



THE CALL

A quarterly information letter from
Reformed Episcopal Seminary

Summer 2010

COMMENCEMENT



The 120th Commencement at Reformed Episcopal Seminary was a wonderful time of thanksgiving and celebration. The ceremony was held on May 22, 2010 at St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church in Oreland, PA.

Five students received their Master of Divinity degrees. Pictured in the photo, left to right are the Rev. Dcn. Samuel Orimogunje, Rev. Patrick Cheston, Mrs. Sangay Miller, the Rev. Michael Carr and Mr. Russell Buchanan.

The Rev. Todd H. Wetzel was the speaker. He is the rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Cedar Hill, TX and is the Executive Director of Anglicans United. He is also serves on the Board of Directors at the Seminary.

The Seminary Auxiliary hosted a lovely reception following in honor of the graduates and their families.

ACCREDITATION REPORT

Dr. William Miller, the Director of the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) has informed the Seminary that as of June 30, RES was received as a candidate for accredited status. The Seminary will remain in candidacy status for at least two years while the self-study process is being completed.

NEW COURSE OFFERINGS

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches, Assistant Academic Dean has announced the addition of two new courses to the required curriculum: *Creeks and Councils* and *The Book of Common Prayer*. In addition, two electives have been added to the program: *British Reformations: The History and Origins of the Reformed Episcopal Church* and *American Evangelicalism*. Dr. Riches is scheduled to teach the British Reformations course on Monday evenings during the Trinity Quarter. The course on American Evangelicalism will be taught by a visiting lecturer, Dr. Derek Cooper, on Monday evenings during the Easter Quarter.

Dr. Cooper holds his Master of Arts and Master of Divinity degrees from Biblical Theological Seminary and his PhD from Lutheran Theological Seminary. He is the author of several books and has taught at numerous institutions in the Philadelphia area.

CONVOCATION

Due to a schedule realignment the Convocation, opening the school year, will be held earlier than usual on Tuesday, August 31 in the McCausland Chapel beginning at 10:00 AM. The Rev. Walter L. Hawkins will be the homilist of the morning. Student orientation will follow the service.

ALUMNI NEWS - PASSINGS

The Seminary office has received notification that the following alumni have passed into the presence of our heavenly Father:

- Class of 1941 - Nelson H. Hill
- Class of 1952 - Lester O. Sharp
- Class of 1956 - E. Robert Jordan
- Class of 1961 - Daniel Woehr
- Class of 1967 - George B. Whitelaw

Please pray for their loved ones and associates who grieve their loss.