NEWS RELEASE

Your Name, Address, and Contact Information
Date

____________________ (your name), of ___________________ (town of residence), was awarded ____________ ____________________________ (degree you were awarded) on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at the 184th Commencement Ceremony of Lancaster Theological Seminary. Her/his home church is ________________________.

A graduate of ____________________ High School, _________ (your last name) received her/his bachelor’s degree in ______________(what major) from _________________________ College/University.

Prior to entering Lancaster Theological Seminary, ____________ (your last name) worked ______________ (give brief career history before entering seminary – for example – worked in the food service industry and insurance sales. Smith also served as a volunteer firefighter and borough council member in Lancaster City. Smith was actively involved in mission work and made several mission trips to India.)

( current church placement –for example – Smith currently serves as pastor of Lancaster United Methodist Church, Manheim, and will become pastor of Smith Presbyterian Church in Elizabethtown this summer.)

(seminary award – for example - While at seminary, Smith earned the O’Brien prize in Old Testament. )

(personal information – for example – Smith and her husband are the parents of two daughters, Mary and Sally. Or, Smith is the daughter of Rev. Dr. Walter Smith, pastor of St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, Lancaster. )

(ordination – for example – Smith was/will be ordained ______ (date) at _____________ Church. )

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