

# THE SEMINARIAN

DR. SWANSON COMES TO MT. AIRY

The management committee of DWME has asked this seminary if they would be willing to take a Missionary in Residence during the 1978-79 year. The faculty and the board have agreed. Beginning in September, Dr. Theodore N. Swanson, presently of Kingston, Jamaica, will join the faculty.

Dr. Swanson was born and raised in the Mid-west. He received his B.A. in mathematics from Augustana College and his first professional degree from the Augustana Seminary. In 1962 he completed his work in Old Testament and received his S.T.M. from Andover-Newton Theological School. He also holds an M.A. and Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University where he majored in Biblical studies--Old Testament--and minored in the History of the Ancient Near East. He has done post-doctoral work at Fuller Theological Seminary's School of World Mission. His doctoral dissertation was on The Closing of the Collection of Holy Scriptures: A Study in the Canonization of the Old Testament.

Since 1969 Dr. Swanson has been at the United Theological College of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica, where he has been a lecturer in Hebrew and Biblical Studies. He has also served as chairman of the Extension Committee and Co-ordinator of the Extension Programme since 1975. In the past, he has served congregations

in Boston and Chicago and has been an associate professor in Old Testament Language and Literature at Augustana Seminary and the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

The purpose of the missionary in residence program is to stimulate interest in and familiarity with world mission and to give students and faculty a chance for an in-depth encounter with mission personnel. Therefore, Dr. Swanson  
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## THE HOLOCAUST: A LUTHERAN-JEWISH CONVERSATION

On Wednesday, May 3, a Lutheran-Jewish Conversation focusing on "The Holocaust and its Implications for Education" will be presented at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. This conversation is being sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and LTSP.

The program will begin at 10am with greetings and introductions by Rabbi Solomon Bernards of New York, and Dr. John H.P. Reumann. At 10:15 there will be two presentations on the theme, "The Holocaust: Historical events and their Aftermath." The first presentation will be by Dr. Hadassah Rosensaft of New York. She appeared as the chief witness for the prosecution in the Belzen Trial (September 17 to November 17, 1945). She and her friends had secretly compiled records at Auschwitz which showed that about four million people had died in the crematoria. The second pre-



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will teach 2 courses in his field and perhaps a January Term course. These course descriptions have yet to be determined.

The administration is presently looking for housing for Dr. Swanson and his wife Jo Ann and two of the four children that will accompany them, Phillip and Kristin. Their son Mark is a student at the Gettysburg Seminary and daughter Beth is at the Vanderbilt School of Nursing. We will welcome Dr. Swanson and his family to our seminary community.

Nancy Anderson

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HOLOCAUST

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sensation will be made by Dr. Hagen A.K.Staack, professor of Religion at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa. Dr. Staack was a member of a clandestine seminary in Germany that was operated without government permission during World War II. He was an observer at Vatican II, and is famous for his Old Testament Bible Study programs on television. Following their presentations, Drs. Rosensaft and Staack will answer questions.

At 11:35 am the discussion will focus on the theme, "The Holocaust and Public School Education--Philadelphia and Beyond." The presentation will be made by Dr. George W. French, Director, Division of Social Studies, the School District of Philadelphia. There will be opportunity for discussion and questions following his presentation.

Beginning at 1:30pm, the program will focus on "Holocaust Education in Academia and Congregations." Besides Drs. Rosensaft and Staack, the panel will include Rabbi Merril B. Singer of Congregation Beth Or and Gwynedd-Mercy College, and the Reverend John B. Steinbruck, pastor of Luther Place Memorial Church, Washington, DC. Both of these men have been involved in sensitizing their congregations to the need for holocaust education, and will be

sharing some of their experiences.

The program will conclude at 2:40pm with reflection by Rabbi Bernards and Dr. Reumann on the question: "Where do we go from here? Summing Up and Further Steps."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

At its meeting on April 10, 1978, the faculty adopted the following recommendation from the First Professional Degrees Committee:

"In order to provide opportunity for each class to pursue academic-professional concerns and to coordinate these programs, all classes in the M.Div. and M.A.R. programs will be cancelled on November 2-3, 1978. Each class shall form a committee in September to formulate objectives and strategies in regard to these days. These suggestions shall be submitted to the First Professional Degrees Committee for approval. Faculty members shall be encouraged to complete mid-term examinations before these dates. Unclassified or special students shall participate with the class most directly related to their programs. Participation by students shall be taken as seriously as class attendance. Faculty will serve as resource persons."

Since this action will affect all classes, it is important that you be aware of these plans and that you give some preliminary thought to suggestions for the use of these days.

Dr. Foster R. McCurley

GUEST NIGHT

Thursday, April 27, we will have our last guest night with LTSP's own Helene Begouin as our guest. Helene, a student from Paris, France, will be talking to us about French churches accompanied by a slide presentation which she has compiled.

Please plan to with us at 6pm upstairs in the refectory.

Please note: The DVAMM meeting previously announced for Thursday will be held on Wed. April 26.

Dear Members of the Seminary Community:--

THIS IS IT!

It is with some sorrow and some relief that we "pass the stapler" or hand over the editorship of The Seminarian to the new editor, Scott Larson. A list of Scott's credentials seems fruitless at this time, but we are assured through conversations with him that he possesses leadership qualities and enthusiasm which will bring increased value to next year's Seminarian.

This being our final issue, we would like to give thanks to the typists, assemblers, and authors who contributed time and talent and special thanks to Gerry, whose dependability and perseverance were a Godsend.

Have a blessed year to come. May God be with you and may you serve the Lord with gladness.

Love, Peace and Joy,  
Barry Mitchell  
Marsha Jark

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A NOTE

To the whole Seminary Community:--

It is not said often enough, but the members of the Seminary Choir are a truly remarkable group of whom I am very proud! Somehow, despite all the various and competing demands of Seminary life, they are able to maintain themselves a true choir--witness our many concerts and last Monday's recording session! Their musicianship, of course, plays a role in this, as does their commitment and even discipline; but what makes them so remarkable to me is the sense I have that their singing is a way of participating in the new life in Christ and a way of sharing with others its many forms.

Truly a remarkable group! and I want here to express publicly my thanks to them. And to all the rest of you, I guess I would only say that you owe it to yourselves and to them to share in their gifts of life!

Sincerely yours,  
Robert E. Bornemann

Several weeks ago, a questionnaire was distributed to all members of the Seminary community regarding the Charismatic movement. A total of 67 persons returned the questionnaire. The results are now shared with you.

The questionnaire sought information on both behavior and attitudes within the community. Several "guesstimate" questions also attempted to elicit a sense of the community's self-perception.

BEHAVIOR/EXPERIENCE:

60% of the respondents have attended a meeting of Christians who professed having charismatic gifts, and 49% have experienced another person speaking in tongues. Of the 33 respondents in the latter group, 29 had attended a charismatic meeting.

16% of the respondents have personally experienced glossalia.

On a scale of 1-6 (Not at all - Completely), the respondents indicated an average of 3.73 in reply to the question, To what degree do you believe the Holy Spirit determines your behavior? 69% of the responses were 3, 3.5 or 4. 19% responded 5 or 6 and 11%, 1 or 2. To clarify these responses, the respondents were asked whether their experience of this activity of the Holy Spirit were "more direct" (6) or "more indirect" (1). The average was dead center at 3.5, with 61% replying 3, 3.5 or 4. 19% responded with 1, 2 or 2.5 and 20% responded with a 5. While the greatest number of people seemed unwilling to move to the extremes on either of these questions, those who did, tended to express high activity of the Holy Spirit in their lives in indirect ways. In comparing responses to these questions, those who responded with a 5 or 6 in assessing the degree to which the Holy Spirit determines their behavior, experience this activity of the Spirit in no more direct or indirect fashion than others. In contrast, those who see little determination of the Holy Spirit in their behavior replied that their experience

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of the Holy Spirit is ~~generally~~ less direct than others.

#### ATTITUDES/BELIEFS:

Asked if they would like to experience the activity of the Holy Spirit more or less directly or as they do, all respondents chose either more direct experience or no change, with responses equally divided.

A full 94% of the respondents deny the necessity of Spirit baptism apart from Water baptism for sanctification.

When asked if the recipient of the gift of glossolalia can control the outward expression of that gift, the respondents provided a wide variety of answers. 7% did not answer. 31% said "yes," 36% said "no," 6% indicated they didn't know and 6% simply responded "I said both 'yes' and 'no.'" It is our understanding that the gift of glossolalia can be controlled in its outward expression by the recipient.

The spread of responses was almost as great when the respondents were asked what credence they give to faith healing. On a 1-6 scale from "Does not work(1)" to "Surely works(6)," the average of all responses was 3.53. The standard deviation of responses was high, however (1.38), with the most popular response (4) receiving only 27%. Both 2 and 5 were chosen by 20% of the respondents and 14% responded with a 3.

#### SELF-PERCEPTION:

The respondents were asked to estimate the percentage of persons within the Seminary community who: a) have Charismatic gifts; b) encourage and/or participate in Charismatic functions; and, c) are unaware or intolerant of Charismatic Christians. 13% found it impossible to respond to each of these questions. Of those who responded:

32.5% indicated that all members of the community have Charismatic gifts; 12.5% indicated that no members of the community have Charismatic gifts. Including all respondents, the average estimated percentage of those who have Charismatic gifts was 21.9%. Excluding those who believe that all have such gifts

the average estimated percentage falls to 10.7%, with individual responses ranging from 0% to 90%. Almost one-half perceive less than 10% of the community to have such gifts, with an additional one-third perceiving such gifts in 10-20% of the community.

In response to part (b), 2% of the respondents perceive all members of the community participating in or encouraging Charismatic functions and 4% perceive no one in the community doing so. The average estimate for those responding between 0 and 100% is 11.8%, ranging from 1% to 60%. Two-fifths perceive less than 10% of the community involved in Charismatic functions and almost one-half perceive 10-20% involved.

No one perceives the entire community to be unaware of or intolerant of Charismatic Christians, but 5.5% of the respondents perceive no intolerance or ignorance. The average estimate is that 41.3% of the community falls into these categories. One-half of the respondents perceive the majority of the community to be intolerant or unaware and seven out of eight respondents see intolerance or unawareness in at least 10% of the community.

Asked whether they think there are Charismatic Christians in their field church or home church, roughly half the respondents answered "no" to each. Those responding "yes" indicated an average estimate of 6% in their field churches and 8% in their home churches.

The Seminary would like to thank all those who participated in this survey by returning completed questionnaires. The many hand-written comments received on the questionnaires indicate that the Charismatic movement is an issue of concern and interest to many in the community. We have provided this report in the hope that it can enable all of us to grow in our self-understanding, our perception of those around us and ability to share our beliefs and commitments in an atmosphere of free and accepting inquiry. Among a pilgrim people, the mutual conversation and consolation of believers is essential to life, health and growth.

# Wanted

## ORGANIST NEEDED

The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour at D and Allegheny Ave. in Philadelphia is looking for an organist to serve on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. from June 11 to September 3. The responsibilities include a commitment to be available for every Sunday in that time period, brief offerings of prelude and postlude music, and the delivery of the First Setting of the Service Book and Hymnal. There will be no choir responsibilities and no extra time requested to rehearse special music.

The remuneration is \$15.00 a Sunday. Express your interest in this position by contacting Dave Brant or Dale Walck of the seminary community, or dropping a note to:

The Worship and Music Committee  
Our Saviour Lutheran Church  
c/o the Rev. Bob Young, Jr.  
603 E. Allegheny Ave.,  
Phila., PA 19134

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## SPEND JULY AND AUGUST IN VERMONT

FREE! Room and Board on a North Vermont farm in exchange for house-sitting and chicken care! Anyone interested, call Virginia Thomas MO4-8195.

My daughter and family want to work and travel for July and August and need care of 140 acres and house. Not much work (eat the eggs and vegetables) but she doesn't want home empty.

In a valley 40 miles NE of Burlington.

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## VCS MUSICIAN POSITION OPEN AT OUR SAVIOUR

A pianist or guitarist is needed, who would be willing to work with the worship coordinator

of the Vacation Church School program at Our Saviour Lutheran Church. The musician would be using new music from the Augsburg Press Hosanna VCS curriculum and would need to be available weekdays from July 10 through the 21st, 9-12noon. The remuneration is \$50 for the two weeks.

Contact Dale Walck or Dave Brant or write:

The Christian Education  
Committee of Our Saviour  
Lutheran Church  
c/o the Rev. Bob Young, Jr.  
603 E. Allegheny Ave.  
Phila., PA 19134

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## ATTENTION MIDLERS!

Midler class meeting in the Refectory at 9:40 a.m. on Friday, April 28, 1978.

Purpose: End of year wrap up.

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## LETTERS TO SCATTERED SAINTS AVAILABLE SOON

In the next week or so, members of the seminary community will receive copies of "Letters to Scattered Saints," a series of devotional readings for the summer written by ourselves.

The devotional booklet will also be taped for many visually handicapped individuals in the United States. In cooperation with Mr. Hughes and Jo Witman, the LCA Resource Center for the Visually Handicapped will add these devotions to their tape library. The center presently tapes and distributes The Lutheran throughout the world. Since volunteers from Atonement Lutheran Church in Wyomissing, PA will tape a hymn with each day's reading, those who wrote devotions may suggest suitable hymns to be recorded with them.

Suggestions for hymns may be given to Jo Witman (box 808) by May 12. Benefits of the taped library are available to all the visually handicapped. For more information, see Jo Witman.

CONFESSIONS OF FATHER JOHN!

by John Roberts

Daddy's precious "Rae" of Sunshine

If you look closely at the little finger of my daughter's right hand you will find her father neatly wrapped around it. Being completely objective (which 99% of other fathers aren't) my daughter is beautiful, witty, and exactly like her father. (Any bad habits come from her Mother's side of the family.) Her bad habits are few so that's not a problem. From the time she was little she's been Daddy's girl. She preferred my company to her Mother's from birth. (except at chow time) Many nights were spent walking the floor with a colicky baby while her Mother slept peacefully and dreamed of how nice it was when fathers got to know their daughters.

Raechel has her own way of responding to the world. She doesn't have Jarrod's philosophical insight or John's thirst for answers. She does, however, have her own unique response to life.

Jarrod: "Let's run Raechel!"

Raechel: "O.K. froggy baby!"

Daddy: "I'm not going to read you a story."

Rae: "I don't believe you Daddy." (as she climbed into my lap)

Daddy: "You are a big girl."

Rae: "Daddy, when I grow up, you'll be growing down with Mommy." (This is said as she tenderly holds my hand between hers.)

Friend: "What did you have at Gino's?"

Rae: "Freedom of choice."

Milk: Splash!

Rae: "NUTS!"

Daddy: "I don't need my crutches anymore."

Rae: "Daddy, you had your crutches when you were slowing down."

Daddy: "How do you know that's a President?"

Rae: "He's old, he has a beard, and he's on money."

6'4" 250 lb. Dick Ulrich: "Can I pick you up Raechel?"

2'10" 35lb. Rae: "No! Go pick up someone else!"

I'm not sure the male population is ready for her; in a few short years it could be havoc. Until then I just smile.

"Father John"

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At 4:00 on April 30th, Bruce Todd will hold his Sr. Organ Recital at First Baptist Church, 17th & Sansom. He will be playing works by Mozart, Mendelssohn, Jungen, Buxtehude, and others.

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NAMING AND CLAIMING:  
WOMEN IN MINISTRY

by Marsha Jark  
and Dani D'Aunay

"Naming and Claiming Our Own Experience," the Inter-Seminary Women's Conference in Minneapolis, April 14-16 was a reminder of the Pastor's Convocation and a speech by Dr. Edmund Steimle. He said that good preaching is relating the Biblical story to your story and my story. The women's conference brought together about 150 women from various religious backgrounds to tell their stories.

Some of the stories could be filed under the category of "horror". A woman who was a member of St. Joan's Alliance told of the disheartening but continuing attempt to convince the Roman Catholic Church to begin ordaining women priests. Another woman who had been a congregational minister for many years told of a preaching prize that was not awarded to her at seminary because it would hurt the men's morale to see the prize go to a "girl". Ironically, she remembered it as being rather funny.

A PRACTICAL EMPHASIS

A number of workshops were offered on Saturday with varying attendance. A workshop was offered on "Forming a Women's Caucus" but when the three Mt. Airy women found themselves the only participants, they attended the workshop on "Vestments for Women" instead. Two workshops entitled, "Sharing Biblical Scholarship" and "Sharing Biblical Scholarship" and (cont.)

ART THREE  
PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECTS:  
THE FAMILY

by Keith Wilbur

This is the third of a series of articles on the psychological aspects of a stroke. It may not go into depth or cover all, but it will cover most of them. I will cover the family. It seems like the family was avoided in most of the books I read, yet it seems to be one of the most important support groups. We always learned that a family that lives together stays together. I've got a new idea for that: A family visits and cares for someone who has had a stroke, and accepts their condition as a reality. When a stroke strikes, this group can be greatly affected by the outcome, as in a death or confinement to a wheelchair, when the affected person has to be taxed everywhere.

The spouse can be very instrumental in certain healing processes. The spouse, after it is all done, is the contact with the real world. Because of the previous relationship with the patient, that can be important to the patient's development. In the case of no spouse, other family members will take over like the mother and father.

The family members include the mother, father, sisters and brothers, in-laws, family friends; and an uncle or aunt may also be involved. Through a lot of the family's support and love, it can lead to the individual's recovery. The family can offer a lot of support to a patient; they should not be left out of counseling decisions. Much depends on their view of the patient's condition, and their own well-being.

Excessive optimism or pessimism may strike the family members. These may make it unbearable for the patient. Frustration and depression can be attributed to this factor. Excessive optimism or pessimism can be delusions of a realistic situation.

The family can be of the utmost importance to the patient. The family members also need certain

help in their dealings with the reality of a stroke. One of the jobs of a future clergy-person is to look into and consider the family in their decision-making counseling.

This will conclude my articles on the Psychological aspects that I will cover this year. I plan to continue my articles in the future, but due to academic obligations and therapeutic endeavors, I cannot continue. I find it difficult to proceed in all these various aspects but you will hear from me next year with some new topics and new insights.

Written for Keith  
by Rich Sauer

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DWAIN MEETING

The Delaware Valley Association of Women Ministers will meet Wed., April 26, 1978 at 6:30 p.m. in the Tappert Room.

Agenda: 1. Topic Lutheran Church Overseas 2. Report on Women's Inter-Seminary Conference 3. Future Planning: Do we/where do we go from here?

All are welcome.

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Naming and Claiming cont.

"Sharing Historical Scholarship" were offered but the majority of the workshops dealt with present concerns of the women and men who attended.

VESTMENTS

"Vestments for Women," was presented by Liz Heller, a Presbyterian minister and campus ministry staff person at the Univ. of Minn. and Edna Gonske, a designer and weaver of vestments, paraments, and banners.

Gonske was a Lutheran for many years and still does work on commission for the Lutheran churches of her area. One of the weekend's more exciting moments came during this workshop when the Lutheran and Episcopal women were unable to convince her that it really was not possible to conduct worship in her lovely flowing purple or red gowns because of our view on vesting. She was especially fond of a chasuble

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she had created with a pattern of apples. Apples are one of Gonske's favorite symbols (she says she would use pomegranates but children don't understand them). She also showed color slides of her apple paraments, which match the apple chasuble.

Gonske believes that no matter what denomination, women should feel free to dress femininely and to their own taste and need feel no commitment to looking like the men with whom they might be sharing leadership. She believes that albs are quite uncomfortable so will not design them.

Another of her exciting creations was a chasuble of yellow decorated with large orange circles. This was created (with matching paraments) for a "Sunkist Service", although its creator feels that as it is bright and cheerful, it would be lovely on other liturgical occasions. She would be happy to take orders by mail.

#### HISTORICAL SCHOLARSHIP

The workshop on "Historical Scholarship" attended by Teresa Bailey and Dani D'Aunay was an interesting event. Participating were women representing three seminaries although four denominations. After Teresa's report on her current research, was a report from a woman scholar from United Theological Seminary, who plans to obtain her Ph.D. in Old Testament Studies. She was very enthusiastic about her plans. A discussion that developed about a point concerning Sarah soon had the young scholar expressing her concern that soon she would have to learn Hebrew, as she had not had that opportunity.

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FIRST CLASS POSTAGE

Neither Greek nor Hebrew were easily available at her seminary. The one Mt. Airy participant felt very thankful at having had the opportunity to study at LTSP where, as much as we complain about it, exposure to the texts in the original language is encouraged.

#### MINISTRY TO GAYS

"I don't want to be loved to death by a church that hates me," said one of the facilitators of the workshop on "Ministry to Gays". She had been relating how she "came out" to the Episcopal Church, thereby losing her chance for ordination.

Problems and appropriate counseling were brought out in role-plays performed in the workshop. Discussion centered around counseling methods, resources for gay people and for their parents, and the language used in counseling. One of the group leaders said that there will be no freedom until people can no longer use these words (like "Lesbian, homosexual") as a club. The Nazis killed 250,000 people in their concentration camps who were accused of being homosexual.

The conference ended with a talk by Elli Haney, a professor at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., who spoke about feminist ethics. She spoke of the feminist community as a norm-creating community. Feminists can focus on nourishment of others, and friendship as new values to foster.

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