The Four Pillars
The Very Rev. Kurt H. Dunkle
Dean and President

A few weeks ago, you should have received another opportunity to offer financial support to General Seminary in the mail. I hope you respond in one of the eight ways before the year’s end. An advance “thanks!”

In that letter, I outlined how we are focused on three goals of sustainability: financial, missional, and cultural. While not yet home free, we are making substantial progress and there are clear markers of success. Here are a few highlights:

During the 2014-15 fiscal year, we experienced an increase in annual giving. Yes, in the midst of tumult, an increase, and not just from a few generous angels. You! We also welcomed five new fantastic faculty—two residential, full-time and three affiliate. Additionally, the church world is responding with renewed interest. Our entering class this semester was comprised of 14 great new students roughly spread across all degree programs. We also saw an historic drop in our annual operating deficit from $2.2 million to right around $500,000 this past year.

In other words, we are righting a ship that has been unsteady for decades. So, you may ask, what is going on at The General Theological Seminary to continue this good direction?

Recently, we articulated Four Strategic Pillars necessary to our long-term plan to achieve financial, missional, and cultural sustainability.

PILLAR ONE
Completing implementation of The Way of Wisdom for students on the ordination track.

After a successful pilot, we are rolling out this transformative and pioneering approach to seminary education and formation, designed to fully prepare our seminarians for Christian service in the modern world. The Way of Wisdom integrates all disciplines of seminary education to provide an enriching, contemporary, multidisciplinary experience that combines our traditional rigorous academics; hands-on experience in chapel service and parish ministry; and practical training in a wide range of subjects, from pastoral leadership to financial stewardship. This approach culminates in The Wisdom Year, in which seniors have the opportunity to synthesize all they have learned by serving in real-world, part-time, paid positions in ministry settings. Our long-term goal is to attract classes of 15 to 25 full-time students through this sin-

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The Rev. Emily Wachner
Director of Integrative Programs

When I first learned how to drive a manual transmission car 15 years ago, my instructor began by teaching me to envision the inside of the car—the “theory,” if you will, of what made the car go. Before I ever turned the key, I learned how the gears worked together, what the clutch did, how the stick moved, and what it controlled. Then, I began the arduous and rewarding process of putting theory into practice.

Integrative Programming at General endeavors to marry theory and practice, reflection and action, in order to progressively prepare students for ministry. General Seminary, situated in the most theologically and liturgically diverse city in the country, is an ideal place to put classroom knowledge into practice, and to bring what is learned in the field back into the classroom.

Bowie Snodgrass works with young parishioners at Calvary-St. George’s Church in Manhattan. Read more about her Wisdom Year experience on page 5.

This process begins in a student’s first year, by considering models of pastoral identity, and by exploring various parishes in the metropolitan area. The process of integration continues in a student’s second year through a “traditional” parish internship, which focuses on observation and reflection. The integrative process culminates in The Wisdom Year, which is a time of practice and reflection through intense, on-the-ground ministry.

WHAT IS THE WISDOM YEAR?

One thing we’ve heard from alumni and local clergy is that they’ve heard about The Wisdom Year, but still aren’t completely sure about what it is or how it works. So, here are the basics: The Wisdom Year is a parish-based residency paired with concurrent course work, which is designed to teach seminarians to successfully engage in independent parish ministry. It is intended for students in the third year of an ordination-track M.Div., and is also open to students completing an M.A. or S.T.M. The Wisdom Year is different from the traditional middler-year parish internship. While most middlers spend six hours, usually on Sundays, in a parish context and are not compensated, Wisdom Year residents serve for 20 hours per week and are compensated for their work.

Wisdom Year residents are compensated because they are expected to be primarily responsible for significant parish ministry—preaching, teaching, program-building—depending on a student’s skill set. In return, residents are paid $20,000 for a nine-month program, or $25,000 for a twelve-month program. As a result of The Wisdom Year, we believe that students will graduate from General Seminary better prepared to lead in a parish context, and also that they are more able to follow calls into smaller churches.

The Four Pillars (Cont’d from p. 1)

This issue of GTS News Quarterly focuses on this strategic pillar. I hope you let us all know what you think.

PILLAR TWO
Developing and making available vocationally focused Master’s degrees and specialized certificate programs.

General Seminary is at the early stages of designing academic programs which combine both existing and new course offerings to prepare laypersons for careers in such areas as spiritual direction, pastoral care, pastoral counseling and youth and young families ministries and chaplaincies. Our goal is to develop the curriculum and capacity to accept 40 full-time-equivalent students. These programs will significantly benefit The Episcopal Church and other denominations, as well as supporting General’s efforts to achieve financial sustainability.

This second Pillar—an enhanced Master’s program—is tricky. We are working to build the finest preparation for meaningful lay ministry in the church. Since there are 20 million people within convenient commuting distance of Chelsea Square, we only need the proverbial—and literal—one-in-a-million each year. Perhaps you are one of those select. Let us know.

PILLAR THREE
Expanding academic and formation opportunities by forging alliances with other institutions.

By joining forces with other seminaries and educational institutions, students at each of these institutions will be able to tap
Bringing It Together
THE WISDOM YEAR INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR

The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers
Director of Mission and Reconciliation and Adjunct Professor of Church and Society

If you're imagining The Wisdom Year is simply advanced field education, think again. These pioneering residents are in a holistic program where they exercise ministry and authority in a church, pray and reflect on their vocation, explore content that complements the ministry experience, and nurture a circle of companions for the journey.

But where does all that integration occur? In part, it happens in The Wisdom Year Residents Integrative Seminar. Every week, the six residents gather in my living room on the Close to pray and to share challenges and insights. Once a month residents go deeper with a half-day module/retreat, which I teach in partnership with a host of guest lecturers.

This seminar rises in part from the wisdom gained from last year’s pilot residents, Matthew Welch and Hershey Mallette. Just before graduation, they spent three hours pouring out feedback and hopes as I queried and typed fast to keep up. The driving question for our discussion: What resources, experiences and support structures would make The Wisdom Year an even more powerful vehicle for formation and education? In other words, what do you hope we put in place for the next cohort of residents?

Their insights matched what other Seminary faculty and administrators were imagining. Everyone agreed the residents needed a seminar that would accomplish several goals at once:

- Provide a small group setting, similar to a clergy support group, where residents develop skills in praying, listening, strategizing, and leaning into a circle of colleagues
- Introduce content focused on the practice of ministry, including mission and evangelism, pastoral identity and leadership, congregational development, and pastoral care
- Assist residents as they prepare to transition into new church vocations
- Help to tether residents to General Seminary, which is still their home base for spiritual practice, learning, and community

With those goals in mind, we plunged in this fall. The Thursday afternoon small group meetings last a little more than an hour, but we pack plenty of content into that time: ministry site reflection, peer coaching, and spiritual disciplines necessary for a life in ministry, all framed by the book On Being a Priest Today by Rosalind Brown and Christopher Cocksworth.

Thanks to the deep and broad resources of metro New York, our monthly module/retreats draw dedicated, expert practitioners and teachers. Residents learned about growing healthy, spiritually vital churches with the Rev. Liz Tunney, Coordinator of the Congregational Development Institute in the Diocese of Long Island. The Rev. Barbara Crafton brought 35 years of ministry in diverse contexts to the session on pastoral identity, care, and authority.

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into an even wider range of world-class learning experiences, at a time when financial pressures are limiting the ability of all of these institutions to expand their curricula. Our New York City presence, compelling integrated offerings, and the world-class faculty from throughout the tri-state area will make us a key beneficiary of these alliances and provide the basis for exploring even deeper partnerships. Fellow Episcopal seminaries are also natural partners for relationships of all kinds.

Frankly, this Pillar is tricky, too. It will continue to change the culture of General Seminary. But, we all know, whether we admit it to ourselves or not, that the era of all-residential, all-ordination-track training has been decreasing throughout The Episcopal Church for decades. We are just now saying it out loud. By teaming up with other institutions, General Seminary can increase what we have to offer the church, and do it more efficiently as well.

PILLAR FOUR
Undertaking a major gifts initiative.

The repair, refurbishment, and endowment of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd is a key priority at General, and will be the goal of a major gifts initiative, planning for which is timed for this year, with a quiet phase of fundraising next year and public announcement in September 2017, at the start of our 200th Anniversary Year.

You can read more about Pillar One in this issue of GTS News Quarterly. I look forward to unfolding the remaining Pillars over this next year with you.

As always, I’m eager to hear from you.
CPE as Theological (Trans)formation

The Rev. David W. Fleenor
Director of CPE for the Mount Sinai Health System

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) was not just a formative part of my education and training for the priesthood; it was transformative.

I became an Episcopalian during my second year of a Master of Divinity program at a Pentecostal seminary, in no small part due to CPE. It was in the context of that educational environment that I found a community in which I could give voice to deeply held doubts about my Pentecostal faith and ministry practice. I remember during the first week of CPE walking into a patient’s room whose foot had been amputated due to diabetes.

My first thought was to lay hands on him and pray for a miracle. Then my second thought was that my first thought was nuts and I should try something else. It was then and there that I learned the healing power of pastoral listening. I opened up a conversation with this man about his life and then listened as he poured out his heart. This encounter caused me to rethink everything about my faith and ministry, which is precisely the point of CPE.

The CPE program invites students to engage in a potentially transformative educational experience by reflecting on deeply held assumptions about theology and relationships. And it begins with an exploration of one’s own personal history.

All of us have painful personal histories, whether we have lived relatively mundane lives or ones filled with tragedy. A goal of CPE is to facilitate the process of reflecting on our wounds, bringing them into the warm light of community, and allowing God to transform them into gifts for ministry.

I remember coming face-to-face with my own painful personal history during my first unit of CPE. I hadn’t realized how lonely I was before encountering profound loneliness in a patient. As the patient tried to tell me how lonely he felt, reflexively changed the subject. When I presented this in a verbatim case study, my CPE supervisor and peers addressed my blind spot. It was clear to them that I had avoided this man’s pain because I wanted to avoid my own. I couldn’t see that. But in that safe and trusting group, I was able to vulnerably explore my personal history with them.

As I did, I began to identify ways to better meet my personal needs, so I could be more available to persons who sought my pastoral care. That experience, and countless others in CPE, set me on a journey toward becoming a reflective pastoral practitioner, a wounded healer, and an Episcopalian; but that is a much longer story. Of course, not everyone who completes a unit of CPE will change denominations. But anyone who fully engages in the process of CPE has the potential to be transformed in unimaginable ways.

The late Will Spong, Episcopal priest, CPE supervisor, and the lesser-known brother of retired Bishop John Shelby Spong, summed it up best when he said: “Do not be afraid to have pain; for in so doing, you will hang in constantly as redemptive people in the process of life.” CPE teaches us to face our painful personal histories, so God may transform our wounds and use us in ministries of healing.

The Rev. David W. Fleenor, S.T.M., B.C.C., is a 2006 graduate of General Seminary. He is a board certified chaplain, a certified CPE supervisor, and currently serves as the Director of CPE for the Mount Sinai Health System and as an associate priest at Church of the Transfiguration in New York City.

In Gratitude: The Strup Family

On October 26, 2015, long-time friends of General, Frank Strup, Jr., Richard Strup, and Susan (Strup) Hood, visited the General Seminary Close. While there, the Strup family also stopped by the Rev. Dr. Daniel P. Matthews Conference Room in The Desmond Tutu Center which occupies the space where Frank Strup, Jr., once played basketball.

The Strup family’s historical connections to The General Theological Seminary go as far back as the early 1900s, when Frank Strup, Sr., became the Seminary’s Bursar and Registrar. He worked at General for 55 years until his retirement, and it was here that he started a family—his son Frank Strup, Jr., was born on the Close. It was also here in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd where funeral services for Frank Strup, Sr., were held in 1965.

Shortly after the funeral, the Strup family made a donation to the Seminary designating a new ambo for the Chapel in his memory. Faithful supporters of the Seminary for over 30 years, they are members of both the Mary Crooke Hoffman Society and the Jacob Sherred Society. Their dedication to the Chapel of the Good Shepherd has been steadfast, with recent gifts for the restoration of the ambo and for new glass panels at the entrance of the Chapel.

We are deeply grateful to be blessed with the Strup family’s continued faith and support. Grandson Richard Strup, a retired Senior Vice President of Corporate Strategy for Reyes Holdings, L.L.C., will be joining the Board of Trustees this coming year. He will bring the great assets of his business experience and love of General to further service for the Seminary.

[Image: (L-R) Frank Strup, Jr., Richard Strup, and Susan (Strup) Hood with Dean Dunkle and the ambo donated by their family.]
Living into My Wisdom Year

Bowie Snodgrass
S.T.M. ’16

Like an increasing number of people, my vocational call and journey is spread out over more than a decade. I began an M.Div. at Union Theological Seminary right out of college, worked and discerned for a decade, and am scheduled to be ordained a transitional deacon and then a priest by the Diocese of New York in 2016.

Returning to seminary, I am yoking together two years to complete my formation. Last year, I worked on an Anglican Studies diploma, taking courses within a broad range of practical and priestly formation. This year, I am studying for a Master of Sacred Theology degree focused on Anglican Poetry, and gaining pastoral experience through a Wisdom Year residency at the Parish of Calvary-St. George’s, which is in Manhattan about one mile from General Seminary.

Calvary-St. George’s is one parish with two buildings; it is an early “yoked” congregation. My first impressions of this parish were from its worship, with powerful preaching, the Comfortable Words after confession, and a range of musical styles, including worship songs during Eucharist. St. George’s is a historically low church that uses Rite I; Calvary is middle to high and uses Rite II. The congregation is diverse culturally, economically, theologically, and includes people of all ages.

This is a creative congregation whose Sunday attendance has doubled in the past three years. I have been part of planting churches and am interested in re-starts, so I feel very blessed to be part of the parish this year. Partially because Calvary-St. George’s open to new endeavors, the Rev. Jacob Smith and vestry were excited about being a pilot site for The Wisdom Year.

I participate in the week-to-week life of the parish, attending weekly staff meetings, the clergy bible study and prayer group, and preaching at Thursday Healing Eucharist. I have been called upon to pray at meetings, write the parish e-news, and appear in Sunday service video announcements.

I also have my own responsibilities and initiatives. I have trained and organized 14 youth acolytes at St. George’s—the first time ever for this historically “low” church. I lead a new devotion group after the Healing Eucharist, the only one of nine that meets during the day.

By far, the greatest benefit of my Wisdom Year is literal wisdom. I am mentored by the Rev. Jacob Smith, the Priest-in-Charge, and receive great advice from the assistant priests, the Rev. Ben DeHart and the Very Rev. Jim Munroe, who is the recently retired Dean of the Cathedral in Springfield, Massachusetts. Rector Emeritus, the Rev. Tom Pike, comes by from time to time and the Rev. Nancy Hanna is part of our Friday bible study. I have learned so much already from this team of amazing priests!

The Integrative Seminar with the Rev. Stephanie Spellers has also been tremendously valuable. I have a sense of the other Wisdom Year residents, and as an S.T.M. student, am part of a peer group preparing for the GOEs, transitional diaconate ordinations, job searches, and our next life chapters.

This is a cusp year for me and I am very grateful to be participating in this unique program, combining an S.T.M. and The Wisdom Year, following a year of Anglican Studies. I am also thankful to Calvary-St. George’s for being open to this new creative approach to seminary formation. The parish has been a great fit for my Wisdom Year, like when “new wine is put into fresh wineskins” (Matt 9:17).

The Annual St. Nicholas Party

All spirits were lifted as The General Theological Seminary held its annual St. Nicholas party on December 9. The Seminary family gathered for Eucharist, a tree-lighting, Christmas caroling, and a festive community dinner. As part of General Seminary’s annual tradition, Dean Kurt H. Dunkle read aloud to the children ’Twas the Night before Christmas.

In the spirit of Family, the Eucharist was celebrated by the Rev. Todd H.W. Brewer, Assistant Professor of New Testament, while his father, the Rt. Rev. Gregory O. Brewer, Bishop of the Diocese of Central Florida, gave the sermon and consecrated.
Integrating *The Wisdom Year* (Cont’d from p. 2)

**HOW IS IT GOING SO FAR?**

During the 2014-2015 academic year, two seniors piloted *The Wisdom Year*—one at Grace Church in New York City, and another at a ministerial partnership in Newark, New Jersey. In the 2015-2016 academic year, six students are serving as Wisdom Year residents in five different contexts, spread between four dioceses: St. Barnabas in Greenwich, Connecticut; Newark Shared Ministries, where two residents alternate between House of Prayer in Newark and Christ Church in Short Hills; St. Mark’s in Basking Ridge, New Jersey; Calvary-St. George’s in New York City; and Grace Church, also in New York City.

Each of our students works with a mentor-supervisor as an important part of their experience in *The Wisdom Year*. We are very fortunate to have five excellent mentors who meet with students on a weekly basis in their contexts, mirroring the interaction of a rector and a curate. In most cases, residents also attend staff and vestry meetings, and some meet with a lay committee to receive feedback on their work.

Some of my colleagues have expressed surprise that a third-year seminarian would have time to work 20 hours each week, and still be able to fulfill the M.Div. curriculum without becoming exhausted. Among the many reasons for originating *The Wisdom Year* is that the third year of an M.Div. program has historically been academically light—students regularly complete most of their core work in their middle year. Many seniors have found themselves seeking more substantial parish-based employment, and *The Wisdom Year* is helping to give a useful shape to that experience. So far, students have not had to drop desired courses, and none have had trouble completing core coursework.

**WHAT HAPPENS IN THE CLASSROOM?**

Elsewhere in this issue, the Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers reflects on how Wisdom Year residents are supported in processing their experiences in a weekly classroom context, modeled along the lines of a clergy peer support group experience, and also what kind of practical skills they are being taught in once-monthly intensive seminars.

**WHAT DO WE EXPECT FOR NEXT YEAR?**

One of the initial questions about *The Wisdom Year* was how to ensure that students were able to serve in contexts where they are urgently needed, and could therefore bear a significant level of responsibility. To that end, we are actively working to develop partnerships between parishes along the Newark Shared Ministries model. While some students can benefit, and have benefitted, from spending 20 hours per week in a larger Manhattan parish, many others hope to gain a broader perspective on the realities of other ministry settings. Next year, 12 to 15 students will participate in *The Wisdom Year*; so far, we have handshake commitments for two-thirds of the necessary sites and two other sites are applying for funding.

In the classroom, we hope to expand the range of “guest experts” invited to share best practices around parish ministry; and in doing so, to further expand the didactic dialogue around parish administration. In conversations with field education directors at seminaries throughout the country, I am learning that each school has a unique solution to the challenge of preparing students for the practical realities of parish ministry, and I am learning best practices from these colleagues.

**HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?**

If you are within commuting distance of General Seminary, and are interested in hiring and mentoring a Wisdom Year resident, please contact me immediately. Even if you are not able to hire a Wisdom Year resident, but have questions or input, please don’t hesitate to contact me. I am glad to spread the word about *The Wisdom Year* program, and how it will serve the needs of General Seminary students and, thus, of the wider church.

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**Bringing It Together** (Cont’d from p. 3)

The Rev. Greg Jacobs, Canon to the Ordinary and Transition Minister in the Diocese of Newark, helped the residents to navigate the search process and their first calls. I led them in exploring the ministries of hospitality and evangelism, including conducting a hospitality audit of the General Seminary campus. And of course, residents bring their own rich stores of knowledge—from the classroom, from previous life and work, from their Wisdom Year placements, from the Chapel, and beyond.

For years, first-year students have enjoyed a weekly seminar that helps them to make sense of their new life at General. Together, Wisdom Year residents are creating a similarly integrative space, where classroom, chapel, ministry and life become one in prayer and action.

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*A Members of The Wisdom Year Integrative Seminar gather for their weekly meeting.*
News & Notes
HAPPENINGS ON THE CLOSE AND BEYOND

The Very Rev. John A. McGuckin Announced as Kay Butler Gill Lecturer

The Very Rev. John A. McGuckin, Ph.D., will present the Kay Butler Gill Lecture at The General Theological Seminary on April 7, 2016.

The lecture, entitled “The Jesus Prayer: From Desert Contemplatives to Modern Urban Spirituality,” will examine the origins of the Jesus Prayer in earliest Christianity, with monastic philosophers in the deserts of Egypt and Palestine developing the theory of the “Prayer of the Heart,” and will move on to late Byzantine ideas on the explicit role of the “sharpening” of new forms of consciousness (noesis) during prayer; and then it will look at the role of the Jesus Prayer in late Modernity and in contemporaneous forms of lay, urban asceticism.

McGuckin will also lead a 10-minute exercise demonstrating the communal Jesus Prayer in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd after his talk. After the prayer experience, there will be a book-signing with light refreshments.

For more information, email ccs@gts.edu.

Celebrating Baptism in the General Seminary Community

The General Theological Seminary community was honored to share in celebrating the Holy Baptism of Attikus Mario Kaplanov. His proud parents, Shana (M.Div. ’17) and Nikos, wanted their seminary family to join them in the sacrament.

On the occasion of his first birthday, Attikus was surrounded by family and friends of all ages. The children of General Seminary shared in the blessing of living water in the Chapel’s baptistery. It was a joyful and holy event.

The General Seminary community welcomes Attikus Mario Kaplanov into the Body of Christ.

Profs. Michael Battle and Todd Brewer Deliver the 2015 Paddock Lectures

On November 4-5, 2015, Professors Michael Battle and Todd Brewer delivered this year’s prestigious Paddock Lectures in Seabury Auditorium at The General Theological Seminary.

Together the lectures were titled The Goodness of Upheaval: Pauline and Apocalyptic Perspectives, and they provided both theological and practical exploration about why Christians engage in upheaval as a necessary good. Brewer’s lecture addressed “The Upheaval of Paul’s Life and the Incongruous Grace of Christ,” and Battle presented themes from his upcoming book, The Goodness of Upheaval: Apocalyptic Perspectives. Audio recordings of each of these lectures can be found at GTS News online at news.gts.edu.

The Paddock Lectures were a feature of the annual Alumni Gathering, and were well attended by alumni, as well as members of the General Seminary community and others who travelled to see Profs. Battle and Brewer speak.

Scott Kirby ’63 Receives 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award

On November 5, 2015, during the Alumni Memorial Eucharist, the Very Rev. H. Scott Kirby (Class of 1963) accepted the 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award. In his acceptance speech, he paid tribute to all those who had passed through the gates of General Seminary before him. He was introduced by the Rev. Canon Carlson Gerdau (Class of 1959, D.D. 2012), who had nominated him for the award, citing his long ministry of service and devotion to the Church and emphasizing community outreach and partnership.

The Call for Nominations for the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award is now open. For complete information and eligibility requirements, email gtsalumni@gts.edu. Nominations must be received by January 22, 2016.
**Help Us Keep Our Story Alive!**

We could use your help maintaining the ongoing transmission of memories in the General Seminary community.

In each issue of *GTS News Quarterly*, we will feature a historical mystery we’re working to unravel.

For example, we have scant information on the Paddock Lectures from 1969–1993.

Can you help us remember?

We’d be grateful to hear your memories!

Please send your remembrances about the Paddock Lectures or any tidbits you may have to:

gtsalumni@gts.edu

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**Conversations about General Theological Seminary: Past, Present, and Future**

A series of interactive events for Alumni and Friends*

with

The Very Rev. Kurt H. Dunkle (Class of 2004)

13th Dean and President

The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel, 3rd

Chairman, Board of Trustees

**Pennsylvania:** February 2, 2016, 6:15-8:15 p.m. hosted by the Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel, 3rd

**New York:** March 3, 2016, 6:15-8:15 p.m. hosted by the Rt. Rev. Andrew M.L. Dietsche

**New Jersey:** March 30, 2016, 6:15-8:15 p.m. hosted by the Rt. Rev. William H. (Chip) Stokes

**Maryland:** April 27, 2016, 6:15-8:15 p.m. hosted by the Rt. Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton

*Please feel free to bring your spouse, partner, Warden, Vestry Members, or any friends interested in the future of Theological Education.

For more details and registration go to:

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**Prospective Student Conference**

**February 14-15, 2016**

The Prospective Student Conference is a two-day opportunity for prospective students to see for themselves what The General Theological Seminary and the City of New York have to offer.

During the conference, participants will attend classes, meet faculty members, staff, and students, dine in the beautiful Hoffman Refectory, and worship with us in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

There’s no better way to get to know General and the GTS community.

For more information, email admissions@gts.edu

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**Alumni News**

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**Alumni Gathering 2016**

A Celebration of the 194th Commencement

Tuesday and Wednesday

May 10 - 11, 2016

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**Transitions**

The Rev. Rebecca Barnes ’12, Priest-in-Charge, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Scranton, PA

The Rev. Canon Joseph Chambers ’06, Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of Missouri

The Rev. Angela Robidoux Cipolla ’14, Rector, Trinity Episcopal Church, Woodbridge, NJ

The Rev. Krista Dias ’13, Director for Community Life, Chapel of Our Saviour, Colorado Springs, CO

The Rev. Meg Finnerud ’13, Rector, St. Philips, Southport, NC

The Rev. Sara Fischer ’03, Rector, St. Paul’s, Seattle, WA

The Rev. Howard Gillette ’12, Associate Priest, St. Peter’s, Bremwood, PA

The Rev. Lauren Holder ’14, Associate for Pastoral Care and Outreach, St. Luke’s, Atlanta, GA

The Rev. Christopher D. Kubinski ’98, Rector, Christ Episcopal Church, Chaptico, MD

The Rev. Jesse Lebus ’15, Curate, St. John’s, Cold Spring Harbor, NY

The Rev. Kris Lewis-Thereman ’02, Priest-in-Charge, St. Luke’s, Katonah, NY

The Rev. Frederic A. Miller ’13, Interim Rector, St. John’s, Cold Spring Harbor, NY

The Rev. Joseph Mitchell ’12, Rector, Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Asheboro, NC

The Rev. Dr. Deonna D. Neal ’02, Assoc. Prof. of Leadership and Ethics, Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell AFB

The Rev. Anna C. Noon ’10, Assoc, Rector for Worship and Faith Formation, St. John’s, Ellicott City, MD

The Rev. Canon J. Brian Ponder ’04, Canon for Administration and Finance, Diocese of Mississippi

The Rev. Kerlin Richter ’13, Rector, St. David of Wales, Portland, OR

The Rev. John A. Satula ’06, Rector, St. James Episcopal Church, Amesbury, MA

The Rev. Jeffrey Thornberg ’08, Rector, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Fayetteville, NC

The Rev. All Van Kuilen ’15, Chaplain, Ann Klein Forensic Center, West Trenton, NJ

The Rev. Charlotte Wells ’08, Rector, Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton, OR

**Necrology**

The Rev. William J. Barns ’56

Sister Mary Christabel, D.D. ’00

The Rev. Canon Curtis S. Denney ’63

The Rev. William L. English ’65

The Rev. Douglas Lloyd Holmes ’84

The Rev. Michael A. Johnston ’91

Mt. Charles C. Lee, D.D. ’01

The Rev. Vern McGee ’88

The Rev. Molly McGreevy ’86

The Rev. Canon William C. Rhodes ’76

The Rev. Donald L. Rogan ’54

The Rev. Charles D. Saaso-Crandall ’79

The Rev. Herbert S. Wentz ’60

The Rev. Harry Bearyle Whitley ’45