God speaks to His women today, and He urgently wants them to *listen...* but as with Isaiah, He desires more than passive listening. He wants His women to listen in order that He might change them, fill them, and use them for His glory. He's used women who were sensitive to His voice down through the centuries. He will still do so today!

Lisa Harper – *The Amazing Grace of God's Word*

One of the persistent myths in modernity is that God's Word is a bit humdrum. Yet the book God breathed is *anything but boring!* Most of us just don't take the time to understand the context, wrestle with the complexity, or ponder the theme of God's immutable affection through the ages. Scripture is filled with captivating plots and drama and intrigue - it rivals anything on daytime television! Best of all, it's a supernatural love story inscribed especially with each one of us in mind.



Kendra Smiley – *The Seasons of a Woman's Life... Hearing from God in Every Season*

Life is full of choices and changes. Every season of life holds its own fascination and its own challenges. Regardless of the challenges, the choices or the changes, the Lord is present and invites us to fellowship with Him. Join Kendra and journey through the seasons together.

Schedule:

8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Registration in Chapel Foyer

9:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m.

Session I Priscilla Shirer – Group A
Lisa Harper – Group B

10:30 a.m.–11:45 a.m.

Session II Priscilla Shirer – Group B
Lisa Harper – Group A

12:00 noon–1:00 p.m.

Session III Lunch (provided) and elective sessions

1:15 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

Session IV Kay Moll – Group A
Kendra Smiley – Group B

2:45 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Session V Kay Moll – Group B
Kendra Smiley – Group A

4:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Book signings

Noon Hour Electives:



"MOVED" - The Dance Ministry of Legacy Christian Church-Overland Park, Kansas, seeks to enrich the church and surrounding community by providing an opportunity to experience God in a new and beautiful way. Worship is expressed in many fashions, one of the most visual being dance. King David in 1 Samuel was so passionate in his worship that he danced "with all his might." Experience dance as a worshipful part of the life of the church by exploring with believers the part that movement and action can play in the expression of faith in our glorious Lord.

Free Time:

Bookstore – Visit our campus bookstore that specializes in textbooks, popular Christian reading materials, Bibles, music, and much more. Enjoy some special discounts designed just for you!

Starbucks Coffee Shop – Check out all the amazing treats at our Starbucks Coffee Shop located in the Student Center next to the Bookstore.

Book Tables – Our guest speakers have come with their own books and products. You may want to select a number of items to take home.

Special Offering Goal:

\$20,000 for lounge furniture for the new women's residence hall.

Registration:

Registrations received by Wednesday, April 18, 2007, are \$25.00.

Registrations after that date are \$30.00. The registration fee includes lunch.

Registrations may be mailed to Christian Women's Conference, Lincoln Christian College and Seminary, 100 Campus View Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656, or by phoning 217-732-3168, or by registering online via our web site www.lccs.edu.



Leading Your Church to be a Missionary in Your Community

Lincoln Christian College and Seminary's 2007 Elders' and Church Leaders' Conference

February 24, 2007 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Ed Stetzer has planted churches in New York, Pennsylvania, and Georgia. He has trained pastors and church planters on five continents and has served for three years as a seminary professor at the Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, and has taught at ten other seminaries. He has written *Planting New Churches in a Postmodern Age*, *Perimeters of Light: Biblical Boundaries for the Emerging Church* (with Elmer Towns), *Strategic Outreach* (with Eric Ramsey), *Breaking the Missional Code* (with David Putman) and *Planting Missional Churches*. He serves as the

Missiologist and Research Team Director at the North American Mission Board in Alpharetta, GA, and co-pastor of Lake Ridge Church in Cumming, GA. He is married to Donna and they have three daughters. Ed will be presenting a two-hour seminar and preaching for the closing session.

David Clark is the Preaching Minister of the Central Christian Church, Beloit, WI, where he has served for 25 years. David is a 1974 graduate of Lincoln Christian College and attended Lincoln Christian Seminary. The Central Church was one of only 13 congregations that researcher Thom Rainer identified as exemplary in his book, *Breakout Churches*. Through a relocation and three building projects Central has grown from a small traditional church of under 200 to a multi-cultural mega-church of over 2,000 in three weekend services, in addition to an Hispanic congregation and an African-American campus. David and his wife Debra have 3 sons. David is currently working on a doctorate with Londen Institute. He will be sharing the Central Christian Church story in the opening session to demonstrate how one congregation has become a missionary in its community.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

A non-refundable registration of \$25, received prior to February 16, 2007, covers the cost of speakers, materials, refreshments, and lunch. Registrations received after February 16 are \$30. Registrations may be submitted as follows:

- Mailed to Lincoln Christian College and Seminary, 100 Campus View Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656
- On-line to www.lccs.edu, clicking on the events link. Those registering on-line may pay with credit card.
- Phoning ext. 2222 at 217-732-3168.
- Using registration form provided your church in informational packet.

OFFERING GOAL

\$10,000 to fund two Restoration Scholars preparing for leadership ministry at Lincoln Christian Seminary.

SCHEDULE

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:00 a.m. Opening Session with David Clark: "The Central Christian Church Story"
- 10:30 a.m. Seminar Part I with Ed Stetzer: "Breaking the Missional Code"
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch and Forums
 - Barney Wells on "Understanding the Changing Demographics of Rural and Small Town Communities"
 - Lance Hurley on "Understanding the Changing Demographics of Suburban and Urban Communities"
 - Ed Nichols on "Tools and Techniques for Teaching the Bible in Your Changing Community"
 - Keith Ray meeting with the Partnership Representatives of Churches giving over \$500 per year to LCCS
- 1:00 p.m. Seminar Part 2 with Ed Stetzer: "Understanding Culture"
- 2:15 p.m. Closing Session with Ed Stetzer: "The Commissions of Christ"

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