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Chapel Services

Forum: Reflection on "Communities in Crisis"
Monday, May 11, 10 a.m.
Travis Auditorium. Forum: "Putting LA Riots in Perspective." A panel of faculty, students, and staff will dialog about the theological, historical, and social perspectives of the racial issues lying beneath the L.A. riots.

Forum: Fuller's Response "Communities in Crisis"
Tuesday, May 12, 10 a.m in Travis Auditorium. Forum: "Where Do We Go From Here?" President David Hubbard and a group faculty, student, staff as well as outside panelists will discuss specific and concrete suggestions about how Fuller can and should respond to the issues underlying the L.A. crisis.

Community Chapel
Wednesday, May 13, at 10 a.m in Travis Auditorium. Dr. Jeffrey Schloss, a Biologist/Environmental Scientist form Westmont College, will direct a meditation/discussion on Christian environmental responsibility as related to relevant biblical themes. He will be showing slides to direct the time of meditation. Offices closed.

SWM Chapel
Thursday, May 14 at 10 a.m, Travis Auditorium. 10:00 am Chapel: Open air meeting in Mall area. Floyd McClung, the International Director for YWAM, will speak on "Mobilizing the Church for Completing the Task of World Missions."

Riots Sound a Trumpet Call...
Will Fuller Respond?

"Thus were we before Thee, O Lord. We were pregnant, we writhed in labor, we gave birth, as it were, only to wind. We could not accomplish deliverance for the earth..." Isaiah 26:17-18

The violence of the Los Angeles riots and the anger and pain underlying those few violent days of explosion has brought the Fuller community, quite literally, to its knees. Usually ending in prayer, several open forums and convocations, as well as classroom discussions, have been arranged over the past two weeks to allow students and faculty a public voice to process not only the events of the riots, but, more importantly, the implications they do and must have on Fuller. Over the next months and perhaps years, prayer, discussion, planning, and, hopefully, actions of change will be seen at Fuller in response to the cries for equality and justice on our campus.

The April 30th Chapel was a time of mournful anticipation. The community grieved over the realities of violence and injustice. Throughout this school year, Fuller has heard the outcry for community. As painful and threatening as the circumstances have been, it was of great significance that we, during these hours, could worship, listen, and mourn collectively. Without some sense of corporate identity, it's impossible for Fuller to hear prophetic messages which pertain to everyone.

Take, for instance, the voice of Isaiah who repented on behalf of a people whose travail was all in vain. A woman in labor can anticipate the joy of childbirth; but not so for the people to whom Isaiah point. They groan, but to no end.

This year, the Fuller community has heard the pain and anger of minorities, women, and internationals, to name a few. Their voices still beg the question of whether the pain in our community is a redemptive pain, or whether Fuller will, in fact, "give birth only to wind," without becoming an agent of deliverance for the people. The angry mobs of Los Angeles should force us to question whether this Semi­nary incubates racial tension or confronts it with the Word of God.

During Chapel two weeks ago, Pastor Che Ahn and Drs Gooden and Pannell confronted us with two calls: Ahn with the call to spiritual revival in the Church, Gooden and Pannell calling us to understand more deeply the reality of urban oppression, with a focus on the Black male. Their messages represented two levels of discourse which have not been very compatible.

Talking about our need for the Holy Spirit and a renewed commitment to Jesus Christ has not often cooperated with the passion to address continued on page 11

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Yet Another Chance for Good
By Bill Pannell, Director of Black Ministries and Assoc. Professor of Preaching and Evangelism

There are several ways to interpret the emotions and events that have shaken Los Angeles and the country. We can see in this an act of judgement by a God who gets fed-up with a society’s hypocrisy, especially as it affected the “lowest and the least.” This might be hard for our culture, even our culture-bound churches to grab, because we prefer a God more committed to self-fulfillment than judgement; to love than justice. Related to the possibility that this is God’s judgement is the possibility that anger is part of God’s make-up. We may be afraid of that too, because it would suggest that for God’s people not to be angry at injustice would be sin.

Another way to see this disaster requires the ability to look past it and see the opportunity it offers all people of good-will. In this light, God, through this uprising, is offering good people another chance to do good. Evil people are good at doing evil, and they work at this in tireless fashion. Good people are too often reluctant to do all the good that they can, and do not work at it enough.

The church in America ought the thank God for another chance. God keeps giving us the opportunities; post Viet-Nam, post Watergate, and now in the wake of White Collar crime unseen in the country since the Great Barbecue of the Civil War. Unprecedented corruption from the top of our head to the sole of our feet. There is no soundness in us. So far our prophets are silent, our evangelists irrelevant, our institutions paralyzed for fear of offending supporting constituencies. But the opening is before us. Can we, will we move into this chasm and fill it for God? We’ve made a beginning here. We have begun to confess to God and one another, we’ve begun to argue for changes within our system that would promote justice among ourselves. We must continue this, and bring forth fruit worthy of our repentance. We must remember that true repentance is the product of Godly sorrow for sin and it “brings a change of heart too salutary to regret.” (2Cor. 7:10 NEB) We must be careful of a worldly sorrow which leaves us still in our sins of oppression and injustice.

In the remaining weeks of this quarter we will be under great stress. Some of us need to complete work to graduate; all of us will be trying to squeeze more energy out of tired bods to finish one more paper, one more sermon. And on top of this, all this other “stuff”—how untimely is this disaster. How inconvenient. Nuts. One thing is helpful. As the folks down home put it, “we gotta prop each other up on every weak and leanin’ side.”

A Korean American Address To Fuller
A group response by Korean Americans on campus, compiled by Jan Arthur Lee, M.Div. Student

We as a Korean American community gathered together on Monday afternoon to pray and discuss our feelings from the events of the past week.

First of all, we feel like scapegoats caught in a larger scale oppression of the white majority over the black minority that was left unresolved by the cries for civil rights in the 60’s. We feel angry by what we believe was an unjust verdict in the Rodney King trial, but in addition, we feel that the degree of the violence and particularly, the anger from the African American community, was extreme and misdirected towards us. We feel unjustly victimized as scapegoats of belligerent rage.

Let me state that we are not innocent in this process. Our hands are stained with the sins of racism and ethnocentrism just like everyone else’s. But did the sins of the past justify the raping of the Korean community? Did it justify the destruction and/or looting of over 850 Korean owned businesses with damages exceeding $300,000,000? NO!

Secondly, we feel that the mass media has inaccurately portrayed the Korean community. We feel wrongly stereotyped and treated like foreigners fresh off the boat. We are particularly upset about the Nightline segment with Ted Koppel interviewing African American leaders at the AME church on the question of Black/Korean tensions. We felt like this was a low blow in not allowing any Korean voice to participate in that discussion. And that’s just it: We Have No Voice as far as the media is concerned.

If you examine our history as a people group in the LA area, you’ll note that we’ve worked hard and have thus contributed to the economic rejuvenation of a large segment of LA. We’ve participated in the mosaic of American life, and yet, are still seen as aliens and strangers. The media, and maybe even society as a whole, has marginalized us and boxed us into a foreign, voiceless people group.

Thirdly, I think that most of you would agree with our frustration with the lethargy of the police and National Guard to come and protect LA and particularly Koreatown. If mass violence and looting broke out in Beverly Hills and Brentwood, it seems that the police would’ve been quicker to move in and protect. Why is there such a disproportionate concentration of police protection?

Finally, the Korean American community has been permanently scarred by this violence. We have yet to uncover the full extent of this violence, but we know it will be a very dark spot in the history of the Korean American experience. Discouragement, hopelessness, pain, fear and the strong temptation for revenge linger. Can you imagine the height of the walls of mistrust that are at this point being erected? We as a Korean community here at Fuller are praying for peace and reconciliation, but we needed to first vent our anger, hurt and frustration. We feel that healing will take years to recover.

At this point, the Korean community can take up arms, leave town, or through the cross of Christ, seek reconciliation and forgiveness. You need to pray for us.
Students Respond to the Need  

By Norma Gordon, SOT Student

A group of 22 students, led by Edwin Weaver, first year SOT student, met at the Psych bldg parking lot at 7am Saturday morning complete with rakes, shovels, trashbags and hearts bent on service. They summoned to 3rd and Vermont, site of the Bressee Institute to assist in the painful process of relief. They were promptly divided up into work crews and sent to burnt out shopping centers and stores to clean up and minister.

At first glance, city dwellers were going about their usual business. Yet as some began to cart off cement pieces and broken glass, others dialogued their way into the broken hearts of store owners, patrons, residents and passers-by who had seen their neighborhoods become condemned areas almost overnight.

Gradually, as onlookers got used to us, our numbers began to swell. Assistance was coming from, but by mid morning, the size of our crew had doubled and sandwiches and water appeared from an anonymous source. We finally realized what had begun: a classless, grassroots community effort that defied all roles and barriers and joined all races, all educational levels and all economic levels into a unified effort to achieve an obvious goal: cleaning up our city.

Some of us returned to Fuller in early afternoon. Others stayed on. All of us felt relieved as Greater LA residents, as Americans, as human beings, we knew that we had done what we had to do.

Words Do Spark Actions  

By Jeff Kreiser, SOT Student

In the President’s convocation of Monday, May 4, Debra Washington stated that while food and monies were going to the riot torn areas, there were students on campus who are in desperate need of such help. In response to this statement, a Korean student, who wished to remain anonymous, came to the Black ministries office and donated a large sum of money to be distributed to African American students.

This action by the student was an expression of the love and power of God in the midst of the current painful situation. Black Ministries Program Coordinator, Leesie Moore, relayed that while the horizontal/relationship issues remain unresolved, this student is struggling to stay in touch with the vertical relationship with God’s heart and direction. The money was immediately distributed to students in need.

In the midst of brokenness, this is one example of the hope, forgiveness and love that comes only through a deep bond with Christ.
Mission Celebration

by Markus M.F. Rapp,
SWM GU Vice-Chair

Through the united effort of the ASC, TGU, and SWM GU as well as several Concerns Committees, students from all three schools have organized events regarding the worldwide challenge of world missions and theological issues related to the environment. From Wednesday through Friday, May 12 - 15, there will be forums, discussion panels, cultural events, theater plays, worship and prayer, information, book tables and open air celebrations. The main purpose of this week is to bring students from the diverse cultural and ministry backgrounds together to learn from each others’ perspectives.

The School of World Mission has organized 8-10 different events around the subject focus of “the challenge of task completion of world evangelization through this generation.” Students from Africa, Europe, North America and Asia have put informative missions events together to communicate the vision of world missions beyond the scope of their own countries will be stirred with a fresh excitement and interest to discover their place in God’s global cause. This week should bring into focus the Church of Jesus Christ is global in nature, that to become a world Christian reflects the very heart of God and that we need each other world-wide to make Christ known to all peoples and nations.

This week is an invitation to all students from all three schools and from every cultural and ethnic background, to cross their natural boundaries and to participate in events that are “strange and new territory” to them. The week might be most successful when SWM students visit SOT events and visa versa and Europeans visit African events, and North Americans visit Asian events and Asians visit European events...etc. Leaving one’s own small world in order to cross into the world of somebody else is also a foundational stepping stone for the realization of reconciliation, healing and unity of the Body of Christ, which we so desperately need.

Creation/Mission Celebration Week
Calendar of Events

**Wednesday, May 13:**

**The Environment/Natural Community Day**

- 12:00-2:00 pm: Prayer Garden/Garth. Poetry/article readings of ecological or land/ nature related themes.
- 12:00-1:00 pm & after 3:00: Mall Area. Folk music, hymn-singing and praise songs especially focused on creation and the natural environment.
- 1:00-3:00 pm: The Front Mall Amphitheater. A Band will present an open-air concert with music which will focus on environmental concerns.
- 2:00-4:00 pm: Library Lawn. A Petting Zoo will be set up for kids and adults. There will be drawing stations and face-painting for kids. Throughout the day: Recycling workshops and information sessions. “Tips on water and waste.” There will be a guessing contest with a large number of crushed aluminum cans in clear plastic bag. Winner wins gift certificate in Bookstore! Mimes and simple, one-act skits will be playing throughout the day in the Garth.

**Thursday, May 14:**

**International Mission Celebration Day**

- 10:00 am Chapel: Open air meeting in Mall area. Floyd McClung, the International Director for YWAM, will speak on “Mobilizing the Church for Completing the Task of World Missions.”
- 12:00-1:30 pm: Garth. Open Discussion on the topic, “Growing Together to be World Christians.” A video presentation, “Cold Water” will be shown, followed by a time of prayer to seek creative new ways to benefit more from the diversity of the Fuller community. Lunch will follow. Sponsored by ISCC.
- 3:00-5:00 pm: Garth. “Eastern European Panel!” Open discussion forum with eight student experts on the challenges and opportunities of missions in Eastern Europe. The forum will be led by Kaarina Ham.
- 3:00-5:00 pm: Payton 101. “Africa Forum” The topic is “Critical Challenges Facing the Church in Africa.” There will be a cultural program with times of reflection and discussion.
- 5:00-7:00 pm: The Garth. The Japanese and Indonesian Fellowship is sponsoring “Life Ministries Japan” on the subject, “Innovative Mission Ministries in Japan Today” and “Missions in Indonesia.” There will be a presentation of a tea ceremony and a cultural program with singing.
- 7:00 pm: Payton 101. “Asia Celebration Night” Indigenous worship led by various Asian fellowships. The guest speakers are Dr. Saphir Athyal on “Christian Faith Amidst Asian Religions” and Dexter Low, “The Challenge on Church Planting in Asia.”

**Friday, May 15:**

**Family Celebration Day**

- 2:00-6:00 pm: The Garth and Mall Areas. Family Celebration Afternoon. Cultural programs from different parts of the world...food!!, drinks, children’s programs, worship and praise.
- 4:00-5:30 pm and 7:00-8:30 pm: Travis Auditorium. One man play on the life of John Wesley. “The Man From Aldersgate” as portrayed by Roger Nelson. He has performed this production over 1000 times in 30 countries. Invite family and friends to this event. There will be no entry fee, but love offerings will be taken.
A Focus on “The Natural Community”
by Nada Seilers, TGU President

What is the Christian’s responsibility with respect to God’s creation—the physical environment in which we live? Should we be concerned with environmental issues and how far should we go to be good stewards of the earth? Why is it that others seem to be more concerned with nature’s predicaments than we in the church are? What’s the difference between stewardship and dominion? Perhaps you’ve wondered about these and other related questions when considering the natural world around us...

As part of ASC’s upcoming Community Celebration, I and other student leaders came to the realization that we hardly ever spend time considering the important ways in which our natural environment—the Creation into which God has also placed us—is an integral part of who we are as believers. In a time when environmental issues dominate campaigns and political agendas, when beaches routinely close and natural resources the world over are being destroyed or consumed at a horrifying pace, somehow, Christians are way behind in trying to grapple with the divine mandate to be stewards of creation until Christ returns.

Together, we need to learn a theology of creation which values the gifts of land and water and sky and living creatures around us; one which helps us to understand our place in creation and our role in its continuing existence. Come on out and get into the issues; as a community of faith, our Lord’s earth is our earth too...how will we care for it?

Church Explosion: A Historical Survey of the Rapid Christian Expansion and a Forecast of Critical Challenges Facing the Church in Africa
by Francis Karnao, PhD Intercultural Studies

At the beginning of this century, politicians, economists and religious leaders labelled Africa as the dark continent. Today this vast land full of people has become a “continent of light” with missions of Africans pledging their total allegiance to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. But even with such rapid growth, the mission is far from being complete. The following critical issues will be addressed at the “African Forum” on May 14, 3-5 pm in Payton 101.

* “What factors have either facilitated or hindered the development of Christianity in Africa from 1960 to the present?” Presentation by Washington Kamau.

* “How Should the Church Respond to the Socio-economic and Political Upheaval of Africa Today?” Presentation by Nash Pwol.

* “What are the urgent Leadership and Theological. Issues Facing the Church in Africa?” Presentation by Stanley Mutyunga.

There will be reflection times, opportunities for question and African Christian Traditional
### Mission Celebration Week

From May 12-15, students from all three schools will join in a week of missions and celebration of creation. This week with many different events, forums, discussions is sponsored as a united effort by the All Seminary Council and the TGU, SWM GU, and several ASC Concerns Committees. The purpose of this week is to demonstrate unity in diversity of students from all six continents. Theological challenges, the remaining task of world missions, as well as wholeness of community and families will be in the focus. Some of the major events include:

- If you have questions, call Nada Sellers (714)476-0374 or Markus Rapp (818)797-4960. More detailed information can be found on page 4 and 5.

### Eastern Europe

A weekly meeting of people interested in ministry and/or networking in Eastern Europe meets Mondays, from 10-11 am at 527 East Union #103 (behind the Prayer Garden). The May 11 meeting will focus on "Nationalism and Ethnicity in Eastern Europe." The facilitator will be Miroslav Pujic. The May 18 meeting will focus on Ecumenism and Inter-denominational Relations in Eastern Europe. The facilitator will be Doug Yoder. For more information, call 818-795-2636.

### Ordained Women’s Panel

Several ordained women working in the church will be sharing about their ministries to which God has called them and about their journeys toward that call. Come and hear their stories on May 13, 7 pm, Front Room of Catalyst. Dessert will be served.

### Training Your Short-Term Mission Teams

Learn how to train your short-term mission teams at an innovative new weekend seminar to be held here on the Fuller campus May 15-17. Led by Fuller grads Doug and Jackie Millham, this seminar will be invaluable for youth leaders, mission pastors, and anyone else leading mission teams to any part of the world. Academic credit available. For brochures or more information, please stop by Glasser Hall, room 202 or call the Millhams at x5390.

### Ministry Development Seminar

Dr. Cameron Lee, Assistant Professor of Marriage and Family Studies, will present a seminar entitled, “Ministry and Family Life: Issues Facing Ministers and Their Families,” on Thursday, May 14, 1992, 10-11 am in the D.Min classroom. This seminar will identify and explore important issues facing ministers and their families which emerge in relation to the contexts and responsibilities of ministry. All interested students are invited.

### Christian Leadership and Management Seminar

A conference being held practically in your backyard on May 13-14, 1992. Speakers for this event include Lewis Smedes, Dallas Willard, Max De Pree, David Hubbard and many Fuller faculty members. The program will take place at the Pasadena Holiday Inn, and includes the possibility of academic credit in conjunction with attendance at the conference.

According to the Barna Research Group, “church leadership skills” and “spirituality and character formation” were rated very highly by current Fuller students and Alumni/us as being of high interest and necessity for their future ministries. This is your opportunity to glean skills and information that you’re interested in, and that alumni/us say you will need! For more information regarding registration, call Linda Maurer in Continuing Education at 584-534.0.

### Faculty Share Faith Experience

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Installation of James E. Bradley Ph.D
On Tuesday, May 19, 1992 at 10am in Travis Auditorium, the Fuller Community is invited to the Installation Service for Dr. Bradley as Professor of Church History. The Installation Address is: “Theory and Practice in Theological Education” Reception will follow.

Campus Visit Dialogue with Pasadena Mayor Rick Cole
On May 21, 11am to 1pm in Payton 304, Mayor Rick Cole will meet to dialogue on the relationship of the City of Roses and Fuller Theological Seminary. Refreshments provided. Space limited, please RSVP by Fri. May 15, to Jollene x5201. Sponsored by the Peace and Justice Committee, the SOT Ministry Division, and the Theology Dean’s office.

Interracial Relationships
All students and faculty are welcome for a panel discussion on the controversial subject of interracial relations and marriages. Pastors and lay leaders who are involved in an interracial marriage will be on this panel. Come for some thought provoking and spiritually edifying discussion and sharing on the subject. Tuesday, May 19, 3pm, Finch 120. Sponsored by AAIM-Asian Americans in Ministry.

Denominational Meetings
Monday, 10 a.m.
American Baptist: Finch 116
Anabaptist/Mennonite: Library 205
Assemblies of God: Finch 311
XnMissionaryAlliance: Library 203
Church of Christ: Glasser, 205
Episcopal/Anglican: Preaching Chapel
Evangelical Pres: Catalyst
Foursquare: Payton 302
Lutheran: Finch 314
Moravian: Barker Commons
Messianic Jews: Glasser 109
PC(USA): Payton 301
RCA/CRC: Finch 120
Seventh Day Adv.: Payton 303
UCC: Congregational Ch.
Methodist/Wesleyan: Finch 130
Vineyard: Travis Auditorium

Roman Catholic: Catalyst Conf. Rm
Wed at 12 noon

PC (USA) Events
Students, Faculty, and Staff, you are invited to our Monday morning meetings in Payton 301 from 10am to 10:50am. On May 11, Dr. Hughes Oliphant Old, a Fellow at the Center for Theological Inquiry, Princeton, will speak to us on Reformed Worship. Our May 18 speaker is B. Hunter Farrell, Associate for East/West Africa Global Mission Unit of General Assembly. Reminder: PC USA Graduation banquet will be held Friday, May 15, in Payton 101 from 7pm-9pm. All Presbyterian students are invited to join in the honoring of our seniors and end of the year celebration. Tickets sold at the door, graduating seniors free, families and non-graduating students $6.00 per person. Please RSVP by May 8 to Presbyterian Office, 584-5582, Camell Hall 101.

EPC Students
Stan Vandenberg, Associate Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Orange and the Chair of the Far West Presbytery Candidates Committee will be on campus May 11, 10 am in the Catalyst to talk with us about the candidacy process. Please come, especially if you are seeking ordination. Call Vicki at 797-0811 with any questions.
Internships and Job Opportunities

Chaplaincy Internships
The Salvation Army's Adult Rehabilitation Center in Los Angeles is currently offering part-time Chaplaincy internships. The Chaplain Intern provides pastoral support to the resident work therapy program. Pastoral support will include pastoral counseling, Bible instruction and preaching. A travel allowance, meals, and secured parking will be provided. If you are looking for an internship that provides practical pastoral experience sign up for an interview time in the Field Education Office. Chaplain Bruce Wilson, a Fuller graduate, will be on campus May 19 to conduct interviews.

Year Long Internship Opportunity
Mountain View Presbyterian Church in Marysville, Washington has an opening for a year-long internship. The primary responsibility will be in Adult Education with additional responsibilities in pastoral ministry. Reverend Randy Young will be on campus Wednesday, May 20th from 8am to 12 noon to meet with interested students. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please contact the Field Education Office. (818) 584-5377.

Academic Advisors needed for next year
The SOT Academic Advising Office is looking for a few advisors for the next year! This is a 15 hour per week job during the school year. Interested?? Come by and pick up a job description and application. Interviewing will begin May 11th, you can sign up for an interview time when you hand in your application.

English Teacher in Japan
A Baptist church in Kyushu, Japan is looking for a single woman to teach English at the church beginning anytime in 1993 (though Spring is preferable). They want a biblically and evangelically minded woman who will be leading chapel time. For more details, please call Julie Lawson at 310-212-6159.

Financial Aid

1992-93 Loan Applications
1) It takes more than a grant application to get a loan. Contact Financial Aid about loan paperwork. 2) High volume results in slow loan processing. During Spring-Summer, loans are processed in the order received.

Summer Bridge Deferments
Inquire about Summer Bridge Deferments if you have Stafford/GSL loans which have been in repayment but are now deferred, or SLS loans, and you plan to take the Summer off but return in the Fall.

Advanced Preaching Seminar
Applications for the "Fall '92" Advanced Preaching Seminar available in Preaching Office. Applications due May 15.

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ASC Appreciates Administration Through Time of Crisis

by Norman Gordon, ASC Vice-President

Times of crisis require flexibility and openness. The ASC acknowledges with much pleasure the responsiveness of the Fuller faculty and administration to the crisis in Los Angeles. The administration quickly adopted all ASC suggestions.

Consequently, the Fuller community could weep and pray together at the SWM chapel on the morning after the Simi Valley verdict. The Peace & Justice committee held an open mic forum in the Garth while the seminary was shutting down for the weekend.

When classes resumed on Monday, May 4th, the Fuller Academic Cabinet approved ASC recommendations that initial class time be set aside for expressions of prayer and pain. A campus wide convocation was hosted by Dr. Hubbard on Tuesday, May 5th. The regular Wednesday chapel was also organized around the anger and grief arising from the LA crisis. Additionally, an ASC subcommittee headed by Sandee Masuda and including faculty, staff and administrative members was formed to consider tangible ways for the Fuller community to express sentiments and engage in dialogue during weeks to come.

Such timely, conscientious responses from the Fuller Administration greatly encourages the ASC student leadership. It bodes well for the future of Fuller as we consider our own racism, divisions, and injustices. The ASC urges students to air their feelings, grievances and suggestions for long term change and healing to the President, the Provost, the Deans, the Office of Student Services and the All Seminary Council. The unfortunate events have sparked a renewed commitment among all to listen. So, please join in the transformation and reconciliation process.

ASC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Capture the President's Ear
On Tuesday, May 12, Dr. David Hubbard will hold his quarterly President's Convocation. If you have gripes, questions or concerns please bring them. This is your prime opportunity to express yourself. For more info, call the President's Office, 584-5202.

MC3 Jobs Available
The Multicultural Concerns Committee (MC3) is looking for new committee members from Summer '92 to Spring '93. Positions to be filled: MC3 Research Coordinator (2-4 hrs weekly), Pan-African Advocate (4-6 hrs weekly), Pan-Asian Advocate (4-6 hrs weekly), and the MC3 Chairperson (6-10 hrs weekly). Call Sandee at 584-5215 or 281-5789 for questions and applications.

Recession? What Recession?
The ASC has three job openings for the coming academic year. A new sports commissioner, secretary and events coordinator are needed. If you are interested in these jobs which include 10 to 20 hours per week, please submit your name in the new ASC office on the first floor of the Catalyst.

Attention: Kids of All Ages
A special return engagement from the CBS recording artist and puppeteer, Lois Young, featured earlier this year, will take place Friday, May 22nd at 7pm in Travis Auditorium. Families and kids will particularly love this FREE show. Ice cream for all will be served after the performance. Another ASC production for the whole family.

Free Catalyst Coffeehouse!
Fuller students can capitalize on the generosity of Total Food Management. Free popcorn and coffee are being served in the Catalyst on Monday through Thursday evenings from 7 to 9. The perfect place to take a study break, wake up between classes or catch some captivating conversation. Thanks TFM!

Official ASC Election Results

All Seminary Council
President: Norman Gordon
Vice President: Robert L. Gallagher
Treasurer: John Dhanaraj

Theology Graduate Union
President: Edward (Pat) Anderson
Vice President: Chandra Mallampalli

School of World Mission Graduate Union
President: Chaluay Ruangchan
Vice President: Terry Haley

School of Psychology Graduate Union
MFT Division
Co-President: Debbie Payne
Secretary: Maria Flores
Treasurer: Paul Hartman
Clinical Division
President: Jonathan Hartiens
editorials: "communities in crisis"

Where Was Fuller Administration on Monday Morning?

by Vernon Nickerson, DMFT Student

As an African-American male alumnus (M.A., Theology) and current student (Ph.D., Marriage and Family Therapy), I have been greatly encouraged by the proactive responses of my fellow students and many Fuller faculty to the events of this past week.

The devotions held in many classes were a time for specific reflection and prayer. In several cases, professors sought to integrate appropriate teaching and discussion into the subject matter of their lectures. At least one professor, Dr. Nancy Murphy, provided students with a "chain letter" which could be used to facilitate communication to our Senators and Representatives.

I am aware of several groups of students who have assisted and are assisting in the ongoing clean-up efforts in Los Angeles since last Friday. Many students, including myself, were organizing and brainstorming ways to expand the involvement of the Fuller community immediately upon their return to campus this past Monday. Opportunities for African-American, African, Asian (non-Korean), and Korean students to vent their anger and empower each other began Saturday and are ongoing. The city made up of the community of Christians at Fuller Seminary seems to be alive and well.

However, I’d like to share the following excerpt from the Weekly Bulletin of the School of Theology at Claremont (STC) that was distributed to their students Monday morning, May 4:

Many of our students are pastors and interns in central Los Angeles. They are deeply involved in a ministry in which many of us cannot fully understand or participate because we are not in their situation. The support of the entire STC community is urgently needed... Many of our students will not be in class for several days and may not complete their assignments in a timely manner. The faculty is prepared to make the appropriate response. I am providing any of our central Los Angeles students an automatic incomplete in their course work if they cannot meet current deadlines. Please consult with [registrar] if a graduating student has problems as a result of this crisis. Our sensitivity to our students in Los Angeles is needed. Our prayers and understanding of the issues of racism in church and society must be our main agenda at this time. — Allen J. Moore, Vice President for Academic Affairs

I wondered where Fuller administration was when I returned to campus Monday morning, May 4. After a three-day hiatus, the only official response from Fuller Seminary was a list provided to the All-Seminary Council with the names of Fuller faculty/persons to contact as resources. It is anticipated that these persons and students will participate in a panel discussion or forum of some kind. So far, there has been no other official response from our Seminary.

I believe that our Seminary can empower the women and men who are its soul in ways at least as compassionate and creative as our neighbors at Claremont. The only question I and others are asking is: When? Carpe diem, Fuller!

The Language of Languish

by George N. Bolden, Jr, SOT

Lawlessness begets lawlessness; violence begets violence. The so-called underclass of our society, who may be directly responsible for the looting, rioting, and burning throughout Los Angeles County last week following the “not guilty” verdict reached by the twelve jurors in the Rodney King beating trial, merely reflected the long-term lawlessness and violence inflicted upon them from the controlling class.

“Domestic tranquility” and the “rule of law” are the language of dominance. Its violent outcomes are exploitation, insurance “red-lining”, police brutality, unrest, and injustice. “We’re fired up; can’t take no more” and “no justice, no peace” are the language of languish. Its violent outcomes are drug abuse, drive-by shootings, welfare dependency, and self-hatred.

Last week, the underclass and the controlling class shouted at each other and each could not comprehend the other’s language. As a result, a community under tension erupted into a city under siege.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote: “…we must... create the kind of tension in society that will help man rise from the dark depths of prejudice and racism to the majestic heights of understanding and brotherhood.” For us today, we don’t have to create the tension; it is already there. We must be unwilling to cover it with a Band-Aid. However, we must be willing to take the painful but necessary steps to expose our societal wounds to the healing balms that will bring about a deep and lasting wholeness.

We all must accept personal responsibility for injustice, whether it be found in the courtroom, the boardroom, or the classroom. We must take direct action against injustice without waiting for the government to decree or a majority to agree or the administration to act or a court to rule in our favor. Our failure to act in this “defining moment in history” may allow for the greater prevalence and prolonged use of the language of languish.
81 Seconds
by Mike Victory, MDiv Student

81 seconds was how long we saw Rodney King. You could feel the beat, the blaring music, the voices of those who've been screwed. What were those Jurors thinking? You may ask as they let the officers go scott-free. It was an act of brutality and injustice. We all said so innocently.

81 seconds brought fire and pain To a city known for its human stain Shops were emptied from all the looting. My God! another drive-by shooting.

81 seconds-it went by so slow What really happened? Nobody knows. No respect for humanity; Red, Yellow, Black or White. Is it a matter for insanity? -uncivil civil rights?

81 seconds-what about God and all? It's been happening for a while, since the fall. In the image of God-humanity created In the incarnation-humanity demonstrated. Questions can be asked and comments cited Only by God's presence is humanity united.

Whitey Gets Schooled
by Craig Detweiler, SOT Student

"What can we do?" "How can we prevent such an awful thing from happening again?" "Is there any hope?" Such sincere questions have been bandied about classrooms, kitchen tables and church pews since Los Angeles erupted in a firestorm of frustration. I offer one example of reconciliation I encountered in hopes of buoying our faith and vision during a time when its easy to despair.

Three years ago, I "crossed the tracks" in my hometown of Charlotte, North Carolina. After listening to my fellow Young Life staff talk about their desire to see African-American teens get involved in suburban clubs, I decided to take a more pro-active approach than merely lamenting our all white ministry. I went to the inner city because I was convinced we white Christians needed the black perspective on Jesus. If I wanted to understand scripture, grasp the image of God, and know Jesus more fully, I had to leave my white culture.

I found that going to urban Charlotte as a seeker rather than a pseudo saint made a tremendous difference. African-American pastors graciously received me with well-founded skepticism. How many times have well-meaning caucasians brought their solutions to the inner city? How often have pastors had to grit their teeth watching whites put on programs for their "needy kids"? After several months of showing up consistently to ask, to listen, to serve, I was privileged to hear some hard, illuminating truth about the black experience in America.

Eventually, we began a Young Life program for urban teenagers under the auspices of local black churches on their turf, on their terms, with their teenagers. Rather than ministering to suburban kids who would not give you the time of day, I found myself surrounded by teenagers desperate for a listening ear, open about their need. I did not spend my time inventing more creative programs to convince kids Jesus was "cool." I brought whatever resources I had to urban teens eager for any hope we offered.

I invited my white pastor, Rev. Andy Smith to meet my black mentor, Rev. Charles Mack. Charles and Andy became prayer partners with Andy being consistently floored and stretched by the faith journey of Charles. Andy's heart became wrenched and his faith rejuvenated. Jesus really mattered in the inner city. Andy's sermons began to change, including questions about social transformation rather than simply personal applications.

This past fall, Westminster Presbyterian hosted Rev. Mack's Progressive Baptist Church at a united worship service. For once, all the pews in the expansive, white Presbyterian church were filled. Moreover, the Progressive Church Choir brought a celebration of Jesus that humbled the Presbyterian congregation. Now, civic leaders across Charlotte have committed to building a gymnasium, classroom and sanctuary addition to Progressive Baptist to serve residents of the "other side of the tracks." Those with resources have found a place with compelling need. Yet, more importantly, those with resources are being blessed, witnessed to, and transformed by the faith of their African-American brothers and sisters. God took one small trip across town and multiplied it into a ministry of remarkable reconciliation.

I am not a very "urban" person. I am not street wise. But, I have African-American friends who recognized my sincere desire to learn. School is "in" for those who have ears to hear.

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