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Presidential Address

by Maria McDowell, All Seminary Council President

All Seminary Council (ASC) President Maria McDowell addressed the following remarks to the board of trustees at a recent meeting. She has chosen to share her thoughts with students via the SEMI, too, so students know how their ASC representatives are advocating for them.

Much of what I would like to say to you today is not new.

In its strategic planning, the President’s Cabinet has spoken of a “culture of distrust” that exists at Fuller. As students, we perceive distrust between schools, between faculty and administration, and between students and faculty and administration. We experience the distrust among ourselves in the stereotypes we place on one another. Distrust affects our spiritual formation, the ways in which we receive the work of God in our own lives, and the ways in which we perceive the work of God in one another’s lives.

In response to our presentation at dinner last night, Board Chair Larry Langdon said that the world, and Fuller, is in a time of change. Fuller needs to discover its role in a changing world. I could not agree more. I believe that Fuller is in a crucial time, and there are important questions Fuller must ask itself. If Fuller is to prepare men and women for the manifold ministries of the Church, a diverse and changing Church, Fuller must take the issue of unity in diversity seriously.

Diversity is no longer an option in the Church, whether it is ethnic, theological, or cultural diversity. We need to learn what it means to be unified amidst disagreement, amidst challenge. If we as students are to be effective in the future, we must see unity in diversity taught, modeled and lived by the place that is preparing us for ministry. If what we see is distrust, we will practice distrust.

I believe Fuller must ask the question of how it has been unified in its diversity. How have the three schools worked together to make Fuller what it is? How have they aided one another in the past fifty years? Fuller has the reputation of being one of the best, if not the best, evangelical seminaries in the world. How has Fuller arrived at this place? There is no doubt that Fuller has had success in this area. The Urban Ministries certificate is an example of curricular unity. The shared book sale of the TGU and PGU provided an opportunity to work together. The many prayer groups on campus that draw from a broad range of students are places where Fuller has come together.

Yet Fuller must also ask the hard questions: What is the cost of three autonomous schools? How has there been conflict and mistrust between them? The difficulty of asking questions about trust and mistrust is that we cannot blame mistrust only on the structures, though the structures may contribute to mistrust and competition. Structures are simply tools we can use in a variety of ways depending on what we want to achieve. Trust is an issue of the heart.

I have been told that Fuller has considered its growth into the second-largest seminary in the country as a matter of faithfulness to its mandate of preparing men and women for ministry. I would like to ask, is continued growth the answer for the future? Fuller is known for its entrepreneurial spirit, constantly doing new things, being on the cutting edge. Fuller has always looked outwards. Perhaps it is time for Fuller to pause and examine itself. The President’s Council has spoken of the need for a “strong center.” I do not believe that a strong center simply means a solid Pasadena campus. I believe that for Fuller to have a strong center, Fuller must take stock of who it is, where it is going, and what is essential to its task. I believe that unity in diversity, exemplified by trust, is essential to a strong center. It is out of such a strong center that Fuller will be effective as it develops new programs. For Fuller to achieve unity, we must be honest about what we have done well, and where we have failed. Fuller must examine its heart, and we must be open to change, not simply outside of the Fuller community, but within the community.

The Rev. Bernice King ended her sermon at Fuller by telling a story of two banquet tables. Each of the
JEMS MUSIC MINISTRY
Annual scholarships are offered to seminarians who are preparing for ministry or a full-time Christian vocation. This opportunity is offered to seminary students who are members of or who serve in some capacity in a Japanese/Asian-American church. Applications can be either picked up in the office of Financial Aid or obtained by writing to:

JEMS Scholarship Committee
Mary Tabuchi, Director of Music
948 East 2nd Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 613-0022

The deadline for this scholarship is March 30, 1998.

LYDIA SCHOLARSHIP FUND
The Lydia Fund is a scholarship program for women who have experienced God’s call to becomeordained pastors in the PC(USA) denomination. You must have a least one year of work experience prior to seminary (volunteer OK) and a commitment to complete a Master of Divinity program. The application deadline is April 1, 1998. Applications and information can be picked-up in the Office of Financial Aid.

THE SANTA BARBARA FOUNDATION—JACK GIMBEL LOAN
10 interest-free, 10-year maturity loans of varying amounts are available for applicants who have attended schools in Santa Barbara County from 7th through 12th grade and are enrolled in graduate programs for the 1997-98 academic year. For more information, contact the foundation itself.

Vicki Wedmore,
Student Aid Program Asst.
15 East Carrillo St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101-2780
(805) 966-2345

INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
American Baptist ethnic seminarians whose initial language is not English may apply for these scholarships of varied amounts for which there is no application deadline. One can obtain eligibility information in the Office of Financial Aid. However, applications are available only through:

Rev. Perla D. Belo
National Ministries
P.O. Box 851
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851
1-800-ABC-3USA, ext. 2468 or 2462.

ROHSE INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS
While scholarships available and application deadlines vary according to specific Rotary clubs, many scholarships cover complete funding for travel, study, and living abroad for an academic or calendar year. Some local clubs are currently accepting applications for the 1999-2000 academic year, and deadlines range between March and July of 1998. For more information, visit the organization’s homepage at www.rotary.org (where details and applications are available for downloading) or write:

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International
One Rotary Center
1560 Sherman Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201

ACUTA Student Paper Competition
This is an opportunity for students who may be considering a career in telecommunications. This competition is open for all degree programs with a component of telecommunications study. Details available in the Financial Aid Office.

Financial Aid is located on the second floor of Stephan Hall and can be reached by calling (626) 584-5421.
NEWS FROM THE EXTENSIONS

Fuller in the Southwest

by Michael S. Moore
Associate Director, Fuller Seminary Southwest

It’s a well-known story. Naomi and Ruth courageously decide, under trying circumstances, to launch out in faith and place their fate in God’s hands. Soon they find themselves caught up in a whirlwind of change and challenge and redemption and celebration. In other words, God responds. He takes their mustard-seed faith and transforms it into something unimaginable, something literally beyond their wildest dreams. First he restores their dying family, then he moves beyond their domestic realities to the Creation itself through one of national ones, refocusing the dreams of an entire nation (through David). Eventually he goes an incredible step further and redeems the Creation itself through one of their grandchildren (Matt 1:5). The message? God seems to delight in taking Naomi-like dreams and transforming them into his own glorious image.

Twenty-one years ago two Phoenix women launched out on their own faith-journey. Mary Robertson and Carol Eaton dared to believe that God wanted to see a theological seminary in the Southwest. It was a radically uncertain time. The late 1970s saw a cynical nation struggling to forget the shame of Watergate and the horror of Vietnam. People were emigrating from the Rust Belt to the Sun Belt in ever-increasing numbers, for ever-increasing reasons. No one really knew if this “seminary thing” was going to work or not. But they had a steely faith—and their vision, like Naomi’s, has proven to be amazingly fruitful.

Fuller Theological Seminary in Arizona began its first class in 1977 with a handful of students in a borrowed classroom at the Morningside Presbyterian Church. Enrollments soon increased. A faculty board coagulated around the school and we moved to Valley Cathedral, another Phoenix church that wanted to partner with us. In 1985 the offices moved to the campus of Grand Canyon University, where a reciprocal relationship flourished for no less than twelve years. Here Tom Parker came as Director in 1988 with, as Tom recalls, “a phone and a Rolodex… and I had to share the phone!” Reformed, Pentecostal, and Anabaptist traditions have all contributed in some way to our growth, and God has powerfully blessed our feeble attempts at ecumenism.

Soon satellite campuses began to spring up in Tucson and Las Vegas, predominantly in churches served by Fuller students and alums, and students started getting interested in a new thing called IDL (Individualized Distance Learning). In 1996, Fuller in Arizona officially changed its name to Fuller Theological Seminary Southwest (FTSSW). We did this for two reasons. First, we wanted to articulate our intention to serve the Southwest as a region. Second, we wanted to lay before the Lord our desire to dream bigger, that we were beginning to become aware of the magnitude of the possibilities to which God has been asking us to respond. Cementing this, the Lord opened a door for us to relocate into the Phoenix Airport Center, a mirrored office complex only two minutes away from Sky Harbor International Airport.

FTSSW today serves 100 active students enrolled in 140 classes at three thriving campuses—Phoenix, Tucson and Las Vegas. Our students are bright, eager, hard-working, and absolutely in love with Jesus Christ. Most are already involved in ministry as pastors, chaplains, social workers, attorneys, homemakers, physicians, and in many other vocations. FTSSW offers three masters degrees, two of which can be completed in Phoenix. God has marvelously blessed us with dedicated, highly-qualified, hard-working adjunct faculty who teach classes, mentor students, and give generously to Fuller in countless other ways. FTSSW is now led by its fourth Director (Tom Parker, 1988-), its first Associate Director (Mike Moore, 1997-), and a full-time Coordinator of Student Services (Hartley Noble, 1995-). Our offices are computerized and networked. We publish two electronic newsletters and one quarterly print newsletter. We have a spacious classroom seating up to forty students, and we can increase class size at a moment’s notice by televising live lectures from anywhere in the world through interactive television. Pasadena faculty are separated from us by a mere 55-minute flight and two-minute drive.

Sola gloria deo. The Southwest is one of the fastest-growing areas of the United States. People flock here because of the wonderful weather and the affordable lifestyle. Businesses come here because of the unrestricted entrepreneurial climate. Evangelists come here to plant churches. Parents come here because of the wonderful school system.

Fuller is here because two Christian women dared to believe that God wanted here “an evangelical, multi-denominational, international and multiethnic community dedicated to the preparation of men and women for the manifold ministries of Christ and his Church.”

The ASC, The DePree Leadership Center, and the Spiritual Life Council present:

Three Streams of Spiritual Formation at Fuller

Tuesday, April 7 from 10–10:45 a.m.
in Travis Auditorium
All students, faculty, and staff are invited.

A public forum led by a panel of three professors:
Charismatic: Dr. Chuck Kraft
Cognitive: Dr. James Bradley
Contemplative: Dr. Janice Strength
MONDAY MEETINGS

The following groups will be meeting on Monday mornings from 10 to 10:50 a.m., with exceptions as noted.

Denominational Groups
This time is set aside for you to worship, for support, to network, and to connect with denominational issues.

American Baptist
Psych. Bldg. 116

Episcopal/Anglican
Preaching Arts Chapel

Evangelical Covenant
CFD Learning Center
465 Ford Place

Lutheran (all)
2nd Wednesday of each month
12-2 p.m.
Faculty Commons

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Payton 303

Reformed Church in America/CRC
Psych. Bldg. 120

Roman Catholic
Library Chapel, 10:15 a.m.

United Methodist
Psych. Bldg. 130

Vineyard
Travis Auditorium

If your denomination is not meeting at this time and you are interested in starting a group, and/or connecting with others of your denomination, please come by the Denominational Relations Office on the second floor of Camel Hail (behind the Catalyst), or call (626) 584-5387.

Other Groups

Japanese Students
(Anyone who understands Japanese is welcome!)
Psych. Bldg. 314

Korean Students
Payton 301

Messianic Jews
Glasser Hall, First Floor

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Submissions are due by noon in the SEMI office on the second floor of Kreyssler Hall (upstairs from the Catalyst).

Questions? Call the SEMI at (626) 584-5430.

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tables was richly laden with food from all over the world. Each table was surrounded by people. However, at one table, the people were wan and wasted, while the other table was filled with those who were joyous and full. Each table had been given the same utensils, and the only requirement for dining was that they use the utensils given. The problem was that the utensils were ten-foot-long forks. At the table full of starving people, they were struggling to get food into their mouths with forks longer than their arms, and obviously failing. At the other table, the problem had been solved: the diners simply fed one another. Is Fuller a place where we feed one another? We are a fully laden banquet table, with food from 80 countries and 125 denominations. We are an institution full of gifts. Do we feed one another with our gifts, our talents, our expertise and our experience? I believe that Fuller will have a strong center when it becomes a place where we feed one another. Is Fuller a place where we feed one another? We are a fully laden banquet table, with food from 80 countries and 125 denominations. We are an institution full of gifts. Do we feed one another with our gifts, our talents, our expertise and our experience? I believe that Fuller will have a strong center when it becomes a place where we feed one another, where we actively seek to bless and serve one another, across ethnic, theological, and school boundaries. We must share our resources, our power, our time, and our gifts. If Fuller is to be a unified body, we must live our unity in structures, and in our hearts.

Yesterday, in the Student Affairs Committee, trustee Barbara Skinner asked us what success would look like. It is an excellent question, but one that as students we may not be able to answer. We are here for a short time. We can articulate the issues that affect us. We can participate in discussion about the ways Fuller is succeeding, and we can offer insight and suggestions regarding how Fuller can change. It is you, trustees, President’s Council, and deans, that must set the goals for Fuller. It is you who can answer the question of what success looks like. You understand Fuller better than we do. I believe that Fuller is on the road to unity, though I think that there is a great deal of work ahead of us, work that will extend beyond my time here as a student. I see the beginning in the invitation to have a conversation over dinner with you, in student meetings with the deans, in the unified President’s Cabinet, and in the many student-initiated events and conversations. As trustee Stan Long has said, communication is crucial to this process. Good communication that is open and includes intentional listening builds trust. Please continue in your efforts at broadening communication on this campus. Please continue to invite your students into the process, and let us know about your discussions.

Fuller needs a clear vision, and I believe it is up to this group of people, and especially Dr. Mouv, to initiate and invite the campus into the discussions necessary for such a vision.
Stealing Beauty

At a recent concert, SWM student and Admissions employee Beth Meres shared with her audience her dismay at the decision to remove six trees from Barker Commons. Meres' latest CD is called "Tree," after the psalmist's words about rooting oneself deeply in God. We have printed here a requiem she wrote at our request and the lyrics for one of the songs from the CD.

"Like a Tree"

lyrics by Beth Meres
© 1996

I want to be like a tree
Planted by the banks of a rolling stream
With roots that grow deep in the water,
Leaves always green.

In the desert heat I will flourish.
Every tired branch my God will nourish.
Like the pine, the olive, the myrtle
So shall I be.

Chorus
For I believe in rivers in the desert.
And I believe in love that lasts forever.
And I will not be thirsty
Even in the barren places,
For I will be planted
Like the cedar and acacia. I will be a tree.

When I was young, people would tell me,
"You can be anything that you want to be;
Just trust in yourself and work hard,
And you will succeed."

But now all these years down the road
I see the vanity in what I was told.
To trust in myself is so empty.
I know what I need.

Chorus
In the wasteland the cypress will grow,
And in the barren valleys
New springs will flow.
So do not fear the heat
or the year of the drought,
For I am here to bless you, says the Lord.
I will make you a tree.

Requiem For Ex-Trees

by Beth Meres

An ode to plum trees do I pen,
Though it will not bring them back again
The trees that once our campus graced
Have disappeared without a trace!

Now Barker Commons looks so bare;
Only four trees did they spare.
And all this carnage was, alas,
Out of zeal to grow green grass.

Now the cool of shade is gone—
Too hot to sit there after dawn!
Blossoms pink and leaves bright red
We'll see no more, for now they're dead.

They sliced the branches, ground the stumps,
Then raked the dirt and smoothed the bumps...

...And forgot to tell the students—oops! I guess we just weren't in the loop.

So having told this story glum
I end this ode to trees of plum,
This ode to trees we loved a lot—
They once were here, but now are not.

"Spirituality: Catholic, Evangelical, and Orthodox."

On Saturday morning, March 28, Fuller's Southern California Extension will host a spirituality symposium (9:30 am to noon). We will ask, "How does each tradition understand Christian spirituality? Where are they alike and different? Can there be a common witness?" Our featured speakers are: Fr. Ray Skonezney (Director of Spirituality Programs for the Catholic Diocese in Orange County), Tod Bolsinger (Pastor, San Clemente Presbyterian Church), Fr. Steve Tsichlis (Pastor, St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church, Irvine), Dr. Bradley Nassif, moderator (Director of Fuller Southern California). Audience participation allowed; joint conclusions to be reached on agreements, differences, and prospects for a common witness. No charge! Light lunch following (dutch treat). To be held at St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church, 4949 Alton Pkwy., Irvine (714) 733-2366. For reservations call Fuller in Irvine (714) 975-0775.
CAMPUS EVENTS

Spring Book Sale!
Tuesday, 3/31 @ 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and
Wednesday, 4/1 @ 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Don’t miss the Spring Book Sale, on the 31st of March and 1st of April (the first Tuesday and Wednesday of spring quarter), from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Garth. This will be a great opportunity to buy used text books for your spring classes as well as to sell those old textbooks you probably won’t use again! Please call (626) 304-3764 if you have any questions.

Passover Meal Celebration!
Saturday, 4/11 @ 5 p.m.
Come celebrate the Jewish roots of the Christian faith with a Passover Seder in Payton 101. Tickets are $10 and are on sale in the ASC office and the bookstore. For more information, contact Melvin Spicer at (626) 798-3522 or Robert Wolff at (818) 788-2226. Sponsored by the ASC, Havurat HaMashiach, and Community House Churches.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Low-Fee Individual Therapy
Offered by the School of Psychology, beginning April, 1998, for those experiencing anxiety, depression, relationship difficulty, life change adjustments, personal growth. Ten sessions for $50. Therapists are first-year students enrolled in Clinical Psychology Ph.D. or Psy.D. programs. To assure confidentiality and to avoid conflict of interest, School of Psychology students are asked not to apply. Contact Fuller Psychological and Family Services at (636) 584-5555.

SOT Academic Advising
Attention, attention! The School of Theology Academic Advising Office will be open Monday evenings until 7 p.m. for the entire spring quarter. Feel free to drop in or call for an appointment at ext. 5425.

Are you a Fuller student, part-time staff member or alum who is pleasant and effective on the phone? The Office of Development Stewardship is seeking callers for the Spring 1998 Phonathon to help raise money for grant-in-aid and other Annual Fund needs. The phonathon will run April 6–30. Pay is $7.50/hour. We’ll be calling Monday–Thursday, 5–9 p.m. and we’d like you to work 2–4 nights per week. Paid training will be provided. Come to Human Resources (next to Amy’s) for an application or contact the Office of Development Stewardship at (626) 584-5695.

Attention PC(USA) Students
If you are planning to take the ordination exams in fall 1998 or winter 1999 and have not received a memo from the Presbyterian Office, please contact us at (626) 584-5582, or stop by the office to pick one up. Thanks.

Inter-Seminary Institute
Deadline: Friday, 4/24
The sixth annual City of Hope National Medical Center Inter-Seminary Institute training program will be held this year on July 6–17. Five students from Fuller join with three to five students from Claremont, USC (Jewish), St. John’s (Roman Catholic), and the school for Islamic studies for 80 hours of patient contact, lecture, and group discussion. Stipends to students completing the program will be $250. Apply at the Office of Field Education. The deadline is April 24.

Be a Barnabas Partner!
The Office of Christian Community is looking for encouraging, enthusiastic returning students to help orient new students to Fuller. If you enjoy meeting new people and building a sense of community as well as being committed to other members of a team, you would make a wonderful Barnabas Partner. Pick up an application and job description at the OCC on the second floor of the Catalyst building or call Cindy at ext. 5322. All applications due by April 24.

African, African American Forum
Tuesday, 3/31 @ 10 a.m.
On March 31 in Travis Auditorium from 10 to 11 a.m., there will be a community open forum with President Mouw and Deans Dymness, Guy, and Woodberry. African and African-American students will be able to have questions answered and concerns heard. We will also have the opportunity to hear the vision of our administration for African and African-American students. All welcome.

Field Education Preparatory Workshop
Thursday, 4/2 @ noon–1 p.m.
Participation in a preparatory workshop is required of all first-time interns enrolled in a field education course for the spring quarter. The workshop will be held on Thursday, April 2, 1998, from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Faculty Commons. For more information, contact Gwen Ingram in the Office of Field Education at (626) 584-5377.

Women’s Welcome Reception
Thursday, 4/9 @ noon–1 p.m.
Women at Fuller are cordially invited to an informal reception on Thursday, April 9 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Geneva Room (Payton Hall, above the Refectory). Light refreshments provided. Call Gloria Bradley at (626) 584-5455 to find out how returning women can welcome our arriving sisters. Hosted by ASC Women’s Concerns.

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Do you have a passion for Christ? Do you want to use your gifts in His service? Montrose Community Church (11 minutes' drive from FTS) is looking for individuals or an entire team of people to impact our community for Jesus. Four positions are open: Youth Director, 20 hrs./wk., $10/hr.; Children's Director, 12 hrs./wk., $10/hr.; Music Director, 12 hrs./wk., $15/hr.; Pianist, $90/ wk. Come individually or as a team. Call Pastor George at (818) 249-0483.

Summer Staff Positions available with Forest Home Christian Conference Center. Want to work with youth or families in one of the most beautiful places in Southern California? Want to be part of an incredible ministry team? Check out these opportunities for an awesome summer at one of the premier Christian camps in the country—Forest Home. Located in the San Bernardino mountains—fresh air, glorious sunrises, mountains, streams and flowing waters—all in a context of teaching youth and families for Jesus Christ. Applications and information are available in the Career Services office.

Services

Learn Piano from Expert Pianist. Mrs. Lee is now offering piano lessons for all ages. She graduated with top honors from National Georgung-Sang University with a major in piano and was trained at Tchaikovsky Conservatory in Moscow. She has experience training music and piano. Call today to set up an appointment! (626) 793-0546.


Getting Engaged? Or just want a reliable jeweler? Many Fuller students have come to us and it has been a privilege to help them. We do not sell to the general public. Walter Zimmer Co., wholesale manufacturing jewelers with 80 years' experience. Call (213) 622-4510 for hours, days open, and directions. Ask for Mel or Ken Zimmer. (Mel is a member of Glendale Presbyterian Church and is active in the healing ministry.) Please note: we moved our office in October 1997.

Tax Time: Tax preparer, licensed and bonded, specializing in ministers, Fuller students, and staff. Reasonable prices. Ask for Tom Dunn at (818) 352-8237.

Christians need cars too! SIDCO Auto Brokers serves Christian Colleges, Missions, Staff/Students/Alumni. This is our 12th year serving the Christian community only. Fuller hotline (909) 949-2778 or 1-800-429-KARS. "A good name is chosen rather than riches." Proverbs 22:1


**CLASSIFIED ADS**

**Baptism by Fire**

Heather Davis is delighted to announce a signing event for *Baptism by Fire*

Saturday, April 4th at 2-3 p.m.
Barnes & Noble, Pasadena
111 W. Colorado Blvd.

Dear Friends,

I'm sure this store would love to see you buy a book for yourselves and another for a friend; personally, I'd just be happy not to be sitting at a table in a crowded store all by myself while passersby ogle me like some sad zoo attraction. Even if you can't buy a book, please come for the moral support...it will be greatly appreciated!

Heather

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