

From the President

May the love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, rest upon you. It is an honor and a privilege to be a servant leader to this diversified community of believers. Thank you for your tremendous support and precious words of encouragement during this semester. The Student Society of Inquiry (SSI) officers welcome all First Term Students to the NBTS community. Please contact us with your questions and concerns. In addition we extend a welcome to all returning students and special recognition is given to our graduating class of 2011. Your voice is vital to the future endeavors of NBTS, sharing your opinions and concerns are important to us.

The Student Society of Inquiry (SSI) vision is to be the leading agent of NBTS in its efforts of building unity and harmony within a diversified community. The Student Society of Inquiry shall be a beacon of light in and around the community as we assist with community development, advancing technology and participating in reshaping the future life of the seminary.

Our purpose is to be the communal voice of students within the NBTS community by promoting vigorous public statements as required. Our goal is to initiate and organize social, cultural and educational activities within the community utilizing cost efficient methods. SSI officers are passionate in our efforts of being servant leaders and we encourage each student within NBTS to participate in the student government by attending our bi-monthly meeting.

As we journey through this academic year, let us covenant together by expressing genuine care and concern toward our fellow seminarians. As we struggle to maintain educational goals, professional and family relationships, the life of a seminarian can be challenging and stressful. Our stories are similar to that of Jonah the prophet, who spent three days and three nights, in the belly of a fish. While in the belly of the fish Jonah prayed saying "I called to the Lord out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice... deliverance belongs to the Lord, Jonah 2:2-10(NRSV)!" Making decisions in life can become overwhelming; should I negate the completion of reading assignments and reflection papers; my family responsibilities demands that I care for my sick loved one; then to make matters worse you heard these words "I apologize, business is slow therefore your services are no longer required, we hate to let you go, but." Jonah received God's blessing while trapped in the belly of a fish, these same blessings shall flow in our lives as we diligently seek God in prayer.

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From the Office of Student Services

With flu season approaching please be mindful of the following recommendations to safeguard your physical health and well-being.

FLU PRECAUTIONS, SYMPTOMS, AND TREATMENT

PRECAUTIONS

- Avoid contact with ill persons.
- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze with a tissue or sleeve.
- Throw used tissues in the trash, then wash your hands.
- Do not share food, drink, or utensils.
- Wash your hands with soap and water frequently—particularly after you sneeze—or use an alcohol-based hand gel.

FLU SYMPTOMS

- Fever above 100°F
- Cough and/or sore throat, sometimes runny nose
- Body aches, headache, chills, fatigue
- Diarrhea and vomiting may also be experienced

TREATMENT AND RESPONSE

- The majority of individuals who contract the flu will not need to seek a doctor's treatment. However, students with concerns and questions may contact their personal physician.
- Anyone who experiences difficulty breathing, pain in chest or abdomen, confusion, or a return of fever and cough after resolution of initial flu symptoms should seek urgent medical care.
- Students who are ill with the flu should communicate with the Dean of Students and faculty and preferably go home.
- Students may return to normal activities when they have been fever-free for 24 hours (without the aid of medications). A mild, lingering cough may occur. Barring any other flu symptoms, this cough should not prevent students from returning to class.
- If the student is pregnant or has a chronic medical condition such as diabetes, cancer, asthma, heart or lung problems, or a weakened immune system, your physician should be contacted.

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From the President (Cont. from p.1)

There is a glimpse of light in the middle of the semester, it is called "reading week." Before you know it the semester will be ending. Remember God is still in control of our lives. "Then the Lord spoke to the fish, and it spewed Jonah out upon the dry land" Jonah 2:10 (NRSV). God will command our late night wrestling with final papers to cease, no more falling asleep while trying to read those last 75 pages, no more reflection papers for one professor and an exegetical paper for another professor. There is light at the end of the tunnel; it is called "the last day of the semester." Jonah did not give up; he kept praying until he received his breakthrough. Be encouraged! God has already moved on your behalf.

*Geraldine Clark
SSI President*

SPOTLIGHT on AOBS

"Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs are people who have come alive." Howard Thurman

I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. It is a privilege and blessing to serve as AOBS president for 2010-2011. My prayer is for AOBS to move outside of the four walls of the seminary to network with other AOBS organization from Drew, Princeton, and Union Theological Seminary; who are facing the same issues and challenges people of African descent encounter during their seminary journey. We will continue to strive for excellence through academic, service, worship and fellowship to edify the people of God and across denominational boundaries.

*JerQuentin Sutton
AOBS President*

SPOTLIGHT on KOSAN

Sometimes I look back to my past, putting my hand on the plow (Luke 9:32). During the M. Div Program in Korea, I sincerely considered to quitting my studies. Even though I had a lot of knowledge of the Bible and theology, to obey God's word seemed a different problem. To make matters worse, I had the tendency to believe that some knowledge of the Bible was my obedient life itself. For several days I prayed for that matter. One morning I woke up with a feeling of warmth that someone embraced me and interceded for me the whole night. As I entered the classroom that morning, I saw my classmates preparing the class. At that moment I could hear a in my mind, "I am not sending you here not just to enlarge your knowledge, but also to encounter these people." Absolutely God speaks in Korean! Still I can hear that same voice in NBTS. We international students have a language barrier, but if the Spirit descended from the Heaven, God made us to communicate and encounter each other. Patiently listen to what non-native speakers say -- it makes you realize who you really are.

*Sungmin Park
KOSAN President*

FLU PRECAUTIONS, SYMPTOMS, AND TREATMENT (Cont. from p. 1)

SELF-CARE FOR THE FLU

- Keep well hydrated by drinking fluids and keep nourished with simple foods such as soups.
- Treat symptoms of fever and body aches with acetaminophen or ibuprofen.
- Throat lozenges and decongestants may be useful for sore throat and congestion.
- Self-care items for the flu: thermometer, alcohol-based hand sanitizer, acetaminophen or ibuprofen, throat lozenges, cough medicine, decongestant, and soft tissues.

MEDICATION AND VACCINATIONS

- Antiviral agents such as Tamiflu are indicated for individuals with the flu who are either hospitalized, have a chronic medical condition, or have a suppressed immune system. Tamiflu for influenza is not a cure—it only reduces symptoms and decreases length of recovery time by about 24 hours.
- Seasonal Flu Vaccine: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that students get vaccinated for the seasonal flu.
- Vaccine: Recent recommendations from the CDC have placed individuals under age 24 in one of the priority groups for receiving flu vaccines.

(Adapted for NBTS) Prepared by Melodee Lasky, MD, Executive Director, Rutgers–New Brunswick Health Services

The Office of Student Services is concerned about every aspect of your experience at NBTS. Be mindful of your physical health as you move forward academically and spiritually.

*Dr. Jessica Davis
Advisor, Dean of Students*

Thank You Corner –

Special thanks to Pastor Sandi Sheppard and Wanaque Community Church for our monthly Fellowship Dinner.

Special thanks to Pastor Jerry Sanders and Fountain Baptist Church for your expression of worship at "A Festival to the Lord."



DEVOTIONAL MOMENT: Dreams

It was mid-afternoon when the sun began breaking through the clouds, inviting the reader to pull up a comfortable chair and absorb the text in the warmth of the sun. However, it wasn't long before a chill set in and a flannel collar was inevitably turned up. The reader's thoughts drifted to another time – another day when the summer sun had seared brown skin, warming it to the bone, a sole book being the only object of defense between flesh and sun. It was a day marked by an astonishing vision, now sealed in the reader's mind: Groups of people clad in white – people of all ages, sizes, and colors, wading out into the baptismal waters of New York Harbor. Incredible! At a time when oil was spewing into the waters of the gulf coast, covering it in a blanket of death and greed; God – God! was busy using waters a thousand miles up the coastline to usher in new life – freely! How utterly amazing is the Spirit of God! The reader sank deep into the chair as the wind blew across pages, rustling leaves, making its presence known. It was blowing in a new season for those who cared to notice, for those who had eyes to see and ears to hear. And the reader wondered: What new thing is God now calling us to see – to hear?

“For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.” (Is. 65:17-18 NRSV)

As we have been called to this peculiar vocation – to this extraordinary season in our life, called seminary, may we daily take the time to meditate on the Spirit of God, to joyfully dream, and to contemplate on the wonders and mysteries of God that only spiritual eyes may see, and spiritual ears may hear. If we have been called to this higher place, to this higher ground, and our eyes are closed, then all the learning is for naught; we are like leaves being blown here and there. Let us look for the *new thing*, as the Spirit of God blows through the cosmos and through our hearts. To God be the Glory!

*Peter Sanfilippo
SSI Chaplain*

New Brunswick Campus Meet and Greet

September and October ushered in bustling times to get acquainted or reacquainted with the life of the Seminary. This semester the New Brunswick campus officially welcomed a class of 80 new students! During the week of September 20 – 23, 2010, SSI, KOSAN and AOBS hosted Meet and Greets with the student body. Each night of classes students were exposed to culturally relevant information and food delicacies, and had the

opportunity to fellowship; getting to know each other, officers of SSI, AOBS and KOSAN and even some of the faculty.

Greetings from the New York Campus

NY SSI Meet and Greet was held on October 14, 2010. SSI President Geraldine Clark and Member At Large, Rita Lipford traveled to the New York Campus for the meeting. The student body in attendance was able to discuss the various activities on both campuses, ask questions and experienced that there is truly an open door between the two campuses. On October 18, 2010 Donna Field and Cora Taitt, the NY Campus liaisons, met with students who attend class on Monday nights, many of which are new to the Seminary. We are looking forward to opportunities to work together to enhance the community of New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

*Donna Fields & Cora Taitt
NY Campus Liaisons*

Walking for a Worthy Cause

Walking is always good exercise and it really feels good when you walk for a worthy cause. The “Walk for Lupus Now” was held on Sunday, October 3, 2010 and God provided a beautiful day to walk for a worthy cause. Team NBTS consisted of three members, Geraldine Clark, Rita Lipford and Carla Lissade, who walked for the cause. Team NBTS raised one hundred and twenty five dollars. It's not too late to help make a difference by making a donation! You may make a tax deductible donation by sending a check made payable to “Walk for Lupus Now” to the Lupus Foundation of America, New Jersey Chapter, at 150 Morris Ave, Suite 102, Springfield New Jersey, 07081. Please be sure to indicate you are supporting the efforts of Team NBTS. Special thanks to all who supported this effort!

*Rita Lipford
Member At Large*



The Prayer Closet

SSI/KOSAN/AOBS believes in healing for:

- Dr. Virginia Wiles
- Dr. Bernadette Glover
- Tyler Clementi Family
- Eric LeGrand and Family
- The Rutgers community
- The NBTS community

Let us remember always to pray for one another and the "Other" among us.

So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

(Mark 11:24 NRSV)

Upcoming Events:

***November 2, 2010, 5:00 PM** –Dr. Julia McMillan, "Starting from Scratch", Principles for Launching a New Ministry. Learn the basics about planting a ministry.

***November 3, 2010, 5:00 – 6:00 P.M.** - Dr. Julia McMillan, Women Supporting Women, "Women & Mentorship"

November 3, 2010, 6:20 PM, Chapel Service, Dr. McMillan

***November 10, 2010, 5:00 – 6:15 P.M.** – Interfaith Forum with Dr. Ashley. Speakers from Muslim, Hindu and Jewish faiths discuss tenets and practices.

***November 15, 2010** – (NJ) Women Supporting Women (5PM) and Men Supporting Men (5:15 PM)

November 14, 2010, 10:00 A.M. Rev. Dr. Jessica Davis, Dean of Students, Guest Preacher at Calvary Baptist Church (Rev. Joseph Oniyama, Pastor) 66 so Grove Street, East Orange NJ

***November 17, 2010, 5:00 – 6:15 P.M.** – Sankofa Conversation, Identity. Panelists include Dr. Raynard Smith, Breta Nyajure and Gilder Rogers.

November 20, 2010, 6:00 PM- New Brunswick Awakening Revival with Rev. Dr. Jessica Davis

December 10, 2010 – International Christmas Extravaganza

***December 13, 2010** – (NJ) Women Supporting Women (5PM) and Men Supporting Men (5:15 PM)

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Light meal will be served at each event*

Suggestion and Response

Request for food

For your convenience a vending machine has been placed in the kitchen. In addition, students and faculty are enjoying potluck meals in the classroom.

We Want to Hear From YOU!

SSI placed a Suggestion Box in the lobby by the receptionist's desk for your input at your convenience. Please also feel free to share your thoughts and concerns with any of the officers. Check the Bulletin Board and upcoming issues of the SSI Newsletter to see how the issue you raise has been addressed.

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