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Fourth Annual Founders Fund Campaign Launches

For the fourth consecutive year, Urbana Seminary has opened the Founders Fund campaign to receive gifts to enable ministry. The base of consistent support that our donors provide each year allows us to offer quality training that is still affordable for our students. It is a goal and a value that we hold that students should receive the best education while in school, but then be able to use that to serve Christ without delay and

without accumulated debt. Thus far in our history, the growing circle of alumni are spread around the world and using their training and talents for Christ. Due to generosity from our support base, they have been able to move quickly into places of service since tuition has been kept to a reasonable level.

The need is great! Prior year's giving patterns have made this especially urgent this year for the Seminary. Besides which, the summer is always the time in the year when cash flow is the most excruciatingly tight. Would you pray about joining with the Seminary in equipping waves of newly trained men and women to serve Christ? Your gifts make an impact! They touch lives, both of students and those they will serve and speak to.



You're Invited to *ANTIOCH*:

The Founders Celebration of Our Graduates, Class of 2014!

Get your calendar out and mark down Friday, June 13th, at 7 PM. You're invited to a wonderful party! That's our party. It's called ANTIOCH! (Yes, we'll explain that evening why it's called that.) This is all of our chance to gather, to celebrate the new Class of 2014, to hear them share where God's leading them, and how their training has and will make a difference. RSVP on this one please so we can make plans and have enough dessert and coffee. And chairs too!



Graduation 2013

2014 Graduation on Friday May 23rd

The Class of 2014 will receive their diplomas at Urbana Seminary's 10th Graduation on May 23rd at 7 PM, at the Chapel of St John the Divine (Episcopal) in Champaign. Lin Warfel will deliver the Commencement Address. All are invited! Be on time, since seats will fill up quickly.

A Great Slate of Summer Courses

Looking for something interesting, constructive, and/or fun to do this summer? Consider taking a class! This summer, Urbana Theological Seminary is offering three exciting classes: *"Women Then and Now: Roles, Ministry, and Identity,"* *"Patristic Age,"* and *"The Inklings and their Friends: J. R. R. Tolkien, C. S. Lewis, and Others."* Check the website for more information!

Being There for the Church

The Seminary's Provisions for Pastors Initiative sponsored its third annual Forum on Preaching in February. Dr. Bryan Chapell (Grace Presbyterian Church, Peoria, IL) spoke on "Christ-Centered Expository Preaching", showing what it was and how to preach so as to place the spotlight on Christ always. This year the Seminary also sought to support area pastors through ASK, a prayer gathering. On three occasions ASK brought 20-30 pastors together to serve as a catalyst for prayer together for each other, church ministries, and for the spiritual climate and openness to the Gospel of Christ in our region.

Faculty News

The Faculty of the Seminary appointed Dr. Melody Green as Lecturer. Dr. Green has taught well-received courses on C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien in past summers and plays a significant role in our conferences on Tolkien. The Faculty and the Board together have conferred tenure on Dr. Todd Daly, who as a result also was promoted to Associate Professor of Theology and Ethics. Dr. Joe Thomas (Church History) completed his book *Perfect Harmony: Interracial Churches in Early Holiness-Pentecostalism, 1880-1909*. Release by Emeth Press is expected in the next months. Dr. Ken Cuffey completed his book *The Literary Coherence of the Book of Micah*. Release by Bloomsbury Press is expected in November.

Student Testimony



Choosing Urbana Theological as my place of post-graduate study was an excellent decision. My studies here have provided me with so many opportunities for growth, most notably in my knowledge of the Scriptures and in my ability to think deeply in a Biblically informed manner. My seminary experience at Urbana Theological has sharpened my mind and deepened my love for God, and for that I am eternally grateful.
Brett Monge, Class of 2014

