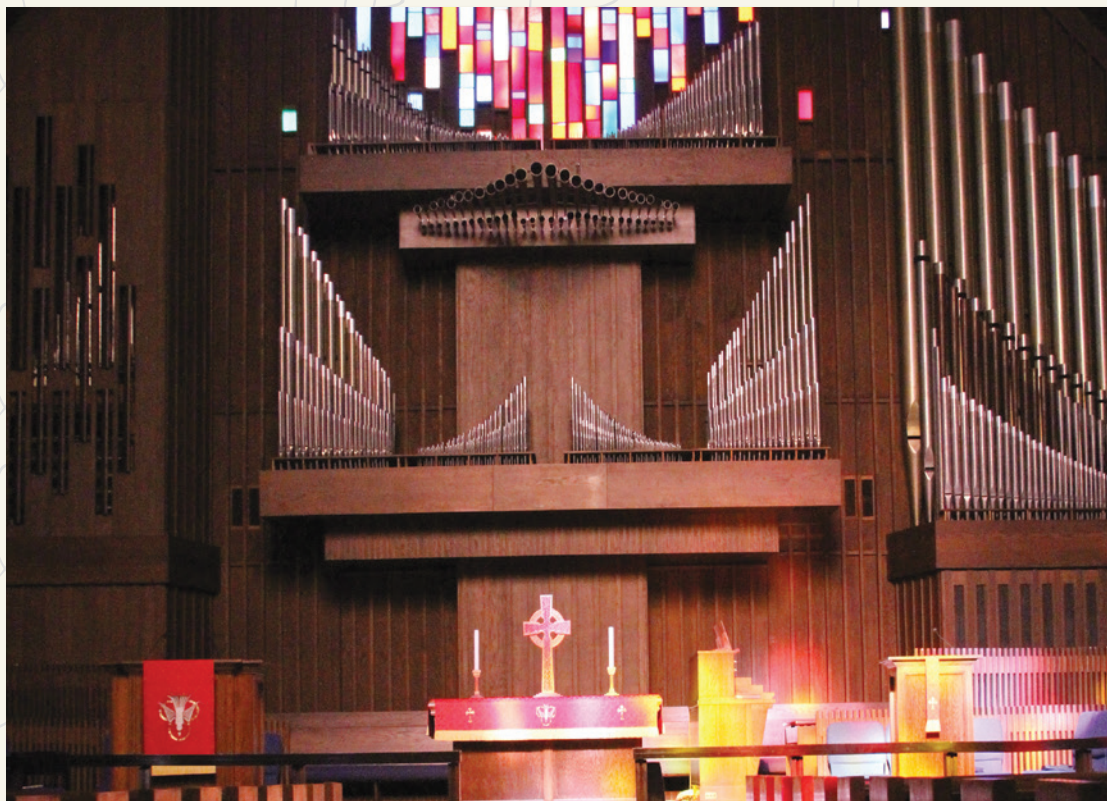


gathering at the table





³⁵ For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you welcomed me. ³⁶ I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'

⁴⁰ "And the Lord will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters,^[c] you were doing it to me!'

Matthew 25:35-36, 40

gathering at the table

Dear Saint Paul community,

The 2014-15 Academic year began on July 1 and I moved into the President's Office in our Administrative Building in Kansas. The next twelve months saw us:

- welcome new students at two campus locations
- live into a new curriculum which emphasizes spiritual formation, interpreting the faith, growing in communion and serving the world
- introduce *Holy Conversations* for alumni/ae, donors and friends of Saint Paul to meet with me and hear about Saint Paul and ask questions and offer advice
- hold the inaugural Saint Paul Peace Lecture with Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe which included video link and live-streaming
- begin the strategic planning process for the next five years
- fill St. James UMC for the Cleaver lecture with Dr. Michael Dyson
- enjoy Dr. Young Ho Chun's retirement celebration and *Defining Lecture*
- hold the inaugural *Celebrate Saint Paul & Oklahoma Event* and present the first Bishop Robert E. Hayes, Jr. Award to Tom and Brenda McDaniel

It was delightful to meet and renew friendships with Saint Paul friends, alumni/ae, donors, bishops, district superintendents, conference staff and United Methodist Foundation Presidents across the Heartland. Presidents of United Methodist colleges and universities have become engaging colleagues. I believe Saint Paul is positioned for a bold and innovative future.

Thank you for your support through participation in events, prayers, teaching and financial contributions. We appreciate everyone as we gather at the table in community.

On the journey with you,

Rev. H. Sharon Howell
President



mission

Saint Paul School of Theology

educates leaders to make

disciples for Jesus Christ,

renew the Church,

and transform the world.



urban ministry

Austin Dey Living and Working in Northeast KC



When Austin Dey came to New Student Orientation at Saint Paul a year ago, everyone went around the table and explained why they wanted to come to seminary. When it was time for Austin to tell about his calling he said, "I want to be a change agent!"

For four years, Austin served in an established church in Jefferson City, MO as their youth director. When he first visited Saint Paul as a prospective student, he spoke with Saint Paul student Paula DeSeure about a possible location for his youth group to visit when they came to Kansas City. She mentioned Cherith Brook and he connected with the director who showed them around. The experience was a good one and initiated Dey's curiosity. With the opportunity to intern at Cherith Brook, Austin began learning more about the Catholic Worker House Movement inspired by Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin.

Living and serving in the Northeast Neighborhood of Kansas City, Austin enjoys the built-in community at Cherith Brook which includes six leaders, two interns, and two children. The director, Eric Garbison, is a Presbyterian minister who was called to start this house of hospitality. "Our daily lives are structured around practicing works of mercy as found in Jesus' teaching," he said.

Three mornings a week, volunteers at Cherith Brook serve people from the local community in their café.

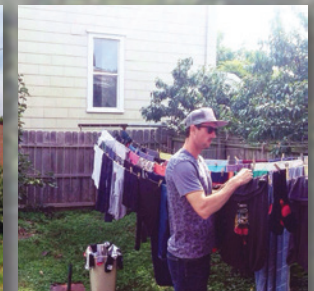
"People come in for breakfast and coffee. They can wash their clothes and get a shower," said Dey. Community meals are available on Thursdays. "It's a lot about hospitality and peace-making on a personal level, but also caring about the greater peace," he said with reference to the round-table discussion series hosted regularly in the cafe.

Austin has weekly duties. He may tend the garden, fix the meals, or hang laundry on the line. "We are trying to live with less," he said. "I'm learning sustainable practices here." They recycle, grow food in the gardens, and care for chickens and bees.

"It's not so much about giving back as an expression of the Christian life. It's not so much about ministering to those that are poor but having solidarity with them. We are trying to blur the lines between **us** and **them**," he said.

"I feel that the Church needs to have more ways to be empowered to live outside of the box. The church needs new wine skins or new forms to hold new wine. I want to look at ways that are not conventional and are pushing the envelope to what the church can be. At the same time, the tradition of Christian gathering is an old tradition that I appreciate." It's inspirational to see our students making a difference in their local communities!

It's not so much about ministering to those that are poor but having solidarity with them.



rural ministry

Lora Stiles Redefines Her Mission Field

Lora Stiles is a third-year seminarian student at Saint Paul. Her story invites us to think about how we as Christians and disciples of Jesus Christ are called to live our lives in mission every day.

As a little girl, Lora dreamed of what it might be like to be a missionary in some far off distant land. Her grandmother was her spiritual mentor and the only person in her life that made going to church a priority. It was this connection, among other life circumstances, that would ultimately help shape and form her call to ministry.

After college, Lora became a school teacher and began to see that educating children is like a missionary calling – her classroom was her mission field.

Lora was then led to study at the Saint Paul: Oklahoma City University campus. It has been the classroom learning, and close relationships with other students, that have helped her pastor two rural churches in Oklahoma while in seminary. Both congregations, 20 minutes apart, are small with aging populations. Lora has helped the two churches connect and work together. As new relationships are forged and community formed – both churches have experienced a resurgence of hope.

Whether it's adopting local needy families, organizing community fellowship dinners, or challenging the community to "Get out of the house" in community service – Lora has redefined her mission field. She's a powerful witness to Christ's model of reaching out to those around us.

Lora also has had the chance to live out her childhood dream of serving as a missionary. Working with the Oklahoma Annual Conference and using her gifts of teaching, she's made several trips to Bolivia to help build a church in Achacachi. She returns yearly to continue to build the Church and the surrounding communities. Placed directly in front of a military base, the Bolivian church was formed as a beacon of peace and reconciliation in the midst of conflict and turmoil.

Lora worked with local pastors, who brought cultural awareness to the planning, to create and write an entire year's Sunday school curriculum focusing on scripture, prayer and games. A complete student curriculum and teacher's manual are now created for every Methodist Church in Bolivia.

Lora Stiles experiences community every place she lives and serves. God's love and grace have given her the strength to work among rural communities both locally and globally. Lora's mantra of making a "mission field of daily life" is a message for us all as we walk the journey of life in the name of Jesus Christ.



Lora's mantra of making a "mission field of daily life" is a message for us all.





bringing concepts to the table

Tex Sample Teaches Community Organizing

Tex Sample is a specialist in church and society, a storyteller, author, and the Robert B. and Kathleen Rogers Professor Emeritus of Church and Society at Saint Paul School of Theology. After moving back to Kansas City Dr. Sample has reengaged with the seminary in several ways. This past August students at the Saint Paul: Church of the Resurrection campus and Saint Paul: Oklahoma City University campus were able to learn from his many years of experience in Community Organizing.

Tex Sample brought in four professional community organizers from the National Offices of Industrial Areas Foundations who helped with the teaching.

"My conviction is that real change occurs from the bottom up. Great things begin when the people involved are doing the work and organize around their concerns. Many of the efforts start out in grass roots efforts. Building relationships has the power to get things done."

Dr. Sample related Community Organizing to the work that pastors do in the church. "An awful lot of these skills translate into ministry and can immediately be put into place as a pastor. Skills such as listening, building relationships, talking to government officials, business leaders, and the minimum wage worker," he said.

Not only do pastors need to know how to talk to people. They also need to analyze information and find out the common are where agreement may occur.

"I emphasize the 1-to-1 meeting in my class," said Dr. Sample. "You need to find out the passions, interests, and convictions of others before they will follow you." Dr. Sample was recently asked to fill in at a local Kansas City church until a full-time pastor is found. "I took it upon myself to call each of the 96 people on the member list before starting to work. It was a 96 member congregation and after those calls 150 people showed up on the first Sunday. People want to know that you care."



back at the farm table

Ed Kail Returns to Lead Rural Immersion

What does a person do after they retire? They may read, write, or travel. Others, like Ed Kail, continue to share their knowledge and passion with others.

Kail (pronounced Kyle) is a leading advocate for rural churches; he was a leader in Iowa's response to the 1980s farm crisis. In 1991, he began to teach Town and Country Ministries at Saint Paul School of Theology and was Director of Course of Study for five years.

He then went on to serve churches in Iowa until his recent retirement. Upon returning to the Kansas City area, Ed Kail reconnected with Saint Paul School of Theology. He participates in the Town and Country Ministry Committee meetings and helped to put together a Rural Ministry Immersion in western Kansas this past summer.

Seminary students lived with families in the rural communities of Lyons and Nickerson, Kansas. This allowed them to experience several "day in the life" experiences of their hosts. They also reflected theologically after visiting with the churches and pastors of each town. Emphasis was placed on the relationship of church to community and how lay and professional ministries relate to their contexts. The particular locus of the immersion may include rural disaster relief efforts, to a comparison of urban and rural ministries, to the place of farming and agriculture.

"We enjoyed having the students here in Lyons. It was a good week," said Saint Paul alum Brenda Davids. "I explained that I appreciate 'walking with' the families in this town through some of the happiest (baptisms, weddings, anniversaries and birthdays) and some of the most difficult (deaths and illness) times in their lives. These are the times I experience God at work through us."

Saint Paul alum Rev. Melissa Naylor, also answered questions about the rural area where she served. "Rev. Melissa Naylor was very open and honest about the joys and struggles that she has experienced as a rural minister," said MDiv student Linda Jones. "I have not lived in a rural area and I wouldn't have traded this experience for anything."

exemplary teaching

Hal Knight Receives National Award from GBHEM



Rev. Dr. Kim Cape, General Secretary of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) of the United Methodist Church, came to Saint Paul School of Theology to congratulate Dr. Henry H. Knight III and present him with the 2015 Exemplary Teaching Award. Dr. Knight is the Professor of Wesleyan Studies at Saint Paul.

Each year GBHEM provides an Exemplary Teacher Award. The

Exemplary Teacher Award recognizes a faculty member who “exemplifies excellence in teaching; civility and concern for students and colleagues; commitment to value-centered education; and service to students, the institution, and the community.”

Dr. Elaine Robinson, Interim Vice President Academic Affairs and Dean and President H. Sharon Howell nominated Dr. Knight for the 2015 Exemplary Teacher Award which includes a \$500 stipend and certificate.

They wrote:

Dr. Hal Knight exemplifies excellence in teaching and represents the best of Saint Paul School of Theology. The students and alumni/ae of Saint Paul speak with deep appreciation of his teaching, class preparation, engagement in the classroom and his care for them as students and alums beyond the classroom.

Dr. Knight's commitment to study is noted and the many guest practitioners he invites into his classroom is a reflection of his understanding of collaboration. We are grateful for his faithful service to the seminary and the church.

Dr. Knight humbly accepted the award. He later noted on Facebook, “John Wesley’s theology remains as exciting now as it was when I began teaching it 30 years ago.”

teaching at the table

CURRENT FACULTY SHARE THEIR NEW BOOKS



The Story of Narrative Preaching: Experience and Exposition: A Narrative

Mike Graves

This book is the story of students who are enrolled in a preaching course. Readers are invited to sit in on the class, to reflect on the expositional nature of preaching and to experience the stories of some modern storytellers-Flannery O'Connor, Alice Walker, and others-to see what they might teach us about narratives of depth.



Anticipating Heaven Below: Optimism of Grace from Wesley to the Pentecostals

Henry H. Knight, III

Wesleyanism is a movement of hope. Wesleyans and their Holiness and Pentecostal offspring pray and work with the expectancy that the love and power of God will transform hearts and lives, renew the church, and bring compassion, healing, and justice to a suffering world. Dr. Knight seeks to enable and inspire present generations to proclaim with confidence the promise of heaven below, and to do so with passion and integrity.



Coming Full Circle: Constructing Native Christian Theology

Steven Charleston *author* and Elaine Robinson *editor*

Coming Full Circle, a unique, multi-collaborative project, provides a working constructive Native Christian theology. Drawing together leading scholars in the field, along with elders and practitioners, this volume seeks to fill a significant lacuna in the area and to encourage young Native American scholars and non-Native theologians to reconsider the rich possibilities present in the intersection between Native theory and practice and Christian theology and practice.



Exploring Theology (Foundations for Learning) Elaine A. Robinson

Following a lively examination of what theology is and how we do it, Dr. Robinson provides a basic map of the major doctrines of the faith and asks readers to consider their own beliefs at this important point in their journey. Designed for those who are beginning a more serious study of theology, *Exploring Theology* helps readers navigate what might, at first glance, appear as a confusing or abstract subject.



distinguished alum

Meg Hegemann Promotes and Restores Hope in the Name of Christ

Rev. Meg Hegemann, MDiv 2010, is the 2015 Saint Paul School of Theology Distinguished Graduate Award Recipient.

The award was presented to her by Saint Paul President Rev. H. Sharon Howell at Commencement. "Saint Paul School of Theology is honored to present Meg Hegemann with the Distinguished Graduate Award with gratitude for her faithful, courageous and visionary leadership," she said.

President Howell went to Columbia, Missouri to spend the day with Meg and her congregation. She told of her experience when presenting the award. "When you drive into the parking lot at Wilkes Boulevard United Methodist Church in Columbia, Missouri, you'll be greeted by a volunteer staff member who is also one of the flock at Wilkes Boulevard and likely to be one of the homeless who've found a home there," explained Howell. "The church has a significant and bold ministry with those who are homeless."

One of the ministries at Wilkes Boulevard is called *Turning Point* which promotes and restores dignity and hope among those who have experienced, or are currently homeless.

Meg's district superintendent says that one of her favorite stories is the day Meg was taking the Missouri conference staff on a tour of the many ministries under the roof of Wilkes Boulevard UMC. While they were standing in a room hearing about *Turning Point*, a woman entered the room waving a knife, screaming the church was awful. Meg said in her clear, strong voice, "we don't have weapons in this safe place, but tell me your story" as she reached out and took the knife. Meg then carried on a conversation about what was going on in the woman's life.

The church is host to *Loaves and Fishes* providing a free meal every evening to those in need. They plan for 70 people and frequently serve over a 100 people!

Wilkes Boulevard is a small membership church with a large mission that is grounded in worship. Every worship rehearsal and every worship service begins with these words:

No matter who you are or what you've done. You are welcome here in the name of Christ.

Bishop Schnase is the Missouri Conference bishop. He shared that after experiencing Easter morning worship at Wilkes Boulevard, his two college-age sons declared, "That's the church we would go to every Sunday if we were here."

"What kind of pastor does it take to understand the mission needs of the community and base the church's response to those needs in worship?" asked President Sharon Howell. "It takes someone who has an unbelievable strength of faith and love of God, so that taking a knife away because it's a designated safe place is just a matter-of-fact action. It takes someone who talks with passion about the education she experienced at Saint Paul: rigorous scholarship integrated with the practice of ministry."

We are proud of the wonderful things our graduates are doing. Meg is a great example of "practicing what you preach."

serving

Turning Point offers those without a home access to unique services:

- a physical mailing address
- important document storage
- showers and laundry facilities
- temporary storage two bags (max) for up to 60 days
- internet and telephone access
- cell phone charging
- employment and housing information
- central location to meet with caseworkers, tutors, life coaches and mentors
- support groups for those battling depression
- prayer and bible study
- encouragement and support in life's most difficult times



restorative justice ministries

Adam Leathers Rappels Obstacles

Adam Leathers lives out justice ministries daily. He graduated with a Masters of Divinity from Saint Paul School of Theology in 2008. While in seminary, he served as student pastor at Grand Avenue Temple United Methodist Church, a congregation comprised of mainly homeless individuals.

While in seminary, Adam also made an Oklahoma connection. A Saint Paul class about restorative justice, taught by Stan Basler (an adjunct professor and CJAMM's first executive director), impressed him greatly. The class included a prison immersion experience. Adam developed a passion for working with the marginalized. Appointed to Wellston, Oklahoma, he began work with Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries (CJAMM) of the Oklahoma Annual Conference. He now serves as Executive Director of Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries of the Oklahoma Annual Conference and Senior Pastor of Penn Avenue Redemption United Methodist Church.

One CJAMM ministry, *Exodus House*, is a six-month temporary residential project. These are small apartment complexes where people newly released from prison can live with their families while they re-enter life successfully outside prison walls. Leaders say those who take this route rarely return to prison.

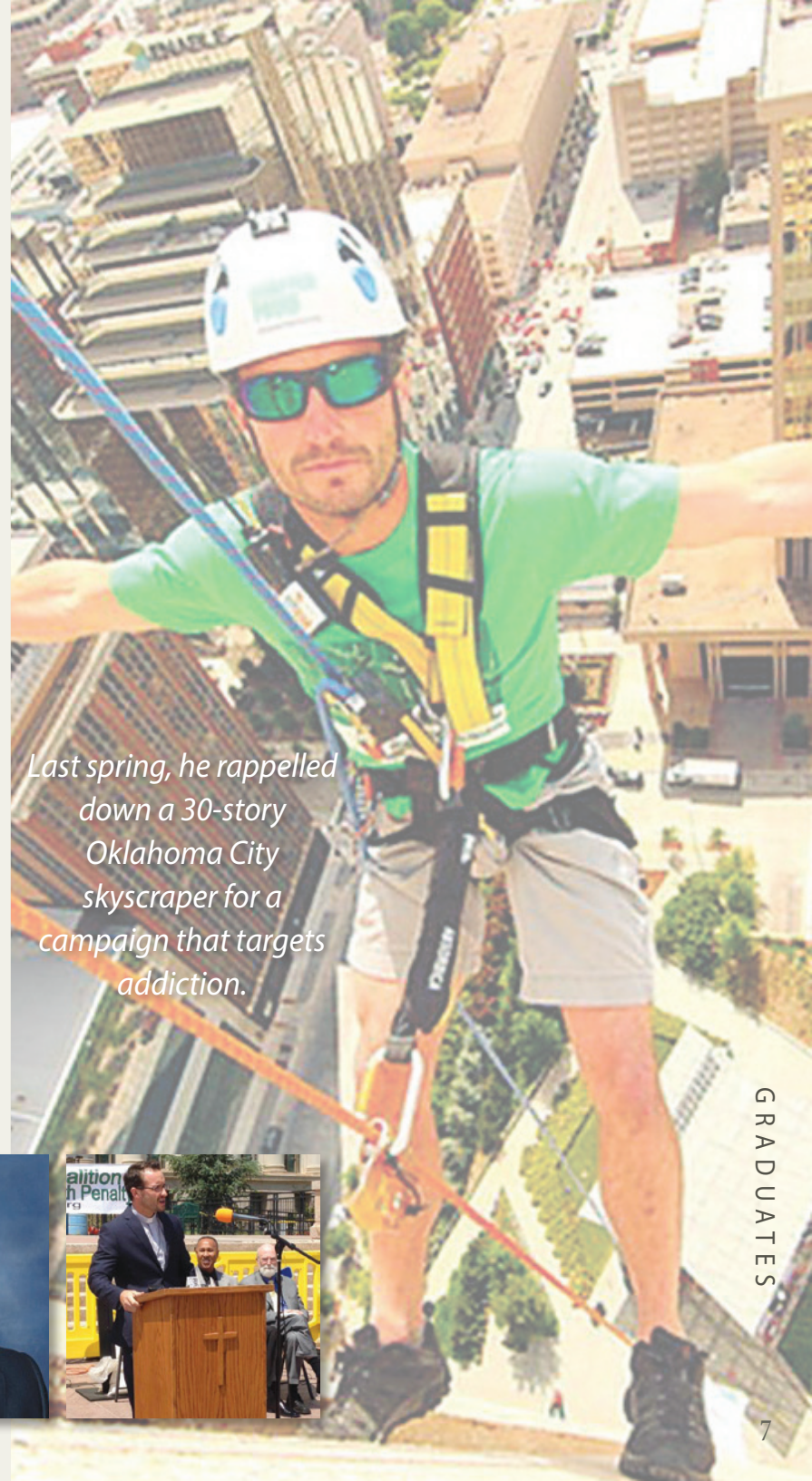
Rev. Leathers explained that *Exodus House* works to help ex-inmates find the proper resources and treatments for their addiction and reintegrate into society. "When inmates are released, they often receive \$50 and a bus ticket when they get out. A lot of them don't have a long-term place to go. A lot of them don't have a short term place to go," Leathers said.

The furnished apartment, complete with linens, cooking and eating utensils, is provided free of charge, except for the cost of electricity. Residents stay for a limited time and are permitted to take all the apartment's contents when they move. Each family that enters the Exodus House program receives individualized care and services. Through careful assessments and screening each resident develops a plan for success and meeting their individual needs.

The mission of CJAMM is to break generational cycles of prison, addiction, and criminogenic behavior by nurturing healthy Christian relationships with prison inmates and their families, targeting specific reentry needs, providing care for the children of incarcerated parents, and advocacy.

The ministry helps former inmates find employment and housing, reunify families, and support them with transportation and other needs. CJAMM volunteers serve in almost every prison in the state of Oklahoma.

Born in Colorado, Leathers grew up on outdoor adventures and healthy living practices. He recently combined his social activism and his love of rock climbing. His physical efforts raise funds for worthy causes. Last spring, he rappelled down a 30-story Oklahoma City skyscraper for a campaign that targets addiction. This fall, CJAMM will benefit from pledges he earns in a 24-hour rock-climbing contest. He hopes to complete a vertical mile.



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**"I was in prison and you came to visit me."
Matthew 25:36**

international gatherings **Bishop Kim Sundo Receives Honorary Doctorate**

On May 22, Saint Paul School of Theology presented an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree to Bishop Kim Sundo. Bishop Kim is the founding pastor of Kwanglin Methodist Church in Seoul, Korea. It is the largest Methodist Church in the world with 94,000 members.

The first two degrees awarded in 1962 were Honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees to Bishop Dana Dawson and Bishop Eugene Frank in recognition of their visionary work in establishing a Methodist seminary in Kansas City.

The seminary recognizes Bishop Kim as a visionary who has changed the way the world understands church growth and mission. He receives the third Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree given on behalf of the Saint Paul School of Theology Board of Trustees, faculty and president.

Bishop Kim completed his seminary training after the Korean War when the economy was in ruins. Great personal loss had fallen on the Korean people and families were separated by an arbitrary geographical line. Unlike Europe after WWII, Korea remained an economically struggling, suffering place for more than a decade following the war.

Bishop Kim served several churches in South Korea, but it was his appointment in 1970 as Senior Pastor of Kwanglim Methodist Church in Seoul that would provide his greatest opportunity for serving both God and the Korean people.

During his 30 years as their pastor, Rev. Dr. Kim brought the light of Christ to tens of thousands. He developed Kwanglim Church into the largest Methodist church in the world.

Dr. Michael Parmely, Chair-Elect of the Saint Paul School of Theology Board of Trustees visited Bishop Kim in Seoul while on a trip to a global conference sponsored by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Dr. Parmely reflected on Bishop Kim's book of sermons.

"It struck me that this amazing growth of the Kwanglim congregation must have derived from a combination of gentle healing and great hope that characterizes Bishop Kim's work. His sermons capture his firm encouraging message of finding strength within ourselves in times of despair and personal anguish."

Not satisfied with the growth and local impact of the Kwanglim Church, Bishop Kim and his congregation have established global mission centers and seminaries in Moscow, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, and China, to name a few. It may be this aspect of his legacy that will last the longest.



Saint Paul President Sharon Howell presented the honorary degree to Bishop Kim Sundo. Bishop Kim is also pictured with Rev. Prof. Young-Ho Chun, Prof. Sung Jun Yoo, and the 2015 Saint Paul Korean Doctor of Ministry graduates.



2015 Saint Paul Graduates in the Korean Doctor of Ministry Track / Wesleyan Spirituality and Congregational Renewal sang a special song entitled, *May You Be Blessed*

celebrating around the table

Rev. Prof. Young-Ho Chun, Ph.D.: Dinner and Defining Lecture

A Tribute to Over Three Decades of Research and Teaching at Saint Paul

Saint Paul School of Theology celebrated Rev. Prof. Young-Ho Chun, Ph.D. this past May for his 32 years of teaching and research as Professor of Systematic Theology at the seminary. Dr. Chun presented a culminating lecture entitled "Crossing" about the biggest issue facing the modern church.

Dr. Chun is renowned world-wide for his study and work within academia and the church. Korean Bishop Rev. Dr. Kim Sundo, pastor of the largest Methodist Church in the world, was present at the event as well as administrators, professors, pastors, students, family and alumni.

This summer Dr. Chun announced that he will share his expertise with the seminary in other ways. He will now serve as the Director of Asian Studies and the Korean Doctor of Ministry Program at Saint Paul School of Theology. "We are very grateful for Dr. Chun's continuing relationship with Saint Paul," said Saint Paul President H. Sharon Howell.

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Rev. Dr. Sally Haynes, MDiv '87/DMin '03
Pastor, First UMC of Blue Springs



Rev. Dr. Kim Sundo
Bishop, Korean United Methodist Church



Rev. Prof. Young-Ho Chun was honored in many ways during the celebration. His students from the Korean DMin track sang a special song. He was given awards and gifts including a specially commissioned piece of pottery. He was able to talk with several colleagues including Saint Paul Faculty Emeritus Dr. Eugene Lowry and Dr. Laurence Wagley.



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Saint Paul Alums Fritz Mutti and Bill Clark enjoy visiting with each other at the 2015 Commencement Lunch. Both alums graduated in 1975 as members of the first Doctor of Ministry class at Saint Paul.



Students, faculty, and staff enjoy off-campus spiritual formation retreats each semester.



Dr. Logan Wright retired after over 20 years as Director of Library and Information Services and Associate Professor of Theological Bibliography and Research. The Saint Paul community celebrated his dedication by naming the Faculty Resource and Reading Room in his honor.

Awards and Recognition

SAINT PAUL FALL COUNCIL DINNER

This year there were three awards presented by Saint Paul President H. Sharon Howell.



Volunteer of the Year

Mrs. Michele Janson

Michele was recognized for her extraordinary volunteer work coordinating Holy Conversations with donors and alums across the country.



3+3 Award

President Matt Thompson
of Kansas Wesleyan University

This award was given in honor of our first 3+3 covenant. Kansas Wesleyan students can condense a four-year Christian Ministry major into three years, followed by a three-year MDiv degree at Saint Paul.



President's Awards

Mr. Tom and Mrs. Brenda McDaniel (in absentia)
& Bishop Robert E. Hayes, Jr. and
Mrs. Delilah Bernard Hayes

Together they made the dream of our Saint Paul at
Oklahoma City University location a successful reality.

thank you!

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To find out more, please contact David Sisney at 913.253.5080 or david.sisney@spst.edu for more information.



The new Saint Paul practicums are a wealth of information for real-world ministry! Church of the Resurrection financial leaders taught this practicum called *Budgets and Financial Documents*. Together they opened up the church books and informed future pastors about the realities of church finance. Other popular practicums have been *Funeral/Memorial Services* and *Ministry with Youth*.



Dr. Kim Chung-Suk received the Distinguished Leadership Award from Saint Paul President H. Sharon Howell for his visionary leadership as the Senior Pastor of Kwanglim Methodist Church in Seoul, Korea. The church is the largest Methodist Church in the world.

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Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe (right), Chief Executive of the UM General Board of Church and Society, was the inaugural speaker for the Saint Paul Peace Lecture in 2014. She is pictured with David Sisney, VP for Advancement, Rev. H. Sharon Howell, President, and Don Beets, Peace Lecture donor.



Saint Paul alum Trista Soendker Nicholson returned to speak at a community forum about the long-term mission work that she is leading in Haiti through the Missouri UMC Conference. She ate lunch with Dr. Jim Brandt afterwards.

"One of my greatest privileges teaching at Saint Paul has been taking students to Guatemala to learn from Guatemalans about their lives and ministries. Our approach has been to do deep listening and learn how we might be in ministry with people like those in Guatemala in a way that is culturally and contextually appropriate. It was immensely gratifying to hear Trista speak as a graduate about how that experience has shaped the work she is doing in Haiti," said Dr. Brandt.

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Jim Salley, Development Director for Africa University

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Wednesday, December 2, 2015 • 11:07 am

Dr. Angela Sims Installation to the

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Tuesday, March 1, 2016 • 11:07 am

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Rev. Dr. Emilie Townes

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Tuesday & Wednesday, April 26-27, 2016 • 11:07 am

Celebrate Saint Paul

Boston Avenue UMC : Tulsa, Oklahoma

Thursday, April 28, 2016 • 6:30 pm

Commencement - Kansas

Saint Paul: Church of the Resurrection

Friday, May 20, 2016

Commencement 11 am • Luncheon 1 pm

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Friday, May 27, 2016

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