



THE CALL

*A quarterly information letter from
Reformed Episcopal Seminary*

Spring 2011

COMMENCEMENT

On Saturday, June 4, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. the Seminary will hold its 121st Commencement exercises at St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, 800 Church Rd., Oreland, PA. The Rt. Rev. John Fenwick of the Free Church of England will deliver the address.

SUMMER COURSE ON COVENANT THEOLOGY

This summer, Reformed Episcopal Seminary will offer an intensive course during the Pentecost Term. We are pleased to announce that Bishop Ray R. Sutton will be the Visiting Professor, teaching Covenantal Theology (STE 705). This course will examine the history, exegesis and Biblical theology, as well as the implications of a thoroughly Biblical, catholic and reformed understanding of this central Scriptural theme.

The course will have three sections: the Covenant Concept in History and Holy Scripture; the Contours of the Biblical Covenant in the Old and New Testaments; and the Culture of the Covenant in Church, Marriage and the World.

The course will begin with an overview of the history of how covenant has been understood in the Church Fathers, the Middle Ages, the Reformation, Post Reformation and invaluable, recent Biblical studies by Roman Catholic, Reformed and Eastern Orthodox scholars. Then the majority of the course will analyze the Scriptural texts to arrive at a Biblical understanding of covenant as a Holy Communion, culminating in the Eucharistic passages of the New Testament, in which our Lord referred to the Blessed Sacrament as, "The New Covenant in My Blood." The final section of the course will consider the application of covenant as it has been utilized in the Church and society.

Classes will meet at the Blue Bell campus as follows:

Mon. 8/15 9:00 a.m.-noon; 1:00 p.m-4:00 p.m.
Tue. 8/16 9:00 a.m.-noon; 1:00 p.m-4:00 p.m.
Wed. 8/17 9:00 a.m.-noon; 1:00 p.m-4:00 p.m. ; 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Thu. 8/18 9:00 a.m.-noon; 1:00 p.m-4:00 p.m.
Fri. 8/19 9:00 a.m.-noon

Registration is open on the web for the Pentecost Term through the Seminary web site. The cost of the course is \$480 for credit and \$175 for audit. This course is included for those students covered by a full tuition scholarship for 2011-2012. In addition all alumni, Reformed Episcopal clergy and laity with the recommendation of their bishop or pastor can take the course for \$240 or \$85 for audit.

Space is limited and those enrolling for credit will be given first priority. Dr. Jonathan Riches can be reached at 610-292-9852.

ACCREDITATION UPDATE

Continue to pray for the process of accreditation at RES. Teams have been presented with standards and are preparing reports for the self-study in the following areas:

- Purpose, planning and evaluation
- Institutional integrity
- Theological curriculum
- Library information and resources
- Faculty
- Student recruitment, admissions, services and placement
- Authority and governance
- Institutional resources
- Multiple locations and distance education

All of these reports will be evaluated by a Steering Committee that will forward the results to the Commission on Accreditation of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS). Representatives from ATS are expected to visit the Seminary during the 2011-2012 school year.