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**THE 61ST MID-WINTER
CONVOCATION**

JANUARY 6-8, 1999

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The 61st Mid-Winter Convocation
January 6-8, 1999

Do the issues the Israelites struggled with thousands of years ago have anything in common with the questions and difficulties facing modern believers? Join special lecturers, semi-

nar leaders, and discussion groups as they explore the relevance the Old Testament has today, and watch these ancient stories come alive in the context of today's world.

"THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL: READING THE BIBLE FOR THE SAKE OF OUR CHILDREN"

is an associate professor of Old Testament at Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, Texas. Fewell received her undergraduate degree from Louisiana College and the M.T.S. degree from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, where she



also earned the Ph.D. degree in Hebrew Bible. She is the author of *Narrative in the Hebrew Bible* and *Gender, Power and Promise: The Subject of the Bible's First Story* (both co-authored with David Gunn), and editor of *Reading Between the Texts: Intertextuality and the Hebrew Bible* (1993) and the forthcoming *Bible and Ethics of Reading* (1998).

"ABRAHAM AMONG JEWS AND CHRISTIANS"

is the Albert A. List Professor of Jewish Studies at Harvard Divinity School and professor of Eastern languages and civilizations at Harvard University, where he earned his undergraduate, master's and doctoral degrees.



Before joining the Harvard faculty in 1988, he taught at the University of Chicago and at Wellesley College. A prolific writer and popular speaker, his books include *Esther* (1997), *Death and Resurrection of the Beloved Son: The Transformation of Child Sacrifice in Judaism and Christianity* (1995) and *Sinai and Zion: An Entry into the Jewish Bible* (1985), as well as many scholarly articles.

Members of the Luther Seminary faculty will preach at all three daily worship services during convocation.



Simundson

Daniel Simundson, professor of Old Testament, is preaching at the opening eucharist at 1 p.m. on Jan. 6.

Mary Albing, lecturer in homiletics and pastor at St. Peder Lutheran Church in South Minneapolis, is the preacher at

10 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 7.

Stephen Ramp, associate



Ramp

professor of homiletics and a new member of the Luther faculty, is preaching during the final worship service at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 8.



Albing

Special musical offerings by the Luther Seminary Choir and

Luther Brass will also enliven the worship services.

Faculty Seminars

Professors returning from sabbatical this year will present elements of their research and study during seminars on Wednesday, Jan. 6, and Thursday, Jan. 7. In addition, keynote presenters Jon Levenson and Danna Nolan Fewell will discuss their lectures.

On Thursday afternoon, Canon Robert Wright, St. Mark's Professor of Ecclesiastical History at New York's General Theological

Seminary, and Lee Snook, professor of systematic theology at Luther Seminary, will examine where the Episcopal and Lutheran churches are in the conversation process on *Called to Common Mission*. President David Tiede will moderate the discussion, which will be in the Chapel of the Incarnation.



Suzann Nelson and Janet Letnes Martin promise to offer an entertaining look at Lutheranism at this year's banquet.

Lutheran humorists Suzann Nelson and Janet Letnes Martin, who have written several books sharing their observations on life, love and religion in the Midwest, will be the speakers at Wednesday evening's convocation banquet.

The banquet will also recognize three alumns being honored with the Faithfulness in Ministry Cross, a distinction originated by the Luther Seminary Alumni/ae Association.

Reservations for the banquet are required through the advance registration process. Any returned or unused tickets may be available at the registration desk.

1 p.m. OPENING WORSHIP/EUCHARIST

Preacher: Daniel Simundson,
professor of Old Testament

2:15 p.m. LECTURE: Danna Nolan Fewell
"The Other Woman and the Other Child" (Genesis 16 & 21)
Introducer: Terry Fretheim

4-5 p.m. SEMINARS

Arland Hultgren, professor of New Testament
"Interpreting the Parables of Jesus:
Some Convictions and Some Delights"
Northwestern Hall Classroom 230

Diane Jacobson, associate professor of Old Testament
"Interpreting Scripture Using Dimensions
of the Sacred" Northwestern Hall Auditorium

Rollie Martinson, professor of pastoral care
"Our Faith Will Have Children!"
Northwestern Hall Chapel of the Cross

Terry Fretheim, professor of Old Testament
"The God to Whom We Pray"
Northwestern Hall Classroom 231

Danna Nolan Fewell, discussion of lecture
Olson Campus Center Board Room

6:30 p.m. BANQUET RECEPTION
Olson Campus Center Foyer

7 p.m. CONVOCATION BANQUET (*reservations required*)
Master of Ceremonies: Lee Snook, professor of
systematic theology
Speakers: Suzann Nelson and Janet Letnes Martin,
authors of *Growing Up Lutheran*, "Hotdishes, Hot
Flashes, and Hotpads: A Humerous Look at Growing
Up Lutheran"

9 a.m. LECTURE: Jon D. Levenson
"The Binding of Isaac and the Hebrew Bible"
Introducer: Daniel Simundson

10 a.m. CHAPEL
Preacher: Mary Albing, lecturer in homiletics

10:30 a.m. BREAK

11 a.m. LECTURE: Danna Nolan Fewell
"The Outcast and the Forgotten" (Judges 11)
Introducer: James Limburg, professor of Old Testament

Noon LUNCH

1:30 p.m. LECTURE: Jon D. Levenson
"The Binding of Isaac and the Crucifixion"
Introducer: Diane Jacobson

2:30 p.m. BREAK

3 p.m. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: David Tiede
"Justifying Faith and the Net Worth of Productivity"
Introducer: Jim Jenson, executive director of the Luther
Seminary Foundation
Olson Campus Center Chapel of the Incarnation

4 p.m. DISCUSSION: Canon Robert Wright and Lee
Snook, professor of systematic theology.
Moderator: President David Tiede
"Called to Common Mission: Where are We?"
Olson Campus Center Chapel of the Incarnation

4-5 p.m. SEMINARS
See schedule for 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6.
Levenson will discuss his lectures in place of Fewell.

Evening CLASS REUNION DINNERS
See schedule on page 8.

9 a.m. LECTURE: Jon D. Levenson
"The Conversion of Abraham to Judaism and Christianity"
Introducer: Suzanne Burke, graduate student

10 a.m. CHAPEL
Preacher: Stephen Ramp, associate professor of
homiletics

10:30 a.m. BREAK

10:45 a.m. LECTURE: Danna Nolan Fewell
"The Gift" (2 Kings 4:8-37)
Introducer: Elaine Rietz, graduate student

Noon TABLE TALK LUNCHEON
with Faithfulness in Ministry Cross Recipients

embers of graduating classes ending in "3" or "8" will hold their reunions the evening of Thursday, Jan. 7. Arrangements have been made separately by each class. The golden anniversary class of 1949 will celebrate on campus during a special gathering in May.

CLASS REUNION DINNERS

1953 — 45th Anniversary Class Reunion
6 p.m. Reception 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Olson Campus Center

1958 — 40th Anniversary Class Reunion
6 p.m. Reception 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Olson Campus Center

1963 — 35th Anniversary Class Reunion
6 p.m. Reception 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Olson Campus Center

1968 — 30th Anniversary Class Reunion
6 p.m. Reception 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Olson Campus Center

1973 — 25th Anniversary Class Reunion
5:30 p.m. Reception 7 p.m. Dinner

Midland Hills Country Club

1978 — 20th Anniversary Class Reunion
7 p.m. Dinner *Lido's Restaurant, Roseville*

1983 — 15th Anniversary Class Reunion
6 p.m. Reception 7 p.m. Dinner

Kozlack's Restaurant, Shoreview

1988 — 10th Anniversary Class Reunion
6-9 p.m. *The Olive Garden Restaurant, Roseville*

1993 — 5th Anniversary Class Reunion
6-8 p.m. *Manning's Restaurant, Minneapolis*

1998 — 1st Anniversary Class Reunion
See registration desk for details

able Talk, during lunch on Friday, Jan. 8, offers students and convocation participants the opportunity to learn more about the recipients of the Faithfulness in Ministry Cross. Each honoree will give a brief description of his or her ministry, then will answer questions and lead discussion with the audience.

Advance reservations are required for the lunch, at a cost of \$5 per person. Reservations may be made at the registration desk.

Participants may receive a certificate acknowledging contact hours at the convocation. If you did not indicate in your registration form that you want a contact hours certificate, please see the registration desk before 4 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 7.

Participation in the entire convocation (all lectures and two seminars) provides nine contact hours. Attendance on Wednesday or Friday provides two contact hours for each day, and attendance on Thursday provides five contact hours.

Special parking, with shuttle bus service to and from the center of campus, is available during convocation on the athletic field north of Lutheran Social Services. Please do not park on the residential sides of Fulham Street as your car will be ticketed and towed by the city.

One of South Dakota's foremost artists, skilled in the liturgical arts, Robert Aldern has expressed his vision of the world around him in a wide variety of media throughout his career. This exhibition of 57 of Aldern's works spans the period from 1957 through today and is the first comprehensive exhibition of the work of the artist whose many honors include the 1997 South Dakota Governor's Award for Distinction in Creative Achievement and a silver medal from the New York Architectural League.

The exhibit is in the Olson Campus Center Board Room.

Audio cassette tapes of the primary convocation lectures are available for \$15 per set, and tapes of the entire convocation (the lectures and the worship services) cost \$20 per set. Tapes may be ordered at the registration desk, with payment due at that time.

Additional resource materials may be found at the vendor tables in the narthex outside the Chapel of the Incarnation. This year's representatives include:

- ❖ Adorn This House (liturgical weavings)
- ❖ Church World Service
- ❖ Kathleen Gabrielsen (crosses)
- ❖ Handweaving for the Church (liturgical weavings)
- ❖ Lucy Brusic (liturgical weavings)

- ❖ Luther Seminary Productions
- ❖ Lutheran Bible Institute of Minneapolis
- ❖ Mt. Carmel Ministries
- ❖ *The Rose*
- ❖ *Word & World*
- ❖ Youth Encounter

If a pre-registered participant is unable to attend because of a pastoral or family emergency, a full refund is granted if notice is given before Jan. 6. Refunds are not given for absences due to inclement weather.

If a pre-registered participant is called away because of an emergency during convocation, a \$30 refund is made. Those who registered for the three full days upon arrival and are called away because of an emergency can receive a \$25 refund.

No refunds are available for part-time registrants.

Requests for refunds must be made by contacting 651-641-3419 before Jan. 6, or someone at the registration desk while the convocation is in progress. No requests for refunds are accepted after the convocation.

The 2000 Mid-Winter Convocation, Jan. 5-7, 2000, will focus on the New Testament. **Dr. Beverly Gaventa** of Princeton Theological Seminary, and **Dr. Richard Hays** of Duke Divinity School, will be the featured speakers.

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**MID-WINTER
CONVOCATION BANQUET**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1999
7:00 P.M..**

***OLSON CAMPUS CENTER
DINING ROOM***

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Alumni/ae Council

The following persons have been nominated for three-year terms on the Luther Seminary Alumni/ae Council:

Beth Gaede, '79 (incumbent)

Pastor and Freelance Editor and Writer

Rolf Jacobson, '91 (incumbent)

Student, Princeton Seminary

Katherine Michael, '94

Pastor, Edina, Minn.

Bryan Robertson, '88

Pastor, Rock Island, Ill.

Marilyn Preus, '83 (incumbent)

Freelancer, Published Author

Retiring members of the Alumni/ae Council are:

Harold Hoekstra, '70

Pastor, Tucson, Ariz.

Roger S. Johnson, '58

Chaplain, Phoenix, Ariz.

TERM EXPIRES 2000

Roger Bruns, '79

Pastor, Richmond, Va.

John Folkerds, '71

Pastor, Buffalo, Minn.

Wendell Frerichs, '51

Professor Emeritus, Luther Seminary

Robert Pearson, '85

Pastor, Bloomington, Minn.

Laurie Skow-Anderson, '86

Pastor, St. Cloud, Minn.

TERM EXPIRES 2001

David Barber, '71

Pastor, Loveland, Colo.

Mary Brown, '91

Pastor, Minneapolis, Minn.

Y. Franklin Ishida, '90

Division for Global Mission, ELCA

Laurie Natwick, '90

Pastor, Assistant to the Bishop, Bismarck, N.D.

David Rommereim, '82

Pastor, San Jose, Calif.

William Strom, '68

Pastor, Hastings, Minn.

The Program

Emcee

Lee Snook

Professor of Systematic Theology

Invocation

Banquet

Mixed Garden Greens with Camembert,

Creamy Lemon and Pecan Dressing

Chicken Wellington

Whipped Sweet Potatoes

Brussel Sprouts

Three-Grain Wild Rice Bread

Sun Dried Tomato Petit Pain

Melba Peach Crepe

Brewed Gourmet Coffee, Hot Tea, Iced Water, Milk

Annual Meeting of the Luther Seminary
Alumni/ae Association

Presentation: Faithfulness in Ministry Cross
Wendell Frerichs, '51
Alumni/ae Council Member,
Professor Emeritus, Old Testament,
Luther Seminary

Address:

Hotdishes, Hotflashes, and Hotpads: A

Humorous Look at Growing Up Lutheran

Suzanne Nelson

Janet Letnes Martin

Closing Remarks and Benediction

David Tiede, '66

President

The Faithfulness in Ministry Cross

The Faithfulness in Ministry Cross award was established in 1991 by the Luther Seminary Alumni/ae Council to "identify, recognize, celebrate, and give thanks for alumni, both clergy and lay, who have lived lives of faithfulness in ministry." It is a miniature of the Celtic cross that stands in front of Bockman Hall, a replica of what is believed to be the first Christian symbol in Scandinavia, dating from 1000 A.D.

The three 1999 honorees were selected based on faithful service in three categories: urban/suburban ministry, small town/rural ministry, and specialized ministry. With this special recognition Luther Seminary honors the ministries of all its graduates.

Alumni awarded the Faithfulness in Ministry Cross are: 1992 - Arthur Bagaason, '51, Bernt M. Hofrenning, '13, and Norbert Mokros, '64; 1993 - Leroy J. Iseminger, '59, and Fred J. Wolff, '52; 1994 - Paul A. Hanson, '50, and Morris M. Johnson, '55; 1995 - Robert L. Anderson, '52, Barbara Andrews, '69, and George Thompson, '53; 1996 - Harris A. Hostager, '60, and Roger W. Peterson, '60; 1997 - Rolf Aaseng, '50, Alvin J. Bergh, '59, and James H. Hanson, '54; 1998 - Willard H. Lund, '48, Raymond S. Rosales, '60, and Darrell M. Vetter, '68.

Candidates for the Faithfulness in Ministry Cross must be alumni of Luther Seminary or its antecedent schools who have demonstrated exemplary service in ministry. They should be nominated by fellow alumni or other colleagues. No member of the Luther Seminary faculty or staff is eligible.

The Alumni/ae Council welcomes nominations for the Faithfulness in Ministry Cross at any time. The deadline for nominations to be considered for next year's awards is Aug. 15. A nomination form is in the convocation packet. The selection committee consists of two members of the Luther Seminary faculty, four members of the Alumni/ae Council, and one member of the Luther Seminary staff.

1998-99 Faithfulness in Ministry Cross Honorees

A. Trueman Daniels, '66



Rural/Small Town Ministry

Counseling and reconciliation are the two main characteristics of Trueman Daniels' role in ministry. He has served as a pastor at numerous congregations throughout the northern Minnesota synods and served as a pioneer in interim ministry.

Many of Pastor Daniels' colleagues are quick to mention his gifts as a "skilled healer," counselor, listener, and special friend. As an intentional interim pastor, he often visited troubled parishes and counseled and reconciled hurting pastors and congregations. "He showed an appreciation for and valued all people especially those who seem to 'color outside the lines'," one colleague said.

While Trueman Daniels mainly served congregations in northern Minnesota, he spent some time in a congregation in Nome, Alaska. He learned from the Alaska Native people there and began a teaching and leadership ministry. He prepared worship materials for congregations of the peninsula area and helped prepare an Eskimo leader for ordination.

With the attitude, "I can't assist in this time unless we've broken bread," Pastor Daniels recognized the need for interim ministry and worked to develop it. In the early 1980's, he started a group called "intentional interim." At that time, the group consisted of a faithful few, but since then has grown tremendously in participants and resources.

Palmer Gedde, '57



Urban/Suburban Ministry

Pastor Palmer Gedde has accomplished much in his 34 years of pastoral service. With a unique, proactive approach to church and community leadership, he has participated as a leader and consultant for many church and community initiatives.

Many creative ministries resulted from Pastor Gedde's strong stewardship and mission concerns and focus on church and community leadership. He constantly encouraged congregation members to share Christ with the community. His encouragement prompted the formation of ministries that have helped many people and communities in Washington and Oregon.

The resulting ministries provide a variety of services such as community-wide counseling and chaplaincy services ("Tri-Cities Chaplaincy"); low-income, subsidized housing for the elderly ("Lutheran Senior Center"); weekly, television church services ("Good News Media Ministry"); and financial gifts to neighboring churches and community initiatives ("Richland Lutheran Church Foundation").

"These ministries reflect a pastor who possesses uncommon gifts, who has used those gifts uncommonly well, and whose work has been a faithful witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ," commented one of his colleagues.

Erman K. Lunder, '44



Specialized Ministry

At age 86 Pastor Erman K. Lunder continues strong in teaching the Bible and leading Bible conferences. Lunder served as a pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Albans, Long Island, NY (1944-48), and faculty member at Lutheran Bible Institute (LBI), Minneapolis (1948-49), New York (1949-50), and Seattle (1953-1978).

Since his retirement from LBI, Seattle, in 1978, Erman Lunder has continued his work with Bible studies and conferences on the Institute's behalf as professor emeritus. During 1997, he drove a total of 7,076 miles, conducting 20 Bible conferences and seminars, giving 148 Bible studies and sermons, and teaching at LBI, Hawaii, while leading a Bible fellowship in his home town.

Pastor Lunder regularly travels throughout the western region for three-to five-day conferences and teaches for two months during the summer at LBI, Hawaii. This year, he is scheduled to lead 10 conferences and seminars.

Considering himself "not retired, but re-fired," Pastor Lunder's dedication to helping others find their resources in Jesus Christ and God's place for effective Christian leadership is a driving force in all his accomplishments.

Pastor Lunder cannot be present at tonight's banquet. He will attend tomorrow's Table Talk luncheon and receive his award at that time.

Table Talk

Tonight's Faithfulness in Ministry Cross honorees will be guests of honor at a luncheon following Friday's concluding Mid-Winter Convocation lecture. Each will speak briefly about defining moments, guiding forces and high points (and perhaps instructive low points) in their ministries. Following the presentation, they will be available for questions.

The luncheon will be held in the Campus Center Board Room, located on the upper level in Olson Campus Center. Space is limited to the first 75 registrants who have reserved a box lunch. If you are interested in attending the luncheon, please check with the registration desk tomorrow before 10 a.m. to see if any space is still available. Box lunches are provided by the seminary and cost \$5.

Alumni/ae Council Accomplishments

- 1987 Formation of Heritage Society*
- 1991 Establishment of Faithfulness in Ministry Cross Recognition*
- 1994 Class agent project
Support of Mentoring Project
Participation in Wellspring Campaign
- 1995 Alumni/ae Directory Project
- 1996 Honoring of Vocation during chapel service in May*
- 1997 Participation in Wellspring 2000 Campaign
- 1998 First Year Reunion
Mentoring pilot project for potential students
Alumni-in-Residence pilot project

* ongoing projects/programs
