



THE CALL

A seasonal newsletter of
Reformed Episcopal Seminary

Summer 2014

R.E.S. HOSTS GENERAL COUNCIL

The Reformed Episcopal Seminary acted as official host of the 2014 Reformed Episcopal General Council, which was held just down the street at Normandy Farm Conference Center.



Many students at RES receive a work-study scholarship, and volunteered to serve as helpers at Council. This allows them to serve the greater R.E. church as they learn about the worship, ministry, and decision-making of the wider church.

124th COMMENCEMENT

The day after Council ended was the 124th Seminary Commencement, at St. Paul's R.E. Church in Oreland PA. The M.Div was awarded to David France *magna cum laude*, to Shafarr Savoy and to Julius Renwick. Herbert Lusk earned a Diploma, and Susie Buchanan earned a Certificate of Completion in Bible and Ministry. The Commencement Address was presented by the Rt. Rev. John Guernsey, bishop of the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic of the ACNA.

SUMMER COURSES AT R.E.S.

The one-week summer intense course was held June 17-20. Entitled "Anglican Literature and the Faith: Forgiveness in Shakespeare's *King Lear* and Dicken's *Great Expectations*", it was led by Rev. Dr. John Ferns and his wife Gillian. Greek and Hebrew Foundational Courses taught by Rev. Justin Forsberg continue through early August.



IMPROVEMENTS ABOUND

The Seminary staff has been working hard around the campus this summer. Our new groundskeeper has made various improvements to the property, including beautifully mulched garden beds. New Windows 7 workstations have replaced the old XP machines. A faster WiFi router should be up by the time classes resume. And the library has added hundreds of new volumes and is continuing to process some very significant donations.

CLASSES RESUME

First day of class is Monday, August 25th; Opening Convocation and new student orientation is Tuesday, August 26th. The Rev. Dr. Michael Tavella, Lecturer in Pastoral Care and pastor in the North American Lutheran Church will be the preacher.

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