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A Look Into Fuller’s Presbyterian Relations

I am not Presbyterian. But many students on the Fuller campus are. It may not surprise you to know that the largest denominational affiliation at Fuller is, indeed, the Presbyterian Church (USA). But I bet that if I asked you what percentage of the student body claims such association, you would guess something like 40%. Right? Well, actually, the student Presbyterian population on campus is less than 20%. Nevertheless, there is a tremendous emphasis in Fuller’s church relations to support the PC(USA) students. For example, the “Presbyterian Relations” office is the only denominational office which is funded by the Seminary. Fuller’s relationship with the PC(USA), and the two Presbyterian denominations from which it came prior to 1983, has a long history. There has always existed an inherent conflict for PC(USA) students in choosing to attend Fuller because he or she has consequently rejected the 11 other PC(USA)-accredited seminaries in the country. PC(USA) students encounter several problems by attending Fuller. One disadvantage in attending Fuller over a PC(USA)-accredited seminary is financial. Financial assistance in the form of grants and scholarships is very available for students attending PC(USA) Seminaries. If a student chooses Fuller, he or she is ineligible for denominational assistance. Presbyterian students are subject to a presbytery committee which oversees the candidate’s ministry preparation. These committees, particularly the “CPM’s” (Committee on Preparation for Ministry) are often biased against Fuller graduates. Sometimes they can be as discriminatory as refusing to ordain Fuller grads.

Yet, PC(USA) students continue to choose Fuller. Why? Admittedly, the problems have been getting better. With more and more Fuller graduates taking positions of presbytery leadership, Fuller has gained the reputation as the most favored non-PC(USA) seminary. As well, many of the students’ pastors and mentors are Fuller graduates. In fact, last year, there were more PC(USA) graduates from Fuller than from every other PC(USA)-accredited seminary except Princeton.

A survey going out to PC(USA) students, alumni, and local clergy will clarify this “why” question. But, the few students I interviewed agreed upon one thing. Fuller’s reputation as a safeguard of traditional evangelical theology provides a faith more compatible to their own than that of many of the more liberal PC(USA) options. Ben Pierce, an MDiv student, also identified the ecumenical and cultural diversity at Fuller as an important factor for choosing Fuller. The reality is that most PC(USA) students who enter Fuller as a Presbyterian, leave Fuller with stronger convictions about their Presbyterian affiliations. And many people convert to the Presbyterian denominations while at Fuller.

An additional issue confronting the PC(USA) students is the potential risks and gains involved with Fuller’s cooperation with San Francisco Theological Seminary’s (SFTS) move to Pasadena. This move for SFTS, known for its highly liberal theology including a strong homosexual constituency, intends to exist not as an extension facility (something they tried unsuccessfully several years ago), but to offer a full seminary education. Dr. Jack Rogers, formerly Fuller’s Director of Presbyterian Relations and faculty member for 12 years, has been hired to head up the “Presbyterian Seminary of the West” (SFTS in Pasadena). Ongoing discussions between the seminaries have been initiated by Fuller to determine the degree of cooperation which Fuller should offer SFTS. Dr. Hubbard has announced that our cooperation with the “seminary across the street” will extend to the exchange of credits where appropriate. Provost, Richard Mouw and SOT Dean, William Dymess will address this topic at the Monday morning Presbyterian (USA) denominational meeting on April 22 and Jack Rogers will be visiting the meeting on May 20.
**Financial Aid**

**SECOND START SCHOLARSHIPS**
These competitive scholarships offer $1,000 to students who 1) are 30 or older; 2) have strong academic records; 3) have financial need; AND 4) have proven commitment to their educational goals. Contact Financial Aid for additional information. Apps must be received by May 1.

**IMPORTANT BORROWER INFORMATION** Federal regulations specify that:
1) you must contact your lender within 10 days if you change your enrollment status, name, or address; 2) you may owe a refund to your lender if you drop below half-time in a quarter which is part of your loan period (so check with Financial Aid before you drop classes); 3) Fuller must assess financial aid, including designated grants from outside sources, when loan checks arrive. If total aid received exceeds anticipated aid, any overaward must be returned to the lender; 4) Fuller must return any unsigned loan check after thirty (30) days.

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**Prayer Groups**

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**Denominational Meetings**

**Monday, 10 a.m.**

- American Baptist
- Anabaptist/Mennonite
- Assemblies of God
- Christian and Missionary Alliance
- Episcopal/Anglican
- Evangelical Covenant
- Evangelical Presbyterian
- Foursquare
- Lutheran
- Messianic Jews
- Presbyterian Church (USA)
- Reformed Church in America/
  Christian Reformed Church
- Roman Catholic
- United Church of Christ
- United Methodist Church
- Vineyard Christian Fellowship

All Other Denominations and Non-Denominations, 
Ethnic Ministries Classroom

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**PRESBYTERIAN (USA) STUDENTS:**
The Rev. Tom Thierault, Executive Director of PCMS (Presbyterian Center for Mission Studies in Pasadena) and Fuller grad, will address the exciting topic of Presbyterian Frontier Missions. Join us in Payton 301 Monday, April 8.

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Madison House Child Care

Babysitting for the Spring Quarter available at different class sessions.

Child Care Times
Monday - Friday

I Session 7:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
II Session 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
III Session 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Cost of Child Care
6 mos - 23 mos $5 per session/day
2 years - 5 years $4 per session/day
Friday care is $5 per child/session/day
A $9 registration fee is non-refundable.

Call Cherry to register Monday through Thursday, between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. only.

Children’s Ballet, Tap, and Creative Movement
These Madison House classes are available at affordable prices for Fuller families only.

For 18 mos - 3 yrs
Every Thursday, 3 - 3:45 p.m.
8 sessions for $24
5 sessions for $15
Begins April 19

For 4 - 5 yrs
Every Wednesday 3 - 3:45 p.m.
5 sessions for $15
Begins April 18

For 6 - 8 yrs
Every Thursday, 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.
5 sessions for $15
Begins April 19

Call Annette at 568-1696 any time or Cherry at 793-3827, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Madison House Walk
Madison House walk was held on a beautiful sunny March 2. All parents and staff involved were excited and full of enthusiasm. We want to thank all who sponsored us in one way or another. We raised about $1500 for the child care. Anyone interested in what we are going to do with the money, please visit us by May or June to see what we have purchased for the children.

Teachers Needed
Infant/toddler, pre-school, and lead teachers are needed at Madison House. If you are at least 18 years old with 12 units of Early Childhood Education training and you love (and have patience for) young children, please consider a position with Madison House child care program. We need people who are creative, musically inclined and, of course, committed Christians. A one year commitment to the position is necessary. Experience preferred. Call Cherry Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Parents’ Night Out
Child care is available every Friday 5 - 8 p.m. at Madison House. The cost is $4 per child and $3 per additional child in the family for the evening. Call Cherry at 793-3827 Monday through Wednesday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Limited spaces!

Spiritual Formation Breakfast
Come to a free breakfast and be spiritually nourished.

The Personal Testimony of JIM WALLIS
Jim will share his personal journey- the movement of God in him which led to both a socially-active faith and deeply personal spirituality.

Wednesday, April 10, 1991
Payton 101
6:45 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.

For more information, call Claire Nye at the Office of Christian Community, 584-5322.

RSVP by Tuesday Noon
For catering purposes, we need to know how many people are coming. Please indicate that you are coming by submitting this form into the box by the Garth & Catalyst or call 584-5322 and leave a message.

NAME________________
Phone__________
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Visiting Russian Scholars Dr. John Court and members of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies wish to draw attention to a unique opportunity coming up. Visiting Russian scholars, Dr. Nikolai Muskhelishvili and Dr. Yuri Sviridov will be meeting in Payton 101B on April 15 from 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. to dialogue on “The Psychology of Religion in Russia.” All are welcome. Bring your lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Library Wilsondisc Training Two training sessions on WILSONDISC (A compact disc database for religious and theological studies) will be offered for the Spring quarter. There is a session on April 12, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., Library room #205. It is free, guaranteed to reduce your research time!

Spring Quarter Hours for OSS Since I know you have all been wondering with intense curiosity just what the hours are in the Office of Student Services, we have decided to publish them. So, you might want to post these hours on your refrigerator so you won’t get mad at us if you NEED to come in and chat about insurance or whatever during the hours we’re closed. Ok? Ok. Mon, Tues, Thurs: 8-12 and 1-5. Wed: 8-10 (closed for Chapel), 11-12 and 1-5. Fri: 8-12 and 1-3.

Small Groups Opportunities That is the question. Where are you going to receive support, encouragement as you venture through Fuller Seminary this quarter? A small group with other students can be a way of meeting those needs as you share in fellowship with one another. If you want to be put in contact with others interested in small groups, please contact Claire Nye at 584-5322 or stop in at OCC, in the CFD building.

Take Time Out From the Kids We all need it...for an evening out, a doctor’s appointment, lunch with a fried. But who will babysit? How will we pay for it? The best way is to help each other. In the Fuller babysitting co-op, families trade child care by “paying” each other with points. It’s been working for years and new members are welcome. Come to an orientation dessert at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 11 in Payton Hall 101. Bring the kids. Questions? Call Sheila Fleming, 359-4157 or Karen Adams 398-5777.

Lost and Found Betty, at the switch board, keeps all lost and found items. She also has a pencil sharpener there for all you needy students with dull points.

Reminder: Jim Wallis On Campus Do not forget that on Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Travis Auditorium, Jim Wallis, founder and pastor of Sojourners Community and editor of Sojourners Magazine, will be speaking on the aftermath of the war in the Gulf. His reflections on the current social agenda is entitled: "Pax Americana or The Peace of Christ.” Sojourners has become the connection point joining people, creating a network of faith and action among evangelicals, Catholics, mainline Protestants, the charismatic renewal movement. He will then share his personal journey over breakfast Wednesday morning in Payton 101, 6:45-7:50 a.m. It’s free, but please RSVP with OCC, 584-5322. Sponsored by OCC, TGU, Peace and Justice Committee.

Community Announcements

School of Psychology

Therapy Subsidy: SOP clinical division. Therapy subsidy request forms for Winter quarter are due on April 5. Forms are available from Maryan and are to be turned in to Dean’s Assistant’s box.

SOP Clinical Division Financial Aid Financial Aid packets for 1991-92 are currently available at SOP front desk. Packets are due on April 15 and are to be turned in to Dean’s Assistant’s office.

New Therapy Groups

Family of Origin Group Explore how your family background impacts your life and relationships today. Build on the richness of your heritage while avoiding the mistakes of your parents.

Couples Enrichment Group Focus on communication skills, expressing anger, resolving conflict, and increasing intimacy.

Professional Counselors Group Enhance your personal growth. Learn how your history of abuse can be used constructively in your work with clients who are victims and non-victims. This group will be held at the SAFE office, 180 N. Oakland. Call 449-8183 if interested in this group.

The groups will be held at Fuller Psychological and Family Services, 180 N. Oakland. Each group will include eight 90 minute sessions (Professional Counselors group is 9 sessions) plus a pre-group interview. The Family of Origin group will cost $25 per session, the Couples Enrichment, $40 per couple, and the Professional Counselors, $50 per session. (Student discounts on space available basis) Therapist: Nancy Anderson, MA, doctoral student. Call 584-5555 if interested.

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COMPUTERS AND WORD PROCESSING EQUIPMENT SPECIAL PRICES

Basic Computers has a ministry providing computers to Christian workers and teaching them how to effectively use them. We are now supplying Fuller people with IBM compatible computers complete with an outstanding Bible program, mouse, easy to use menu program, and fully documented MS-DOS. We can upgrade an XT type computer to an AT286 for less than $500. Regular store hours: 2:30-8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10-5 Saturday. Ted Barnett, 3132 Foothill Blvd. La Crescenta, CA 91214 (10 miles west of Fuller), (818)957-4515.


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Hiring: YOUTH PASTOR

Korean Presbyterian Church of South Bay needs a Youth Pastor. Bilingual helpful. Part time, weekend work. For details, please call Rev. Ra at (213)644-6044.

Piano Tuning, Repair and Regulation


Short Term (6-9 Months) Missions Ministry Opportunity

Assisting church planting missionaries in remote area of Kenya, East Africa. Major responsibility is schooling of four missionary children, but can extend to assisting adult literacy program. Support must be raised individually. Call Randy or Edie Nelson at 791-8429.

On-Campus Job Board

See the Human Resources Job Board (120 N. Oakland, 1st floor) for more details.

It's Not A Job, It's An Adventure

School of Theology advising is looking for a few good people to help students “be all they can be” in the 1991-1992 academic year. Come by the Advising Office and pick up a job description and application. Deadline is April 19.

Internship Opportunity

First Presbyterian of Santa Rosa will be interviewing students for summer on April 9 and 10 in the Garth. Job description in Field Ed. office. Call 584-5377 for appointments.