The Landmark Legacy Campaign has met and exceeded its goal of $3,000,000 in cash, pledges and identified planned gifts as of October 25, 2006.

“I am just thrilled,” says Principal, Wendy Fletcher, “The abundance of God and the generosity of all who support our work here are both a witness to me today and an encouragement toward our shared future.”
The campaign began in spring of 2004 for the purpose of augmenting our new endowments from land development and supporting programs and infrastructure to ensure the future of VST for coming generations. Under the inspired leadership of campaign chair, Louise Rolston, the campaign saw immediate success. As a result of gifts received, VST has its first endowed faculty chair; all the classrooms and several hotel rooms in Iona and residence rooms in Somerville House have been named; eight new bursary funds have been established to help students fund their education; a meditative garden will provide quiet space and solace in the land south of the Epiphany Chapel; a Celtic Cross will mark our presence in our increasingly secular neighbourhood; the Library has a new state-of-the-art security system; a new Archives facility will be built; commemorative benches will provide seating by the labyrinth, meditative garden and chapel; and general endowments have been increased through many individual gifts.

And although we have met our initial goal, the campaign is not closed to anyone who may wish to dedicate a room or a bench on the grounds. People are continuing to support endowments, bursary funds, and annual operating and program expenses, and for your gifts of money, prayer and goodwill, we are deeply grateful.

VST has received a $1 million dollar gift to name a faculty teaching chair. This amount will be matched up to $750,000 by the Board, as the chair will support an existing position. “This is spectacular news!” says Ken Carty, Chair of the Board of Governors.

The donor wishes to remain anonymous.
From the Principal’s Pen

...our community is thriving...

Dear friends, what a busy and interesting time these first 10 months of my principalship have been!

The highlights:

• Landmark Legacy Campaign: we have achieved and surpassed our goal in cash, pledges and new identified planned gifts!
• Our first endowed faculty chair!
• New bursaries named to help students!
• Building of the archives has begun!
• First stage of renovation of the chapel almost complete!

The details:

The months – years – of living through the chaos of renovation and building have been rewarded and we began this new school year safely delivered to our new home in the Iona building. This move has created a spirit of jubilation throughout the VST community. We are so grateful for the opportunity to begin this new stage of the school’s life in such elegant and functional quarters!

This fall we welcome several new faculty and staff members, and several positions have been redefined to reflect new job responsibilities. Janet Gear, from the United Church, and Glen Davis from the Presbyterian Church are our two new Directors of Denominational Formation, filling out the complement, with Lynne McNaughton (Anglican) from our sponsoring denominations. Roberta Clare and Joyce Davis have joined us as Coordinators of Field Education.

As I write this, the backhoes are busy at work excavating for the new archives. Architect Jan Timmer, who designed Somerville House for us, has drawn a building plan which integrates the archives into the southwest side of the Iona building underground, connecting into the building through the Library. This plan calls for a total of 8100 square feet, with 900 of that as office and work space and 7200 as archives storage space.

Work on the Epiphany Chapel is nearing completion – we have been worshiping in the chapel since the term began, and we expect the work to be complete before the end of the year. This will include an elevator for accessibility and additional washroom facilities.

I am absolutely delighted to report that as of the end of September, all the land sales transactions have been successfully completed. This means that VST Property Management Company can celebrate a job well done and now look to winding up its operations. This also means that we can report on real financial figures without estimates and projections.

We realized significantly more than was anticipated from land sales given Vancouver’s exuberant real estate market – a total of $59 million. The state of the market also meant that construction costs were radically more than anticipated. As a result, after decades of deferred maintenance, $22 million needed to be spent on necessary service renovations and upgrades to the Epiphany Chapel, and construction of the new archives in partnership with the Anglican Church in this province and the BC Conference of the United Church will cost VST another $500,000. As we approach the end of construction, we also acknowledge that our building took almost 4 years – not the 10 months originally projected – adding costs to our annual operating deficit which for over 3 and a half years through the construction period ran at almost $2 million each year. In the years immediately prior to the property development project, our fragile financial situation required us to borrow from or against our existing endowments of $6.5 million. However – this is good news, after all – when all our costs are calculated, we see that of the $59 million of revenue generated, less than $2 million – less than 4% - was spent in completing the actual development project. And, with the last sale now complete, our debts and loans are all fully paid off and we see a $13.5 million dollar property endowment. That, with our existing endowments and

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new endowment funds from the Landmark Legacy Campaign, gives us one of the largest endowments of any theological school in the country.

Where does that leave us now?

Theological education is expensive to deliver. While our endowments will provide a significant percentage of our operating budget, it will not provide all of it. We rely also on support from the denominations, tuition revenue, hotel and conference revenue, and on the generosity of individual people and churches who want to support this important work.

Now that the land development is complete, here is how our revenue will break down:

We will receive 30% from investment income, 27% from tuition, 23% from our housing and conferences operations, and 20% from grants and donations, approximately evenly split between individual donations and denominational support from the Anglican, United and Presbyterian Churches.

On the expense side of the budget we are working to bring down costs through operational efficiencies and careful programming. The questions I am asked most often as I visit our churches are these: What happened? Why did VST have to restructure? Did the building plans go badly? You have heard that in fact, the property development met and exceeded projected revenue. So then to the first questions – what happened, and why did people lose their jobs?

A wise one once said that there is no future until we settle with the past. Settling with our past is a necessary dimension of the economic story we are now living. Two decades ago, VST began a practice of deficit spending. In hopes of better times ahead, we have supported two decades of deficit budgets. Our school developed a culture of deferring accountability for the real cost of delivering our diverse and high caliber education. Then ten years ago, property development was seen as the path to financial freedom; a way to ensure the long term sustainability of the life and work of Vancouver School of Theology. But our commitment to a balanced budget, to living within our means while attending to the spiritual health and well being of the community and responding to the needs of our supporting denominations, ultimately required us to re-examine how we do the business of delivering theological education.

During the last academic year we have lived through two stages of restructuring which re-formed the infrastructure of our community. As part of that restructuring we said goodbye to several faculty and staff, reorganized support functions in every area of the school and redesigned the work of the Chalmers Institute. Most painful in this process has been saying goodbye to many members of our community who have served the mission of the School faithfully.

We, along with all North American theological schools of the Protestant mainline churches, have been confronted with the complexity of recruitment in and for a changing church in a rapidly changing culture. This academic year student enrollment in Canadian universities is notably down. VST has also been affected by a decrease in new admissions this year. However, ongoing students have meant that our overall decline in numbers from last year is only about 12%, from 203 students to 181. We enjoyed a highly successful summer school with a record number of course registrations in a record number of courses. Our denominational balance continues to shift, and we note that this year our single largest group of students by denomination is Anglican, with a total of 84 Anglican students studying at VST. This balance shifts frequently.

Despite the trauma of restructuring and the re-ordering of life due to some loss of services, like the cafeteria, our community is thriving! Faculty, staff and students are finding new ways to rise to the challenge of learning, living and being together. Our new work in diversified education is an important illustration of the creative energy abounding at VST. As our student representative reported to the Academic Policy Committee of the Board recently, in his three years at VST he is experiencing morale at an all time high.

The wise one who advises us to settle the past also counsels that faithful discipleship demands an engagement with the present and a radical belief in God’s future. At VST we are settling our past; engaging the present; and together we are believing in God’s future.
VST & Eiwa Celebrate Fourteen Years

Vancouver School of Theology and Shizuoka Eiwa Gakuin University and College celebrate fourteen years of partnership in 2006!

In 1992 the two schools established a co-sponsored undergraduate extension program at VST for students at Shizuoka Eiwa Girls Junior and Senior High School, as it was then known, and the first class arrived from Japan in September 1994. This academic year we welcome the 13th class to VST.

Over 150 graduates have experienced a “Life-Changing” year at VST. Immersed in Canadian culture, Eiwa students take courses in Bible, liturgy, computer skills, Canadian history, English, cultural studies and field studies, including trips to Nootka Sound, the Maritimes, Eastern Canada, Victoria and numerous local historical sites such as Steveston Village and Fort Langley. It is a curriculum designed to foster a deeper and broader understanding of Canadian society and culture nurtured by Christian formation and spirituality.

During their 4 month or 7 month program, Eiwa students live with host families on the Westside of Vancouver and participate in the life of the VST community. At a recent reunion graduates remarked how life changing the Canadian Studies Program was for them. Their love of VST, Vancouver and Canada will last a lifetime!

Shizuoka Eiwa was founded by the Methodist Church of Canada in 1887 for the sole purpose of offering a Christian educational experience for girls at a time when only boys and young men had access to formal education. Today Shizuoka Eiwa Gakuin University is co-ed, offering a 2 year diploma and 4 year liberal arts degrees with a Christian foundation incorporating spirituality in the Canadian Methodist tradition.

The Canadian Studies Program is administered through Chalmers Institute. For more information about this program, contact us by phone at (604) 822-9815, or by email at chalmers@vst.edu.
**Summer School 2006**

Took place in our newly renovated space within the Iona Building and on the south lawn and around the labyrinth. Everyone involved pitched in to ensure that the adjustment to new space and new facilities was smooth, making this an extremely successful 99th summer school. Student enrollment was strong again this year, with a total of 387 registrants.

### VST on Location:

While 387 registrants came to us, we also took VST on the road. Stephen Farris, professor of Homiletics and Dean of St. Andrews Hall, offered a course entitled “Variety: the Spice of Preaching Life – Different Models of Shaping our Sermons” at Sorrento Center.

**Lynne McNaughton** and **Gerald Hobbs** led their annual pilgrimage to Ireland with 33 participants.

### The Dr. James M. Taylor Prize

This annual prize, awarded by nomination to individuals for their commitment to pastoral ministry and continued studies at Chalmers Summer School, was presented to **Major the Rev. Jim Short** of Ladner United Church and the **Rev. Ian Gartshore** of Nanaimo, B.C. They were nominated by their personnel officer/bishop. Congratulations to both of them! And thank you to the family of Dr. Taylor for their continuing generous donation of this prize.

### Special Events

The Wednesday noon-hour live music continued this year during the new ‘**Wednesday Wraps**’. Each week we heard a different group: Linda and Brian Rainbow on violin and flute; The River City Gospel Jazz Band; Jim Lindenberger/Dorothy Smith and group; and The Thunderbirds Barbershop Quartet with Tucker Goodwin.

In cooperation with the **Thomas Merton Society**, on Tuesday, July 4 we officially opened the Thomas Merton Reading Room in the H.R. MacMillan Theological Library. This event coincided with the one-month library photo exhibit of the Zen Photography of Thomas Merton, Gallery Talks by Paul Pearson during two noonhours, blessing of the Merton Reading Room by Abbot Damien Thomas, and a public lecture on ‘Backstage Stories’ of Merton by Bernie Lucht.

During Native Ministries Consortium Summer School, concurrent with Chalmers Summer School, we, with all our NMC partners, celebrated the official raising of VST’s new **totem pole**. The ceremony included the signing of a reconstituting agreement between VST and the Native Ministry Consortium Partners and was followed by the annual salmon barbecue.

### G. Peter Kaye Lecture Series 2007

**Tribalism and Globalization**

**FEB 21-23, 2007**

**Dr. Jenny Te Paa,**
Principal of Te Rau Kahikatea College of St. John the Evangelist, Auckland, New Zealand

Dr. Te Paa is highly regarded nationally and internationally for her pioneering work in bicultural theological education. She writes extensively on identity politics within theological education, particularly regarding race and ethnicity and their various manifestations. Jenny serves as Convener of Anglican Peace and Justice Network; is recently retired Moderator of the World Council of Churches Working Group on Ecumenical Theological Education and is a member of both Inter-Anglican Theological Doctrinal Commission (IATDC) and the Commission on Theological Education for the Anglican Communion (TEAC) established in 2003 by the Archbishop of Canterbury. She is Principal of Te Rau Kahikatea College of St. John the Evangelist, the first (and only) lay indigenous woman to head an Anglican Theological College.

All lectures at St. Andrew’s-Wesley United Church (tbc)
Sponsored by Vancouver School of Theology’s Chalmers Institute; hosted by St. Andrew’s Wesley United Church

**MORE INFORMATION:** www.vst.edu; 604-822-9815; chalmers@vst.edu
Eyes Wide Open
Summer School 2006

The Centering Prayer Intensive
with the Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bourgeault, historically sponsored by Vancouver School of Theology, will now be sponsored by the Contemplative Society. The 2007 Centering Prayer Intensive will be held from Sunday February 25 until Friday March 2 at lunch. The cost of the event is $600. For more information and registration please call 250-381-9650 or e-mail admin@contemplative.org

Summer School courses met in and out of the classroom

Ceremonial raising of the totem pole

The Barbershop Quartet serenades Chalmers Director, Cathy Bone

Richard Leggett presents the James Taylor award to Jim Short

Lunch fare at “Wednesday Wraps”
PREVIEW (subject to change)

PRE-SUMMER School Course • June 27-29 (1 evening, 2 days)
• Meister Eckhart’s Mysticism and Ours
  Matthew Fox

WEEK ONE • July 2-6
• A Theology of Creation: An Ecofeminist Approach
  Rosemary Ruether
• Becoming Fully Human: Genesis 1-11
  Walter Vogels
• Never Call Them Jerks
  Arthur Paul Boers
• Thomas Merton, Henri Nouwen & Donald Nicholl: Pilgrims of Wisdom & Peace
  Michael Higgins

WEEK TWO • July 9-13
• Conversations from the Heart
  *Thomas Keating/Cynthia Bourgeault
• Transformative Models of Religious Education
  Roberta Clare
• Dancing a Theology of Leadership
  Celeste Snowber
• Celtic Theology
  J. Wooding and T. O’Loughlin
July 10: 100th Summer School Gala @ Christ Church Cathedral - evening lecture with special guest
  Tom Harpur

WEEK THREE • July 16-20
• Process Theology
  John Cobb
• The Spiritual World of Children
  Tobin Hart
• Prayer and the New Testament
  Bonnie Thurston
• Women and Leadership
  Jenny Te Paa
• Moral Economy
  Christopher Lind
WEEK FOUR • July 23-27
• The Betrayal of God by Religion: The Struggle & Gift of the Spirit in an Age of Warring Fundamentalisms
• Using the Arts and Visual Technologies in Worship
• A Raw Experience of the Holy: Learning from the Life of Hildegard von Bingen
• ‘What Sweeter Gift?’ - Integrating music and musicians into worship

*Visiting Distinguished Scholars

Michael Bausch

Lauren Artress

Cathy Pederson & Jocelyn Pritchard

May 15-17
MAY INTENSIVE
Ecstatic Naturalism: Nature, God and the New Cosmology
1 evening, 2-days at VST

Robert Corrington

Unitarian Church National Convention at UBC, co-sponsored with VST • contact www.cuc.ca

June 10-16
VST ON LOCATION:
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Creating Spiritual Strength in Your Community

Martin Brokenleg

Full brochure will be available in January 2007
Visit www.vst.edu for more information and registration
Greg Dayton Memorial Bursary
Established this year by St. Christopher’s Anglican Church, North Vancouver, the Greg Dayton Memorial Bursary honours the life of a courageous young man who died of AIDS after being infected by a blood transfusion during the tainted blood scandal. The bursary is for a deserving student at VST.

“I am personally delighted that this memorial will be a lasting memory to Greg and I know a welcome assistance to a deserving student.” The Venerable Lou Rivers

“I have many recollections of Greg as a young boy – he was a member of my Cub Pack around 45 years ago. He was extremely bright and was always anxious to “Do His Best” in every way. I remember him with great admiration and respect!” Peter Wright – family friend

Application deadlines, for all bursaries unless noted otherwise, are September 15 for the fall term, December 15 for the spring term and April 15 for summer school.

For more information about these and other bursary funds and how students can apply, please contact Corliss Maguire, Financial Aid officer, at 604-822-9502 or cmaguire@vst.edu.

H.R. MacMillan Fund
Unlike the rest of VST’s bursary funds, the H.R. MacMillan Fund provides grants for active clergy in good standing with their denomination to assist in continuing education.

Purpose: To establish a program of research, scholarship and training and in particular to afford members of the teaching staff of Vancouver School of Theology opportunity for advanced study in larger centers. To establish fellowships in order to attract the services of visiting lecturers expert in their field, to offer post graduate courses, to afford opportunity for studies abroad for those showing competence in special fields, to offer short term refresher courses for the Clergy through the Province of British Columbia and to undertake such other projects of a similar nature as the governing body of Vancouver School of Theology may decide upon from time to time, it being the wish of the donor that in the advanced studies and training undertaken hereunder there shall be the greatest degree of cooperation with other denominations, including exchange of personnel, results of research and of study.

Application deadlines: September 15, February 15, May 15, although applications may be considered on a case-by-case basis outside of those dates.

Peggy Thompson Bursary
The Peggy Thompson Bursary was established this year through the Landmark Legacy Campaign by St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Victoria. Peggy was a faithful and much-loved member of St. Barnabas.

The purpose of the bursary is to provide financial assistance for an Anglican student or postulant studying at VST preparing for ministry in an Anglo-Catholic parish; or to provide exposure to or training in the Catholic tradition of the Anglican Church to Anglican students or other students at VST.

Bursary snapshots:

Vancouver School of Theology administers more than 80 named bursary funds to provide financial assistance to students with demonstrated need. While many of these funds were established decades ago, nine new funds have been established since the beginning of the Landmark Legacy Campaign, two of them just this fall. In this and coming issues of Perspectives, we will profile one or more of these funds, some new, some old, to give our readers a sense of their breadth and scope.

In this issue we will tell you about three such funds.
Being Spiritual Anchors in the Lives of Children

Saturday, February 3, 2007 • 9am - 4:30pm
Vancouver School of Theology, Iona Building
6000 Iona Drive (on the UBC campus)

KEYNOTE ADDRESS:  Rev. Dr. Martin Brokenleg
SONG LEADER:  Dawn Pemberton

SESSION #1
Men in the Lives of Children
How are men mentors and faith companions to children and how are they viewed through the lens of church and culture? Children's need for belonging, mastery, independence and generosity will shape this workshop.  Martin Brokenleg, Director of Native Ministries, VST.

Blessed Are The Leaders!
How can we recruit, train and support teachers and leaders of children's ministry?  Colleen Blair with eleven years experience in children's ministry at St. David's United Church works amongst over a hundred children and youth.

Being an Anchor in the Midst of Chaos
Explore helpful ways to work with behavioral challenges to create a classroom community that is supportive, safe, and inspiring.  Cathy Cryder ministers at Dunbar Heights United Church and has worked for school boards as counselor and teacher of children with severe behavior issues.

Achieving Success in Multi-age Sunday School Classes
How can we involve children of all ages, creating energy through music and art?  Heather Luccock has worked for 40 years as a Christian educator in the Anglican and United Churches, from Vancouver to the Northwest Territories.

Building Community with Young People
Children are our present! How can we partner with young people to create healthy communities? Natasha Blanchet-Cohen has worked for the past ten years at the International Institute for Child Rights and Development.  Mutang Urud, Kelabit from Sarawak, is the coordinator for Rediscovery International Foundation reconnecting Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal young people to the elders, land and communities.

SESSION #2
Play – A Child's First Language
Explore the mastery of play and belonging together with all of our body, mind and spirit.  Cathy Bone, Director of VST's Chalmers Institute loves playing games and has led educational programs at camps, churches, and schools.

Inpiring Youth to Belong....
“I don't want to go to church, it's boring!”  How can we help young people engage their faith?  Doris Kizinna, BC Conference of The United Church, brings 20 years of experience in youth ministry.

Making Bible Stories Sing
Simple melodies, rhythms and actions can teach the literature of the Bible to children. Develop confidence in your own musical creativity - without special training!  Andrew Halladay is a VST student, with experience leading children’s choirs, teaching Suzuki violin and in musical theatre.  David Taylor is a VST student, with experience as a youth music minister and in developing children’s curriculum.

Does God Make Testicles?
How can you explain sexuality and spirituality to children using humour and sensitivity?  Meg Hickling has taught sexual health in churches, mosques and synagogues, thus earning many honours, including an honorary doctorate and The Order of Canada.

Understanding the Feelings of Others
The ‘Roots of Empathy’ program will be our model for how empathy and respect can be invoked in children, families, communities, and congregations.  Janette McIntosh is a church school teacher, Presbyterian Elder, social and environmental researcher, and instructor of the ‘Roots of Empathy’ program (founded by Mary Gordon).
Bible Study Leaders Training

One Day or Half Day Introduction or Training Event
Gayle Ansley, Coordinator

DISCIPLE Bible Study increases your knowledge and deepens your connection to the Biblical narrative, and transforms your life as a disciple of Jesus Christ. One of the goals of DISCIPLE is discernment of gifts and talents making it useful as a form of appreciative inquiry.

DISCIPLE’s format is designed to be respectful of people’s time. The Teacher Helps manual gives time allotments for each section and provides a variety of teaching methods to engage different types of learners in your group.

DISCIPLE is designed to be led by a facilitator rather than a teacher, which allows leadership by those without theological training. The participants learn from their readings in the Bible, the Study Manual and from each other’s experiences.

What Gayle will offer you:
- The benefits and purpose of DISCIPLE Bible Study
- How the Bible Study is structured and varying formats that are available
- A training session including a sample lesson
- Host a question and answer time
- Give clear information on how to order, timing and costs of the program

Gayle Ansley has experienced the transformative power of DISCIPLE Bible Study both as a leader and as a participant. She believes passionately in the ability of DISCIPLE to change the lives of participants and the congregations in which they are involved. Gayle’s leadership skills have been honed throughout her nursing career, through congregational lay leadership and by parenting. She will meet with you as a congregation, a group of congregations, a presbytery/deanery or area grouping, ministerial group, or inter-denominational group.

Contact Gayle Ansley for more information at disciple_vst@shaw.ca or 604- 261-6377 ext. 80 (voicemail)

CALL FOR PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

God is Still Red Symposium:
The impact and import of the work of Vine Deloria Jr.
11-13 July 2007

Co-sponsored by Yuu-Hadaax (a project of the Centre for Indian Scholars, the Native Ministries Consortium, Wilp Wilxo’oskwhl Nisga’a and Vancouver School of Theology) and the Indigenous Theological Training Institute.

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Letters:
I would like to thank you for the helpful
information in the last
two issues of Perspectives.
I've not been able to visit
VST for the past few
years because of having a
younger family but have
wanted to understand
more the various changes
happening. The last two
issues were very helpful
and thank you for being so
comprehensive.
Shelley Lavenne
M.Div. 1995
Diamond Valley Pastoral
Charge, Turner Valley, AB

Position posting:
VST invites applications
for the position of Professor
of Pastoral Theology
and Theological Field
Education, to start July
1, 2007. Inquires: Kim
Fung 604-822-6315 or
kimfung@vst.edu.

Alumni News:
Congratulations to
Theresa Lee, M.Div.
2002 and Jonathon
McDonald – on Monday,
September 4 Theresa gave
birth to 2 beautiful baby
girls. Each under 2 lbs.,
the babies will spend their first
2-3 months in the neo-
atal intensive care unit
at St. Joseph’s Hospital,
London. Theresa and
Jonathon have named their
daughters Isabella Miriam
McDonald-Lee and Lucille
Elizabeth McDonald-Lee
– to be known as Ella &
Lucy.

Major the Rev. Neil
Parker, M.Div. 1983

will receive the M.A.
(Theology) degree with
concentration in Ethics
from St. Paul University
in Ottawa this fall. Neil
serves as a Canadian Forces
chaplain in National
Defense Headquarters
and was promoted to the
rank of Major this summer.

Wendy Read, M.Div.
1987, has moved to
Smithers, BC, in response
to a call from Smithers
United Church. She is
learning about life in the
North, including snow
in August, the airport
fogged in at least one
day a week, very friendly
people, and breathtaking
scenery. Wendy’s book
“A Conspiracy of Love:
Living Through and
Beyond Childhood Sexual
Abuse” was published
this spring by Wood
Lake Books. The book
is a series of reflections
on Scripture through the
lens of the experience of
childhood sexual abuse,
and shows how Scripture
is a significant resource
for healing. Her hope
is that church leaders
will be inspired to bring
what is a painful reality in
the lives of many before
their congregations, with
renewed understanding
and compassion. Wendy
says: “Many times as I
was writing the book I
remembered with gratitude
classes at VST with
Lloyd Gaston and Jim
Lindenberger, and their
passion for Scripture.”

Staff/Faculty
News
Congratulations to
Registrar, Anita Fast
and partner Kelly on
the upcoming birth of
their first child. Kristy
Arndt (class of 2006)
has joined the staff as
Anita’s replacement for her
maternity leave. Welcome
Kristy!

We welcome Gayle
Ansley to VST’s Chalmers
Institute staff in the
contract position of
Coordinator DISCIPLE
Bible Study Leaders
Training Program. In
this capacity Gayle
will be promoting the
program and offering
newly formatted one-day
leadership training sessions.

Welcome to our two
new Coordinators
of Field Education,
Roberta Clare and
Joyce Davis. Roberta
received her M.Div. from
Knox College, Toronto,
and Master of Sacred
Theology from Union
Theological Seminary
and Doctor of Education
from Columbia University
Teacher’s College. She
brings her considerable
and varied experience in
teaching and ministry to
bear on her work at VST.
Joyce received her B.A.
from McGill University
and her M.Ed. from the
University of Toronto.
She was ordained in 1996
and started her fourth
career, called as an equal
partner in team ministry
with husband Glen
(Director of Presbyterian
Denominational
Formation – see Perspectives
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12), at Knox Presbyterian
Church in Scarborough,
Ontario until they retired
in 2003. She brings her
professional and personal
experience as teacher,
misionary wife and
mother, and Diaconal
Minister to this new role.

Obituaries:
Val Anderson died on
30 March, 2006, after a
long battle with bowel
cancer. Val was a minister
in the United Church
of Canada and a former
professor at the Vancouver
School of Theology. He
earned a Bachelor of Arts
degree from the University
of Saskatchewan and a
Bachelor of Divinity from
St. Andrew’s College. He
has a Master of Theology
degree from Princeton
Theological Seminary and
has completed two years
on a doctoral program
at Boston School of
Theology. During his
youth, Mr. Anderson
had been a member of
the Saskatchewan Older
Boys’ Parliament (now
the Saskatchewan Youth
Parliament). This love of
politics led him to the
Legislative Assembly of
British Columbia in the
1991 as a candidate of
the BC Liberal Party; he
was re-elected in 1996
and 2001. When first
elected, Val served as
the Deputy Critic for
Social Services. He served
on the Government
Caucus Committee on
Communities & Safety and
was also a member of the
Legislative Select Standing
Committees on Aboriginal
Affairs and Health, as
well as serving on the
Lloyd Henry Gaston (1929 – 2006), Professor Emeritus of New Testament at the Vancouver School of Theology and distinguished New Testament scholar, died in Vancouver on September 24, 2006, after an extended illness. He was seventy-six.

Lloyd received his Doctorate in Theology (1967 – summa cum laude) from the University of Basel, Switzerland where he studied with Karl Barth, Oscar Cullmann, Walter Baumgartner, and Bo Reike. His dissertation entitled, “No Stone on Another: Studies in the Significance of the Fall of Jerusalem in the Synoptic Gospels,” was published by Brill Press (Leiden: 1970). In 1961, he was ordained to the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and served as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Hamburg, New Jersey from 1961 to 1963. From 1963 to 1973 he taught at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, and in 1973 was also Visiting Professor of New Testament at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. In 1973, he was called to VST, where he taught full-time until his retirement in 1995. He continued to teach part-time at the school until 2003.

Lloyd’s wide-ranging interests in various aspects of New Testament studies are reflected in an extensive bibliography of published research. In addition to his thesis and numerous articles and reviews, he published two other books: Horae Synopticae Electronicae: Word Statistics of the Synoptic Gospels (Missoula, Montana: SBL Press, 1973), and his best-known work, Paul and the Torah (Vancouver, UBC Press, 1987.) He was a member of a number of professional societies and organizations, including the Society of Biblical Literature, the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies, Societas Novi Testamenti Studiorum, and the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

He is survived by his wife Suzanne Gaston-Voûte, their sons Johannes, Thomas, and Christopher, and four grandchildren. Lloyd will be remembered by a generation of alumni and alumnae and by former colleagues as a man of keen (sometimes biting) wit, encyclopedic knowledge, and a thoroughly unconventional approach to teaching. Personally reticent, even shy, he loved to catch students off guard with his off-beat jokes and puns, and simply took it for granted that they would work hard and learn to think critically and independently about the Bible.

The Rev. W. Lemuel Burnham (Union College class of 1954) passed away September 18, 2006. A graduate of Union College in 1954, Lem remained a life-long supporter of VST.

The Rev. Gustaaf Wolfgang Wttewaal van Wickenburgh (Union College 1970) passed away peacefully on July 2, 2006. Gus received a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Union College a year prior to its amalgamation with the Anglican Theological College to form VST. He served United Church pastorates throughout the Pacific Northwest. He and wife Eileen fulfilled a lifelong dream when they taught for five years in Zambia and China. They lived for many years on Saltspring Island in a unique passive-solar home that they designed and built themselves.

Marling Kilgour passed away May 12, 2006. Marling was a faithful friend and long-time supporter of VST. Her name lives on in the Marling Kilgour Bursary.

Our faculty beyond VST…

As well as teaching and research, our faculty is active in the wider church and community. Here is a snapshot of a few of their many involvements:

Lynne McNaughton is researching pilgrimage as a metaphor for spiritual leadership for her D.Min. project – a tool for people in transition…Gerald Hobbs continues to examine the spirituality of song in his work on music in pastoral ministry…Gerald and Lynne worked with coordinators of chapel life for the military on how the Canadian Forces can “move chapel life into the 21st century”…Martin Brokenleg spoke about formation on a panel with the Dalai Lama in September…Harry Maier will be discussing George Bush’s speeches with respect to the Book of Revelation…Sharon Betcher is publishing two articles, “Saving The Wretched of the Earth” in Disability Studies Quarterly, and “Grounding the Spirit” in a volume entitled Ecosophia…Shiella Fodchuk is preparing for the international conference on spiritual direction coming here in April 2007…Stephen Farris will offer a course at Presbyterian College, Montreal, and speak at their convocation…Richard Leggett is VP of the Board of the Anglican Theological Review and chairs the Ministry, Worship and Theological Education Group for the national Anglican church…Glenn Davis will lead a delegation to North Korea early in the new year to help build relations of mutual trust and understanding between Canada and North Korea…Janet Gear participated in the development of a new statement of faith for the United Church that was passed in the summer 2006…Pat Dutcher-Walls helps people understand how the Bible is read in different cultures through workshops at local churches and presbyteries…Sallie McFague gave a paper at the recent Cascadia conference held at Simon Fraser University entitles “Civil Religion of Cascadia”…Wendy Fletcher has just completed a project in religion and ethnicity and presented the findings to the Learned Society and continues her writing on a new book addressing leadership as a communal spiritual practice…Cathy Bone offered a labyrinth workshop at the 4th Interdisciplinary Conference on Spirituality and Health in Vancouver in early November.
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