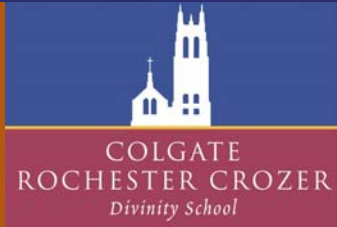


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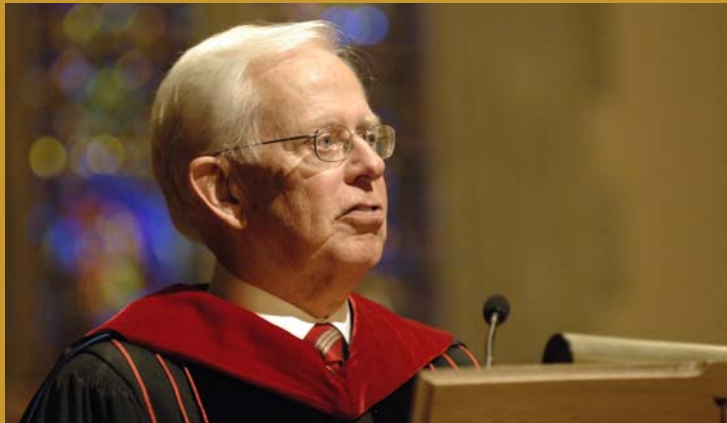
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PRESIDENT EUGENE C. BAY

As I look out the window of the President's Office the campus looks its wintry best as the grounds are covered with a thick blanket of snow. The Spring Term has begun, however, so we trust that it will not be too long before the lilacs are in bloom across the way in Highland Park.

I have now completed one year as President. I am grateful for the support and encouragement I have received from so many. The school is making good progress on all fronts.

The enrollment of new students for the Spring Term is the strongest in years: thirty-five altogether, comprised of degree and non-degree seeking students, and nine auditors. Six Doctor of Ministry students were on the Hill for two weeks in January. The number of potential enrollees who have visited the campus since last fall has increased markedly.

Dr. Mark Brummitt has arrived from Great Britain and begun work as the Assistant Professor of Old Testament. Professor Chris Evans has returned from his sabbatical. Interim Dean of Black Church Studies, The Reverend Adrienne Phillips, is leading

an extensive review of Black Church Studies, beginning with the PEARL Program. Our intent is to revise and reinvigorate Black Church Studies so as to be responsive to the needs of the Church in the early decades of the 21st century.

To that end I am pleased and excited to report that a campaign is now underway to secure \$1.3 million to complete the funding for the endowment of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Chair. Dr. Charles Thurman and Dr. Allen Paul Weaver, III, are the co-chairs of a soon to be formed National Committee. Plans are to name a Crozer Committee and a Rochester Area Committee, as well. When funded, the occupant of the King Chair will serve as a member of the faculty and as the Director of Black Church Studies.

A continuing personal priority is to enhance the relationship of the school with its alumni/ae. Director of Alumni/ae and Church Relations, Jill Bradway, is providing valuable assistance in that effort. I do hope to meet and hear from you at an alumni/ae gathering in your area. Our biggest challenge remains the financial one. If you have not yet made your gift to the 2006-2007 Annual Fund appeal, please do so. Your support helps to assure that CRCDS will continue to prepare women and men for ministry who are "pastoral, prophetic, and learned."

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eugene C. Bay". The signature is fluid and cursive.

EUGENE C. BAY
PRESIDENT

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May 11 and 12

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Prayer Featured Story

Gracious God,

On this day of beginnings, we pray for our students, new and returning. Provide those who study constant reassurance of your call within their hearts and minds. Enable our students to see how their presence on the Hill graces the lives of all who are committed to the ministry of this community.

We pray for our faculty and faculty associates. May your wisdom constantly renew us in our vocation as teachers, scholars, and ministers. Help us to instill within our students enthusiasm for the subjects we teach, as well as passion for the ministries to which our students are called.

We pray for members of our staff, administration, and trustees who have been equipped with special gifts that provide oversight for our school. Give to those who labor on behalf of our community an assurance that their presence here is a unique and sacred ministry.

As we commit ourselves to the semester ahead, remind us of the precious gift that you have given to us in this seminary. Enable us to look at our mission mindful of our unique heritage, but open our hearts and minds to the ways that your spirit challenges us to grow into the future. For it is in the gift of your perfect love that we give thanks for our shared ministry together, and it is in Jesus' name that we pray. Amen.



By: Dr. Christopher H. Evans
*Sallie Knowles Crozer Professor of Church History
and Director of United Methodist Studies*
[Adapted from prayer delivered at Opening
Convocation for the Spring 2007 semester]

Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School Eliminates \$6 Million Debt

Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School (CRCDS) announced that as of December 1, 2006, the six million dollar debt has been eliminated. CRCDS was able to payoff this debt with the sale of assets including rare books and real estate in addition to a \$1 million donation.

This achievement represents the commitment and joint efforts of the Board, Administration, and Faculty. CRCDS Board Chair, Annie Marie LeBarbour, stated, "Through careful oversight and prudent stewardship of our resources, the Board in concert with the Administration has eliminated a six million debt. Our balance sheet and our aspirations reflect an institution that is poised for new success and a vibrant future."

CRCDS incurred debt as a result of the demands associated with maintaining a state of the art graduate theological institution. In addition, the school has faced enrollment challenges over the last 20 years. In the 1980s, enrollment was at 275 and by the late 1990s; enrollment dipped to fewer than 100 students. Currently, enrollment is at more than 130 and continues to climb. CRCDS faced the challenge of tightening fiscal controls and spending while maintaining academic excellence. "It is clear to me that this new threshold was in large measure accomplished by virtue of dedication of the faculty and staff to the mission and heritage of CRCDS," said Eugene Bay, President of CRCDS. In addition, President Bay stated, "Every place



CURRENT STUDENT, SUSAN DODGE-PETERS DAISS

we've announced this, it's been greeted with much delight and enthusiasm. It certainly will have a positive impact in terms of contributions to the school."

In making the announcement, Chairperson LeBarbour and President Bay acknowledged the work of the Board's Finance and Investment Committees and the dedication of CRCDS' CFO, Darrell Jachim-Moore. President Bay commented, "It is no longer reasonable to ponder the school's future viability. Rather the question is how can CRCDS flourish? This new financial reality positions the school to regain its national reputation and status among the professional graduate theology schools throughout the country."

Emblematic of the school's stronger financial position, CRCDS recently received a \$1.35 million gift from Thomas and Georgia Gosnell. This gift will endow a professorship in Social Ethics. In addition, Edna Bennett Pierce gave a three-year \$75,000 gift to CRCDS, which will assist in the funding of the start-up expenses associated with the Gene Bennett Program of Life Long Learning. This program will strengthen the academic fabric while engaging alumni/ae, community leaders and other men and women engaged in ministry.

Board Showcase

Maureen Alston joined the Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School (CRCDS) board in March of 2004. She is managing partner at Harter, Secrest and Emery LLP, which was ranked number 1 nationally in the American Lawyer magazine 2004 Mid-Level Associate Satisfaction Survey. Maureen became the first woman to lead this law firm in the company's 100-year history.

Law is Maureen's second career. Her first was in social services. She received a bachelor's degree in history from Nazareth College in 1972. After she received her degree, Maureen worked with female heroin addicts at the Albion Correctional Facility in New York State. Maureen enrolled in the law program at SUNY College at Buffalo. She then joined Harter, Secrest and Emery in 1993.



MAUREEN ALSTON

Maureen is no stranger to the community, she serves on numerous committees in the Rochester area. She was recently a finalist in this year Athena Award. She was nominated because she has demonstrated excellence, creativity and initiative in her business and profession, has provided valuable service to improve the quality of life for others in her community and has assisted women in reaching their full leadership potential.

"I wish to thank Maureen for her dedication to Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. Her work continues to prepare women and men for ministry," said Eugene Bay, President.

Alumni/ae & Churches



From the Director's Desk

"We've Come This Far by Faith" is a familiar song to many of us. It serves as an anthem for those who have faced trials along life's journey, and experienced their share of heart-break and pain. This story is common to humanity, Job 14:1 reminds us that our days are few and full of trouble. However, as the children of God, we claim God's presence and guidance even in the midst of life's most difficult moments. It is true that we've had our share of trials at the divinity school, but we joyfully proclaim that we've come this far by faith! Faith has brought us safe thus far and it will be faith in God's ability to keep us, to sustain us, and make us flourish, that will lead us on in our efforts to train leaders for the church that are pastoral, prophetic, and learned.

I look forward to meeting many of you at this year's Alumni/ae Reunion Weekend, May 11th and 12th. My prayer is that it will be a time to galvanize all of us that name any of the schools that make up CRCDS: Crozer Theological Seminary, Baptist Missionary Training School, Colgate Rochester Divinity School, or CRCDS as our alma mater.

God's peace!

JILL BRADWAY, DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI/AE AND CHURCH RELATIONS

Alumni/ae Spotlight



REV. DR. EDWARD L. WHEELER

Rev. Dr. Edward L. Wheeler

M.Div CRDS 1972 (MAGNA CUM LAUDE), PH.D, EMORY UNIVERSITY
Edward L. Wheeler, an ordained Baptist minister, has been President of Christian Theological Seminary since 1997. Wheeler has also served as Dean of the Morehouse School of Religion ('82-85), was a denominational executive ('74-82) and served on the faculty at several theological schools. He is the author of numerous articles, book reviews and the book, *Uplifting the Race: Black Ministerial Leadership in the New South, 1865-1902*.

In December 2006, Dr. Wheeler participated in Harvard Medical School's conference: *Spirituality and healing in Medicine*. Dr. Wheeler presented, "Is Prayer Worth the Effort: Healing and Spiritual Perspective?" To read the Summary Statement for Dr. Wheeler's presentation, go to our website: www.crcds.edu/alumni/aenews

Alumni/ae News

Here's what some of our alumni/ae have been up to:

Rev. Jackson Wilcox

BD CRDS 1944

Since 1983, edits and publishes the *Christian Poetry Magazine, Silver Wings. HAIKU HIPPODROME* is the last publication, with a limited circulation.

Rev. Lloyd Applegate

M.Div CTS 1962

Recently finished two publications: *A Bare Bones Grammar and Adventures in Healing*, which chronicles his 30-year healing ministry.

Rev. Paul Millin

M.Div CRDS 1967

Since retiring in 2001, has been engaged in the ministry of spiritual companionship. He also leads retreats and workshops in spiritual formation practices for churches, laity, and clergy.

Rev. Robert L Mathis

BD CRDS 1969

Currently supply preaching for ABC/UCC churches in Westbrook CT. He leads a Repertory Singer group to retirement and convalescent homes.

Rev. Lois Rosemary Gremban

M.Div CRDS 1972

Living in Florida, has been invited by a local group to present a program based on her original songs inspired by Scripture.

Rev. Dr. Charles K. Hartman

M.Div CTS 1973

Has been pastoring the historic First Baptist Church of Swansea, MA. The church has been at this site since 1700; the founding pastor was John Myles, who Dr. Hartman has come to believe had more influence on Baptist development than Roger Williams or John Clarke.

Rev. Steve Hartman

M.Div CRDS 1976

Returned to the Rochester area in June 2006, after 17 years of pastoral ministry in Green Bay, WI. Rev. Hartman now pastors First Baptist Church of Penfield.

Rev. Alicia Conklin-Wood

M.Div CRDS 1986

Retired from pastoral ministry in 2005. Since that time she serves as the Parish Associate for Spiritual Formation at First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA.

Rev. Dr. Granville, Seward

D.Min CRDS 1982

Retired as pastor, from Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Newark, NJ, after 38 years. Dr. Seward is a Life-Trustee of CRCDS.

Rev. Dorothy Petrie

M.Div CRDS 1982

Completed the Nike Women's Half Marathon in October 2006, running in memory of 1985 CRDS graduate Mark Gurney, who died from lymphoma.

Rev. Carol Simpson

M.Div CRDS 1993

Is currently pastoring the International Church of Strasbourg, France. Before that, she was the pastor of The First Baptist Church of White Plains, NY; her first day on the job was 9/11/2001. Of her current charge she says, "We are small in number but rich in blessing!"

Rev. Gregg Murray

M.Div CRDS 1999

Serves as Senior Pastor, Southern Missionary Baptist Church, Syracuse, New York.

Rev. Allen Paul Weaver, III

M.Div CRDS 2000

Is working for the American Bible Society in Manhattan, as the Communications Specialist for an urban youth and young adult magazine that ABS publishes. In July 2006, he published his first book, *Transition: Breaking Through the Barriers*. It is an autobiographical anthology of poetry, short stories, and short essays.

George Payne

MA CRCDS 2006

Is working on a benefit concert series, The Blues of Darfu. For more information go to his website: www.thebluesofdarfu.com-our. He spent 2 months organizing the urban poor in Charlotte, NC. He counts it as the most difficult job of his life!

Kenneth L. McCarthy

M.Div CRDS 1971

Will be retiring from First Baptist Church of Brockport.

Richard N. Myers

M.Div CRDS 1992

Retired from Immanuel Baptist Church in December 2006.

Melissa Morral

M.Div CRCDS 2005

Melissa has been named Vice President of Enrollment Services at CRCDS effective April 21, 2007.

In Memoriam

Lottie Bennett Colson: BMTS '43

James L. Knox: CRDS '49

Madeline Porter: CRDS '86

Laurence M. Skopitz: CRCDS '06

Area Churches Convene on the Hill



REV. MICHAEL WARE, CRCDS 2005

On March 1, 2007, President Bay met with sixty area pastors, ministers, and lay leaders, on the Hill, to provide an update on CRCDS and to invite them to partner with us in preparing women and men for ministry that is pastoral, prophetic, and learned.

The crowd, also made up of alumni/ae and first-time visitors to the Hill, received President Bay's message with enthusiasm. Faculty and staff also made presentations providing an overview of the academic programs of the school and the school's recruitment efforts.

What's Happening

Upcoming Events at CRCDS

April 18 & 19, 2007

THE STANLEY I. STUBER LECTURE WILL FEATURE: Dr. Robert Edgar, General Secretary, National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA. The title of his lectures will be as follows:

THE UMBRELLA THEME: "RECLAIMING THE MORAL VOICE OF THE FAITHFUL MAJORITY."

"TWO COMPETING CHRISTIAN THEOLOGIES: ONE FOUNDED ON LOVE AND ONE FOUNDED ON FEAR."

"GOD'S CHALLENGE FOR DEEP-WATER CITIZENSHIP."

April 19, 2007

MORDECAI WYATT JOHNSON INSTITUTE ON RELIGION: Preacher Violet L. Fisher, Episcopal Bishop for the New York West area of The United Methodist Church, and Lecturer: Dr. Dennis C. Dickerson, Vanderbilt University.

May 11 & 12, 2007

ALUMNI/AE REUNION WEEKEND MAY 11TH-12TH: We will celebrate 55th, 50th, and 25th Reunions, we will also include cluster reunions for classes 70-72 and classes 90-92. The Reunion will begin on Friday, May 11th with an alumni/ae breakfast at the Montgomery House, hosted by President Eugene C. Bay. We will have our opening Worship Service featuring our outstanding alumnus preacher, Pastor T. Anthony Bronner, CRDS '92, Elim Christian Fellowship, and the CRCDS Alumni Choir under the direction of Catherine Benjamin, CRCDS '05. The Alumni/ae Luncheon will include a faculty presentation by Dr. Mark Brummitt, Assistant Professor of Old Testament Interpretation. For those who travel with irons, a round of golf with Dr. James H. Evans, Jr., is an afternoon offering. Because our Alumni/ae Reunion weekend coincides with commencement, for those interested, the Baccalaureate

service will be held at 5:30 p.m. Following Saturday's Commencement Exercises, a reception for the Class of 2007 will be held. The Alumni/ae Reunion weekend will conclude with a gala dinner where we will honor our distinguished alumna/alumnus and enjoy a performance by Gap Mangione.

May 12, 2007

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES:

Dr. Gayraud S. Wilmore, former Director of Black Church Studies, will be giving the commencement address at Asbury First United Methodist Church in Rochester, New York at 10:00 a.m.

June 7, 2007

TOWER SOCIETY MEMBERS SAVE THE DATE FOR DINNER: The Development Office would like to thank the Tower Society Members by hosting a dinner followed by a recognition program.

Faculty News

Professor, Gay Byron to Lecture at Howard University School of Divinity

Dr. Gay Byron, Associate Professor of New Testament and Black Church Studies in the Baptist Missionary Training School Chair of Biblical Interpretation, will lecture at the Howard University School of Divinity at the Annual Feminine in Religious Traditions Lecture Series on March 14. Her lecture is titled, "Manuscripts, Meanings, and (Re)Membering 'Ethiopian' Women in Early Christianity." For more information on attending the lecture, please visit: www.howard.edu/divinity/.



DR. GAY BYRON

University of Washington, Seattle to Welcome Professor Chris Evans

Dr. Christopher H. Evans is the Sallie Knowles Crozer Professor of Church History and Director of United Methodist Studies at CRCDS. He will lecture in the second of a three part lecture series to support public programming on issues relating to Religion and Contemporary Life. His lecture is entitled "Baseball, an American Religion?" For more information on attending the lecture, please visit: <http://jsis.washington.edu/religion/>.



DR. CHRISTOPHER H. EVANS



Academic News

CRCDS featured in Ithaca College Quarterly

CRCDS is featured in the current issue of Ithaca College Quarterly. The article highlights the college's new Physical Therapy facility on CRCDS campus, as well as possible future collaborations with CRCDS. Please visit www.crcds.edu to view the complete article.

The Lectionary at Lunch-Preaching with Preachers

On Mondays from February 5th-April 30th Dr. Barbara Moore CRDS '89, facilitates weekly collegial gatherings where preachers and students reflect both on "what went well" in the pulpit the previous day and look forward to the coming Sunday's common lectionary readings. By attending to preaching as a communal vocation undertaken in partnership, the hope is to deepen appreciation for the variety of contexts in which the Word is proclaimed and for ways preachers can enhance their own ministries of preaching. This series is open to all, just bring lunch to Kissel Lounge from 12:15-1:30 p.m. each Monday.

Maidstone Mulenga Awarded Religion Newswriters Association Scholarship

Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School (CRCDS) is proud to announce that Maidstone Mulenga, CRCDS first-year student, has been awarded a \$1,375 scholarship by Religion Newswriters Association (RNA).

The scholarship is given to journalists taking college courses in religion or spirituality. Currently, Mulenga works as deputy business editor at the Democrat and Chronicle in Rochester, NY.

Black Church Studies

Black Church Studies Program Advisory Board Formed

Rev. Adrienne Phillips announces the formation of the Black Church Studies Advisory Board. Recruitment of members included soliciting from faculty, students, staff, and community representatives. The group began meeting in the Fall of 2006 and convenes monthly. This group is serving in an advisory capacity to Rev. Phillips, who is the Interim Dean of the Black Church Studies program. The Advisory Board is assisting with assessing

the program and outlining the vision for its future. Dean Phillips would like to acknowledge the group for their efforts.

Members:

Melanie May
Vice President for Academic Life, Dean of Faculty, and John Price Crozer Professor of Theology

Stephanie Sauvé
Dean of the Program for the Study of Women and Genders, Director of Supervised Ministry, and Associate Professor of Practical Theology

Jill Bradway
CRCDS '06, Director of Alumnae and Church Relations

Community Representatives:

Anthony Bonds
Mary Sweeney

Students:

Elaine Hawkins
Larry Gipson

The Lilly Scholarship for Journalists program is funded by a three-year grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc., to the Religion Newswriters Association's non-profit charitable arm, the Religion Newswriters Foundation.

Twenty journalists receive scholarships yearly to study religion at any accredited college, university or seminary. Scholarships cover expenses including tuition, registration fees and books. Scholarships are funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment. Religion Newswriters Association (RNA) is the premier source for training journalists about covering religion. Its mission is to help journalists achieve excellence in writing and reporting on faith, values, ethics and spirituality in the news media. The national, non-profit and nonpartisan association was founded in 1949 and has more than 400 members and subscribers. RNF was created in 1999 to help support RNA with its programming and funding.

Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, and Transgender (GLBT) Lecture Held on March 26, 2007

Rev. Dr. Deborah Mullen CRDS '82, currently of McCormick Theological Seminary presented on Christian faith and GLBT experience. The lecture entitled "Peace of My Heart...Coming Out: A Womanist Reading of Texts and Testimonies", adds to the comprehensive offerings of lectures and discussions held throughout the year.



ELAINE HAWKINS

Black Student Caucus Retreat

On February 16th the Black Student Caucus, led by group president, Elaine Hawkins, held its annual retreat at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Rochester. About 12 students, faculty, and staff participated in praise and worship, songs of fellowship, and shared words of inspiration using the theme of encouragement for the day. Rev. Lawrence Hargrave, CRCDS '00, served as both a host of the event as Interim Pastor of Mt. Olivet, and as a participant sharing great words of encouragement for CRCDS. Interim Dean Adrienne Phillips delivered a powerful closing message of perseverance.

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VERIFICATION INITIATIVE FOR ALUMNI/AE

Alumni/ae will soon receive data verification forms by mail. It is important that all alumni/ae take a few minutes to review our information for accuracy to receive school communications.

Please contact Lisa Bors at lbors@crcds.edu or 1-866-573-4438 to provide your contact information, if you do not receive a verification form, or if you have any questions.

SEEKING NEW MEMBERS FOR THE HORIZON SOCIETY

One way to support CRCDS is through making a planned gift. Planned giving is the process of deciding how to best transfer your assets during your lifetime as well as at death. Popular planned giving options that ensure members a variety of tax benefits and support the school's mission include:

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To find out more about joining the Horizon Society, contact Daniele Lyman at dlyman@crcds.edu or 1-866-573-4438.

Malaria Kills, But Nets Save Lives!

Thanks to those who have been supporting the Divinity School Bookstore's used book sales, there will be twenty fewer families at risk for malaria in Africa. This semester, all proceeds from the sale of used book are going to support the efforts of Nothing But Nets, a charity in partnership with the United Nations, and other organizations.



Books

Books Available at CRCDS Bookstore

Eastertide: Prayers for Lent Through Easter From The Divine Hours

by *Phyllis Tickle*

Includes excerpts from the author's writings for daily meditations from Lent through the Easter season. (Galilee, \$9.95).

Lent and Easter Wisdom from Thomas Merton

by *Thomas Merton*

Includes daily prayers, scripture readings, and reflections by the author from Lent through the Easter season. (Liguori, \$9.95).

Misquoting Jesus: The Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why

by *Bart Ehrman*

The author explains the beginnings of scripture and the first scribes who compiled the holy texts, as well as investigates the motivations behind the alteration of certain texts. (Harper San Francisco, \$14.95).

What Do Our Neighbors Believe? Question and Answers on Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

by *Greenstein, Hotz and Kaltner*

The authors organize the book by concepts and investigate all three religions simultaneously. Topics include sacred texts, beliefs, and practices. (Westminster John Knox, \$16.95).

A Day Apart: How Jews, Christians, and Muslims Find Faith, Freedom, and Joy on the Sabbath

by *Christopher Ringwald*

The author chronologically examines the history of the three religions as well as gives commentary on current relations and conflicts between them. (Oxford University Press, \$27.00).

Christian Faith and the Truth Behind 9/11: A Call to Reflection and Action

by *David Ray Griffin*

The author examines the facts and fiction surrounding accounts of the 9/11 attacks, and reflects on a Christian reaction to the attacks as well as American Imperialism. (Westminster John Knox, \$17.95).

The Measure of a Man: A Spiritual Autobiography

by *Sidney Poitier*

The academy award winner reflects on the successes of his life as well as his spiritual journey. (Harper San Francisco, \$14.95).

A History of Women in Christian Worship

by *Susan White*

The author explains the sometimes understated and little-documented historical presence of women in Christian worship. (Pilgrim Press, \$30).



Rechenka's Eggs

by *Patricia Polacco*

This children's story illustrates the tale of a Russian lady and the wild goose that she rescues. Beautiful pictures make this book very appropriate for an Easter gift. (Penguin Books, \$7.99).

The Tale of Three Trees

by *Angela Elwell Hunt*

The classic tale of three trees' involvement in Bible stories is retold with beautiful color illustrations. (Lion's Books, \$16.99). Any books ordered from above list will receive a 20% discount. To order, contact Marge Nead at mnead@crcds.edu or (585) 340-9602.

Life Long Learning

Gene Bennett Program of Life Long Learning Coming to CRCDS

Through the generosity of Ms. Edna Bennett Pierce, a long time supporter of CRCDS, a new and exciting initiative will soon be launched. The school looks to hire a Director for the Gene Bennett Program of Life Long Learning. This program will again place CRCDS at the intersection of theological education and the social advocacy. The Gene Bennett Life-Long Learning program, through a series of lectures, seminars and professional development opportunities, will empower both the ordained and layperson. President Gene Bay comments that "This will enable us to implement one of the most important goals of the school's strategic plan and will be a tremendous boost to the CRCDS community."

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Annual Report

The honor roll includes donors who made gifts of cash or securities during the year beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006.

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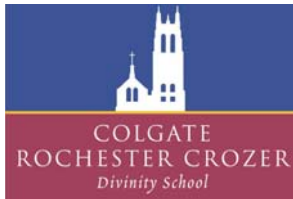
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