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Seeking a Unified Community

By Tim Chang, ASC President

Thanks to all, especially to ASC Events Coordinator and GU officers and cabinets, who helped make the All Seminary ‘98 Christmas Worship a success. Students from each of the three schools had a wonderful time singing and coming to grips with the true meaning of Christmas. That night our differences did not keep us from each other. In spite of those differences we felt connected as one body.

What can we do to continue in this spirit of oneness and to experience more of God’s unity at Fuller? And how can we move away from disconnectedness and division? There are two basic things that we can think about: 1) do more united three school events, and 2) pray harder for our schools. We have an unfortunate tradition at Fuller of doing things separately in the three schools. We need to be jointed together. Also we need more prayer as a Christian community. Without prayer together the reality of God’s unity will be only a nice dream.

As ASC president one of my goals is to work towards a unified Fuller community. If you have ideas as to how we can better do this, drop me a note at Fuller box #1137, or you can post suggestions on the Board of Declaration. Also, if you would like to join a few other students and myself in praying for Fuller, you are invited to come. We pray on Fridays at 7 a.m. in the library chapel on the second floor. Whether you join us or not I encourage you to pray regularly for our seminary. Pray that God will bring us together in his united body. Pray that we can experience his blessing of one community, committed to his purpose and life.

A Mid-Life Crisis

World Council of Churches’ Eighth Assembly

By Robert K. Johnston, Professor of Theology and Culture

This is his third WCC assembly (Vancouver 1983, Canberra 1991, Harare 1998) as a representative for the Evangelical Covenant Church.

In celebrating its fiftieth year, the World Council of Churches met as a full assembly for the eighth time this last December in Harare, Zimbabwe amidst uncertainty as to its future. My wife Catherine Barsotti was chosen by our denomination, the Evangelical Covenant Church, to be its Delegated Observer, and I was asked to go as the Covenant’s press representative. Both of us therefore left on Thanksgiving day to fly halfway around the world to join with other Christians from all around the globe.

The question before the assembly was this: given the world we now live in, how can the WCC best be a fellowship of churches mutually accountable to each other? Having drafted a new mission statement, “Towards a Common Understanding and Vision,” the Council convened to project its future into the new millennium. Some had predicted controversy because of financial crisis, structural challenge, and the effects of downsizing (the staff has been cut by 50% since the last assembly). Others noted the threat of withdrawal by the Orthodox churches based on charges of heresy and a feeling of growing marginalization (the admission of many new Protestant churches has “watered down” their influence). And all groups recognized the presence of widely varying agendas and theologies, depending on geography, ecclesial tradition, present leadership, and the like. Nevertheless, the assembly proved remarkably calm—perhaps too calm!

The real crisis, as the moderator, His Holiness Catholicos Aram I, said in his opening address, was a widespread lack of interest in “institutional expressions of the ecumenical movement.” WCC General Secretary Konrad Kaiser admitted, “Efforts by member churches, mainly from Anglo-Saxon Protestant traditions, to
Financial Aid

This is Agent Jueles from the substation Finaidia reporting to the citizens of Seminary. I just want to give a special thank you from the bottom of my heart to all of the wonderfully pleasant and kind visitors to the substation this year. We really appreciate your warm smiles and generous kindness. Citizens like you make our millennium! This is Agent Jueles signing off.

Applications for 1999-2000 (Summer 1999—Spring 2000 quarters) are now available in the Financial Aid Office. Students must re-apply for financial aid each year. The application deadline for returning students is March 5, 1999.

SUPER STUDENT SAVINGS!
Students can receive up to $1000.00 in tax credit for qualified tuition and related expenses used to improve their job skills on their 1998 federal income tax return through the Lifelong Learning Tax Credit. Tax credits are subtracted from any income tax owed, so if you owe $1000 in taxes and have a $200.00 tax credit, you would only pay $800.00—a savings of $200.00! There are some income limitations and the credit is good only on tuition and related expenses paid after July 1, 1998. For more information, consult your tax adviser or visit the IRS web site: http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/prod/hot/not97-602.html.

INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
Please come to the Office of Financial Aid for information and applications. This fellowship program is for young American researchers in professional, policy, and public administration-related fields who want to develop a specialized knowledge of the NIS. Deadline: February 2, 1999

AMERICANISM EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE
Hello citizens of seminary! There has been a topic change for the essay contest! The new topic is “Should the United States Sign the New U.N. International Criminal Court Treaty—Yes or No?” This is your chance to express your view and possibly win cash for your expression. Please come to the office substation for an application and details. Deadline: February 5th.

THE LYDIA SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship is for women who have experienced God’s call to become ordained pastors in the PC (USA) and who have a vision of spiritual renewal within the denomination. Applications are available at Substation Finandia. Deadline: March 20, 1999

ASIAN & PACIFIC AMERICANS IN HIGHER EDUCATION
APAHE and the Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. seek to recognize outstanding college and university students who exemplify the spirit of APAHE by achieving academic excellence and demonstrating personal commitment and dedicated volunteer service to the Asian Pacific American community. Applications are available at the substation. Deadline: February 2nd.

WEBSITES TO CHECK
http://www.collegeedge.com
http://www.studyabroad.com
http://www.gradschools.com

Vandalism Concerns
There appears to be some vandalism of the Multi-Cultural Concerns Committee (MC3) bulletin board. Items, notices, and cultural information have been ripped off the board, including our mission statement. If any one is displeased with the MC3 committee, please call me and let us discuss your issues and see how we can resolve them. The MC3 committee is here to serve the cultural groups that are on campus and if there is a way in which we can represent and serve you, please participate. The vandalism concern has been reported to the Security Department. I ask if anyone notices the removal of items to please report that incident to the concerns committee. Thank you, LaRaine x5454, FTS Box—ASC.

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ALL SEMINARY CHAPEL
Come and join us this Wednesday, January 27, in the First Congregational Church at 10 a.m. as we hear a message from Barbara Eurich-Rascoe, Director of Student Development.

The Thursday Chapel meets in Travis Auditorium at 10 a.m. Cathy Schaller, assistant director of the Office of Christian Community, will speak. There will also be a time of praise and worship led by the Chapel Worship Team.
An Adventure at Fuller

by Gwen Stidham-North,
ESL Administrative Assistant and
SOT Student

Throughout our lives, our gracious God helps us to see what His plan is for us. Maybe someday we will tame wild tigers in Africa? Maybe we will be the world’s most daring belly flopper? Maybe we will sing The Old Rugged Cross in Carnegie Hall? For some, the idea of studying at Fuller Theological Seminary in the United States of America sounds as crazy and daring as roping bulls while you run with them in Spain. That is why we have an English as a Second Language Program at Fuller.

Fuller’s English as a Second Language Program benefits foreign students every year, most of whom are accepted on a limited enrollment basis. Their limited enrollment is due to the results of a standardized test that measures one’s English ability, called the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language). International students are required to submit a TOEFL score higher than 550 in order to be accepted as a regular student at Fuller. The students who score between 500 and 550 can enter through the completion of the ESL program.

Let me introduce you to one of our recent students:

Chi-Young Jeong is like most students on our campus whose route to Fuller was well mapped out by God. Chi-Young was born in Kyunggi, South Korea. As he put it, he went to church as a baby in the womb. He remembers his mother saying, “As long as you can breathe you must go to church.” Throughout his upbringing, his father hoped that he would become a doctor, not a minister, because his brother was already a minister. Yet, when he was a senior in High School, Chi-Young convinced his father that God really wanted him to be a missionary. In response to his call he attended Sungkyul Christian University (Evangelical Holiness). It was in this University that he first decided that he wanted to attend Fuller. He was drawn to Fuller because of its international reputation in the field of missions.

God, however, made it clear to him that he was first to start his ministry in the Philippines. Chi-Young became a missionary there after graduating from Sungkyul Christian University and finishing his army service. On the mission field, he met his wife Ok Yeon who was also a missionary to the Philippines. Chi-Young and Ok Yeon together dedicated nine years of their lives to church planting, radio station preaching, inmate ministry, and Bible School teaching in the Philippines. During that time he also attained his MDiv from Asia Pacific Theological Seminary and they had two children. After nine years, Chi-Young and his family felt led to return to their motherland of South Korea.

While doing Church ministry in Chongju, South Korea, a friend called him and encouraged him to attend Fuller’s ThM program. Fuller had been in the back of Chi-Young’s mind for many years. So, at that point, he applied and received a limited enrollment acceptance. The Lord helped him to get a student visa, and he and his family moved to Pasadena.

Chi-Young began his ThM study in the ESL program this past quarter. The ESL program helped him to read faster, take notes effectively, update his theological vocabulary, and write research papers. He considers his time spent in the program to be good transitional time for him as he and his family adjusted to their new lives. Having successfully completed the ESL program, Chi-Young is now enrolled in three courses.

Looking ahead, Chi-Young hopes to be able to minister to missionaries on and off the field by providing a “base” for them to be trained and refreshed. Chi-Young thinks that he will always be working on his English, as he started his English education later in life, yet he is grateful for the chance to sharpen his skills before entering the regular seminary program in Fuller’s ESL Program.

Chi-Young is one of many lives that have benefited from our ESL program. The program is content-based, so that a student will take 16 units during the course of one quarter and get seminary credit for up to 8 units. The program is not simply based on English but on Theology and Missiology as well. Our program is on the cutting edge of the field. We do not know of any other institution that is teaching content-based ESL on a graduate level. We simply center our listening, writing, and research classes around a Fuller Independent Distance Learning class.

Our main goal is to help students succeed in the every day classroom at Fuller. We are hoping to one day serve the greater campus which might be struggling with writing by providing a writing seminar.

One way that you can help us in our program is to be an English Conversation Partner. Conversation Partners volunteer one


A Mid-Life Crisis at WCC

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achieve unity by institutional, organic union have almost come to a standstill." The WCC was created in the "modern" era when overarching, transnational structures were thought to be enabling. But now in an increasingly "postmodern" context where local solutions are preferred over top-down decisions, churches are seeking to avoid becoming prisoners of artificial bureaucracies. In a season of anti-institutional sentiment, the WCC thus found itself in a difficult place: trying to envision what structures might best facilitate a non-structural approach to ecumenism. The results were predictably mixed.

The Centrality of Worship

The assembly had over 4500 delegates, advisors, staff, observers, and visitors in attendance. Participants divided their time over the twelve day meeting between worship, small group Bible study and reflection, business sessions, and seminars which highlighted a multitude of ministries. For me a highlight of the meeting was our common worship. To be in the presence of Christians who thought differently and lived all over the globe, but were committed to a common Lord and Savior, was strengthening of my faith.

As we met every morning stood a large carved cross overlaid on the map of Africa. As we sang hymns from around the world and participated in liturgies from a number of traditions, we were reminded of the vitality of the African churches by the drum accompaniment, as well as by the large choir made up of members of local churches.

A particular highlight for several of us was the opportunity to join one of the African Independent (or Indigenous) Churches for worship out in an open field near one of the large housing areas for the poor of Harare. Meeting under trees and wearing white garments, these charismatic Christians sang, prayed, exhorted one another, and celebrated their faith in Jesus Christ under the guidance of a local prophet. Though sometimes accused of being syncretistic, it might better be said that these churches have sprung up in an attempt to express the Christian gospel according to African cultures, customs, and norms. Their faith was vital and authentic.

If the initial decades of the WCC were characterized by vibrant theological discussion, and if the Council has in its last decades tended to find its commonality more around issues (in particular, around a common concern for justice, peace, and the integrity of creation), then the future of ecumenism might well be found in our common worship. It was our spirituality that united us in Harare.

The Council's Business

New to this assembly was the opening of the program to unofficial presentations from the member churches and related groups. These "open spaces" in the schedule were called Padare (a Shona word meaning "meeting place") and allowed emphasis to be placed on understanding and relationships more than structural or even doctrinal agreement. With arts presentations, debates on human rights, seminars on prayer, and presentations by member churches on current ministries, the fare included far more than any one person could assimilate.

As for the official business of the Council, some items were predictable from earlier Assemblies—the struggle to give women and youth a larger voice; sparring over the make-up of the 150 member Central Committee which carries out the business of the Council between assemblies; the expressed longing for fuller participation by Roman Catholics and non-member Protestants; the election of new member churches (membership now includes 339 churches and over 500 million Christians worldwide); and a focus on issues of mission and justice arising out of the host country's situation.

Other items were unique to this assembly. Konrad Raiser, the General Secretary, spoke of the need to "extend the ecumenical table." Observing that in many cultures, including those in Africa, a shared meal was an expression of community and was usually tied to some festivity, Raiser suggested that the jubilee celebration in Harare should be a time to widen the circle of the ecumenical community. In the past, the Council had too exclusively focused on overcoming the barriers that prohibited all Christians from coming together in the Eucharist. In the process of this effort, he suggested, it had not adequately explored how non-eucharistic breaking of bread might enhance our common fellowship. Thus in Harare a series of proposals were adopted to broaden the fellowship of the Council by not making membership an exclusive category for participation in its common life. In another major initiative, the Council voted to approve...
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The WCC chose Harare as the location for its assembly because it recognized that the future of Christianity is increasingly in the Southern Hemisphere. And nowhere is the gospel spreading faster than in Africa, which will have more Christians than any other continent in just a few years. Yet not all thought that this numerical growth was good. Some African Independent Churches also posed a problem for some in the assembly who questioned the orthodoxy of these newer churches that have rejected European paradigms in favor of more indigenous practices. The issue came to the fore when the membership application of the Celestial Church of Nigeria, a denomination of 5 to 6 million people, was turned down because some of its older pastors had been allowed to remain polygamous. Though the Celestial Church argued that its theology was Trinitarian and Christ-centered, and though it pointed out that to stop existing polygamy would send some wives into poverty and prostitution, the application was postponed.

The WCC also chose southern Africa, for it wanted to celebrate past accomplishments, in particular in controversial support of liberation and independence groups in southern Africa in the 1970s and 1980s. The WCC’s Program to Combat Racism, in particular, came under heavy criticism at the time for providing humanitarian support for liberationists in Rhodesia and South Africa. In what was perhaps the highlight of the assembly, Nelson Mandela made a surprise visit to Harare to thank the WCC and its member churches for giving him both a missionary education and health care when the government would not, and for being a champion of the oppressed and exploited. In the “inhuman days of apartheid,” he said it was the WCC who stood up to the authorities on his behalf.

Although internal Council issues preempted much of the intended discussion, the assembly did pass a number of measures with regard to the struggle now facing the African continent. It agreed to make Africa “a special emphasis” during the beginning of the 21st century and called upon the international community to relieve the burden of unpayable debt which is crushing social and economic life for all but the wealthiest of Africans, to reduce the arms trade, and to promote peace and justice in the Sudan, Congo, and other areas of conflict.

An Evangelical Response

As in the previous two assemblies, Evangelical participants met during the assembly to draft a response to the meeting. Although some members of church renewal groups from the US had come to Harare intending simply to be critical, a broader spirit prevailed. In a letter to the WCC, we thanked the assembly for expressing its commitment to form new relationships with Evangelicals, to continue the Evangelical-Orthodox Dialogue, and to institute a joint working group with Pentecostals. We also affirmed the vibrant African spirituality we experienced and supported calls for justice for a number of different international issues.

At the same time we expressed concern that the Africa plenary did not represent the biblical theology and vision of many African churches, nor did it highlight the importance of the family within African theology. In fact, the lack of serious theological reflection throughout the meeting was unfortunate and inconsistent with the mandate of the last assembly to build a “vital and coherent theology.” Finally, the theme of the assembly, “Turn to God—Rejoice in Hope”—should have led to a strong emphasis on mission and evangelism, but this again proved lacking, just as in Vancouver (1983) and in Canberra (1991). Evangelicals thus expressed hope that the WCC would return to its original missionary emphasis, affirming the original Amsterdam message.

Perhaps the Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, said it best in his sermon at the Anglican Cathedral in Harare during the assembly: “Are we going to seek unity in the service of Christ Jesus for the world or sink under the weight of division, controversy, and suspicion?” Calling his sermon “Crisis or Christ?”, Carey said that the word “crisis” should not be understood in terms of approaching doom, but rather in the biblical sense of decision and opportunity. We have the opportunity, he said, to decide whether we would be united around the mission of Christ in the world today, or whether we would turn the gospel into one of a number of single-issue agendas. Christ must be the center of our preaching and our work, proclaimed the Archbishop. It is this crisis that we must take on as we turn to God and rejoice in hope.

Joni to speak at Fuller

Noted author and speaker, Joni Eareckson Tada, will speak Friday, Feb. 5, at 10 a.m. at Travis Auditorium. Tada’s lecture, sponsored by the School of Psychology and the Office of Student Services, is entitled “The Whole Gospel for the Whole Body of Christ.” Admission is free and open to the Fuller Community and guests. A book signing will follow Tada’s lecture and a selection of her books will be available for purchase. For more information, call 584-5500.
Practicing Practical Theology

By Chris Yaw, ThM student, Practical Theology

It doesn’t take too long for many of us who study theology to have a conversation like this:

Parishioner: I hear you’re studying Theology, what kind of classes are you taking?

Fuller Student: Seminary is really exciting! In the morning I take Hermeneutics, then I go off to Exegetical Methods, before ending the day in my terrific Pentateuch class!

Parishioner: Oh, I didn’t know you were studying so many foreign languages.

So much of what we do here at Fuller can sound like a different language to our friends in the pews, and that’s a challenge I have wrestled with frequently as a Practical Theology student in the CATS ThM program. It is a direct result of much of this kind of theological reflection that led to my founding of a publishing company in July of 1998 called Living Words.

In his book Consulting the Faithful Richard Mouw reminds us that the Christian identity of the masses is often “tacky.” And that’s OK. We can all look at the things that brought us to Christ, perhaps a plastic Jesus statue, or even a bumper sticker, things that motivated us to ask those rudimentary theological questions which eventually led us to conversion. But now we may find that these things do not offer the theological depth for which we hunger. We want meat, not milk; things do not offer the theological depth for conversion. But now we may find that these simple cassettes.

Not long after that I began reflecting on a series of messages my Pastor had been preaching. The very idea of surrounding ourselves with God’s Word, of “marinating” in the words of Scripture was impressed upon me. The power of meditation on the Scriptures to change lives became even more real to me. If this can be such a life-changing exercise, how could this, practically, be done?

Those of us who’ve lived in Los Angeles a while know how much time we spend in the car, usually listening to the radio or to the CD/tape player. The idea occurred to me: this is time that could be spent in spiritual pursuits—why not take more Bible verses, arrange them by topic, then have soothing music played in the background? It would be a practical way to help folks “marinate” in the words of God. I went back to my computer, isolated verses by topic, and, like the Healing tape, produced 3 more titles: “Hope,” “Love,” and “Peace.” This time I hired a studio keyboardist to score each tape. After getting an artist to help with the design of the tapes, I began selling these tapes through Christian bookstores. They are now available in more than 350 stores from coast to coast—including the Fuller Bookstore.

This sounds like, and is, a very simple concept. Yet it is a project that would not have come about without the knowledge I accumulated in my Practical Theology pursuits at Fuller. Through my studies with Dick Peace I was challenged to think about practical ways to bring Christ into the routines of everyday life. Through my classes with Rob Banks I was challenged to think of the evangelistic potential of these tapes, and come up with packaging and marketing plans accordingly. And through my most important work, on Christ and culture, with Rob Johnston I developed the clarity of conviction needed for such an endeavor.

Perhaps the biggest lesson I learned from this project is to constantly think about what it is I’m doing with the things I learn at Fuller. Accumulated knowledge is good, applied knowledge is better—indeed, it is everything. Integrating our school lives with our work lives may sound like an easy thing to do, but it is not, it is difficult. Classroom talk isn’t street-talk and to bring these two together requires determination and concentration. We should not just learn the foreign languages of “Hermeneutics” and “Exegetical Methods,” but move ahead and translate them to a world that desperately needs to hear.

ESL at Fuller

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hour a week to meet with a student and talk informally in English for one hour. It is a great way to learn about another culture and to help another student adjust to campus life. If you are interested in being a conversation partner please call our office at (626) 584-5630.

The adventure called faith that we are walking in may not lead us to tame wild tigers in Africa but it may lead us one day to fluently learn a new language in another country. You can ask anyone who has tried it and you will hear that it is not easy. Our ESL program on campus is here to bridge the gap between the campus and the world.
CAMPUS EVENTS
Ministry Enrichment Seminar
**Wednesday, 1/27 @ 3—4:30 p.m.**

Dr. Mary Graves, a Presbyterian pastor, will present "Spiritual Direction in the Congregation: A Different Vision for Pastoring" on Wednesday, Jan. 27, in Payton 101. The Rev. Graves is a researcher and practitioner in spiritual direction, and will discuss how pastors can encourage spiritual direction in their congregations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
**ABTC Annual Celebration**
**Saturday, 1/23 @ 9:30 a.m.—noon**

All American Baptist students and spouses are encouraged to attend the American Baptist Theological Center’s Annual Celebration in Travis Auditorium on Saturday, January 23. Guest speaker Dr. Ralph Martin will address the topic "A New Testament Perspective on the Conflicts in the Church over Worship."

**Ecumenical Service**
**Sunday, 1/24 @ 4 p.m.**

Rev. Cecil Murray of First African Methodist Episcopal Church, Los Angeles, will be the featured speaker at the ecumenical service to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The service will be at the St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church, 778 S. Rosemead Blvd. (a block north of Huntington Drive). For more information, call (626) 578-6371.

**Food Assistance**
Fuller’s SAVOR (free food program) offers a free food distribution once a month to the Fuller community (students and staff who qualify). The distribution takes place on the first floor of the ISS office (behind the Hispanic Church Studies building) on Tuesday/Wednesday or Wednesday/Thursday of the second full week of each month (a full week begins on Sunday and ends on Friday). The distribution times are: 1—3 p.m. on the first day and 9—noon on the second day. To confirm dates and times for a specific month’s distribution, call ISS at (626) 584-5396/584-5395.

** Beds Needed**
The ISS office urgently needs bed donations (box springs, mattress and frame). If you have a bed to donate (one not broken or torn), call the ISS office at (626) 584-5396/5395 to schedule a pick up with our furniture coordinators. Please help us provide this very basic need to our friends coming from overseas this 1999 Spring, Summer and Fall quarters.

** Calls for Papers**
**Due March 1 @ noon, ASC office**

Have you written a paper on gender in leadership, ministry or professional life? By submitting three hard copies, a disk and your contact info by March 1, your work will be considered for a student research colloquium in May. ASC Women’s Concern, 584-5215.

**Epworth Christian Preschool**
A Childcare Subsidy is offered for qualified Fuller students whose children attend Epworth Christian Pre-School at the First United Methodist Church on Oakland and Colorado in Pasadena. Applications are available in the Office of Student Services. For more information, call (626) 584-5435 and ask for Randy Parks.

**S.U.P.P.O.R.T.**
All student wives are invited to the S.U.P.P.O.R.T. Bible Study and Fellowship class held every Wednesday from 9:15—11:30 a.m. at the Pasadena Presbyterian Church on the corner of Colorado and Madison Ave., 3rd floor. Child care is provided. For more information, call Laura McKown at (626) 584-6772.

**Leadership Conference**
**February 18-19**

Dr. John C. Maxwell will host Leadership ‘99 on February 18-19 at the Lake Avenue Congregational Church. Pick up registration forms at kiosks or call (800) 249-5598. Special $50 rates available for Fuller students. Group rates available for non-students.

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**Yeah, But Can M.J. Walk on Water?**

During all the hoopla about Michael Jordan retiring, one basketball player likened him to Jesus Christ. Just what do they have in common, beyond being the icon of their time? A lot, it seems.

**M.J.**
- transcended basketball
- revolutionized the game and saved the league
- consulted his father throughout his career
- made a $10 billion addition to NBA assets related businesses
- promoted shoes, sports drinks and underwear
- incredible hangtime
- performed many miraculous feats on the court
- two three-peats
- motto: “Just Do It”
- resurrected his career after a two-year layoff
- everyone wants to “Be Like Mike”
- received his sixth championship ring at his retirement
- a lot of pretenders but only one Michael
- the likelihood of him coming back: not a chance!

**J.C.**
- transcended life
- revolutionized religion and saved the world
- consulted His Father throughout His ministry
- made a 10 billion soul addition to heaven
- promoted faith, hope and love
- hasn’t come down yet
- performed many miracles during His ministry
- two mass feedings
- motto: “He Did It”
- resurrected after three days
- God wants us to be like Christ
- will receive His “wedding ring” at the marriage of the Lamb
- a lot of pretenders but only one Jesus
- the likelihood of Him coming back: I’ll bet my life on it!

*by James S. Kim, Production Editor and a sports nut*
This section of the SEMI is for the announcement of events or services not directly offered by a Fuller office or organization. For information about rates, contact the SEMI at (626) 584-5430. Note: Each person is responsible for checking on the quality and type of service before contracting or using it. The SEMI and Office of Student Services do not personally recommend or guarantee any of the services listed.

**JOBS**

**Part-time employment:** The Office of Student Services is receiving applications for a position to assist a vision-impaired Fuller student with class requirements. The paid position is for approximately five hours per week. Qualifications include: computer proficiency on DOS System, excellent typing skills, excellent proofreading skills, English reading proficiency skills, knowledge of theological reference materials in library, and have transportation to student's house. Interested applicants may inquire at the OSS or call Randy Parks at (626) 584-5435. Work could begin immediately upon approval.

**Got the gift of gab? Call us! (795-4814)**

We may have a position for you! Motivated, positive, talkative? You may love this job talking to churches across the country. Pays great—part time—helping others.

**Research Problems Solved**

Experienced computer programmer/statistician/researcher (18 years) has worked on hundreds of research projects and will help you develop a "survivable" research proposal, create a survey and/or quickly analyze your data. Results explained in plain English without using math! Assistance available for creating statistical tables and writing up report. Teaches graduate research courses at LMU. Solving problems in complicated and confusing theses/dissertations are a specialty. Provides easy preparation for dissertation final oral defense. Satisfaction guaranteed or you pay nothing! Fuller Community discounts.


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**Parish Pulpit Fellowship Award**

Applications are now invited for the 1999 Parish Pulpit Fellowship Award. The objective of the Fellowship is to offer graduating students with outstanding preaching gifts and a commitment to parish pulpit ministry an opportunity for broadening their experiences through travel and study to enhance their homiletic skills. Two fellowships will be available for graduating students. Recipients will be expected to travel overseas during the 1999–2000 academic year and will be required to complete at least two full semesters at a theological school of their choice outside the United States. Further information and application forms are available at the Theology Dean’s Office (626) 584-5300 or e-mail theology@fuller.edu>. Deadline for application is February 24, 1999.

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**Secretary needed**

First Evangelical Church Glendale is looking for a full-time church secretary. Qualities needed include fluent verbal and written English skills, aptitude on PC, administrative and organization skills. Salary negotiable. For more information, please call Rev. Siang-Yang Tan, Ph.D., Senior Pastor, or Rev. Alan Chow at the church during business hours at (818) 240-5633.