IN MEMORIAM

CELEBRATING THE LIVES AND MINISTRIES OF
AL BARTHOLOMEW & FRANK STALFA

Within seven days in late October, our Lancaster Seminary community mourned the deaths of two beloved professors, Al Bartholomew and Frank Stalfa, each of whom devoted more than two decades to our institution.

AL BARTHOLOMEW

Until his death Oct. 31, Rev. Dr. Al Bartholomew, 94, had been the Seminary’s oldest living retired faculty member. A 1942 graduate of the Seminary, he served as a church pastor before becoming the Seminary’s professor of Rural Church/Church and Community.

Dr. Bartholomew was a Lancaster Seminary faculty member for 22 years, from 1949-71. He went on to serve prominent national leadership roles including General Secretary for the Division of World Service United Church Board for World Ministries of the United Church of Christ. Dr. Bartholomew also served as chairman of Church World Service and led other significant ecumenical partnership efforts as well.

As word spread of Dr. Bartholomew’s death, the Seminary received an outpouring of tributes from alumni/ae and others whose lives he had touched.

In a letter to the Seminary community, President Carol Lytech wrote, “As I have met with Seminary alumni/ae who were privileged to study under him, I have heard countless personal stories giving testimony to the profound impact of Al Bartholomew upon their lives and ministries.”

Dr. Bartholomew is survived by daughter Jocelyn Alida Bartholomew, wife of Mamoru Sugimoto, Statesville, NC; son Philip F., husband of Mary Schechter Bartholomew of Woodbridge, VA; daughter-in-law Mary Shope Bartholomew Carpenter, Derby, CT; seven grandchildren, and one great-grandson. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by son Alan Alfred Bartholomew; brother Gilbert Bartholomew ’38 / ’85; and sister Edna Mills.

FRANK STALFA

Rev. Dr. Frank Stalfa, 68, had served on the Lancaster Seminary faculty for 25 years, from 1988 to his death Oct. 24. Teaching courses in pastoral theology and pastoral care, Frank helped to shape an entire generation of Lancaster Seminary alumni/ae. His deep wisdom, intelligent humor, and abundant insights were revered and much sought-after. Students, seminary colleagues, clergy,
From the President

**Seeing More, Experiencing More**

—Rev. Dr. Carol E. Lytch, President, Lancaster Theological Seminary

“For to those who have, more will be given; and from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.”

—Mark 4:25

In the life of the Seminary, we see our lives as blessed by God’s abundant grace and mercy, and as we acknowledge it, we experience it all the more. Conversely, when we see our lives as impoverished, as “nasty, poor, brutish, and short,” the blessings are overlooked and we think we have nothing.

This led me to consider the “more effect” that increases our experience of abundance (more blessings) once we take the time to see them. (On a personal note, “more” was not only my son’s first word, but also my one-year-old grandson’s!)

This calling to be president gives me a vantage point to see “more,” that is, more of God’s works of wonder and grace and God’s abundant provision in the life of the Seminary.

• I’ve seen tremendous generosity. For example, a cash gift sent to one of our students via campus mail so that he could purchase an air conditioner in the hot summer months.

• I’ve seen strong bonds of support among students. For example, a student who commuted from North Carolina told about a seminary friend who waited up late to greet him after his long drives to campus.

• I’ve seen brilliant teaching and observed students’ appreciation for their professors as I hear animated conversations in the hallways.

• I’ve seen students transformed over their time here and attuned to God’s justice and compassion for those they previously overlooked.

• I’ve seen lives opened to ministry by seminary education. For example, the alumna who told me how she and her husband, both seminary graduates, were so thankful to the Seminary for preparing them for a rich life of ministry and service here and abroad.

• I’ve seen – and heard – how well prepared our graduates are for their ministries. Faculty members report that as they travel near and far to give lectures, pastors and church members offer “extreme praise” for the work of our alumni/ae. One told Lee Barrett that a recent graduate saved a church from “a downward spiral.”

God has given us abundance. As we take the time to see it, we learn to trust that even more will follow. And for that, we give thanks to God!
INTRODUCING NEW TRUSTEES

SUSAN JANE GAROFOLA & ROBERT I. RHoads, JR.

The Board of Trustees welcomed new members Susan Garofola and Bob Rhoads at the October 24 Board meeting in Lancaster. Both are active in their communities and bring extensive skill and experience in board stewardship.

Susan Garofola of Lititz, PA, worships at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster, where she has served as a member and President of the Vestry, and director and lead teacher in the Nursery School. She earned a BS in Education from Rowan University and MS in Training and Development from Penn State.

Before coming to Lancaster, Susan owned a Nursery School in New Jersey. She has served as Director of the Lancaster Education Foundation, President of the School District of Lancaster Board of School Directors, Founder and President of the Center City Neighborhood Enhancement Corp., and President of the Lancaster County Medical Society Auxiliary.

Bob Rhoads lives in Berks County and attends Immanuel UCC in Shillington. He is co-owner and Executive Vice President of Precision Medical Products, Inc., a firm he co-founded in 1997. Bob earned MBA and BS degrees from Drexel University.

Bob is carrying on the Rhoads family legacy of service to the Lancaster Seminary. His father, Robert Rhoads, Sr., graduated from Lancaster Seminary in ‘55 and ‘79, and his grandfather, Thomas Rhoads, was a member of the Class of ’23. The Rhoads Prizes in Biblical Interpretation, awarded annually at commencement for excellence in Old and New Testament scholarship, are named for Bob’s grandfather.

Get ready, get set, get giving!
Mark the date — Friday, Nov. 22.
It’s a marathon and we’re at the starting line.

We are thrilled to be part of this year’s EXTRAordinary Give — a one-day, 24-hour online giving marathon to support qualified nonprofits - like us - that serve the Lancaster community.

While they’re not exactly loaves and fishes, your dollars in support of our world-class theological programs can be miraculously multiplied. Every dollar donated during the marathon will be stretched with funds from a pool of $250,000 courtesy of the Lancaster County Community Foundation and Rodgers & Associates.

Plus your donation could also win a portion of $50,000 in prizes!

We invite you to show your support and participate in this unique giving marathon. No personal trainers required.

Hop online at www.extragive.org all day Friday, Nov. 22, anytime from midnight until 11:59 p.m. and click Lancaster Theological Seminary to make a credit card donation.
Lancaster Explores Impact of Seminary Student Debt

Lancaster Theological Seminary is the recipient of a Lilly Endowment Inc. grant to address the issue of educational debt for persons entering ministry. The grant funds a three-year project which will explore the issue of student debt in a three-pronged approach: education for current seminary students at LTS, research to discern the effect of a large student debt burden on those who are called to ministry, and community dialogue in the form of a conference. At the conference we will share the results of our research and educational program, and begin to explore strategies for lessening the debt burden for students and graduates. We hope to create a conversation on this important topic that continues long after the three-year project’s end.

Beginning in fall 2013, the Seminary offers scholarships to students willing to participate in financial literacy education. Classes on aspects of financial management are a requirement for scholarship recipients, and the classes are open to all. Students also are paired with mentors who will assist them to create spending plans, reach financial goals and anticipate money challenges they will encounter in professional life.

For more information about this project, or to share your own experiences coping with student debt, contact project manager Cheryl DeMarco at 717-290-8743, or cdemarco@lancasterseminary.edu.

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church leaders, and laypeople across the country turned to Frank for sage counsel and guidance.

Frank’s influence was global as well. Frank led seminary students on four cross-cultural trips to India, where his name is inscribed with those of other religious leaders on a monument in the coastal community of Kadiapattanam. The monument commemorates the 2004 tsunami relief efforts of Global Ministries of the UCC and the Disciples of Christ. The ongoing work of Global Ministries is built on the foundation laid decades before by none other than Al Bartholomew during his leadership of the predecessor agency of Global Ministries.

Like Al Bartholomew, Frank Stalfa was an alumnus of Lancaster Seminary, having earned his Doctor of Ministry degree here in 1983. In addition to serving on the Seminary faculty and as Dean of Students, Frank was a part-time staff therapist and pastoral counselor at the Samaritan Center in Lancaster County.

Days before Frank’s death, students spontaneously held an evening prayer session attended by faculty, staff, administrators, alumni/ae and friends of the seminary. Days later, a standing-room-only crowd packed Frank’s memorial service at Church of the Apostles UCC in Lancaster, where we bid farewell to this revered professor, counselor, colleague, and friend.

Dr. Stalfa is survived by his wife, Susan Minasian, MDiv ‘88 / DMin ’13, and their daughter, Anna, both of Lancaster, PA; his son, Nathan, of Nashville, TN; and brother, Rick, of Boynton Beach, FL.

DISCERNING A CALL TO MINISTRY?

DISCOVER LANCASTER SEMINARY!

—Visit Us—

Saturday, February 15, 2014
8:30am – 3pm

Tours and visits are also available year-round.
Please call the Admissions Office at 717-290-8741 for more information and schedule.
WELCOME VISITING PROFESSOR

Dr. Daphne Wiggins

Lancaster Seminary is pleased to welcome Rev. Dr. Daphne Wiggins as the 2013/14 Visiting Professor.

Her academic focus is congregational studies with a PhD from Emory University focused on Sociology of Religion, African American Cultural Thought, and American Women’s History. She has taught at Duke Divinity School, Texas Christian University, and other academic institutions. For the past ten years she has served full time in ministry at a mega-church in Durham, NC as the Associate Pastor and Coordinator of Congregational Ministries at Union Baptist Church.

Dr. Wiggins is serving as part of the ministerial formation program this fall, and teaching workshops on the practical aspects of ministry. Next spring she will teach Church and Human Sciences. Welcome, Dr. Wiggins!

JOIN US FOR THE

LEADERSHIP NOW JUSTICE SUMMIT

The 2014 Leadership Now Justice Summit will be held January 3-5 at Lancaster Seminary. This special weekend includes time for teens to worship together, build relationships and learn tangible ways to encourage social justice. This year’s theme is “Called to Serve: How We are Shaping the World Around Us.” It will include presentations by alums doing non-profit work, volunteering in a variety of settings, conversations about stewardship, and brainstorming sessions that will help us envision what the future might look like for each of us and for our Lancaster Seminary Leadership Now program. Youth who attend will leave this retreat with a clearer sense of their own calling to serve Christ and how they might do that TODAY and throughout their lives. What a gift to have these compassionate, passionate youth in our Lancaster Theological Seminary community and in the wider churches and communities we serve!

For more information, please contact Rev. Jacquie Church Young, Leadership Now Program Coordinator, at jyoung@lancasterseminary.edu.

SPRING 2014 LECTURE SERIES

You are invited to join us on campus for provocative and insightful talks given by outstanding speakers from a variety of backgrounds who will be featured in our Spring 2014 Lecture Series.

All lectures are held at 11 a.m. in Santee Chapel on campus. Check out our website, www.lancasterseminary.edu, for more details.

Thursday, Jan. 30
Doing Justice with (and to) Micah: The Gendered Body Confronts the Prophetic Imagination
Dr. Julia O’Brien, Lancaster Theological Seminary
Sponsored by the Harriet O. Schnebely Lectureship Fund

February
Stay tuned for upcoming details about our African American Heritage Celebration
Sponsored in part by the Nathan Baxter Fund for African American Studies

Monday, March 24
Title to be announced
Rev. Dr. Chuck Campbell, Duke Divinity School
Sponsored in part by the Conrad Lectureship Fund and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster

Thursday, April 24
Disability: Meanings, Models, and Mindsets
Rev. Bob Molsberry, Peace UCC, St. Louis
Sponsored in part by the Disability Awareness Lectureship Fund

IN MEMORIUM:

Junia Moss Jones, widow of of former Lancaster Seminary president Rev. Dr. Bob Moss, passed away on January 15, 2013. She had been living with her son, Tim Moss, in Cheyenne, WY. Our prayers for the Moss family.
RECOGNIZING FAITHFULNESS IN MINISTRY:

THE MECK AND MOSS AWARDS

Each year the Alumni/ae Association of Lancaster Seminary seeks to recognize outstanding alumni/ae who have demonstrated excellence in ministry. In 2013, two exemplary alumni/ae were honored:

Elaine Moyer, MDiv '07 and Wanda Craner, MDiv '86

MECK AWARD FOR PASTORAL MINISTRY:

Elaine Moyer, MDiv ’07, serves as pastor of Faith United Church in Ickesburg, PA. Under Elaine’s leadership, two congregations—one Lutheran and the other United Church of Christ (UCC)—have come together to worship and serve in unity. (Anyone with an understanding of congregational and denominational dynamics knows that this was no small accomplishment!) Elaine has become a leader in the rural community in which she serves.

Serving the wider church as well, Elaine has provided significant leadership in Penn Central Conference of the UCC. Not long after graduating from seminary, Elaine became a driving force on the Conference Spirituality Task Force that was intentional in promoting ways to deepen the spiritual lives of clergy and congregations. More recently, Elaine has served meaningfully on the Clergy Convocation Planning Committee of Penn Conference.

(The Meck Award is named in honor of Allan S. Meck, a 1911 graduate of the seminary who served as seminary president from 1947 to 1957.)

MOSS AWARD FOR SPECIALIZED MINISTRY:

Wanda Craner, MDiv ’86, has devoted much of her ministerial career to the specific task of helping individuals and congregations strengthen their spiritual lives. From 1997 to 2013, Wanda served as Minister of Spiritual Nurture for the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the UCC. In this role she regularly offered workshops, seminars, retreats, worship services and training opportunities for both clergy and lay people in the area of spiritual formation. Wanda was often invited into congregations struggling with a variety of issues where she would bring her healing presence and pastoral care.

Given these gifts for ministering both to clergy and to congregations, perhaps it is not surprising that in 2013 Wanda was asked to serve as Acting Conference Minister for the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference.

(The Moss Award is named in honor of Robert V. Moss, a 1945 graduate of Lancaster Seminary who served as seminary president from 1957 to 1969 and then as president of the United Church of Christ from 1969 until 1976.)

Selection process. The Alumni/ae Council’s Faithfulness in Ministry Committee receives and reviews nominations for the Meck and Moss Awards each year. This committee includes representation from alumni/ae, faculty, and judicatories.

Criteria. The criteria that guides the committee in selecting recipients for the Meck and Moss Awards include the following: fostering the vitality of the ministry, exhibiting excellent pastoral presence, demonstrating creativity in ministry, enlisting and nurturing the gifts of others and relating the Gospel to the commonly-shared experiences in the ministry.

Nominations must contain: (1) the name and address of the nominee; (2) the particular setting of ministry of the nominee; (3) at least a sentence or two indicating how the nominee meets the five criteria specified above; (4) an indication of how long the nominator has known the nominee and in what capacity; and (5) the name, address and contact information for the person submitting the nomination.

Deadline for nominations. Nomination forms must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2013. Nominations should be sent to the Chair of the Faithfulness in Ministry Committee:

Chair, Faithfulness in Ministry Committee c/o The Alumni/ae Office Lancaster Theological Seminary 555 West James Street Lancaster, PA 17603

2014 SPRING ALUMNI/AE DAY AND THE 189TH COMMENCEMENT

Double-check your calendar!
The correct dates for spring alumni/ae day and commencement weekend are:

2014 Spring Alumni/ae Day............... FRIDAY, MAY 16
2014 Commencement.......................... SATURDAY, MAY 17

We hope to see you there!
Seminary alumni/ae and friends are invited to join Dr. Lee Barrett and others for an August 2014 trip to Germany (destination for that first cross-cultural trip 50 years ago).

The itinerary will include:

- **Heidelberg**, home to an historic university, just after the 450th anniversary of the Heidelberg Catechism;
- The picturesque medieval town of **Wittenberg**, where Martin Luther posted those revolutionary 95 Theses;
- **Wartburg Castle**, where Martin Luther translated the New Testament into German; and
- **Berlin**, one of the world’s great capital cities.

We plan to depart the United States on **August 6** (arriving in Frankfurt on August 7) and will conclude our trip in Berlin on **August 16** (with departures back to the U.S. on August 17).

For more information, please contact Rev. Paul Eyer, Director of Alumni/ae and Church Relations, at peyer@lancasterseminary.edu or 717-290-8705.

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**STEWARDSHIP LECTURE BY LEE BARRETT**

**HENRI NOUWEN AND THE SPIRIT OF GIVING**

Thursday, December 5 at 11:00 a.m.
Santee Chapel — Lancaster Theological Seminary

Lee Barrett, Ph.D., is the Mary B. and Henry P. Stager Professor of Theology at Lancaster Theological Seminary. During his student days at Yale, Dr. Barrett was privileged to study under Henri Nouwen.

Barrett will explore Nouwen’s teaching on philanthropy as a form of powerful ministry, and the opportunity to participate in a new communion with others by giving.
Give a Gift that Creates a Lasting Legacy

In the spirit of giving his holiday season, we prayerfully ask you to consider naming Lancaster Theological Seminary among those organizations that will receive support once you or your spouse has passed on. A charitable bequest is the simplest of all planned gifts. Just a little bit of time today can create long-term impact. If you would like more information on how your bequest might best be used to help strengthen the future of Lancaster Seminary and our students’ and graduates’ ministries, please call Crystal Mills, Vice President of Advancement, at 717-290-8738. If you’ve already named the Seminary in your estate plan, please let us know that as well, so that we might express our thanks and count you among those special members of our Faith Legacy Society.

May the peace of Christ be with you this season and always!