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*Celebrating the
60th Anniversary of the
Mid-Winter Convocation*

**Pastoral Care
in
Historical Perspective**

January 7-9, 1998

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Pastoral Care in Historical Perspective

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Pastoral Care in Historical Perspective is the focus for the 60th annual Mid-Winter Convocation at Luther Seminary. The theme is being presented by two lecturers, one from off-campus and one a recent addition to the Luther Seminary faculty.

James M. Kittelson, who joined the Luther Seminary faculty this fall as professor of church history, is presenting three lectures on "Parish Ministry and Pastoral Care."

Thomas C. Oden, Henry Anson Buttz Professor of Theology and Ethics, The Theological School and The Graduate School, Drew University, is delivering three lectures on "The Recovery of Classical Christianity."

Another member of the Luther Seminary faculty, **Charles Amjad-Ali**, is addressing the Convocation at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 8. Amjad-Ali was named to the Martin Luther King, Jr., Chair for Justice and Christian Community last spring.

The title of Amjad-Ali's address is "Priest or Disciple: Paradigms for Christian Mission and Theology."

About the Speakers

James M. Kittelson

James Kittelson, noted for his work in Reformation history, joined the Luther Seminary faculty this year as professor of church history and director of the Lutheran Brotherhood Research Program.

He came to Luther Seminary from The Ohio State University, where he had been a member of the faculty in the department of history since 1971. He was visiting graduate professor at Luther Seminary in 1992 and at Concordia University in California in 1997.

Kittelson has been president and a member of the board of the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference. He has been a member of the executive committee of the Council of the American Society for Reformation Research and a member of the executive committee of the Society for Reformation Research. He serves now on the board of directors of the Center for Reformation Research.



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Kittelson graduated Phi Beta Kappa from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., in 1963 and earned both the master of arts (1964) and Ph.D. degrees (1969) from Stanford University.

In addition to many articles published in Reformation history compendiums, Kittelson has written *Luther the Reformer: The Story of the Man and His Career* (1986). He was senior editor with editor-in-chief Hans Hillebrand of the four volume *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Reformation* (1996).

Thomas C. Oden

Thomas Oden has been a faculty member of the Theological School and the Graduate School at Drew University since 1971 and was named the Henry Anson Buttz Professor of Theology and Ethics in 1980. Earlier, he had taught at Yale, Southern Methodist and Phillips Universities. He has also been a visiting scholar at the Psychiatrische-Neurologische Klinik at Ruprecht-Karl



Universitaet in Heidelberg, Germany, and a participant in the summer Ecumenical Institute in Bossey, Switzerland.

After receiving the bachelor of arts degree from the University of Oklahoma (1953) and the bachelor of divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University (1956), he earned both the masters and Ph.D. degrees from Yale University (1958 and 1960). He has done post-doctoral work at the University of Heidelberg.

Oden is senior editor of *Christianity Today* and a member of the editorial board of *Journal of Pastoral Care*, *Journal of Christian Counseling*, *Zondervan* (Academic Books) and *Pro Ecclesia*.

He was the host of "Authors" where he interviewed authors for cable television of New Jersey and has appeared on the Today Show, Good Morning, America, and the McNeill-Lehrer Show.

His most recent of some 30 books are: *The Fathers on Christian Doctrine*, Baker, 1994; *The Humor of Kierkegaard*, Princeton University Press, 1994; *The Transforming Power of Grace*, Abingdon, 1993; *Life in the Spirit* (Vol. 3), Harper & Row, 1992.

Charles Amjad-Ali

Charles Amjad-Ali was named Martin Luther King, Jr., Professor of Justice and Christian Community last spring. He was ordained as a pastor of the Church of Pakistan in 1987, and was director of the Christina Study Center in Rawalpindi, Pakistan.



Most recently, he has been guest lecturer at St. Thomas and Temple Universities in the United States after serving on faculties in South Africa, Australia, Sweden, Japan, the Philippines, his native Pakistan and England.

Funding for the Martin Luther King, Jr., Chair for Justice and Christian Community was provided by John and Eleanor Yackel. Committed to helping to bring about justice in the world, the Yackels pondered where they could make the most difference with a significant gift. They decided their gift would have the biggest impact if it were used to prepare leaders for the church.

Worship Services

Preachers for the convocation's three worship services are all members of the Luther Seminary faculty.

Carl Volz, professor of church history, is the preacher for the opening eucharist at 1:00 p.m. on Jan. 7.

Mary Hinkle, who joined the faculty this year as assistant professor of New Testament, is preaching at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 8.

Walter Sundberg, professor of church history, is the preacher for the final worship service at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 9.



Volz



Hinkle



Sundberg

Convocation Schedule

Wednesday, Jan. 7

- 1:00 p.m. OPENING WORSHIP**, Eucharist
Preacher: **Carl Volz**, professor of church history
- 2:15 p.m. LECTURE**: **James Kittelson**, professor of church history, "Luther as the Subject of Pastoral Care"
Introducer: **James Nestingen**, professor of church history
- 4:00 p.m. SEMINARS**
Gracia Griñdal, professor of rhetoric, "Words about the Word," *Northwestern Hall Auditorium*
Kent Johnson, professor of Christian education, "Comparing Congregational and Seminary Expectations of Leaders,"
Northwestern Hall Classroom 230
Kittelson, Discussion of Lecture,
Olson Campus Center, Chapel of the Incarnation
James Limburg, professor of Old Testament, "Preaching from the Psalms,"
Gullixson Hall Classroom 103
Gary Simpson, associate professor of systematic theology, "Congregations as Public Moral Companions," *Northwestern Hall Classroom 232*
Paul Sponheim, professor of systematic theology, "Creation and Transformation,"
Gullixson Hall Classroom 104
Paul Westermeyer, professor of church music, "The Church Musician, Hymnody and Justice, and Church Music," *Northwestern Hall Chapel of the Cross*

Evening CLASS REUNION DINNERS

- 1952** – 45th Anniversary Class Reunion
6:30 reception, 7:00 dinner; *Olson Campus Center*
- 1957** – 40th Anniversary Class Reunion
6:30 reception, 7:00 dinner; *Olson Campus Center*
- 1962** – 35th Anniversary Class Reunion
6:00 reception, 6:30 dinner; *Holiday Inn, Bandana Square*
- 1967** – 30th Anniversary Class Reunion
5:30 reception, 6:30 dinner; *Augsburg College*
- 1972** – 25th Anniversary Class Reunion
6:30 reception, 7:00 dinner; *Olson Campus Center*
- 1977** – 20th Anniversary Class Reunion
6:00, *Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church*
- 1982** – 15th Anniversary Class Reunion
6:30, *Olive Garden, Roseville*
- 1987** – 10th Anniversary Class Reunion
6:00 reception, 7:30 dinner; *Lido's, Roseville*
- 1992** – 5th Anniversary Class Reunion
5:00, *Old Chicago Pizza, Roseville*
- 1997** – 1st Anniversary Class Reunion
5:00 reception; *Northwestern Hall Atrium*

Thursday, Jan. 8

- 9:00 a.m. LECTURE**: **Thomas Oden**, Henry Anson Buttz Professor of Theology and Ethics, The Theological School and The Graduate School, Drew University, "The Recovery of Classical Christian Pastoral Care"
Introducer: **Carl Volz**, professor of church history
- 10:00 a.m. CHAPEL**: Preacher, **Mary Hinkle**, assistant professor of New Testament
- 10:30 a.m. BREAK**
Co-sponsored by the Luther Seminary Office of Admissions and the Luther Seminary Alumni/ae Council to recognize, honor, and thank those pastors who have been exemplary in recognizing special gifts for ministry in some of their members and encouraging them to study in the seminary to prepare for full-time leadership in the church.
- 11:00 a.m. LECTURE**: **Kittelson**, "The Theology of the Cross: A Revolution in Pastoral Care" Introducer: **Todd Nichol**, associate professor of church history
- Noon LUNCH**
- 1:30 p.m. ADDRESS**: **Charles Amjad-Ali**, Martin Luther King, Jr., Professor of Justice and Christian Community, "Priest or Disciple: Paradigms for Christian Mission and Theology" Introducer: **David Tiede**, president
- 2:30 p.m. BREAK**
- 3:00 p.m. LECTURE**: **Oden**, "The Recovery of the Classical Christian Teaching Office" Introducer: **Elaine Ramshaw**, associate professor of pastoral care
- 4:15 p.m. SEMINARS**
See schedule for 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 7.
Oden will discuss his lectures in place of Kittleson
- 6:30 p.m. BANQUET RECEPTION**, *Olson Campus Center Foyer*
- 7:00 p.m. BANQUET**: Speaker, **James Nestingen**, professor of church history; Master of ceremonies, **Michael Rogness**, professor of homiletics (*Reservations required*)

Friday, Jan. 9

- 9:00 a.m. LECTURE**: **Oden**, "The Recovery of Classical Christian Exegesis," Introducer: **Robert Albers**, George C. Weinman Professor of Pastoral Theology and Ministry
- 10:00 a.m. CHAPEL**: Preacher, **Walter Sundberg**, professor of church history
- 10:30 a.m. BREAK**
- 10:45 a.m. LECTURE**: **Kittelson**, "The Creation of Pastors and the Content of Ministry," Introducer: **Sarah Henrich**, associate professor of New Testament
- Noon Lunch**: **TABLE TALK** with Faithfulness in Ministry
Cross honorees (*Reservations required*)

Faculty Seminars

Leaders for the seminars which traditionally feature members of the faculty who returned from sabbatical leaves this fall are: **Gracia Grindal**, professor of rhetoric; **Kent Johnson**, professor of Christian education; **James Limburg**, professor of Old Testament; **Gary Simpson**, associate professor of systematic theology; **Paul Sponheim**, professor of systematic theology; and **Paul Westermeyer**, professor of church music. Each is giving his or her seminar twice during the convocation.

Speakers Oden and Kittelson also each have one seminar in which subjects they have raised in their lectures can be discussed.

Banquet

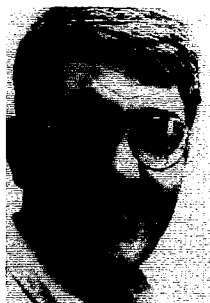
James Nestingen, professor of church history, is the speaker for the convocation banquet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 8. **Michael Rogness**, professor of homiletics, is the master of ceremonies.

Alumni are being recognized with the Faithfulness in Ministry Cross, an honor originated by the Luther Seminary Alumni/ae Association.

New members of the Alumni/ae Association Board are being elected during a brief business meeting.

Banquet tickets are \$12.50 per person, a charge not included in the registration fee. Banquet seating in the Luther Seminary Dining Room in the Olson Campus Center is limited to 250, and if tickets were not reserved with your advance registration for the convocation, it is unlikely any are still available except for the few that might have been returned. Check with the registration desk to see if one might still be available for you.

A vegetarian option for the meal is available for those who request it on their advance registration form.



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Rogness

Reunions

Arrangements and registrations for reunion class gatherings on Wednesday, Jan. 7, have been handled separately by committees for each anniversary class.

Classes celebrating reunions are: '92, '87, '82, '77, '72, '67, '62, '57 and '52. The class of '97 is holding its first anniversary reunion. Check the schedule for reunion times and locations.

The golden 50th anniversary class of '48 and anniversary classes for years before that date will celebrate their anniversaries on campus during a special gathering on May 6.

Luther Brass Reunion

For the second year in a row, all former members of the Luther Brass are coming together to rehearse and play prior to the banquet on Thursday night and again during the closing worship service on Friday morning.

James Limburg, professor of Old Testament, is coordinator for the Luther Brass.

Faithfulness Table Talk

Table talk with the Faithfulness in Ministry Cross recipients is the last convocation event at noon on Friday, Jan. 9. The one-and-one-half-hour program (including lunch), initiated last year, gives students and convocation participants a chance to hear each honoree give brief summations of his or her ministry and ask specific ministry-related questions for discussion.

Those interested in the Table Talk program must make advance reservations for the lunch. The cost of the lunch is \$5.00.

Contact Hours

A free certificate acknowledging contact hours at the convocation is available for all participating pastors. If you did not indicate in your registration form that you want a contact hours certificate, please see the registration desk before 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 8.

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

Parking

Special parking, with shuttle bus service to and from the center of campus, is available during convocation off Como Ave. on the athletic field north of the Lutheran Social Service Center.

Weavings for Worship

An exhibit of liturgical weavings used for both Judaic and Christian worship is in the Faculty/Staff Board Room and mezzanine of the Olson Campus Center throughout the Mid-Winter Convocation.

Liturgical stoles, paraments, wall hangings and Jewish prayer shawls are included in the exhibit.

Many of the weavers are included in a new book entitled, *Weaving for Worship*, scheduled for publication by Robin and Russ Handweavers, Inc. in mid-January. The book is co-authored by Lucy Brusic, St. Paul, and Joyce Harter, Northfield, Minn., both weavers who have works in the exhibit.

Other Twin City area weavers featured in the exhibit include Phyllis Waggoner, Marjorie Ford, Sylvia Garfield, and Shirley Herrick. Also featured are Barbara Berg, Decorah, Iowa, and Joyce Rettstadt, Princeton, Mass.

Bookfair

All Mid-Winter Convocation participants are invited to check out the bookfair being sponsored by the Luther Seminary Library on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 8 and 9. The bookfair is being held in the Annex (the space previously occupied by the bookstore) in the lower level of Gullixson Hall between 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. each day.

Donations are 25 cents per book, with proceeds going to the Lutheran International Library Association Project (LILAP).

Audio Tapes Available

Audio cassette tapes of only the primary convocation lectures are available for \$15 per set. Tapes of the entire convocation cost \$20 per set. Either set must be paid for with the order which can be made at the registration desk.

A limited number of tapes of previous convocations are available as long as supplies last for one-half the above prices per set.

Vendors

Participants are encouraged to visit the tables of vendors with displays in the narthex of Chapel of the Incarnation and the mezzanine upstairs in the Olson Campus Center.

The vendors are:

- Adorn This House (liturgical weavings)
- Augsburg Fortress
- Church Innovations
- Kathleen Gabrielsen (crosses)
- Handweaving for the Church (liturgical weavings)
- Lutheran Bible Institutes
- Lutheran Social Service
- Mt. Carmel Ministries
- *The Rose*
- *Word & World*
- Youth Encounter

Refund Policy

If a pre-registered participant is unable to attend Mid-Winter Convocation because of a pastoral or family emergency, a full refund is granted if notice is given by the first day of the convocation. No refunds are given for absences caused by inclement weather.

If a pre-registered participant is called away because of an emergency during convocation (Jan. 7-9), a \$30 refund is made. Those who register for the full three days when they arrive at convocation 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 the office of seminary relations (612 641-3419) before the convocation, or someone at the registration desk while the convocation is in progress. No requests for refunds are accepted after the convocation.

1999 Mid-Winter Convocation

The 1999 Mid-Winter Convocation on Jan. 6-8 will be shaped around the theme of the Old Testament.

Lecturers will be **Danna Nolan Fewell**, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University and **Jon D. Levenson**, Harvard Divinity School.