



Global Ministries Council of Theological Students Newsletter 2009-2010

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Introductions

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Welcome!

Global Ministries is pleased to introduce you to members of the Council of Theological Students for 2009 - 2010. Each spring Global Ministries asks seminaries and divinity schools related to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) or the United Church of Christ to nominate a student to serve on the Global Ministries Council of Theological Students. In this capacity, students have the opportunity to network with each other, with Board members of the Common Global Ministries Board, with staff, including mission personnel, and with global partners. Students have the opportunity to contribute scholarship to the work of Global Ministries through the creation of a newsletter four times a year which is distributed to all of your seminaries, to staff, to the 12,000 people on the Weekly Global Ministries Up-Date. During this year of service, our hope is that members of the Council of Theological Students become a face of Global Ministries on your campus in order to link students and faculty even more closely with on-going global relationships of mission. And so with this introductory issue of the newsletter, we begin the journey together to strengthen relationships of mutuality that embody and participate in God's mission in the world.

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Our Year Together

Gather - November 5-7, 2009. The first meeting of the Council of Theological Students which will take place alongside the Wider Church Ministries (UCC) and Common Global Ministries boards of directors meetings in Cleveland, OH. The staff and boards are eager to meet you.

Network - With each other, with members of the Common Global Ministries Board (CGMB), Global Ministries staff and global partners - throughout the year & beyond. Learn about global mission involvement of other theological schools and become part of a group called upon by Global Ministries at various points for special events, projects, and collaborative input.

Interpret - Plan and host a Global Ministries interpretation event on your campus with the help of Global Ministries staff. You will be trained as Ministries and Mission Interpreters (MMIs) at the November meeting with acquaintance to lots of resources and ideas for interpretation.

Explore Missiology - Members work in groups of 3-4 to plan and create a newsletter on a theme of mission.

Newsletters due to Coordinator:

Group 1 — January 25
Group 2 — February 22
Group 3 — March 22
Group 4 — April 19

Lauren Lorincz - Andover Newton Theological School

Hello! My name is Lauren Lorincz and I am entering my third and final year of seminary at Andover Newton Theological School outside of Boston, Massachusetts. I was born and raised in the United Church of Christ and am from Wadsworth, Ohio. After graduating from Wadsworth High School in 2003, I attended Elon University in Elon, North Carolina. While at Elon, I participated in The North Carolina Student Legislature and Model United Nations. For Model UN, I participated in various conferences, including Georgetown University's National Security and Collegiate Conference (yearly),

Princeton University's Crisis Conference, and a NATO Conference held in Washington D.C. As a Model UN member and officer, I learned a great deal about international affairs - particularly how global concerns and issues play out on the international stage in organizations like the United Nations. I researched and represented various countries while in Model UN, including France, Norway, Portugal, Columbia, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey.

While in college, I studied abroad at The University of St. Andrews in St. Andrews, Scotland and have traveled

extensively in Europe. As a history major, I concentrated on European History and wrote my honors thesis on medieval Scottish nationalism - which I was able to research more fully in my time at St. Andrews. I also lived in Budapest, Hungary in the summer of 2008 and was able to immerse myself in Hungarian culture and history. My intellectual and life experiences have caused me to be quite interested in international affairs and I am looking forward to learning more about the UCC's current involvement with other countries and churches outside the U.S.



Melissa Marquis - Bangor Theological Seminary

I have an interest in and have participated in campaigns to end genocide in Darfur, Sudan. I attended the "Tents of Hope" gathering in DC in November, 2008 to raise awareness for all the killing that is going on in this part of Africa. I have presented at the annual Maine UCC conference on this subject as well as preached about it. I toured Ethiopia in January, 2009 where I met a young man who I have kept in touch with and am now sponsoring him to go to college.

I support him financially as well as emotionally. We keep in contact at least weekly. I often send packages of school supplies so he can share them with his classmates. I have done a lot of research and I am interested in becoming involved in ending Human Trafficking. My dream is to become a missionary, assisting women who have been victimized, marginalized and pushed aside. However, I am not sure in what capacity I will do this yet.

Jayme Harvey - Brite Divinity School

Hey! My name is Jayme Harvey. I am in my second year at Brite Divinity School pursuing a Master of Divinity Degree and ordination in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). In September of 2007 I participated in a Global Ministries' People-to-People Pilgrimage in Kenya. The experience changed the way I view humanity and gave me a new perspective on what it means to be in mission. As the church is being called beyond the walls of our sanctuaries, reaching out into the local, national, and global community in the servitude of Christ, it must do so in a way that is both responsible and life-giving. A meaningful quote I learned in Kenya speaks to this new perspective, "If you have come to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together" (Aboriginal activists group, Queensland, 1970s).

I am most passionate about exploring the deep interconnectedness between loving God and loving others. Global mission is going to be a part of the ministry in which I participate or lead. I am interested in learning more about global mission, the global perspective, and the global church so I am better equipped to invite people, churches, and communities to be caught up in it as well.

Grace and Peace, Jayme

Merlyn Lawrence - Chicago Theological Seminary

Hello. My name is Merlyn Lawrence. I was born and raised in Cape Town, South Africa, under the racist apartheid system. Twenty-three years ago, my family and I came to the USA while our communities in South Africa were under siege by the South African army and our townships were burning. I am married, have three children and am the very proud grandmother of five grandchildren.

I am a member of First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn, Illinois and an M. Div. Student at Chicago Theological Seminary. I have served the church in a variety of capacities at local, association, national and international levels, including being the Moderator of the UCC's historic 26th General Synod/ 50th Anniversary held in Hartford, Connecticut in June 2007.

Professionally, I am blessed with a successful career of over 30 years as a social worker doing very meaningful work. I have been involved in the anti violence movement in South Africa and in the USA organizing communities against apartheid, sexual assault, domestic violence and all forms of oppression. My passion for social justice, truth and reconciliation has involved me in collaborations and trainings nationally and internationally (Council for the Parliament of World Religions in Spain;

Council of Europe's Intercultural Dialogue and Conflict Resolution proceedings in Sicily, Italy; and Collaboration with domestic violence agencies and churches in Slovakia, Germany and South Africa.) It is my faith and the biblical imperative of Micah 6: 8 and Luke 4: 18-19 that informs and drives my passion to be a social change agent in pursuit of justice for the disenfranchised. I have been privileged to host and organize the itinerary of global delegations to my church, agency and community, linking them to community resources.

Currently I serve the Angola Partnership Ministry Team, a global mission partnership between my church, other local churches, the Illinois Conference, Global Ministries and the church in Angola. I am committed to exploring with our communities of faith the paradigm shift in the way we view and practice mission today, what it means to engage in global mission in ways that demonstrate genuine partnership, a "walking with" each other, accompanying each other in this ministry, and providing welcome and hospitality where we recognize that both sides of the partnership have valuable gifts to offer the other. I look forward to the ministry we will be engaged in this year.

William “Aby” Abraham Bauzo - Christian Theological Seminary

My name is William Abraham Bauzo but everyone calls me “Aby”. I am currently attending Christian Theological Seminary where I am in my third year working on a Masters of Divinity and a Masters of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy. I am also currently in a Clinical Pastoral Education program at Clarian North Medical Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. I am married to my beautiful wife Melissa Bauzo who is also studying at CTS.

I have been interested in global missions from the time that I received my call to ministry. I feel a deep passion to reach and help people of all walks of life feel the love of Jesus Christ. I also have a passion to help communities through various collaborating efforts in order to better the life of others physically as well as emotionally and spiritually.

In doing this, I hope to learn from various cultures around the world as to how established churches and Christian communities

worship God and what issues are of prime importance for those communities. I would also like to learn more about the ecumenical model and how it functions for global missions. In being a part of the “Global Missions Council of Theological Students” I plan to engage with other students in my quest to better understand missionary work as a whole and how I can live out.

God’s calling through mission work.

Robert Van Ess - Eden Theological Seminary



Hello all. My name is Robert Van Ess and I come to the Global Ministries Council of Theological Students from Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, MO. I am in my second year of study in pursuit of a M.Div. and am a member of Holy Trinity UCC in Memphis, TN. I have a strong desire to learn through experience how the connections are established and nurtured for the encouragement and realization of successful relationships in order to successfully carry the message and ministry of the United Church of Christ globally. My interest is in being able to incorporate the experiences I may have as a member of this council and communicate them to congregations in the future to assist them in realizing the body of Christ beyond the borders of their own existence. In so doing I aspire to lead myself and others towards a transformation of thought that will allow our conceptions of “the other” to become intimately realized as our sisters and brothers in Christ.

Sarah Wolford - Yale Divinity School

Sarah Woodford is a third year M. Div. student at Yale Divinity School in New Haven, CT. Upon graduation she hopes to serve Christ in both the church and the academy. Her academic research interests include: ecumenical dialogues, Agape ethics, World Christianity, and religion in the public sphere.

Over the last two years, Sarah has been involved with various forms of ecumenical work in the YDS community. A committed member to both the UCC/DOC Student Fellowship as well as the Evangelical Fellowship, Sarah tries to create spaces of dialogue between these two different groups. She is also involved with the Overseas Ministry Study Center. The OMSC is a New Haven organization that fosters spiritual renewal for Christian ministers, missionaries, and scholars who teach and preach in places of deep violence and poverty around the world.

Timothy Graves - Lexington Theological Seminary

Tim's first career in early childhood education integrates with his call to ministry in a passion for children worldwide. Fascinated by the juxtaposition of cultural differences and child development research, Tim is fascinated by stories such as three-year-olds in Uganda who carry knives responsibly. He adjusted his anglo-centric views regarding child labor when his adult son returned from India and told him of the justice work of groups like Concerned for Working Children that support rights for children who must work for a living. Meeting children and adults from both Israel and Palestine who were anxious to work cooperatively to host the International Democratic Education Conference in Palestine, Tim was hopeful.



Kristi Evans - Phillips Theological Seminary

My name is Kristi Evans. I am a 26-year-old seminary student at Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Before attending PTS, I earned a Bachelors Degree in Early Childhood and Family Development from Missouri State University and I studied for a year at Brite Divinity School. Although I have always had an interest in social justice, that interest has increasingly grown as I learned about children and families and as I continue my theological studies. Since high school I have been involved in local mission projects and community improvement events such as

Habitat for Humanity, local clothing centers, and local soup kitchens.

While in college my local interests continued but I also expanded work to the global field. I have traveled to Somberette, Mexico, four times with a college campus ministry. Also, I have visited Port de Paix, Haiti, to work with a Christian school there. I am excited for the opportunity to continue my social justice interests, global concerns, and interfaith dialogue with my fellow seminarians and Global Ministries.

Lori Heutmaker - United Theological Seminary

As part of my education and passion for youth, I feel that we need to think of our "community" in global terms. Part of my call will lead me to some justice work in human-trafficking and the sex-slavery trade that abducts and entices young people world-wide into a life that is nearly inescapable. There is much to be done in rescue and restoration of these young people, but also in the prosecution of those making money and creating the demand of this exploitation. I realize that our global ministries looks more to economies, ecologies and justice from oppression of various places, so this will be a great experience for me as a jumping off point for further ministries.

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