

# RESTORER

LINCOLN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY



*Signs of the times.*

**LCU:**

**WHERE RED MEANS GO**



*“We must learn  
to read the signs  
of the times or  
be doomed to  
read the writing  
on the wall.”*

– Os Guinness

## A Message from the President

While forecasting the future is beyond the realm of my calling or capacity, a healthy interest in the future is required of all leaders. Questions like: where are you going in the future, why are you going there, and how will you navigate such a future? All such questions deserve well thought out answers.

In these most precarious of times for higher education, Lincoln Christian University’s trustees, administration, faculty, and staff have been pondering these questions. Our preferred future is a matter of a very small number of key variables. First, where is God leading us? Second, where do the needs of the world and the will of God meet? Third, how will Lincoln Christian University position itself at the intersection of these realities? The answer is simple: listen to the leading of God through His Word, His people, and His Spirit. Additionally, there is a need to have discernment of the spirit of the times, and enact a strategic plan that is befitting to all of the above. “...*You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.*” –Matthew 16:30.

For many years, our Annual President’s Report issue of the *Restorer* was framed by our strategic plan. As we initiate the process of a new planning cycle, we would like to provide you with some studies and stories that reveal what we believe constitute the strategic direction for LCU. Our strategy includes:

- Resize the institution through a 6% budget reduction which includes personnel, while maintaining all current programming.
- Celebrate that LCU is one of only five institutions of higher education in the U.S. to be named a 2011 “Best Christian Workplace” by the Best Christian Workplaces Institute.
- Capitalize on our recent approval from accrediting agencies to offer all Adult & Graduate Studies degree programs online.
- Recognize that LCU undergraduates rank our institution higher than peer schools in “Level of Academic Challenge,” “Student-Faculty Interaction,” and “Supportive Campus Environment.”

As you read of the challenges and opportunities of our future, be mindful that we intend to address them as a means of fulfilling our mission in a rapidly changing world. Watch, read, and respond. We would love to hear your perspective on the journey set before us and so carefully articulated in this issue of the *Restorer*.

Eager for His future,

Dr. Keith H. Ray, President

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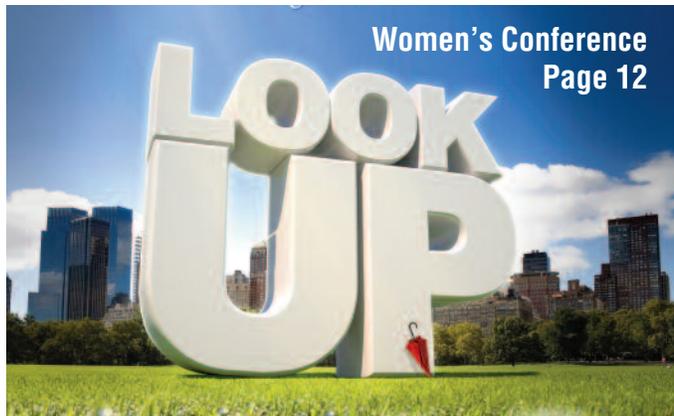
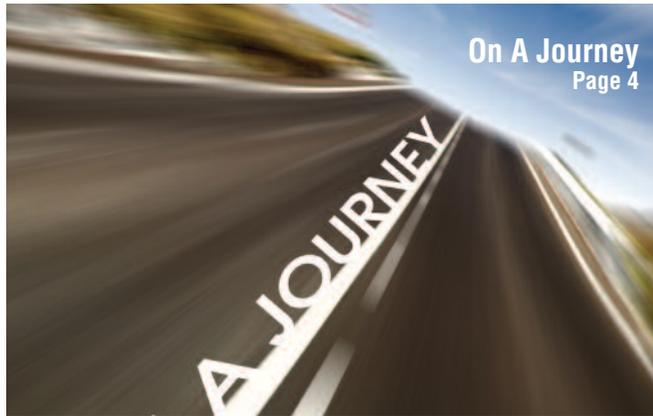
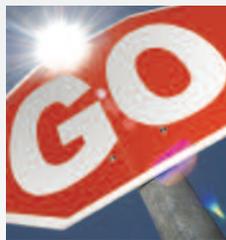
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**About the cover:**

What is Red? Red is the LCU experience: an education that prepares you to serve and lead in the church, the workplace and the world. It's a commitment to help you see everyday life through a faith lens. Our campus community comes together to help you discover your gifts, cultivate your passions and prepare to live your mission whatever and wherever it may be.



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# ON A JOURNEY

**In 1944**, Earl Hargrove started Lincoln Christian University (then Lincoln Bible Institute) on a journey to equip preachers and church leaders to serve in the church and the world. As time passed, programs and operations went through minor adjustments, along with name changes, in order to adapt to the changing needs of Christian college students. Today, the mission of Lincoln Christian (LCU) remains unchanged. And, although the course of the journey must be redirected as time goes on and circumstances change, the core priority at LCU is to serve Christ above all else.

As Lincoln Christian University follows God's leading, it is important to look at the signs of the times for direction.

The facts and trends that surround the current state of our economy and the future of higher education cannot be ignored. There are evident trends on our campus and surrounding areas. Current research has clarified the top four challenges affecting LCU and higher education:

- The demographics of college students are changing.
- The cost to attend a college or university continues to increase.
- The competition for students and funding is intensifying.
- The current economy challenges students and their families, donors, and creditors.

## Locating LCU in the Global Context

In his quest to lead LCU through these challenging times, President Keith H. Ray presented the campus with insights he gained from his research on current and future trends. In the book, *The Next Hundred Million* (New York: Penguin Press, 2010), Joel Kotkin projects the following for America in 2050:

- U.S. population is expected to increase by 100 million to a total of 400 million.
- A vast majority of the population increase will be Asian and Hispanic.
- By 2015, immigrants will make up as much as one-third of American children.
- The largest population transfer in history is underway (Asian, African, Latin American), and they are not “melting or reforming.”
- America will be among the highest in fertility rate (while Illinois birthrate is “flat”).
- Global population will peak and fall by 2050.
- People will migrate from large cities to small and midsize cities (50-500,000), but small communities (under 50,000) will continue to shrink.

Kotkin’s projections are further supported by Richard C. Longworth in his book, *Caught in the Middle: America’s Heartland in the Age of Globalism* (New York: Bloomsbury, 2008). He writes that the future of the Midwest is tied directly to immigrants. Where small towns are growing, it is due to immigrants—those without are shrinking. He also notes that Illinois has the lowest percentage of adults with high school diplomas, and cites the U.S. Department of Education where Midwestern schools—from kindergarten to college—rank at the bottom of the *National Report Card*.

## A College in the Middle

As a private, rural institution with less than 2,000 students, LCU has historically focused on educating traditional, residential undergraduate students and has depended on private support to keep tuition and costs low. Yet, the data suggests that this pool of students is declining. In December of 2008, the U.S. Department of Education’s

National Center for Education statistics projected that the number of high school graduates would peak in 2009, then begin a slow decline returning to 2007 numbers by 2012. They also predict that the high school age population will begin to migrate – moving out of the north and northeast to the southern and western states. In the Midwest, rural communities are shrinking as the population increases in mid-size cities (50-500,000 population).

## Compelling Religious Trends

Since 1990, those calling themselves “Christian” in the U.S. dropped 11 percent.<sup>1</sup> Furthermore, Kotkin predicts that Christians will likely view their faith as a matter of choice and not see theirs as “the only true faith.” This new trend in pluralism changes the religious debate from fundamentalist vs. modernist to a new smorgasbord of perspectives.

To ensure a stable future, we must find a way and provide opportunities for people to choose Christian higher education. With great leadership, a compelling vision, and a strong mission, Lincoln Christian University is prepared to stay the course. LCU will continue to nurture and equip Christians with a Biblical worldview to serve and lead in the church and the world well into the future.

## Determining Where We Go from Here

No, LCU has not met a dead end. In fact, “GO” is a key word. The leadership at Lincoln Christian University is committed to moving forward no matter what current setbacks are happening around us. However, like any traveler, we cannot “go” without evaluating the signs and directions surrounding us that are relevant to the future of LCU.



<sup>1</sup> American Religious Identification Survey (ARIS). Cited in USA Today, March 3, 2009



## THE RURAL LANDSCAPE

By Dr. Barney Wells

Recently one of our Seminary professors, while walking down Michigan Avenue in Chicago, overheard a little girl visiting the city from downstate say to her mother, “Chicago isn’t like Illinois, is it?” No, it really isn’t, and it is becoming even less like downstate. Consider these statistics:

- When the 2010 Census data is released, it will show Illinois has a population of 13 million people; 10 million of them live in Chicago and the collar counties.
- Illinois is the fifth most populous state in the Union. If Chicago and the collar counties seceded from Illinois, and formed a new state, it would be the ninth most populous, and the rest of Illinois would drop to thirty-first.
- Without Chicago and the collar counties, the median household income in Illinois would decrease by 20%.

Because 77% of all Illinoisans live within 50 miles of the Chicago “Loop,” information about what is going on in Illinois often is not representative of the whole state.

### ***So what is happening?***

We are all aware that 2008 was a year of change. While we think most readily of the economic changes that year brought, there were also other changes. Prior to 2008, most counties in the Midwest that were experiencing growth were growing because new people were moving in. In 2008 that stopped. Since 2008, most Midwestern counties are not growing, and in those few that are, the growth rate is less than half the pre-2008 level. Most of the growth now comes from “natural increase,” babies being born to people who already live there.

While these numbers may seem like trivial facts, they are vitally important to us at LCU and the churches we serve.

Historically, most of our students have come from churches in rural Midwestern counties. If the population of those counties is decreasing, we have to think about what that means for our churches and the students they send. As more acres are farmed by fewer people, as mines close, and as manufacturing jobs continue to leave the U.S., rural communities are changing in ways that affect the ministries of churches in those communities. Many towns have fewer people—and even in growing communities, the people moving in are more ethnically and economically diverse than the previous residents. New rural residents of Illinois may be Hispanic, Southeast Asian, West African, or Eastern European. They may be leaving the city looking for a quiet place to retire or a lower cost of living. This means that churches face new challenges and need new ways of sharing the love of Christ. So, LCU classes have to respond to those needs. It means LCU students may come from a wider variety of backgrounds and need to be taught different skills than have been taught in the past. It also means God may lead us to some great opportunities in the changing terrain of the rural Midwest.

There are some good things happening, even in the midst of challenging economic and population realities. One of the more rural places in Illinois is Brown County. Its county seat, Mt. Sterling (pop. 19,120), has lost almost 8% of its population in the last decade. In that same decade the Cornerstone Christian Church in Mt. Sterling has steadily grown, is near completion of the second phase of a new building, and is working with LCU to plan for continued growth. They are just one example of a number of churches



growing where communities are not. Across the Midwest, even in the smallest declining villages, many churches are seeing midweek programs for kids exceed the Sunday morning worship attendance, taking the Gospel to a generation whose parents are mostly unchurched.

There are a few areas in downstate Illinois that have seen consistent growth in recent years. The Effingham, Quincy, and Carbondale-Marion areas are growing, along with the Illinois counties around St. Louis. The largest area of growth is a triangle bounded by Champaign, Peoria, and Springfield. While LCU cannot claim that the growth is due to Lincoln being in the middle of that triangle, we are grateful that the Lord has put us in this strategic location. From here we can work with churches in both growing and declining counties to find strategies for effective ministry. We can provide educational opportunities for students from the rural Midwest. Even as those students become more diverse in their ethnic and economic backgrounds and their educational goals, we can continue to nurture and equip Christians with a Biblical worldview to serve and lead in the church and the world.

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## CHICAGO: MAPPING THE CITY

By Gordon D. Venturella, CFRE

Starting my eleventh year living in downtown Chicago (plus four years in the south suburbs) I've seen firsthand

Chicago reinvent itself from industrial rust belt city to 21st century world class city.

### Recalculating

Dr. Richard Florida observes the changes sweeping the country in his books *The Rise of the Creative Class* and *The Great Reset*. What we used to think of as inner city, suburban

#### CHICAGO BY THE NUMBERS

**U.S. Mega Region rank: #2.** Chi-Pitts – Chicago to Pittsburgh. 100,000 square miles – 46 million people producing \$1.6 trillion in economic activity.

**U.S. metropolitan and city rank: #3**

**World's best financial cities rank: #5**

**Favorite U.S. cities for college grads to launch a career: #6**



and rural are undergoing redefinition. The words, “inner city,” used to be code for lower socio-economic minorities—primarily African Americans. Suburban used to be thought of as middle class—primarily white. Rural has been thought of as primarily agricultural based.

While it's true the nation's biggest gains were in suburban areas—in a departure from past decades when whites led the rise—now it is because of minorities. More than a third of all 13.3 million new suburbanites are Hispanic. Whites account for only one-fifth of suburban growth. Even in rural America (the slowest growing segment of the population—growing only 2% compared to 7% nationwide), foreign born residents account for 37% of that growth and three-quarters of them are not citizens.

Today, *inner city*—in what Dr. Florida calls *spiky* cities like Chicago—means upscale dining, museums, entertainment, sports venues, and shopping. Today's city dwellers are likely to be the *creative class*—those who think for a living—top managers, writers, engineers, educators, artists, medical specialists, and international lawyers and consultants.

Today, America is resetting itself geographically along class lines in a new form of segregation: *Cultural ethnicity*. ***“It's about gathering talent in one spot (in the information economy, geography matters more than ever because people are most creative when they collaborate face to face). This concentration of talent then attracts more talent, which creates more collaboration, which multiplies everybody's skills, which attracts more talent and so on.”*** —David Brooks in the *New York Times*, 1/23/11

## Giving Direction

As Vice President of University Advancement at LCU, I've been privileged to serve with some wonderful Chicagoland donors, alumni, and ministries. Space permits me to highlight only a few:

- **The Chicagoland President's Advisory Council** which has been meeting twice a year since 2009. Members include President of SuperValu Pharmacies Chris Dimos, President of Professional Building Services Dale Reiser, Assistant Clinical Professor at University of Illinois Medical Center Dr. Lisa Anderson Shaw, and alumnus and Partner in the Marquette Companies Darren Sloniger. They have provided invaluable counsel and a Chicago perspective to President Ray.
- **Breakthrough Urban Ministries**, on Chicago's west side. I am privileged to serve on a volunteer committee with LCU alumni Arloa Sutter (Executive Director) and Tony Escobar (Director of Community Relations).
- **Capital Campaign Consulting**. In the last few years I've worked with West Brook Community Christian Church in Bolingbrook (where alumnus Rob Daniels is the executive pastor) and Deer Creek Christian Church in University Park (where alumnus Josh Rutledge is minister of youth) consulting with them to raise money for their ministry needs.
- My amazing church home, the **West Ridge Community Church** in Elgin, where I'm fortunate enough to also serve as a teaching pastor.

## Moving Forward

LCU hopes to fund a feasibility study to determine where to locate appropriate educational offerings in Chicago. We're looking forward to more opportunities to network with alumni, donors, and ministries. And I have a long-term vision to launch a Chicago equivalent to the New York City class I teach titled, "Exegeting the City."

Reengaging the world class city of Chicago with the global vision of LCU—the opportunities are limitless!

*Gordon D. Venturella is beginning his fifth year at LCU as VP of University Advancement. Gordon collaborates with his alma mater, Ozark Christian College, to teach a one-week course in New York City to undergraduate missions majors from both of our schools. He and his wife Resa live in downtown Chicago.*



## POINT OF INTEREST LATINO MIGRATION

Tony Escobar earned his BA in 2003 and his MA in 2006 from Lincoln Christian University. He then went on to serve Community Christian Church in a church plant in Pilsen—a near west side neighborhood just minutes from downtown Chicago where the population is more than 90% Latino. Though he now works with a largely African-American population at Breakthrough Urban Ministries, he still lives and worships with the Latino community and shares with us his perspective on higher education and the opportunities for the growing Latino population.

According to Tony, there are several different contexts from which to evaluate the Latino population which correlate to eras of migration to the U.S. and specifically the Chicago “port of entry” in Pilsen.

The first major era of migration was in the 50s and 60s. These first generation Latinos worked hard so they could survive and somehow get educational opportunities for their kids. Today, their second and third generation descendents have the best access to higher education. The decades of assimilation into American culture have allowed them to stabilize through reducing the language barrier, establishing legal citizenship,

and removing the mysteries of how to navigate the college admission process.

More recent Latino immigrants struggle with the barriers created by legal citizenship, language, access to transportation, and adequate income (which makes college too expensive or requires the college age student to work to help support the family). These potential students will benefit most from local degree programs and access to bilingual information for their families. Also, scholarships and leadership programs help offset the urban forces that pull high school students away from college. Since many Latinos are culturally Catholic, "Christian education" (i.e., becoming a priest) may not appeal to students who are looking for career opportunities that their parents didn't have. But, there is a significant group of people in Protestant Latino churches who have a different understanding of Christian education.

“It takes just a few people in the churches to build the relationship and trust.”

– Tony Escobar (LCU '03, '06)

## POINT OF INTEREST



Josh Rutledge (LCU '99) is the Youth/Worship Minister at Deer Creek Christian Church in University Park, IL. Having spent most of his life in Central Illinois, Josh originally relocated to the suburbs in pursuit of an opportunity for his wife, Jacki (LCU '00), to use her TESOL degree

in a more populous area. Serving for more than ten years at this south suburban church, Josh has a unique perspective of the changing demographics and socioeconomics of the Chicago suburbs.

In the 10 years of his ministry, Josh has seen dramatic changes and challenges in his church. Josh refers to his church as, “the church in transition because it is an area that is in transition. We sit between three suburbs that have dramatically different African American, Caucasian, and Hispanic/Latino populations.” Some of these challenges include:

- changes from nuclear families to single-parent households,
- students enrolling in private high schools as opposed to public,
- and an ever-changing culturally diverse church body.

Josh encourages his high school students by reminding them that, “A smaller school like LCU offers a community that students would not only benefit from, but is exactly what they are currently seeking through social media. The Chicagoland Christian colleges do not offer the same experiences that LCU can.”

Beyond Josh’s high school ministry, he sees a great prospective market of non-traditional students for LCU’s Adult & Graduate Studies program within the churches in the Chicagoland area. He thinks that the need is reflective of the economic situation of a growing population of adults, who are non-educated and working unfulfilling jobs.

***“My students typically don’t know about any opportunity south of our area unless I describe my experiences at LCU.”***



## THE MINORITY URBAN PERSPECTIVE

*By Tony E. Pierce, Heaven's View Christian Fellowship*

Biblical higher education can help transform urban communities. But to do so, it must be specifically tailored to effectively function in the context in which it is intended to serve. While Lincoln Christian University has a long and distinguished legacy of preparing ministers to serve in rural and suburban settings, and urban settings that have historically served the majority population of our country, minority urban communities present a host of new challenges.

Data reveals that African-Americans and Latinos (totaling 25% of its population) experience unemployment levels that are typically twice as high as unemployment levels experienced by members of our nation’s majority population. On average, the typical African-American family and Latino family possess only 10% of the wealth of its European-American family counterpart in the U.S. Due to cultural and other differences, African-Americans and Latinos typically encounter less successful educational and business experiences in our country as well.

Consequently, the minority mission field is quite different than the majority mission field in America. Because the minority domestic mission field in the U.S. generally has far less resources than the majority mission field, the ministry paradigms that are practiced within these two mission fields generally differ significantly in design and function. Because they have fewer resources, the typical minority urban ministry in America tends to look and function much more like its

foreign mission-field counterpart outside of America, than do non-minority domestic ministries in America. Therefore in addition to providing focus for their evangelistic ministries, churches on foreign mission fields and in America’s urban minority communities often are required to participate in Christian community development (e.g. providing educational, medical, and economic development assistance) to assist their evangelistic focus.

This requires ministers who plan to serve in urban minority communities to be sensitive to the cultural environment in which they expect to serve. Like their foreign mission-field counterparts, domestic minority urban ministries often require ministers serving within them to possess biblical literacy, service skills, and community development skills. The partnership between Lincoln Christian University, Illinois Central College, and our Community Development & Service Collaboration (including its Community Development & Service Institute) has been formed to train ministers in these requisite skills and sensitivities so that they can be more effective in serving in the minority urban ministry context.

Over the past several years our Community Development & Service Collaboration has developed a large-scale, faith-based, market-driven, regional approach to community development that we refer to as Community Transformation Ministry. During its development, numerous ministers shared with us the need for an accredited biblical institution of higher learning in Peoria that can provide affordable training in Community Transformation Ministry in addition to the traditional theological, doctrinal, hermeneutical, and biblical literacy training that is typically provided to ministers as part of their preparation for serving in ministry.



## CHANGING LANES

By Tom Tanner

“Confront the brutal facts (yet never lose hope),” says Jim Collins in his 2001 best-selling book, *Good to Great*. It’s one of his fundamental principles of leadership.

Confronting the facts—even in higher education—can indeed be brutal. In fact, consider these facts about our country’s Christian institutions of higher education:

- Some 40% of free-standing seminaries are in financial trouble—double from just two years ago.
- Nearly 40% of Christian colleges nationwide faced unprecedented enrollment declines last year.
- Almost 50% of our 28 sister schools lost money in 2008-09 (last year known), totaling \$8 million.
- Our school has experienced a 25% loss in residential undergraduate students the last four years.

Wow! Those facts are brutal. With those figures, who would want to be involved in higher education today, even Christian higher education? Perhaps the philosopher-farmer-poet, Wendell Berry, put it best in his 1973 Manifesto: “Be joyful even though you have considered all the facts.” Though the reality of higher education seems harsh, there is room and reason for hope, even for joy. God is still gracious, and He is still gifting people who can gain from a Christian education. Christian colleges and universities have more than ever to offer today’s students.

Despite the statistics, overall enrollment in higher education is actually growing, not declining. It’s just growing in areas that are different from what we experienced in the past. Most growth today is in three areas:

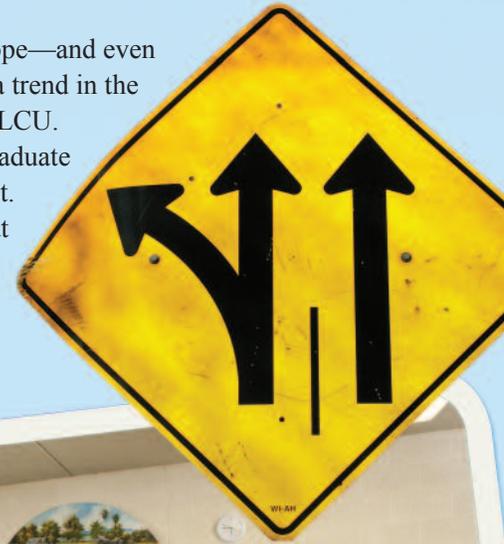
- more affordable community colleges;
- more accessible online offerings;
- more achievable programs for the rapidly growing adult learner market.

Enrollment at “more affordable” community colleges is up 25% since the 2008 economic meltdown. Enrollment in “more accessible” online programs has jumped 42% in the last two years, with nearly 6 million students now online.

“ LCU programs now attract a global audience, with online students from South America to Southeast Asia and even the South Pacific.”

Enrollment in “more achievable” programs for adult learners has swelled to include more than 50% of all college students, with a double-digit growth rate projected for the next decade for adult learners. In fact, the largest university in the country today is the adult-focused University of Phoenix with more than 450,000 students—most online. And the largest Christian university in the country today is Liberty University with 50,000 students—37,000 of them online.

Still, there is reason for hope—and even for joy—because there is a trend in the profile of new students at LCU. The School of Adult & Graduate Studies is growing and fast. Adult learner enrollment at LCU jumped from 240 students last fall to nearly 350 this fall.



A year ago the Hargrove School had 15 online learners; this year, more than 150! New online and onsite graduate programs have led that growth. Our online and onsite undergraduate degree completion programs have also contributed to the increase, though they are also available on campus in Lincoln.

LCU's rapid growth in these online programs parallels another emerging trend—the growth in off campus offerings. For example, enrollment in Las Vegas has quadrupled in four years. The MA in Spiritual Formation at Eastview Christian Church in nearby Normal began with 30 (!) students. The Hargrove School will soon launch two new programs in nearby Peoria. Both of these off campus programs are meeting an Acts-like call to “come over into Macedonia and help us.” Other such onsite offerings in the Chicago area, southern Illinois, and central Indiana are also being explored. These new growth areas give us reason for joy at LCU—even amidst some brutal facts. Our joy is not based, however, on our human efforts but on God's global mission that knows no boundaries. As Jeremiah 23:23 reminds us: “Am I only a

## New Hargrove School programs

### Online:

- MA Organizational Leadership
- MA TESOL  
(Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)
- MA Bible & Theology
- BA Christian Ministry
- BA Human Services
- BA Leadership and Management
- AA General Studies

### Off campus:

- MA Spiritual Formation (Normal, IL)
- MA Bioethics (Peoria, IL) pending approval
- BA Urban Ministry (Peoria, IL) pending approval

God nearby,' declares the LORD, 'and not a God far away?'" We do not lose hope because our hope is in Him—near or far.

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## POINT OF INTEREST



Charlie Welke is Associate Director of High School Ministry at Eastview Christian Church in Normal, Illinois. He is also a student in LCU's Hargrove School of Adult & Graduate Studies. Charlie's been ministering to high school age students at Eastview since 2008. He's been studying "at" LCU since September.

Charlie is one of 30 students enrolled in the Master of Arts (MA) in Spiritual Formation degree currently being offered onsite at Eastview in Normal. Would you like to know why?

Having earned his undergraduate degrees from Illinois Wesleyan University, he felt that his secular, liberal arts education did not fully equip him for his role in full-time ministry. In fact, Charlie had applied to the LCU Seminary intending to pursue a Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree in Lincoln. But as he and his wife looked at the commitment to travel that would be required, they agreed that couldn't fit into his life without impacting the responsibilities he had to his job and his home life.

Fast forward to 2010, when LCU worked with the leaders at Eastview and introduced the new MA in Spiritual Formation. The format of taking one class at a time for just six weeks

affirmed for Charlie, that he wouldn't have to put off his graduate-level education any longer. Because the classes are held at his church, Charlie decided, "This is something I can do without putting my ministry and my wife on the back burner."

Charlie and his wife looked at the costs and were able to rework their budget so he could afford to pay his own way without incurring additional debt in student loans. He feels the investment is worth it, because he is *going* and *doing* at the same time as he is *learning*. And, "I wanted to study this subject with this group of highly qualified instructors."

When asked what he would want you to know about his LCU experience his answer is this, "You don't have to stop your ministry to become better through an advanced degree. I'm a better pastor now than before I started."



# CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

April 27, 2011

*A day of solid Biblical teaching with practical life application, heartfelt songs, inspiring stories, and heaps of healing laughter.*

**Earl C Hargrove Chapel • LINCOLN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY**

## SCHEDULE:

- 8:00-9:00 a.m.** Registration in Chapel Foyer
- 9:00-10:15 a.m.** Meet Kathy and Ellie  
Session One: *Trusting God*  
with Ellie Lofaro
- 10:15-10:35 a.m.** Break
- 10:35-11:30 a.m.** Session Two: *Waiting on God*  
with Kathy Troccoli
- 11:30 a.m.-12:55 p.m.** Lunch – Laughlin Center with  
“Getting to Know LCU” Exhibits
- 12:55 p.m.** LOOK UP! Slideshow (and giveaways)
- 1:00-1:25 p.m.** “Banter” with Kathy and Ellie
- 1:25-2:15 p.m.** Kathy Troccoli Concert
- 2:15-2:35 p.m.** Break
- 2:35-3:35 p.m.** Session Three: *Hearing from God*  
with Ellie Lofaro
- 3:35-4:00 p.m.** Closing Thoughts, Prayers, and Worship  
led by Kathy and Ellie

## LUNCH AND NOON HOUR SESSION – LAUGHLIN CENTER:

Take a break and a short walk to the Laughlin Center for lunch and a “Getting to Know LCU” opportunity in an arena full of exhibits. Take home helpful information, have fun, and enjoy giveaway opportunities. Or, enjoy free time by visiting:

*LCU Bookstore*—Specializes in textbooks, popular Christian reading materials, Bibles, music, and clothing. Enjoy special discounts offered for this event.

*The Warehouse Coffee Shop*—Check out the amazing treats at the campus coffee shop, serving Starbucks coffee and other “coffee shop” specialities.

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

## SPECIAL OFFERING GOAL:

This year’s offering goal of \$20,000 will be used to assist in the funding of one of the biggest needs facing LCU next year...that of installing a state-mandated sprinkler system in the men’s residence hall. Your offerings will help provide a portion of the overall cost of an estimated \$250,000.

## REGISTRATION:

Registrations received by Wednesday, April 20, are \$30. Registrations after that date are \$35. Sorry, no refunds.

Registrations may be mailed to Christian Women’s Conference, Lincoln Christian University, 100 Campus View Dr., Lincoln, IL 62656. You may also call 217.732.3168 or register and pay online at <http://lincolnchristian.edu/cwc> or by clicking on the Christian Women’s Conference link found on the home page.

Sorry, no child care provided.

*"I look up to the hills... from where my help comes."*

Psalm 121:1

# Kathy Troccoli & Ellie Lofaro

Encourage You To...



LOOK  
UP

*"Timeless Truths for  
Trying Times"*



# THEY THOUGHT IT WAS TOO HIGH

By Bethany Rea

“I was thinking \$3,000; God was thinking something else,” says LCU junior Austin Gohn.

Gohn is a member of the Community Life team who is responsible for setting chapel offering goals for the School of Undergraduate Studies. As student leaders on the LCU campus, the team prayed long and hard for a specific fundraising goal for the student body for the 2010 fall semester offerings.

The mission that inspired them is called “Rapha House,” which is headquartered in Southeast Asia. Established in 2003 with hopes and prayers of delivering restoration and expanding globally, Rapha House’s mission is to love, rescue, and heal children who have been rescued from sexual exploitation and slavery. LCU’s team of Community Life students also had hopes and prayers for the Rapha House offering to become reality. By combining their determination and talents, six key students went above and beyond their call of duty as leaders by bringing their art, media, speaking, and enthusiasm to the table.

“After prayer, I began to realize that \$3,000 was not high enough and really felt like \$7,000 would be a good goal. \$7,000 was a goal that, if reached, would only be explainable by the involvement of the Holy Spirit in the process,” says Gohn. Many thought this goal of \$7,000 was too high, since an offering of this amount had never before come close to being collected by Undergraduate offerings.

The mission was introduced to the student body in August with everyone jumping on board. They were prepared to not only give, but to give with a willing and grateful heart and with a personal mission of being transformed. Rapha House became a huge burden on many hearts throughout campus. Knowing this, there was no option but to aim high. According to Gohn, “We set out to get students involved from the beginning. We built a miniature city out of

cardboard in the Student Warehouse to display how much money had been raised and to serve as awareness and a reminder. We also made offering boxes out of cardboard because we wanted to get away from offering trays. A Rapha House Art show was also held on campus from the artwork of students during the Spooktacular Shindig in October. An all campus ‘White-Out for Rapha’ was held in the fall. Most of campus participated by wearing white in this event as a reminder that through giving we participate in redemption. A team of business majors put on a Dinner and Art Auction near Peoria, Illinois, which brought in over \$3,000 over the course of the semester. It is inspiring to see students using their skills and resources to not only bring in more money, but to also spread awareness of sex-trafficking.”

Alex Berger, an LCU Seminary student, approached Gohn to find out how he could participate in the Undergraduate offering for Rapha House. As Gohn and Berger began talking they realized that they were a part of a university, enhancing the idea of a unified offering. Dr. Dinelle Frankland, Professor of Worship Studies at Lincoln Christian University’s Seminary, came onboard bringing her insight and enthusiasm about offering. A Seminary offering was held during their weekly chapel, truly bringing the University together for a unified cause.

A Rapha House party was held at the end of the semester to celebrate how God had been faithful throughout the semester, with the students and with Rapha. Lincoln Christian University’s undergraduate students raised over \$10,000 for Rapha House. “When we allow God to be faithful, He proves to be more than faithful,” says Gohn.

*Bethany Rea is a freshman at LCU this year. She works in the Marketing Department as part of the iServe program, which provides student jobs on campus. The daughter of Dr. Robert and Mary Ann Rea, Bethany is also the 2010 Logan County Fair Queen.*



# SEMINARY LECTURESHIP:

PAIN AND GLORY IN GOD'S MISSION



The dramatic unfolding story of God's Mission in recently Communist Europe is coming to Lincoln, Illinois. Dr. Peter Kuzmič, frequently identified as the foremost evangelical scholar in Eastern Europe, will be the speaker for the **April 13, 2011** Seminary Lectureship at Lincoln Christian University. Speaking under the theme, "Pain and Glory

in God's Mission," Dr. Kuzmič will be delivering two lectures: "Christ's Mission in a World of Violence and Clashing" (9:30 a.m.) and "Hopes and Dilemmas of the Post-Communist World" (2:30 p.m.). He will also participate in a Q&A sack lunch session at noon.

A native of Slovenia and a citizen of Croatia in former Yugoslavia, Dr. Kuzmič is an authority on the subject of Christian response to Marxism and on Christian ministry in post-Communist contexts. His academic credentials include a Master of Arts from Wheaton College Graduate School and a Master of Theology and Doctor of Theology from the University of Zagreb.

Dr. Kuzmič's academic investment includes the co-founding and leadership of Evangelical Theological Seminary (ETS) in Osijek, Croatia, the first evangelical theological school in Eastern Europe and the Balkans. He also founded Timisoara Theological Institute, a Romanian school affiliated with ETS. He also serves as Eva B. and Paul E. Toms Distinguished Professor of World Missions and European Studies at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Massachusetts. In 1991, in response to the devastating effects of the Balkan conflict, Dr. Kuzmič founded Agape, a humanitarian relief organization. He also established New Europe Vision, which ministers to the physical and spiritual needs of those in the Balkans.



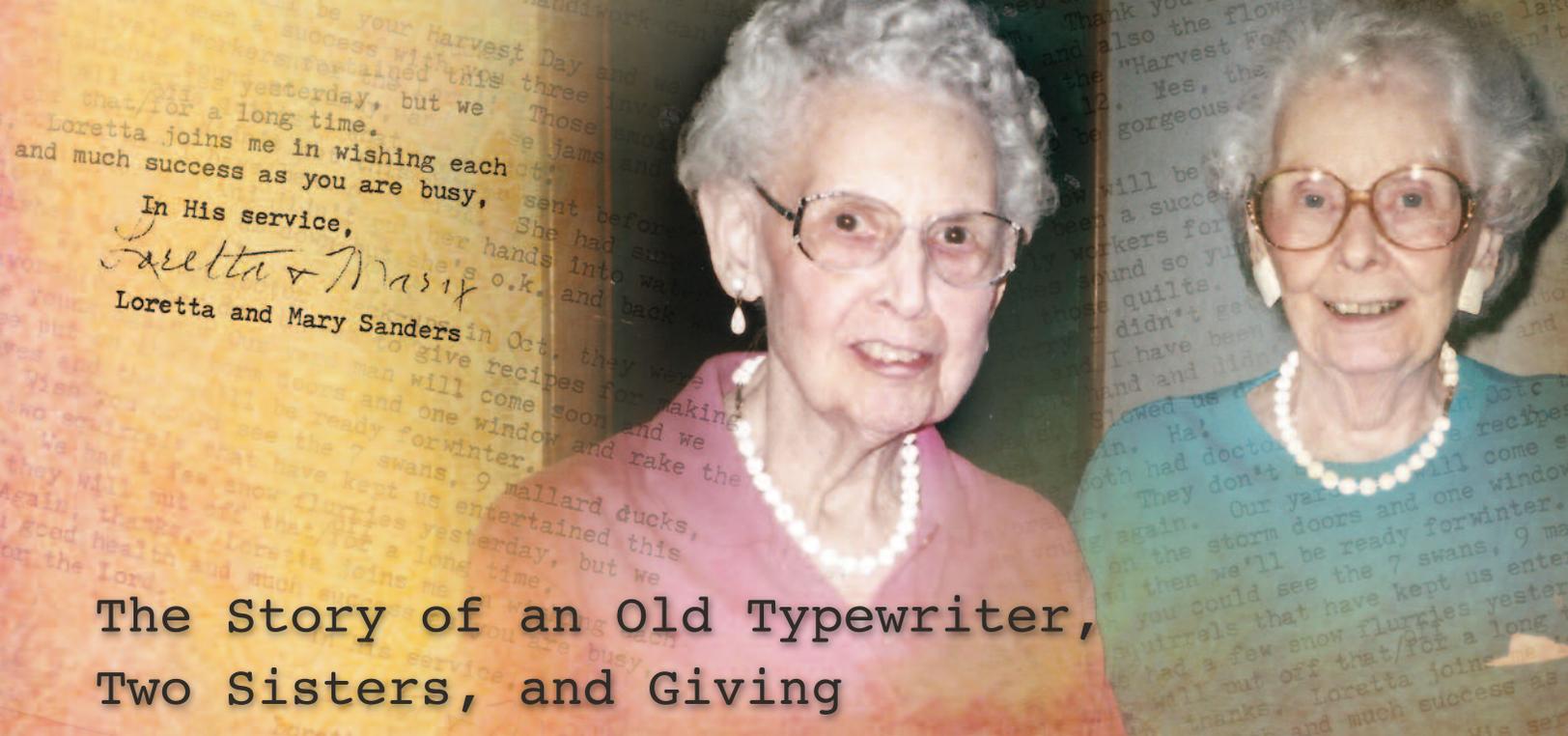
Dr. Kuzmič was influential in bringing about the Dayton Peace Awards and served as an advisor on reconciliation for national leaders in the Balkans, the United Nations, and the U.S. State Department. He has spoken internationally, including plenary addresses at Lausanne II, Urbana, the European Leadership Consultation and the National Association of Evangelicals Fiftieth Anniversary.

Dr. Kuzmič is a member of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization and many other boards. An ordained minister, he co-founded and chairs the Council of the Evangelical Christians of (former) Yugoslavia and is President of the Protestant Evangelical Council of Croatia. He has received the Merrill C. Tenney Award for New Testament Scholarship and an honorary D.D. from Asbury Theological Seminary. He is an honorary member of the Croatian Helsinki Committee for Human Rights and has received the Presidential Award of Croatia. He also received the Helsinki Award for Human Rights and Religious Liberty in recognition of his work in promoting inter-religious dialogue.

Dr. Kuzmič is an award-winning author and founded and serves as the editor of *Izvori*, a Christian monthly journal in the Croatian language. He enjoys reading, keeping up with the news, and collecting old Bibles. He and his wife Vlasta have three daughters and three grandchildren.

*For more information on this "Public Welcome" event, contact the Seminary at 217.732.3168, ext. 2354 or [bboggs@lincolnchristian.edu](mailto:bboggs@lincolnchristian.edu)*





## The Story of an Old Typewriter, Two Sisters, and Giving

*(as told to Sue Rogers, December, 2010)*

We can't quite put a date to when it all began, but we know it was before we kept computerized records in the department for University Advancement. It had to be 25 or more years ago when the short notes started coming, along with a monthly gift ...modest by some standards, but sacrificial and generous by ours. The monthly gifts, regular as clockwork, came from two sisters, Mary and Loretta, accompanied by a small typewritten sheet of paper and a brief message of appreciation for the ministry of Lincoln Christian University.

Years of these notes were tucked away in a folder, because we didn't want to discard the sweet blessings contained in them. Along with each note and each passing month, the sense of the sisters' aging became more obvious. Yet their testimony of faith was vivid, and we delighted in their complete peace and confidence of God's plan for them.

When Pat Snyder joined the Advancement Department, she was particularly touched by the regular notes and sacrificial gifts sent by Mary and Loretta. She shared the notes with Ellen Weber and Dianne Kline who worked in the same department. Realizing there was something special about Mary and Loretta, they agreed they had to meet them. Mary and Loretta were speechless when told there was just one purpose in making the trip to Angola, Indiana...to meet the lovely sisters who faithfully sent gifts and encouraging notes to LCU.

Pat, Ellen, and Dianne arranged for a visit in July of 2002. Mary and Loretta's home was a five and a half hour drive

from Lincoln, Illinois, which resulted in an 11-hour round trip in one day. The trio left in the very early hours of the morning, having packed a lunch to share with Mary and Loretta, along with flowers, jams, and enough extra food for the sisters to feast on for two more days. After a full afternoon of getting acquainted and "storytelling," a special relationship was formed that grew with each passing month and every future trip to Angola, Indiana.

The letters were now several paragraphs long, and in each one the sisters expressed, "Love to our sisters in Christ." Their letters, sent to campus, were simply addressed, "To the Girls." Fortunately, our campus post office knew who "the girls" were. Through the years, our LCU "angel trio" remembered Mary and Loretta on their birthdays, holidays, and on "no special reason" days, with care packages, cards, and letters.

Pat recalls, "Mary and Loretta lived in a small cabin on a lake. It was surrounded by large, beautiful homes. Theirs was the only original cabin left on the lake. It was a joy to sit with them in a window-filled room that overlooked the lake. Their struggles with age and health issues were great in their later years, but they persisted with an unwavering faith in their creator God."

In 2005, the signatures on the regular letters changed from two to only one, as Loretta gave up her earthly life to claim all the promises she had so confidently professed. A piece of the relationship was now missing, but far better was the void than for the friendship to have never happened.

There were now lulls in the timing of the letters, but Mary continued them until she became a resident of a care center and could no longer use her aged and beloved typewriter. The last visit with Mary was at the care center, where the nursing staff set up a table in her room so that the LCU trio could share a carry-in lunch with her. Pat recalls, "With sadness we drove home that day, knowing it would be our last visit with our precious friend."

And so it was on August 18, 2009, the sisters met again on Heaven's shore, when Mary passed from this life, leaving the LCU trio all the richer for having found a place in their hearts.

With treasured memories Pat recalls, "There are women you meet in your lifetime that leave an indelible print... women who come to mind often and elicit a remembering smile, women who share your faith, women who are unparalleled mentors. I count them as two wonderful unexpected blessings that God chose to grant us."

Long before the LCU "girls" came into their lives, Mary and Loretta had planned for the day when their earthly possessions would belong to someone else. Along with other Christian organizations, they bequeathed Lincoln Christian University with a final token of loving Christian stewardship, dedicating a generous portion of their estate to Christian higher education.

Dianne remembers, "To most people, Mary and Loretta would have been seen as two little old ladies who lived old-fashioned, simple lives. What I saw were two vigorous spiritual giants. I'm certain God welcomed both of them with the words, 'Well done, good and faithful servants.'"

*(Dianne Kline has served LCU since October, 1994. Ellen Weber has served since June, 1995. Pat Snyder, now retired, joined the LCU staff in September, 1996 and served for 11 years.)*

Oct. 24, 02

Dear Diane, Ellen, and Pat:

You keep on sending gifts and we continue enjoying them. Thank you for the many pictures taken at our home and also the flowers in Pat's yard. They remind us of the "Harvest For World Hunger" meditation on Sat., Oct. 12. Yes, the trees across the lake are beginning to be gorgeous. God's handiwork can't be matched.

Tomorrow will be your Harvest Day and we know it must have been a success with you three involved. You are lively workers for the Lord!! Those smoked pork sandwiches sound so yummy, and those jams and jellies and all those quilts. What a project!

Sorry I didn't get this letter sent before. Loretta and I have been on a trot. She had surgery on her right hand and didn't put her hands into water for 10 days. Slowed us down but she's o.k. and back washing dishes again. Ha!

We both had doctor check-ups in Oct. they were favorable. They don't seem to give recipes for making one young again. Our yard man will come soon and we hope put on the storm doors and one window and rake the leaves and then we'll be ready for winter.

Wish you could see the 7 swans, 9 mallard ducks, and two squirrels that have kept us entertained this Fall. We had a few snow flurries yesterday, but we hope they will put off that/for a long time.

Again, thanks. Loretta joins me in wishing each of you good health and much success as you are busy, busy for the Lord.

In His service,

Loretta & Mary  
Loretta and Mary Sanders



## Best Christian Workplace

On Monday, January 3, 2011, *Best Christian Workplaces Institute*

recognized Lincoln Christian University as a

**Best Christian Workplace!** *Best Christian Workplaces* are defined as organizations with intentional efforts to nurture an organizational culture that reflects God's divine nature; even in a difficult economy. This recognition is due to the high scoring information that faculty and staff provided in a survey in fall 2010.



On March 22-25, 2011, **Dr. Chris Keith** will be speaking at the Emmanuel School of Religion, in Johnson City, Tennessee as part of their Kershner Lectures titled, *The Controversy of Jesus: Scribal Culture and the Threat of the Galilean*. Dr. Keith, Assistant Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins, will also be speaking at the UCLA

Center for the Study of Religion on May 2. Dr. Keith was one of only 12 theologians to receive the 2010 John Templeton Award for Theological Promise to international scholars who are under the age of 35. Dr. Keith is currently working on two books: *Jesus' Literacy: Education and the Teacher from Galilee*, under contract with T&T Clark, and *Jesus Among Friends and Enemies*, which is a co-editing contract with Baker Academic.



Professor of Old Testament **Dr. Mark Mangano** has written a new book, *Power and Grace: A Theology of the Psalms*, published by Wipf and Stock Publishers. This book invites the reader to meditate, sing, and pray. *Power and Grace: A Theology of the Psalms* celebrates God and His presence with us. Contact the

LCU Bookstore for purchasing information.

## North American Christian Convention Workshops What Every Elder Ought to Know

### Diagnosing Your Church for Health & Growth Prescription & Treatment for a Healthy Church

*Presented by LCU Faculty & Alumni:*

**Jim Estep** (Professor of Christian Education)

**David Roadcup** (Cincinnati Christian University)

**Gary Johnson** (Indian Creek Christian Church)



Workshops will be held  
Thursday, July 7 & Friday, July 8  
8:30 a.m. in room 206 at  
the Duke Energy Convention Center



Lincoln Christian University is equipped with a well educated and experienced Campus Technology team that delivers quality service for all technological needs. Recently, two of the team members, **Curt Schleich** and **Philip Draughan**, passed certification exams through CompTIA (Computing Technology Industry Association). These certifications are recognized worldwide as a trusted indicator of qualified and competent professionals in the Information Technology industry.



### Palmer Muntz and the Office of Undergraduate Admissions

were recently highlighted in three separate articles. In the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Muntz and his Undergraduate Admissions team were featured in the article, "Where Admissions Meets Faith." Other articles written by Palmer Muntz can be found in the 2010-2011 *Christian College*

*Guide* are titled, "Christian Education, the Foundation for Your Dreams" and "What Does the Bible Say about Student Loans?"

# Lincoln Leaders

## Answering the call...

For 67 years *Lincoln Leaders* have been answering the call to serve and lead in the church and in the world. Their influence is felt around the world. They are characterized by a Biblical worldview, a servant heart, love for Christ and His church and a Kingdom perspective.

The biggest need for most current and future *Lincoln Leaders* is an affordable education.

To meet their need we are launching the *Lincoln Leaders* — **Answering the Call** comprehensive campaign. This campaign benefits students by increasing two funds on which every student counts.

- **The Lincoln Leadership Gift** is the unrestricted, sustaining, repeatable gift that makes up the difference between all other sources of income and the true cost of educating *Lincoln Leaders*. This year it makes possible \$1.5 million in scholarships to *Lincoln Leaders* in all three schools of LCU. This gift comes from churches and individuals who believe in the mission and ministry of LCU.

**The goal is to increase this fund 10% a year for three years resulting in a total of \$450,000.**

- **Endowed Gifts.** Endowed scholarships are permanently restricted funds that provide gifts to *Lincoln Leaders* in perpetuity. Typically, the principal amount is invested and the amount gifted each year is in the 3-5% range. Endowed scholarships bearing the name in honor of or memory of someone start at \$10,000 and on average would provide \$500 a year to a *Lincoln Leader*. Currently LCU has approximately \$4 million in endowed scholarships.

**The goal is to increase this fund 10% over three years resulting in a total of \$400,000. Already in the last 8 months we have increased our endowments \$162,000.**

The total goal is to make an LCU education more affordable for current and future *Lincoln Leaders* over the next three years by increasing the Lincoln Leadership Gift and Endowments by \$850,000.

Today, *Lincoln Leaders* are still answering the call. They serve in more than 160 countries around the world and in all 50 of the United States. Your three-year commitment to increase your gift helps raise up more *Lincoln Leaders* like the ones featured on this page who will continue to impact the world.

## Consider the difference you can make in the lives of future Lincoln Leaders



**Gene Appel** (LCC '82, LCS), Senior Pastor Eastside Christian Church, Fullerton, CA  
“Honestly, the longer I’ve been away from LCU the more I’ve grown to appreciate my experience as a student. I was not only taught the Bible, but how to study it. I didn’t just learn about the world, but how to interpret and understand it. I wasn’t just given an education, but was equipped, envisioned, and inspired to Christian leadership for a lifetime.”



**RoRo Eustache** (LCS '95), Field Director Haitian Christian Outreach, Port au Prince, Haiti  
“As a *Lincoln Leader*, I learned to choose to do the right thing when the pressures and tendencies to do otherwise are strong.”



**Ron Payne** (LCC '93), Senior Minister Ingraham Christian Church, Ingraham, IL  
“I witnessed Mr. Hargrove’s passion for the church, hearing great preaching each day in chapel, and learning at the feet of knowledgeable and caring professors.”



**June A. Harnacke**  
Vice President, New Holland Banking Center A Division of the First National Bank in Tremont, IL  
“The adult education program at LCU was one of the best experiences of my life. Through the application of Biblical principles and the guidance of my professors, I grew professionally, personally, and spiritually. I am better prepared to manage my time, staff, family, and the unexpected curves life throws my way.”



**Drs. Michael and Kari MacKenzie** (LCU '10)  
Staff Associates at Marble Retreat, Marble, CO  
“LCU’s DMin program provided the necessary ingredients for us to grow professionally, spiritually, and personally.”



**Nicki Green** (LCU)  
Director of Involvement Eastview Christian Church, Normal, IL  
“LCU planted a deep love in my heart for God’s Word and lost people.”



## 2010 RESTORATION AWARD

**Dr. Mark A. Searby, LCC '74, LCS '80**, was presented the 2010 Restoration Award in the field of Higher Christian Education during the Alumni Reception at the National Missionary Convention in Lexington, Kentucky on November 19. Dr. Searby currently serves as Director of Doctor of Ministry program at Beeson Divinity School, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama. He joins three other 2010 Restoration Award recipients who were announced at the NACC this last summer: **Dr. James Craig** in the field of Christian Counseling; **Kenneth Rutledge**, in the field of Christian Camping, and **David Upchurch**, in the field of Preaching Ministry. The latter three were featured in the summer issue of the *Restorer*.

## MINISTRY NEWS

**Timothy C. Barbee, LCC '08**, reports he has moved to Wapella, Illinois, where he serves as Associate Minister at the Wapella Christian Church. He previously worked for over a year as their part-time youth minister.

**Robert Taylor, LCC '79**, is serving as interim minister with the Green Mountain Christian Church in Lakewood, Colorado, effective October 10, 2010. He and his wife Kathy live in Castle Rock, Colorado.

**CH (LTC) Karen Diefendorf, LCC '75, LCS '83**, retired from the U.S. Army in 2006 to become Lincoln Christian University's Academic Dean of the School of Undergraduate Studies. In January, 2010, Karen was recalled to active duty as Chief of the Training Development Division at Fort Jackson, SC. Her tour of duty has been extended at least one more year and possibly two. Because of this, Karen has resigned as Academic Dean so that LCU can appropriately plan for her replacement.

**Sandra (Grimes) Beattie, LCC '64**, will complete 25 years as Administrative Assistant at Boulevard Christian Church, Muskogee, Oklahoma, in June, 2011. Prior to that Sandra worked for eight years as the Early Elementary Teacher at Boulevard Christian School. She and her husband Larry reside in Muskogee.

**Paul, LCC '91, and Susie (Allen) Vale, LCC '84**, recently celebrated 10 years of

service at New Life Christian Church, Whiting, Indiana. They anticipate many more years of fruitful service.

**Drew, LCC '07, and Ashleigh, LCC '06, Smith** have recently relocated to the Champaign/Urbana, Illinois area to serve in campus ministry and children's ministry.

**Chad Nauman, LCC '98 and '03**, reports that he has been called as the worship minister at First Christian Church in Greenville, Illinois. He and his wife **Marci (Pierce), LCC**, reside in Greenville.

**Scott, LCC '97, and Amy (Sackett), LCC '99, Bates** are serving with the Parsippany (NJ) Christian Church where Scott is Senior Minister, following 10 years as Associate Minister with that congregation. Amy is a cardiac intensive care nurse and participates in yearly missions trips. Scott and Amy celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary in October, 2010.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Dr. Tom Ewald, LBI '60, LCS '64, '69, and wife Janet (LBI)** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 18, 2010, at an open house celebration on December 19 at the Jefferson Street Christian Church in Lincoln, Illinois. Tom is a 1983 recipient of the Restoration Award in the field of Christian Higher Education. He served LCU for more than 40 years and continues to teach part-time as adjunct faculty.

**Jack and Arlene (Bloemker) Olmstead, LBI**, celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on August 28, 2010. They reside in Danville, Illinois, where Jack worked for the postal service for 32 years and the Vermilion County Museum for 16 years. Arlene retired from Walgreen National Accounting after 23 years of service. They serve with the congregation of the Second Church of Christ in Danville. Jack also worked for 20 years with the deaf at Catlin Church of Christ. Both served in various forms of service throughout their life together.

**Marshall H. Kelley, Jr., LCC '01**, reports he now resides in Goshen, Indiana, and is employed at the local Primerica Financial Services office.

**Less Morrison, LCC '85**, reports that he is a Licensed Professional Counselor in Michigan and is working as a clinical therapist at Perspectives Counseling Centers in Sterling Heights and Troy, Michigan. His wife **Rhonda, LCC '87**, is an RN at Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center in Madison Heights, Michigan.

**Jack Getchel, LCC '81**, and wife **Ruthetta, LCC**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 12 with a reception at Lincoln Christian Church. Jack has been employed at LCU since 1977, where he served as Director of Financial Aid until 2005. He currently serves part-time as LCU's Sport Information Director and Event Manager in the Laughlin Center.

## BIRTHS

**Victoria (Lee) Ruhl, LCC '02**, and husband Jared announce the birth of their first son, Owen Lee Ruhl, on November 17, 2010. The Ruhl family resides in Round Lake, Illinois.

**Jason, LCC '04, and Ashleigh (Ray), LCC '05, Mauhar** celebrate the birth of their second daughter, Addisynn Paige, on January 7, 2010. Addisynn joins big sister Arrington. Proud grandparents are **LCU President Dr. Keith H. Ray** and wife **Jeaneen**. The Mauhars reside in Saginaw, Texas.



**Jennifer (Frances) Tarpley, LCC '97, LCS '99**, and husband Clint welcomed twin sons, born July

21, 2010. Gavin Monroe and Keagan Frances have blessed the Tarpley home in Normal, Illinois.

**Jamie (Elliott) Russell, LCC '02**, and her husband Stanley (Shorty), announce the birth of Anthem Joseph on July 22, 2010. He joins big sister Selah Grace. The family resides in Roswell, New Mexico.

**Darrin Akin, LCC '92, LCS '08**, and wife Sandra are pleased to announce the arrival of their adopted son, Garrett Donovan, born April 24, 2010. The formal adoption process was finalized on July 26, 2010. Garrett has three big brothers, Jonathan (22), Andrew (18), and Joseph (16). The family resides in Yuma, Arizona, where Darrin serves with the First Christian Church.

## DEATHS

**Jason Hall, LCC**, passed away suddenly at the age of 34 following a heart attack on December 8, 2010. He was living in Saybrook, Illinois, at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife Jodi and two daughters, Kaycee and Shelby. Jason was a student at LCU between 1994 and 1997.

**Betty Whitler**, wife of **Arnold Whitler, LBI '57**, passed from this life December 13, 2010. Betty had been confined to a nursing home in Girard, Illinois, and was adjusting to the loss of her husband Arnold, who passed away on August 29, 2010. Four children survive Arnold and Betty. Arnold was a former faculty member, serving from 1957-1972. During that time, Betty had served on staff and endeared herself to many of the female LCU students.

**David L. Warner, LBI '59**, went to be with the Lord at the age of 84 on October 26, 2010. He was residing in Corpus Christi, Texas, at the time of his death. David had served churches in Hartsburg, Illinois, and Lexington, Ohio. David served in World War II before attending Lincoln Bible Institute, and earned a purple heart while serving on the USS Laffey. He is survived by his wife Ivanelle and five children and stepchildren.

**George Dee Shaffer, LBI '53**, passed away on November 9, 2010, at the age of 90. He preached the gospel of Jesus Christ for more than 50 years and was residing in Scottsdale, Arizona, at the time of his death.

**Ryan, LCC '01, LCS '06, and Bethany, LCS '06, Edgcomb** suffered the loss of their son, Benjamin, who died in the womb in the eighth month of pregnancy. Ryan serves as chaplain at the Christian Village in Lincoln, Illinois, and Bethany is a counselor for Catholic Social Services, also in Lincoln. A graveside service was held on January 6 in Argenta, Illinois.

**Karelin "Sue" Elliott, LCS '97**, passed from this life on January 4, 2011, at the age of 51 following a courageous battle with cancer. She was living in Spokane, Washington at the time of her death. She is survived by her mother, stepfather, and one brother. Memorial services were January 21, 2011, at the Spokane Cremation and Burial Service in Spokane, Washington. Much of her journey is posted on [www.caringbridge.org/visit/sueelliott](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/sueelliott).

**Helen Morse, wife of Eugene, LBI**, joined the Lord in early January, 2011.

She and Eugene were missionaries in Burma-Thailand for more than 60 years. Eugene survives. She was sister to former LCU faculty member **Tom Myers, LBI '59**, and **Margaret Coonce, LBI**, and mother to **Thomas Eugene Morse, LCC '85**.

**Eunice (Chandler) Messersmith, LBI**, passed away on September 8, 2010. She and her husband **Jan, LCC '80**, were serving with Pioneer Bible Translators in Madong, Papua New Guinea, when Eunice became ill and succumbed quickly to cancer. They had served together on this mission field for over 30 years.

**Rosemary (Swarms) White, LCC '66**, passed away on January 14, 2011, at the age of 75. She was at her home in Farina, Illinois, at the time of her death. She succumbed following a very brief battle with cancer, three weeks following a doctor's diagnosis. Rosemary and her husband Anthony, who preceded her in death, served as missionaries for Central African Christian Mission in Zimbabwe. She is survived by a son and daughter and five grandchildren. Services were held on Tuesday, January 18, at the Macedonia Christian Church in Farina, Illinois.

**Roger, LCC '61**, and wife **Phyllis Herbsleb** both passed away from natural causes on April 12, 2010. Services were held on April 17, with interment in Riverside Cemetery in Mahomet, Illinois. Phyllis had worked for the University of Illinois prior to her retirement in 1990. She was also a volunteer cheerleading coach for Parkland College. Roger retired as a printer from Parkland College in 1993 and was inducted into their Hall of Fame in 2008 after many years of volunteer work as scorekeeper and referee for Parkland. They are survived by five children and 11 grandchildren and great grandchildren.

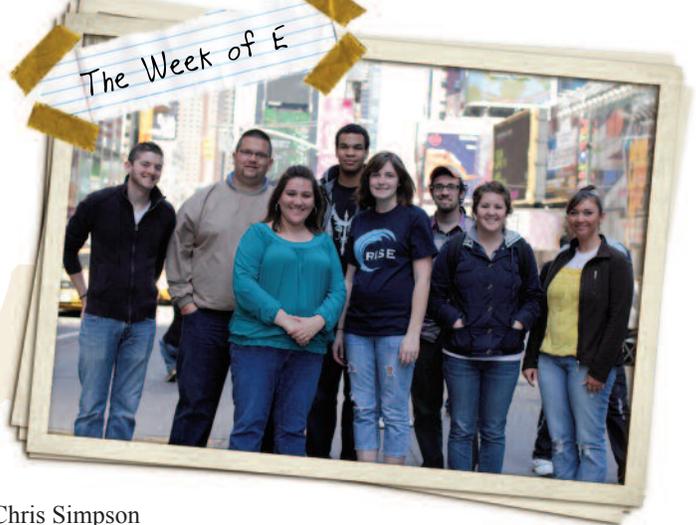
**Kathy (Lowery) Evans, LCC '80**, reports the death of her husband Norman on December 25, 2010. They had been married for 23 years. They have two children, Matthew, age 20, and Kristin, age 17. The family continues to reside in Lincoln, Illinois.

# MISSION: EVANGELISM

Pray for LCU students and employees as they travel on this week of evangelism, experience, and encounter.

2011

The Week of E



**Cultural Awareness**—Tina Ragland will lead students on a trip to experience the culture of Chicago Public Elementary Schools (K-8) which include a variety of ethnic backgrounds.

**Chorale Tour**—Jeff Colleen, Linda Storm, Tom Sowers, and Alex Dayvolt will take the LCU Chorale on a 9-day concert tour during Spring Break. They will present music and drama programs in churches in Illinois, Tennessee, Georgia, and Florida.

**Pinehaven Christian Children's Ranch**—This trip to Pinehaven will provide LCU students with the opportunity to serve and minister to the children and staff at this Montana Ranch. Manual labor will be a large part of the service for the week.

**Dominican Republic**—Coach Les Evans and the LCU baseball team members will work with SCORE International.

**Northwest Haiti Christian Mission to Haiti**—Students will experience the work of Northwest Haiti Christian Mission at a medical clinic, birthing center, baby orphanage, or an elderly home.

**Northwest Haiti Christian Mission to Indianapolis**—Paul Del Valley will introduce students to the Northwest Haiti Christian Mission offices and warehouse as they spend several days in the warehouse helping pack supplies to be sent to Haiti.

**Monastery of the Holy Cross**—Led by Isaac Gaff, students will observe the Daily Divine Prayer Offices and share in meals with the monastic community at Holy Cross in the Bridgeport neighborhood of Chicago.

**Early Childhood Practicum**—Karen Estep will lead freshmen students on this experience in a preprimary field placement, which involves observation, planning, teaching, collaboration, and reflection of the learning environment.

**Decatur Public Schools**—Students will complete 70 hours of field experiences in the diverse setting of the public schools in Decatur, Illinois.

**Kierkegaard Library**—Chris Simpson will take a group to the Hong Kierkegaard Library at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota for a week of study and spiritual formation based around Kierkegaard's writings.

**Lincoln Area Nursing Homes**—Jim Allison will provide students opportunities to encourage and to serve the needs of the elderly in ten different nursing home facilities within a 90-mile radius of Lincoln, Illinois.

**Lincoln Christian Church**—Students will help Lincoln Christian Church prepare for upcoming Children's Church events under the leadership of Marcia Wells.

**Lincoln Prayer Walk**—For the duration of the Week of E3, students will fast each day from midnight to 3 p.m., then walk each day while praying for the people of Lincoln.

**Little Galilee**—Jan Rutledge will lead students on this service trip to help clean and prepare the camp for summer.

**Lincoln YMCA**—Mark Mangano and his group will tutor and mentor grade school children at the Lincoln YMCA.

**Hope for the First Nations**—Under the leadership of Lynn Wilson, students will be working with the children on White Earth Indian Reservation in northwestern Minnesota.

**Northpointe Christian Church**—The students on this trip to Lincoln, Rhode Island will work with the Sunday morning gathering, weekly community groups, a local West African church, and a new South Providence church plant.

**Reunion Christian Church**—Students on this trip will spend their week in Boston with Kye and Caroline Ewing and work with a young church called Reunion.

**Rockingham Christian Church**—LC Sutton will take students on this trip to help Rockingham Christian Church prepare for their annual community Easter Egg Hunt and other events leading up to their Easter celebration.

**EastPointe Christian Church**—Students on this trip will be working with LCU Alumnus Jared Cowgur and the staff in the Portland, Maine area and will be actively involved in the youth ministry of the church.

**Ninos de Mexico**—This trip with Wayne Shaw will include time spent with children and teenagers who live at Ninos. These children are orphans or wards of the state.

**YM Exegesis**—Selected YM majors and Rondel Ramsey will be traveling throughout the Upper Midwest (Michigan, Chicagoland, Wisconsin) exploring how churches do youth ministry in different locations and contexts (inner city, suburban, rural).

**House of Faith**—Students will travel with Joe and Charis Gordon to San Angelo, Texas, to work with at-risk kids from third grade through high school in a neighborhood of largely unchurched families with kids who are at risk for drug use, for dropping out of school, and for crime.

**Puerto Rico**—This group will work with the church and an English speaking Christian school (Pre-K—6 grades) in planning and teaching VBS Bible lessons and activities.

**Nottingham, England**—Our students will have a chance to share their faith and learn about the faiths (or lack thereof) of others by teaching in public schools in the area of religious education (RE) in Nottingham.

**St. Louis, Missouri**—Mike Nichols will lead this trip where students will be working with World Impact, a ministry to "at risk" youth in the inner city neighborhoods of North St. Louis and with a Christian group that works with recent U.S. immigrants from various nations around the world.

**Staten Island**—Walt Zorn and students will be working with Staten Island Church of Christ, holding mini-revival meetings, communion service on Thursday evening, visiting a mission in Manhattan, and churches in the area.

**Homeless Ministry, Springfield, IL**—This week will bring students face-to-face with poverty and help find the best way to help. Sara Anderson will help to connect with various organizations in Springfield to do whatever work is needed.

**Spiritual Formation**—In daily worship services, Steve Cone will lead students in reading from the writings of Catherine of Siena as a meditation on Christ's passion as a way to find true self through the love of God.

**Mt. Pulaski, IL**—Students will help the First Christian Church landscape their current facilities and paint classrooms in their Family Life Center.

**Rock River Christian Camp**—Tevis Gaylord will lead students as they help ready Rock River Christian Camp for the camping season.

## 2011 SPRING EVENTS

### MARCH

March 24-26

**Spring Musical**  
"You're a Good Man  
Charlie Brown"

### APRIL

April 4 & 5

**Undergraduate Campus  
Visit Overnighter**  
The LCU Experience

April 13

**Seminary Lectureship**

April 15

**2-mile run/walk on  
the LCU Campus**

April 15-22

**Week of E-3**

April 24

**Easter**

April 27

**Christian Women's Conference**

### MAY

May 4

**Founders' Day**

May 13

**"Honor to Whom Honor is Due"**  
(Seminary Graduates)

**50th Reunion: Class of 1961**

**Alumni Council Meeting**

May 14

**Commencement Services**

May 19

**Adult & Graduate Studies—  
New Student Orientation**

**Early Registration for New  
Seminary Students**



**Student & Youth Leader Event**

*Featured Guest*

Jud Wilhite,  
Senior Pastor of  
Central Christian Church, Las Vegas, NV

# The Exchange

*Speakers:*

**Justin Moxley**  
President of The Heartland Project

**Jason Epperson,**  
Discipleship Minister at  
First Christian Church in Champaign

**Scott Greer,**  
Senior Minister at  
New Hope Christian Church,  
Bartlett, TN

**Chip Maupin,**  
Licensed counselor with  
Ogallala Counseling in Ogallala, NE

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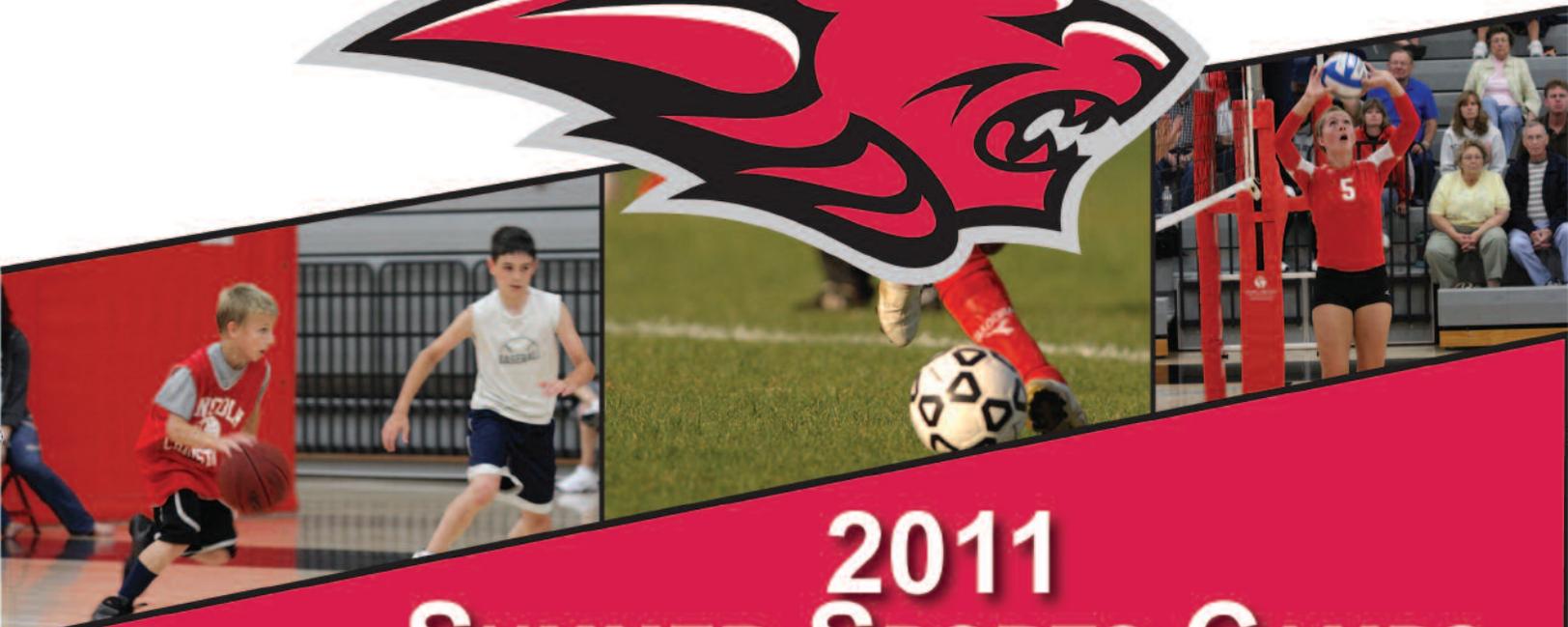
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**SOCCER - BASKETBALL - VOLLEYBALL**

- Boys' Basketball Camp: June 19-22 (\$150)
- Girls' Basketball Camp: June 26-29 (\$150)
- Boys' & Girls' Soccer Camp: June 26-29 (\$125)
- Volleyball - High School Camp: July 10-13 (\$200)
- Volleyball - Jr. High I Camp: July 17-20 (\$200)
- Volleyball - Jr. High II Camp: July 20-23 (\$200)

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