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Front cover photo:

Nicaraguan poet and linguist, Dr. Horatio Peña, has taught the Spanish language at Southwest since 1980.

Back cover photo:

Dr. Peña, reads from *Ars Moriendi y Otros Poemas*, for which he received the prestigious *Premio Poesía Internacional de Centenario Ruben Darío*.



SEMINARY OF THE SOUTHWEST HAS A LONG and distinguished history of forming ministers—lay and ordained—to serve the Hispanic/Latino populations of the United States, the fastest growing minority within our borders. We’ve asked several members of our community serving Hispanic populations to write articles for this issue of *Ratherview*.

The Rev. Anthony Guillen, class of 1990, is the Missioner for Latino/Hispanic Ministries for the Episcopal Church. In his article, he underscores that only one country in the world has a larger Hispanic population than the United States. While I knew that in many states which share a border with Mexico the percentage of the population which is Hispanic will soon surpass that which is Anglo, I did not know that only Mexico has more Latino citizens than the U.S.!

The Rev. Liz Muñoz, class of 2005, is rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Los Angeles. As Liz observes in her article, Trinity is in a profoundly diverse neighborhood, and that diversity is represented in the life of the parish she serves. As leadership in her parish passes from a shrinking Anglo minority to a growing Latino majority, the parish itself is faced with the challenge of continuing its historic practice of extending radical hospitality to all, something they’ve done exceedingly well. I was fascinated, for example, to read about a Greek Quinceanera!

Erin Warde, a senior from the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, went on our January “Encuentro,” a three-week immersion course along the Texas/Mexico border in which the student encounters the history, culture, and contemporary realities of being Latino. Her class went to Piedras Negras, Mexico. There, at Casa Migrantes, she heard first hand the stories of immigrants being deported; she visited Casa Bethsada, an orphanage for mentally challenged children; with Padre Miguel (rector of El Buen Pastor parish which sponsored her visit) she distributed food, blankets, and clothes to people for whom Padre Miguel is “a source of hope.” As she wrote about her trip, “The experience in Piedras

Negras was not a mission trip in which I attempted to right any wrongs, but instead an opportunity for me to know what life on the Mexican side of the border is like in such a personal way that it can no longer be discussed in theory.”

Southwest’s formation of ministers to serve Latino and Hispanic populations is overseen by the Rev. Paul Barton, our Associate Professor in the History of American Christianity and Missiology, who also serves as the director of our Hispanic Church Studies concentration. In his article, Paul notes that the Hispanic population in the United States is itself exceedingly diverse. Latinos come from a variety of different countries—not just Mexico—and each successive generation of Hispanics in this country has a different experience than did the prior generation. Under Paul’s wise oversight, the Southwest community is seeking to form leaders who will serve the Latino population in all its diversity. We have great reason to hope that we will continue to rise to the challenge! As Paul notes, “There is one crucial element that undergirds all Hispanic ministry in the Episcopal Church—it is a welcoming church.”

You’ll also find in this edition of *Ratherview* an announcement of historic significance in the life of Southwest. We have received over \$7.6 million in gifts and pledges toward our goal of \$15.9 million in The Campaign for Leadership. This major gifts campaign is of profound importance both for Seminary of the Southwest and for the Episcopal Church. With the increase in endowment this campaign will provide, Southwest will have a guaranteed future as a residential seminary with a full faculty forming mature Christian leaders for the Episcopal Church for generations to come. In a time of decreasing enrollment and resources, that Southwest is growing (this fall we’ve enjoyed our largest enrollment ever!) and raising the monies necessary to secure our future is more than a little amazing. We have much for which to be grateful! Please read the next page about The Campaign for Leadership and see how you can help as we strive to bring this major gifts drive to a successful conclusion in 2012.

Southwest Announces The Campaign for Leadership

Seminary of the Southwest has embarked upon a campaign to build and further strengthen the foundation of the institution by raising \$15.9 million for endowed faculty chairs, student scholarships, and the annual fund. As of this writing, the seminary has raised \$7.6 million in gifts and pledges, and concurrent with its 60th Anniversary, the seminary announces The Campaign for Leadership to its wider constituency.

Campaign organization includes honorary chairs Bishop Claude and Mrs. Barbara Payne; chair of the Board, the Rt. Rev. Dena Harrison; and Mrs. Fredricka Brecht, chair of the development committee of the board.

To date, the seminary has received a number of substantive gifts toward endowed professorships, including a generous gift of \$1 million from Kitty King Powell, a descendant of the seminary's founding Rather Family, toward the Duncalf-Villavaso Chair in Church History. Donors have supported a number of named chairs, including the Helen and Everett H.

Jones Chair of Christian Ethics and Moral Theology and the J. Milton Richardson Chair in Anglican Studies.

The Board of Trustees has committed more than \$500,000; St. Luke's Episcopal Health Systems has provided a matching gift of \$500,000; and the Episcopal Foundation of Texas has committed to completing the Peter Coffield Memorial Chair of Pastoral Theology.

"Transformational gifts to The Campaign for Leadership are moving Seminary of the Southwest forward, establishing a strong foundation for the institution that you know and love," says Tara Elgin Holley, Vice President for Institutional Advancement. "Southwest's Campaign for Leadership is forward-looking and full of promise. It complements the growth in the seminary's enrollment and emphasizes our focus on leadership development at every level of our mission."

Please contact Ms. Holley at (512) 466-3836 for more information about how to make a gift to The Campaign for Leadership.



SEMINARY OF THE SOUTHWEST



Hispanic Ministry Requires Diverse Forms of Ministry

By Paul Barton

Diversity in the Hispanic Community

When churches begin to think about engaging in Hispanic ministry, they quickly learn that they are dealing with an amorphous population group. Indeed, there is not “a Hispanic community” but several ethnic communities—each based on its home country—that comprise the wide umbrella labeled Hispanic.

Indigenous Mexicans have a different way of being than Puerto Ricans. The history of each country also affects the identity of persons from different countries.

Diversity exists within the Hispanic community in the level of assimilation persons undergo in the United States. The first-generation immigrant’s frame of identity always remains his or her home country and adjusting to the shock of living in a new country includes trying to make the surroundings and relationships feel like back home.

The second-generation Hispanic grows up speaking Spanish in the home but English at school and at work and is more influenced by the Anglo-American dominant society than his or her parents’ home country.

The third-generation Hispanic is much more assimilated to the dominant culture than his or her ancestors. Many do not even speak Spanish, although they have an appreciation for their heritage.

Given this level of diversity, how does one fashion a coherent ministry to Hispanics?

Recognizing that “one size does not fit all,” *The Episcopal Church’s Strategic Vision for Reaching Latinos/Hispanic* provides effective ministry to the immigrant population and to the 60 percent of Hispanics who were born in the United States.



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Diversity of Hispanic Ministries

Episcopal congregations have not taken a singular approach in ministry to the Hispanic community. For example, one of the largest Hispanic churches in the denomination, San Mateo, Houston, has a strongly evangelical form of worship, including a praise band. A few miles away, another large Hispanic congregation worships in a more traditional fashion.

In Los Angeles, at All Saints/Todos los Santos, they worship in an Anglo-Catholic fashion. Within the sanctuary there are prayer candles and a shrine to the Virgin of Guadalupe. This church attracts many Catholics who feel more welcomed and accepted there than they do at the Roman Catholic church two blocks away.

In Austin, while there exists a fully Hispanic congregation, there is an “Anglo” church across town that has developed a Spanish-language worshipping community. The same has happened in a primarily African-American parish in Austin.

In Manor, Texas, near Austin, the Rev. Alex Montes-Vela is developing a multicultural congregation that includes members from a variety of ethnicities and races. Near Portland, Oregon, the Rev. Patricia Millard, MDiv ’04 serves a congregation that worships in English and Spanish because its members are both Anglo-American and Hispanic.

A Welcoming Church

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When I visit Hispanic congregations, members tell me that the rector and other members of the church made them feel welcome. They felt the warmth and love of the people during the passing of the peace in worship, they were warmly greeted after church, and they were visited by the rector or a church member after their first visit.

The Episcopal Church also welcomes Hispanics by recognizing the faith of the people through popular religious practices. It is not uncommon for a church member to ask the rector to bless a home, a car, or an animal. Almost all Hispanic churches observe the feast day of *Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe* (Our Lady of Guadalupe) with much ceremony.

A Ministry of Accompaniment

A common theme of Hispanic ministry is ministry of accompaniment: that is, the priest and church leaders accompany the new and old members on their life journeys, both physically and figuratively.

To accompany in ministry is to provide a grace-filled environment where the people can enthusiastically share their joys and their sorrows and where they can learn that they have gifts and graces that others have not recognized.

A ministry of accompaniment is based on the walk to Emmaus, when Jesus shared the gospel story with his disciples as he accompanied them in their journey. In Hispanic ministry, the minister shares the Gospel story in such a way that it becomes infused into the life story of the congregational member.

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A ministry of accompaniment includes going with members of the Hispanic community to address community issues at city hall, at the local school board, and with other civic leaders, i.e., engaging in social justice with the community.

“Doing” Hispanic ministry begins with listening: that is, listening to the stories of faith, loss, challenge, and triumph that the Hispanics bring with them, and listening and learning the jokes, the music, and the history of that particular cultural and socio-economic group. By being in a receptive mode, by appreciating the gifts and talents that each person brings to the church, one continues a ministry of accompaniment based upon the physical, social, economic, cultural, and spiritual needs of the community.



The Church Has a “Golden” Opportunity

By Anthony Guillen

According to the 2010 U.S. Census, the United States has a population of 308.7 million, 50.5 million of whom are Latinos. This makes the United States the second largest Latino country in the world preceded by Mexico with a population of 112.3 million. This reality drives much of my energy as the opportunity for mission is all around us.

As Missioner for Latino/Hispanic Ministries for the Episcopal Church, one of my principal tasks is to keep reminding the church of the “golden” opportunity that is before us as well as to provide every resource possible to assist those who engage in this ministry.

Cancionero

In order to serve our fast growing ministry, it was clear that there is a need for an affordable and accessible Spanish-language songbook (in Spanish, *cancionero*) that contains the songs/hymns that we sing in our Latino/Hispanic congregations.

The Cancionero Project was born in 2007 at a meeting of musicians and clergy in Los Angeles that drafted a proposal and set the guidelines for the project. Since its beginning, the project has benefited from the diverse talents and voluntary labor of about 75 persons throughout the Church.



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After extensive research from nine Latino countries and 20 musical resources, a database was created of more than 3,400 unique songs. We have selected about 627 songs for inclusion in the final book and are at the end of preparing the manuscript. The second phase of the project—that of recording the songs for the production of CDs—is now underway.

Stewardship

There is a misperception that Latinos are not able to give financially to the Church; however, what we have learned from successful congregations is that everyone is capable of giving, even if it is a small amount. The key is to teach and preach about giving.

A collaborative effort with the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries, the Office of Stewardship, the Episcopal Church Foundation, and the Diocese of Long Island created a stewardship resource titled *Generosidad y Mayordomía* (Generosity and Stewardship), a DVD that contains PowerPoint presentations, documents, and reflection guides, as well as a video recording of a conference that was held in the Diocese of Long Island. This resource was a result of a study of ten successful Latino congregations to determine how their stewardship programs supported the success of their ministry, and from those interviews six best practices were identified and incorporated.

Congregational Growth

In 2009, there were 308 congregations engaged in Latino ministry in the United States with another 260 in Province IX. Today there are 333 congregations in the U.S.

Since the 2009 General Convention, when the *The Episcopal Church's Strategic Vision for Reaching Latinos/Hispanic* was recommended for implementation, new ministries have been established following the precepts of the Strategic Vision with attention to demographics, cultural awareness, and a clear strategy.

In 2007, the Diocese of Nevada had one Latino ministry at All Saints in Las Vegas which had a positive response from the Latino community led by a priest who was un-paid and part-time. “The success of this ministry, as well as the adoption of the Strategic Vision at General Convention, inspired the Diocese of Nevada to take a bold step and adopt deficit budgets for 2010 and 2011 in order to seed Latino ministries with well over \$100,000 per year,” writes Bishop Dan Edwards.

This step led to a pilot program to assist the Diocese of Nevada to help revitalize two existing small English-speaking congregations in Las Vegas by providing an annual grant of \$35,000 from the Strategic Vision monies provided by General Convention. As of this writing, the congregations that began in November 2010 have experienced around 130% growth. St. Matthews had an average attendance of about 30 in their English service and currently have an average attendance at the Spanish service of about 40. St. Thomas began with an average of 20 at their English service and average 30 at their Spanish service.

Collaboration, commitment and the grace of God bless the work of mission of the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministry of the Episcopal Church. The needs are far greater than the Office can respond to alone, and the success of our work is due in great part to many colleagues at the Episcopal Church Center and partner organizations and other institutions, all of whom understand that the time is now.

This reality drives much of my energy as the opportunity for mission is all around us.



Mission in Latino Contexts Opens Heart and Mind

By Erin Warde

As a junior seminarian, I had the opportunity to visit Piedras Negras, Mexico with my class as a part of the *January Encuentro: Mission in Latino Contexts* course. We went to Mexico to be immersed in Latino culture. It was not a mission trip. It was a trip that would open my eyes to the reality of life across the border from Texas, the very state I live in.

We first went to a church, El Buen Pastor, and packed into vans with the priest, Padre Miguel Cristerna, and Antonio, a friend who accompanied us. Our first visit was to Casa Migrantes and the Salvation Army. To prepare for our trip, we read *Across the Wire* by Luis Alberto Urrea. The author wrote of the “smells of poverty,” which were present in rooms that housed more people than seemingly possible.

At Casa Migrantes, we heard the stories of immigrants being deported, who were now in Piedras Negras after trying to get back to their families. Some traveled from other parts of Mexico, some traveled all the way from Guatemala. No matter where they started their journey, they each lived in Casa Migrantes as they tried to get home.

The Salvation Army had a similar story, only their home had a chapel and we heard stories of it being filled with youth. When we asked how the Salvation Army raises money, the house owners answered clearly—when they needed money, they went and found money. Their dedication and passion were inspiring.

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Amidst the cold of Mexico, El Buen Pastor was warm, both in temperature and spirit. We took off jackets and sat together for a meal prepared by the women in the kitchen. I speak very little Spanish, but smiles and “Hola” communicated our mutual congeniality. The food was delicious



Photos by Jessie Vedanti, MDiv '12, diocese of Olympia

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and plentiful. After my spiritually challenging afternoon, the blessings showed to us by Padre Miguel and the women in the kitchen were uplifting.

Next, we visited the Immigration Department, where we heard about the work involved with being a part of Beta, the border patrol group. We learned about the tasks of Beta workers and how they interact with people crossing from Mexico into the United States. This meeting expanded our understanding of immigration issues on both sides of the border.

The most emotionally engaging site we visited was Casa Bethsada—an orphanage for mentally challenged children. The obvious love in the words spoken by the caregivers at the house was transformative. When asked how many people Casa Bethsada could house, the man told us that his heart would not let him turn anyone away.

We traveled to a row of colonias that Padre Miguel visits every Saturday to deliver food, blankets, and clothes. We interacted with families, as they lined up to receive these things. I looked out the back of the van as we moved to another colonia to see family after family following us. Padre Miguel was a source of hope for them, and we had been made a part of that.

On Sunday, we attended a church service at El Buen Pastor. The service was upbeat and families flooded into the church. We listened to three sermons—one from Padre Miguel, one from Father Jaime Case, our teacher and guide, and another from Padre Miguel's wife, Marielena, an ordained priest who is rector of Redeemer Episcopal Church across



the Rio Grande river in Eagle Pass, Texas. They spoke words of thankfulness to us, but more importantly thankfulness for God's mercy and love bestowed upon all of us.

The experience in Piedras Negras was not a mission trip in which I attempted to right any wrongs, but instead an opportunity for me to know what life on the Mexican side of the border is like in such a personal way that it can no longer be discussed in theory. I hold memories of the people that I met that January, people who seek God, who laugh and love each other. They remind me of God's presence and His warmth, regardless of the cold night.



Sowing in the Fertile Fields of Peace and Justice

By Liz Muñoz

From the moment I received the call from Trinity in Los Angeles to serve as their pastor and spiritual leader I have considered myself blessed because I was sent into a parish with a history of sowing in the fertile fields of peace and justice. I was doubly blessed because I knew I was going to be doing Latino ministry in a multicultural urban context. ¡Que suave! (Translation: That rocks!)

La Iglesia Episcopal de La Trinidad/Trinity Episcopal Church sits on the corner of Melrose and Berendo in the community of East Hollywood in Los Angeles. It is a unique neighborhood, even by L.A. standards. Within walking distance from the church is a bohemian artist's community, a Latino barrio, an Armenian community, a Korean neighborhood, Los Angeles City College, the Braille Institute for the Blind, the Bicycle Kitchen, Scoops Ice Cream Parlor, Against the Stream Buddhist Meditation Society, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Saint Vladimir, and The Faultline, a well known gay bar.

Trinity has an honorable history of being involved in peace and social justice issues that have affected this neighborhood. In the late 1980s, it was one of the first churches in the area to open its doors to the gay community and people struggling with AIDS. Its doors opened again to welcome the Salvadorian and Guatemalan exiles who fled the economic and political oppression of the early 1990s. The church is currently involved with the Los Angeles chapter of People Improving Communities through Organizing (PICO), and Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE).

Trinity's inclusive history comes, in part, from the fact that the faces of the members reflect the neighborhood. The members who attend the English service have not only lived around the neighborhood, but have ancestral roots in different Filipino, Western European, Latino, and Greek cultures. Our Latino members, who for the most part attend the Spanish service, have raised their children in the church. We have a third generation of Latinos that are being raised in the Episcopal Church.

The other significant cultural population that has shaped Trinity's inclusive history and its commitment to radical hospitality is the Lesbian Gay



Bisexual Transvestite Questioning community. It is because of this community that the first Wednesday of every month our bilingual Eucharist service is an AIDS Mass. The people who began this ministry have either lost their lives to AIDS or have moved on to other places in their earthly pilgrimage. The people who lead it and keep it alive are the Latino Spanish-speaking straight members of the congregation ever mindful of their call to bring good news to a broken world. This is but one example of Latino ministry that has flourished and is developing as a leadership force for the whole church.

The Latino leadership at Trinity is in the process of qualitative growth. As the attendance in the English service has diminished, as is true of many Episcopal churches, the attendance in the Spanish service has grown. The question these Latino leaders face now is: how will we be leaders for the church? How do we continue our commitment to radical hospitality and continue to deepen our faith? How do we teach others about living as a church that practices intimacy rather than polite but aloof tolerance or that values community over individualism? How do we claim our leadership and share our gifts in a Church that is not always so ready to receive?

Answers to these questions have included phone call campaigns in support of the California Dream Act, the 100+ sack lunches given out to our homeless friends and neighbors, liturgical innovations like the first ever Greek Quinceanera or the bilingual service the third Sunday of every month where the whole community worships, the arrest of yours truly in an act of civil disobedience, the Via Crucis on Good Friday around the neighborhood, and Jugar Junto A Dios (Godly Play in Spanish).

I truly have been blessed to be a partner in the process. The preparation and formation I received at Seminary of the Southwest has served me well these last five years as Trinity's rector. The hermeneutical circle, contextual theology and liberation theology, spiritual formation, meaningful liturgical training interlacing worship, and social justice have all been valuable tools I have shared with the people of Trinity. Together we have attempted to build new leadership models that are relational and collaborative rather than hierarchical. We are committed to living into intimate relationships rather than simply coexisting with one another in polite tolerance.

Blessed be God who sent me into such fertile fields with the necessary equipment to work with this communion of saints. Amen. Alleluia.

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Online Resources

Latino/Hispanic Ministries: The Episcopal Church
http://ecusa.anglican.org/109405_ENG_HTM.htm

Caminando Con el Pueblo: Reflexiones Desde el Rincón Latino
A blog by Rev. Dr. Juan Martínez
<http://caminandoconelpueblo.com/>

The Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States (AHTUS)
<http://www.achtus.org/>

Asociación para la Educación Teológica Hispano
(Association for Hispanic Theological Education) (AETH)
<http://www.aeth.org/>

National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference
<http://www.nhclc.org/>

A Guide to Hispanics and Religion in the U.S.
http://www.religionlink.com/tip_061204.php

Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology
<http://www.latinotheology.org/>

Seminary of the Southwest Sets Records for Annual Fund

Seminary of the Southwest set an ambitious annual fund goal for the 2010-11 fiscal year and exceeded its goal with significant increases in several areas.

Besides alumni, Southwest donors include individuals, congregations, and foundations across the country that support the mission of the school. These donors made it possible for the seminary to surpass its 2010-11 annual fund goal of \$690,000, a 15% increase over the previous fiscal year total. Additionally, the Southwest Annual Fund experienced an 11% increase in the number of overall donors with 43% of its alumni giving back to the seminary, a 10% year-over-year increase in alumni participation. Annual fund receipts have increased by double digits for the last two years.

"This is a tremendous accomplishment, and we have our trustees, our wonderful donors, and our hardworking staff to thank. I'm so grateful for the confidence of our friends who support this school. The challenge in the annual fund is that the day after we celebrate reaching our goal, we begin again at \$0. The seminary depends on those faithful givers who send a check every year," said Dean and President Douglas Travis.



Students, faculty and staff pulled together for two nights of dialing for dollars at the annual phonathon. Over its 20+ year history, the event has raised funds from over 40% of the alumni giving annually to the operating fund.



Prizes and pizza are compensation for the students' hard work.



Travis Smith, postulant from the diocese of Texas

Society for the Increase of the Ministry

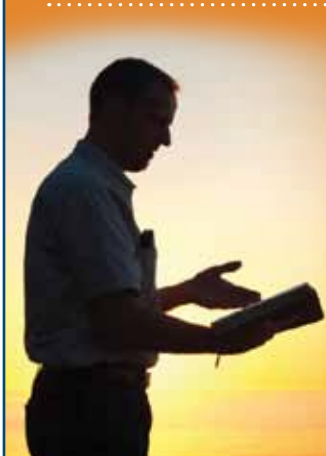
The Society for the Increase of the Ministry (SIM) awarded grants to ten Seminary of the Southwest students this year. Since 1857, SIM has provided more than \$6 million in scholarship aid to nearly 5,000 seminarians. MDiv students apply for the grants in early spring and must be postulants and candidates for Holy Orders in the Episcopal Church in the United States of America. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$4,000 and students may re-apply each year.



Pictured here are Southwest's 2011-12 recipients, L-R from top: Seth Olson (Alabama), Mitch Tollett (Texas), Sean Steele (Texas), Donna Gerold (Alabama), Gerard Klingenberg (Southeast Florida), Christine Mendoza (Texas), David Boyd (Rector of St. David's, Austin and representative of SIM), James Franklin (North Carolina), Jessie Vedanti (Olympia), Erin Warde (Central Gulf Coast) and Michael Carroccino (Olympia).

The Online School for Spirituality and Mission

Spring 2012 Courses: February 6–March 23



The Art of Illumination: Praying the Hours, A Liturgy of Time
Lynda Young Kaffie

**Delighting in the Father and His Delights:
Reflections on the Parable of Luke 15**
Tony Carr

Fashioned for Joy: Readings from the Celtic Christian Tradition
Mary C. Earle

Find detailed course descriptions, get answers to frequently asked questions, and register online at www.ssw.edu/curriculum/online or contact Madelyn Snodgrass, director of the Online School at her email address: msnodgrass@ssw.edu.

Fall Matriculation

The Very Rev. Douglas Travis, dean and president of Seminary of the Southwest, welcomed 34 new students Thursday evening, September 8, during the annual Fall Matriculation at Christ Chapel on the seminary campus.

Fall enrollment includes 15 new MDiv students, and brings the total enrollment for all programs to 135, the largest enrollment in the seminary's history and a four percent increase over last year.

In welcoming the new students, Academic Dean Cynthia Briggs Kittredge noted, "the mission of Seminary of the Southwest is to help men and women discern God's call and to prepare, in heart and mind, for ministry in the church and in the world," and asked for the students' pledge to their discernment and formation.

Dean Travis presented each with a book on the Rule of St. Benedict, the rule of life students strive to follow while living within the Southwest community.

Service is a core value at the seminary, following such examples as that of the Rev. Charles J. Cook, retired professor of pastoral theology. In honoring Cook for his 25 years of contribution, collaboration and commitment to the seminary, the Charles J. Cook Award in Servant Leadership was established in 2009.

This year's recipient is Jennifer Long, who has been the Director of Casa Marianella since 1998. Casa Marianella's emergency shelter for adult immigrants offers housing and food, English classes, and case management, assisting around 900 people annually.

In presenting the award, Dean Travis told Long, "It is not just in your work that you live as a servant leader, but in every aspect of your life. You have literally stood shoulder to shoulder with the dispossessed in Austin to ensure that they are treated fairly and not harassed simply because they are immigrants.... One of your friends has said that every aspect of your life reflects a commitment to your vocation of reflecting Christ's love."

Seminary of the Southwest classes for 2011-12 began Tuesday, September 6. The seminary will welcome prospective students at a Visitors Weekend in March. For additional information, please visit the website at www.ssw.edu/visit.





*Jennifer Long's citation can be read
in its entirety at: www.ssw.edu/news*



Seminary Consultation for Mission

Seven seminarians who were recipients of Seminary Consultation for Mission (SCOM) grants spoke to their classmates about their summer studies abroad. Cross-cultural engagement is a requirement of a SCOM grant, and the grants are intended to further the theological education and ministerial preparation of grantees.

Rob Dixon, senior from the diocese of the Central Gulf Coast traveled to Honduras, dividing his time between working with missionaries and Cursillo volunteers. Dixon studied the effects of long-term and short-term missions in San Pedro Sula.

Chris Hertlein (diocese of Olympia) and Roger Hungerford (diocese of Southern Virginia) traveled to Belize where they also studied the effects of long-term versus short-term missions on residents and Church in San Pedro Town. Their main focus was on Holy Cross Anglican School.

All three reported their findings were similar: It is imperative for there to be a long-term plan in place for a series of short-term missions in order for projects to be sustainable.

Senior, Beryl Kenney, spent the summer in Alaska and Canada on SCOM and EES (Episcopal Evangelical Society) grants. In Tanana, Alaska, she worked on a project to bring liturgy to the people in the indigenous language. She also attended a consortium on Native Ministries at Vancouver School of Theology.

Laurie McKim, senior from the diocese of West Missouri, spoke of her experiences in Costa Rica. McKim said her main focus was to learn how the Church can minister without money. McKim encouraged others to consider studying abroad.

"It's changed my life in ways I can't describe," she said.

Erin Jean Warde, senior from the diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, traveled to England as part of the Canterbury Scholars Program, spending two weeks at Canterbury Cathedral. Warde spoke of conversations with attendees from Africa, Asia, India, Australia, and the U.S., noting that the model of relationship building within the Anglican Communion expressed there was inspiring.

Jessie Vedanti, diocese of Olympia, spoke about working with the Christian Peacemaker Movement in Hebron, south of Jerusalem, where she was part of an effort of "getting in the way." Individuals involved in the movement bear witness to interactions between Israeli armed forces and Palestinian residents living in that area of the West Bank.

As described in the guidelines, "Geographically, SCOM's focus is guided by the "foreign" aspect of the work of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, which includes all areas outside the U.S.A....with relevance to the Anglican Communion.... Learning and engagement with the local church are key elements...SCOM expects applicants to seek funds from multiple sources."

VISITORS WEEKEND AND OPEN HOUSE

Visitors Weekend

for Ordained Ministry programs

MARCH 2-4, 2012

Open House

for Master's in Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care
and Master's in Counseling

MARCH 24, 2012

Details at ssw.edu/visit



Evangelical Education Society Awards Grants to Southwest Students

Several students from the Seminary of the Southwest community received Evangelism Education Society grants for this year to help them with projects centering on innovative Gospel proclamation. Most of these projects were conducted during the summer months while one will take place during the winter.

Rebecca Hall, middler Master's in Spiritual Formation student, is planning a Small Group Ministries conference at Seminary of the Southwest for practitioners and seminarians. Rebecca is building on her experiences as Small Group coordinator at St. David's Episcopal Church in Austin as a resource for this project. It will take place February 3-4, 2012.

The Rev. Linea Haufiku, MAR '11, returned to her homeland of Namibia after graduating from Seminary of the Southwest in the spring, and conducted a five-day ecumenical workshop and retreat on HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention.

Beryl Kenney, senior Master's in Divinity student, spent the summer in Tanana, Alaska, working with indigenous peoples to re-introduce indigenous language to liturgy. Her work also concentrated on developing a portable model for the process of re-introducing Native languages into liturgy. In addition to her time in Tanana, she attended a two-week consortium on Native Ministries at Vancouver School of Theology in Canada.

The Rev. Laurie McKim, senior Master's in Divinity student, spent the summer in Costa Rica teaching English as a second language and engaging clergy and lay leaders, building upon her Spanish skills and knowledge gained in the Hispanic Church Studies program at Southwest.

EES grant applications for the fall 2011 cycle have passed. Grant applications for the spring 2012 cycle are due February 6 and can be used anytime between May 1, 2012 and August 30, 2013.

60th ANNIVERSARY

SPECIAL EVENTS IN 2012

Payne Lecture February 9, 2012

Hosted by the Board of Trustees

James "Jay" Magness

Bishop Suffragan for federal ministries

Harvey Lecture March 26, 2012

Hosted by the students

Sam Wells

Dean of Duke University Chapel & Research Professor of Christian Ethics at Duke Divinity School

Commencement 2012 May 8, 2012

Preacher: Stanley Hauerwas

Gilbert T. Rowe Professor of Theological Ethics, Duke Divinity School

Blandy Lectures September 25-26

Hosted by the Alumni Association

Carol Howard Merritt

Pastor, author, podcast co-host at <http://godcomplexradio.com/>

John Hines Day October 4, 2012

Presentation and Book Signing

Charles J. Cook's, "The Last 35 years" history of Seminary of the Southwest

60th Anniversary Lectures

November 27-28, 2012

Katharine Jefferts Schori

26th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church





JOHN HINES DAY

Celebrating Bishop John E. Hines' Birthday

John E. Hines (1910-1997), former dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Houston, diocesan bishop and builder of congregations, founder of Seminary of the Southwest, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, husband, father, and prophetic preacher was remembered and celebrated at the seminary on Thursday, October 6 by members of the Hines family, alumni and friends, seminary trustees and campus community.

In his sermon, the Rt. Rev. David Reed, bishop suffragan in the diocese of West Texas, spoke of Bishop Hines' commitment to the poor and oppressed. "The bishop's passion and prophetic leadership grew out of, of all things, his love for Jesus. He could not imagine that following Jesus could lead anywhere else but to the poor, the overlooked, the alienated, the oppressed—to lead him to stand against segregation, apartheid and poverty. The Incarnation illumined his life and his ministry, and in the crucified, dead and risen Christ, he found the grace, the strength and the stubbornness to enter into and stand with those who suffer. And not just stand there, gawking like a turista, but to talk about it boldly, to call and recall the comfortable and secure Church of his day to pay attention to Jesus."

As diocesan bishop of Texas, Hines preached in 1963: "A bishop's job is to keep his church family on the firing line of the world's most desperate needs and to learn to accept the exquisite penalty of such an exposed position." He kept his word throughout his leadership of the Episcopal Church, especially while he was Presiding Bishop during particularly violent years of the civil rights movement.

Holy Eucharist, including a commissioning of new trustees, began the day's festivities. The Rev. Micah Jackson, who holds the Hines chair of preaching at Southwest, was the celebrant. The Rt. Rev. Dena Harrison, chair of the board, commissioned four new trustees for the seminary: namely, the Rev. Chris Jambor, rector of All Saints' Episcopal Church, Fort Worth; the Rt. Rev. Scott Mayer, bishop diocesan in Northwest Texas; the Rev. Patrick Miller, rector, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Houston; and Mr. Ron Ogden, founding member of Flahive, Ogden & Latson Attorneys at Law, Austin, now residing in Santa Fe, New Mexico. A celebratory luncheon, with commemorations and acknowledgment from Dean and President Douglas Travis followed.



Bishop David Reed, class of '83,
preached in Christ Chapel.



Lisa Hines, center, class of '07, rector of Calvary Church, Bastrop,
receives a seminary cross to replace hers lost to Bastrop fires.
She is pictured with her husband Chris Hines and
Academic Dean Cynthia Briggs Kittredge.

JOHN HINES DAY



Bishop Dena Harrison (R), Chair of the Board, installs new trustees (L-R) Mr. Ron Ogden, diocese of Rio Grande, The Rev. Chris Jambor, diocese of Fort Worth, Bishop Scott Mayer, diocese of Northwest Texas, and the Rev. Patrick Miller, diocese of Texas.



Elizabeth Gibson, MDiv student, escorts her mother to Christ Chapel.



Trustees, faculty, and alums celebrate John Hines Day.

Bishop Reed's sermon can be read in its entirety at:
www.ssw.edu/resources/sermons

Faculty News

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, Dallas invited seminary faculty **Scott Bader-Saye**, **Steven Bishop**, **Micah Jackson**, **Cynthia Briggs Kittredge**, **Kathleen Russell**, and **Douglas Travis** to present 10 sessions of the four-month long Sunday morning series titled “Civility: The Call for Christian Community.”



Dr. Scott Bader-Saye published a reflection on “9/11: Ten Years Later” in *Christian Century* (August 18, 2011). He also published a book review in *Religious Studies Review* on Clayton Schmit’s *Sent and Gathered: A Worship Manual of the Missional Church*. He has written an adult study on “Loans and Investments: A Christian Perspective,”

which is available on The Thoughtful Christian website (www.thethoughtfulchristian.com). He delivered two presentations this fall at St. Michael and All Angels in Dallas as part of their series on civility: “Islamophobia and the Failure of Civility” and “The Ethics of Controversy.” He also led a discussion of his book *Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear* for the Visitation Community of St. Austin’s Catholic Church in Austin. Scott is serving on the Bishop’s Unity in Mission Task Force for the Diocese of Texas.



The Rev. Paul Barton presented a day-long introduction to the history and polity of the United Methodist Church, “United Methodist History and Polity 101” before a lay group at Parker Lane United Methodist Church, Austin, Texas. He presented “History of the Rio Grande Conference” for the Rio Grande Conference Clergy Retreat, Kerrville,

Texas, in August. In June, Barton delivered the plenary address “An Alternative Concept of Evangelism: Latina Protestants’ Participation in the Evangelistic Witness” at the Seventh Historical Convocation of the United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and “The Contribution of Hispanic Methodist Women to the Evangelistic Ministry of the Church” at the Rio Grande Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas.



Dr. Anthony D. Baker Southwest’s Clinton S. Quin Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, has a recent publication, *Diagonal Advance, Perfection in Christian Theology*. At the campus celebration, Tony addressed students, faculty, and staff, saying “This place has been an important contributor in working out this book. I’m grateful to

all of you for what you’ve taught me and how your questions and our life together have influenced my thought.” Follow Dr. Baker on Twitter @ADemetriusBaker



Dr. Steve Bishop taught a six-week series on Psalms at Good Shepherd, Austin this fall. He gave two presentations “Addressing the Fear of the Other” and “Know Your Neighbor” in the Civility series at St. Michael and All Angels in Dallas, and he delivered a lecture “Sources and Strategies in the KJV Translation of the Psalms” at

the Annual Meeting of the Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars in San Francisco in November.

Dr. Greg Garrett, Writer in Residence (MDiv ’07), writes “Faithful Citizenship,” a weekly column on religion and politics, for Patheos (patheos.com). He team-taught an adult education series on post-resurrection Christianity at St. David’s Episcopal Church, Austin, with the Rev. Ken Malcolm (MDiv ’07) in May, was a featured speaker at two editions of Book People’s Theology on Tap series this summer and fall, and was Residential Scholar at Gladstone’s Library in Hawarden, Wales in June-July. Dr. Garrett’s media interviews this summer and fall appeared in/on the *New York Times*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Men’s Health*, BBC Radio, BBC Scotland Radio, and other print, broadcast, and web sources.

The Rev. Nathan Jennings presented “The shape of the Liturgy,” at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church this fall and “Divine Economy, Divine Liturgy: Liturgical Theology as Retrieval of Figuration” at the Liturgical Theology Seminar at the North American Academy of Liturgy.



The Rev. Cynthia Briggs Kittredge, presented "Theological Reflection on Evangelism" at the Gathering of Leaders, Boston, Massachusetts, in June. She organized Anglican Biblical Scholars Eucharist and Reception at the International Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, King's College Chapel, London, England, in July. Kittredge published

a poem, "Wolf Moon," in the *Anglican Theological Review*, Summer 2011. She presided at the meeting of the Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars in San Francisco, in November and will attend the ordination to the priesthood of Linea Pengodjabi Haufiku, St. Mary's Anglican Church, Odibo, Namibia in December 2011.

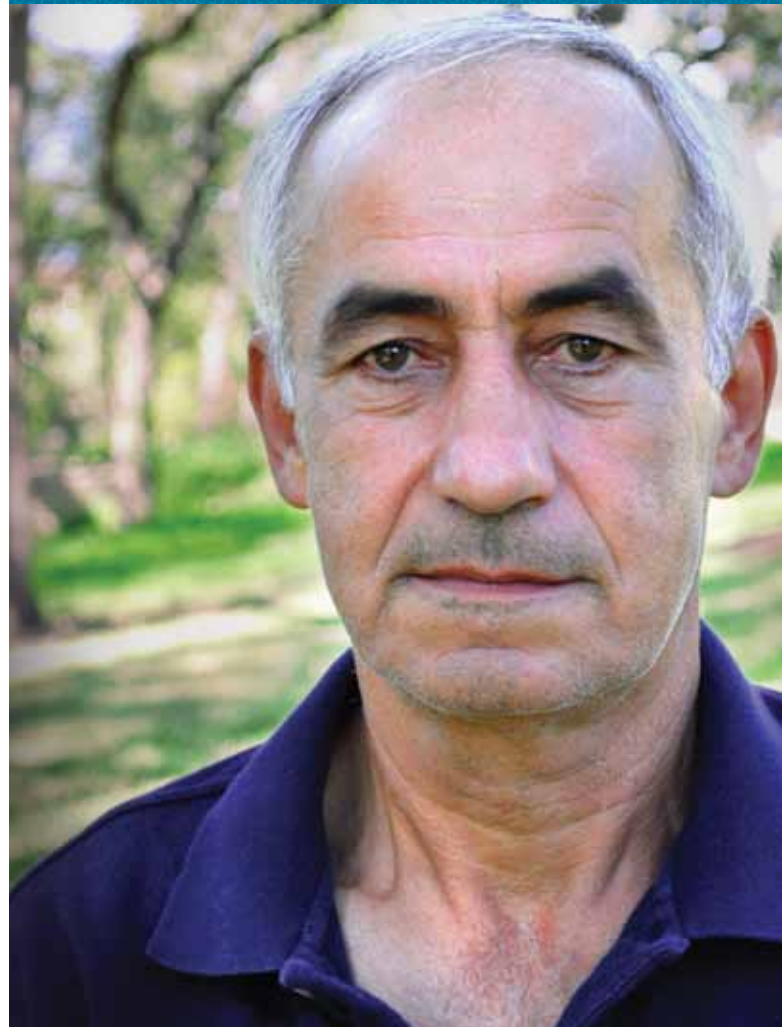
The Rev. Kathleen Russell has been chosen as the convener for the Seminary Consultation on Mission for the next three years. She attended the annual Southwest Regional Association for Clinical Pastoral Education in October as a seminary representative on their Leadership Council, and she presented at St. Alban's Austin Community of Hope training program in October. In November, Professor Russell successfully defended her Doctor of Ministry project, which concentrated on Christian Nurture at nearby Austin Presbyterian Seminary.

Nancy Springer-Baldwin attended the Noel-Levitz national conference from July 25-28 in Denver, Colorado. The conference presents successful strategies, new technologies, and programs that assist with student recruitment, marketing and retention for higher education.



Jennielle Strother attended the Noel-Levitz National Conference on Student Recruitment, Marketing and Retention in Denver, Colorado. In October, she attended by invitation the Women in Leadership: Advancing Leadership Development Conference hosted by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) and held in Pittsburgh,

Pennsylvania. ATS is one of the accrediting agencies of the seminary. Strother was one of 30 women in mid-level administrative positions or junior-level faculty who attended.



In Memoriam

Rade Lukic

1949 - 2011

*Loving father,
dedicated member of
facilities maintenance staff,
super soccer player,
respected friend.*

Seminary of the Southwest Class Notes

Share your news!

We encourage seminary alumni to keep the Southwest community informed about important happenings in their lives. Please send us your updates about any of the following:

- Share any recent awards or honors you have received.
- Tell us about new additions to your family.
- Share news about a recent employment change, job promotion, professional accomplishment or retirement.
- Share news about a recent degree you received, new degrees you are pursuing or other educational accomplishments.
- Let Southwest celebrate your recent book publishing.

2011

Kyle Dice Seage, MDiv '96 (pictured below, L-R), of Madison, Mississippi, and **Paul B. Wehner**, MDiv '01, of Galveston, Texas, received the Hal Brook Perry Distinguished Alumni Award at the 2012 Blandy Lectures in September. President of the Alumni Association, **Chad Vaughn**, MDiv '06, presented the awards. Citations for Seage and Wehner can be seen at www.ssw.edu/news.



John Williams, MDiv '90, **Rhoda Montgomery**, MDiv '01, **Sue Beall**, LSPS MDiv '94, and **Sean Cox**, MDiv '96, (pictured below, L-R), held a joint Thanksgiving worship service at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, College Station. These alums serve churches in College Station and Bryan, Texas.



2000s

The Rev. Christie D. Campbell, MAR '07, was recommended for certification and installation as an associate chaplain by the Association of Professional Chaplains.

The Rev. David Faulkner, DAS '10, has accepted a call to serve as curate at St. James Episcopal Church in Texarkana, Texas.

The Rev. Susan Fischer, DTS '10, is serving as a part-time chaplain with two low-income housing communities, and for Freedom Care, working with service members in the Diocese of Utah. Susan is also serving as the Diocesan Liaison for National Episcopal Health Ministry as well as an assisting priest at St. Paul's Episcopal Parish in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Rev. Everett Lees, MDiv '09, has accepted a call to serve as vicar at Christ Church Episcopal in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The Rev. Diane Pike, MDiv '10, accepted a call to serve as assistant rector at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth, Rhode Island.

The Rev. Josephine Robertson, MDiv '11, accepted a call to serve as curate at St. George's Episcopal Church in Austin, Texas.

The Very Rev. S. Chadwick Vaughn, MDiv '06, president of the Southwest Alumni Steering Committee, and his wife Amanda, a former seminary staff member, welcomed twin daughters, Lucy and Maggie, into the world in October. Congratulations, Chad and Amanda!

The Rev. Margaret Waters, MDiv '00, led her parish, St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Austin, in donating 1,200 books and personalized book bags to the entire first-grade class of Menchaca Elementary School. This outreach effort assisted 106 disadvantaged students by providing reading materials to help prevent the typical 'summer slide' in reading comprehension.

1990s

The Rt. Rev. J. Scott Mayer, MDiv '92, DD '10, was awarded an honorary Doctor in Divinity from the Sewanee School of Theology in Sewanee, Tennessee.

1980s

The Rev. Bob Henderson, MDiv '86, accepted a call to serve as Priest-In-Charge at Trinity Episcopal Church in Wetumpka, Alabama.

Dr. Corinne R. Ware, MAR '89, (pictured below), former assistant professor of ascetical theology received the Durstan R McDonald Teaching Award at the 2011 Blandy Lectures in September. Dr. Donald Kenney, director of the Booher Library, presented the McDonald Teaching Award on behalf of the faculty.



Dusty and Ruth McDonald (pictured below) congratulate Corinne at her award presentation named in honor of Dean Emeritus Dusty McDonald.



1970s

The Rev. David M. Koskela, MDiv '77, rector of St. Raphael Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Colorado was certified a CPE Supervisor in June.

All submissions for inclusion in the Class Notes section of Ratherview should be sent to nspringer-baldwin@ssw.edu or mailed to:

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(L-R) Douglas Travis, Southwest Dean & President, Javier Alanis, Executive Director of Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest, Paul Barton, Southwest Professor and Director of Hispanic Church Studies, and Anthony Guillen, MDiv '90, Latino/Hispanic ministries officer for The Episcopal Church attended the Hispanic Clergy conference held annually on the seminary campus in August.

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