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COVER TRANSLATION:

A community called to prepare theologically educated, sanctified, Spirit-filled men and women to evangelize and to spread scriptural holiness throughout the world through the love of Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and to the glory of God the Father.

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The official seal of Asbury Theological Seminary is a picture of an open Bible with the following words which encircle the Bible, “The whole Bible for the whole world.” **This testifies that our founder, H.C. Morrison, had a heart for the whole world.**

One of the most important challenges I face as President of Asbury Seminary is leading in how to responsibly engage the world. The global Church is growing rapidly. The majority of Christians are no longer located in North America and Western Europe. The typical or representative Christian 100 years ago was a 47-year-old European male. Today it is a 27-year-old African woman. The church in Africa is growing by over 20,000 new believers every day! Christianity in Asia has grown from 25 million Christians in 1910 to 352 million Christians in 2010! Latin America, long a Roman Catholic stronghold, is dramatically shifting to more Protestant and Independent expressions of Christianity. In 1910, for example, Latin America had only 34,000 independent Christians. Today they have over 41 million! North America is experiencing a sunrise of fresh church planting. The immigrant communities in the United States represent the fastest-growing churches in the country.

If you really take time to think about these statistics, then you must recognize the overwhelming need for pastoral leadership here and around the world. Asbury Seminary can no longer afford to see itself as a training center for one or two particular denominations or for just one region of the country. We must lift our eyes and see the glorious harvest which God is calling forth from around the world. The great end-time vision of John where he sees men and women from every nation, and every tribe, and every people-group, and every language standing before the throne and before our Lord Jesus Christ (Revelation 7:9) is coming true before our very eyes!

One of the ways that Asbury Seminary is engaging the world is by forming global partnerships with

institutions around the world who share our vision. These partnerships will allow for a meaningful exchange of students, teachers, ideas, and resources. We now have signed partnerships with two schools in Africa (Kenya and Nigeria), one in Latin America (Costa Rica), and two in Asia (Hong Kong and India). Faculty from our overseas partnerships will be teaching in our classes and, in turn, our faculty will be teaching in their classes. This year alone we will have four Asbury Seminary classes taught overseas with our students sitting side by side with students from Africa and Latin America!

Why are we doing this? Today, Asbury Seminary must equip men and women to teach and to preach from a more global perspective. Our students must become more aware of the scope and scale of what God is doing in our world. Our ministry must increasingly become aligned with the greater story of what God is doing, not just in our own denominations, but also with many emerging Christian groups around the world who fully resonate with our commitment to the authority of Scripture, the centrality of Jesus Christ, and the ongoing power of the Christian gospel.

We are living in an exciting harvest time that is exceeding the wildest imaginations of those faithful Christians who first founded Asbury Seminary. May we be found faithful!



Dr. Timothy C. Tennent
President
Professor of World Christianity
ASBURY SEMINARY

CONNECTING

COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE GLOBE

IN AUGUST 1990 WE LEFT FOR KENYA TO TEACH AT NAIROBI EVANGELICAL GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY. NEGST was still young, having graduated its first class of four in 1986. And we were young. My wife, Jackie, had just graduated in the first cohort of Asbury Seminary's Master of Arts in Parish Counseling, and I was the third Doctor of Missiology graduate of the E. Stanley Jones School of World Mission and Evangelism. We were eager to join this new venture in contextualized international theological education under African leadership.

NEGST was founded by the Association of Evangelicals in Africa and Madagascar. Born of the 1974 Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization, the AEAM was a truly pan-African fellowship of evangelical churches and local associations. Nigerian theologian Byang Kato laid its conceptual foundation, casting the vision for graduate theological education, not only in Africa but in an African mode.

He visualized a contextualized pedagogy with professors and students sitting in dialogue, grappling with questions arising from the Greek and Hebrew Scriptures and rapidly changing African cultures. Early on, NEGST professors were not allowed to stand, lest standing lead to lecturing! Sadly, lecturing did creep in, but some of that founding ethos still prevailed in those days.

Although NEGST would be focused on African issues, it recognized the value of a global perspective. Our faculty colleagues came from nine different countries and represented the full spectrum of the evangelical world. This kind of international and interdenominational cooperation was unique at that time, as theological colleges were usually tightly connected with one founding denomination. Our students came from Ghana, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, Burundi, Congo, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya, Madagascar, and Sudan.

Faculty and students all lived together on a 40-acre former chicken farm. Three long hen houses accommodated classrooms, library, administration, and single-student housing. We all worshiped together in a warehouse where the previous owner had made dog food. Morning and afternoon tea set the rhythm of daily life as the entire community shared mugs of sweet, creamy chai and conversation.

Living in that laboratory of theological education in a global community was a rare privilege. Struggling with the inherent complexities of this model continues to shape my understanding of mission, the Church, the gospel, and my own personal journey with Christ.

Over the last 30 years, we have felt the center of Christian vitality shifting from the West to the South and East. The explosive growth of the Church in the Majority World, combined with the declining economies and populations of the West, calls for new strategies for uniting Christians everywhere in our common mission. Along the way we can expect moments of irony.

My own recent experience may provide a preview of the future: In 2003 I was ordained in the Anglican Church of Kenya. This would not have occurred without the active support of a former student who, 10 years after leaving my classroom, held my vocational future in his hands. Returning to Kentucky in 2006, we began worshipping at a new church-plant that was under the care of a Ugandan bishop. My bishop in Kenya transferred me (by email!) to his counterpart in Uganda so that I could celebrate Holy Communion in my own home state.

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NEGST has grown in the last 20 years and is now the School of Theology within Africa International University. Last year they received their charter from the Kenya Commission for Higher Education. At that ceremony, their Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Douglas Carew, quoted this African proverb: “If you want to go fast, go alone.

If you want to go far, go with others.”

It may be an African proverb, but it applies everywhere. I have just returned from meetings in Manila with a consortium of nine seminaries that are putting this into practice. Their Academic Dean will be visiting Asbury Seminary in April as we continue to visualize the role God may have for Asbury Seminary in partnership with them and their wider network throughout Asia.

The last chapters of John's Gospel remind us that the heart of our calling is to work together. Loving, patient cooperation in a hurried, competitive world will manifest the transforming power of the gospel in ways that heroic solo efforts cannot. As Phill Butler puts it so simply in his landmark book, *Well Connected*, “The Father longs for Jesus' finished work to be demonstrated in our relationships.”

Asbury Seminary's Strategic Plan for 2023 challenges us to apply this vision to the task of theological education, together, through networks of strategic partnership with other seminaries around the world for the sake of the Kingdom.

Mark Royster was raised in Louisville, Ky. He and his wife, Jackie, have served in theological education and pastoral ministry for the last 23 years, including 10 years in Kenya. In addition to his work at Asbury Seminary, Mark is the Associate Rector at St. Andrews Anglican Church in Versailles, Ky.

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2011-2012 Wesley Fund Goal
\$1,750,000

In 1923, Henry Clay Morrison started Asbury Theological Seminary with the motto, "The whole Bible for the whole world." How audacious to claim that Asbury Seminary would reach the whole world when Morrison was located in Wilmore, Kentucky, with only three students in his founding class.

Today we have more than 9,000 alumni on six continents, in 65 countries, and in 22 of the 24 time zones. Our alumni are taking the whole Bible to the whole world. For more than 88 years, people just like you have joined our community in this effort to impact the global Church. In doing so, you make it possible for students to come and be transformed both intellectually and spiritually. They, in turn, go out and impact the world!

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Will you join us in impacting the global Church?



Why Global Partnerships?

THERE ARE 1.9 BILLION PEOPLE WHO HAVE NEVER HEARD OF JESUS.

To reach these people we must strengthen the training of laborers for the harvest. Church planting is the new evangelism—there is no better way to evangelize the world than to plant new churches. And there is no better way to plant churches than to strengthen the institutions that train and equip laborers. President Timothy C. Tennent shares seven specific reasons why global partnerships are vital for the global Church.

1. The cross-cultural encounters between our faculty, staff, and students will equip them to occupy a global platform and will stimulate deeper theological reflection.
2. These relationships will force us to move beyond simplistic understandings of the gospel and expose many places where we in the West have domesticated the gospel. Seeing Christianity from a global perspective forces us to rethink Christianity and how it responds to major global challenges such as poverty, the challenge of major world religions, structural economic sin, and so forth.
3. Global partnerships will enable Asbury Seminary to move beyond seeing itself as merely a teaching institution and move to also becoming a learning institution. Lasting and productive partnerships require deeper levels of humility and patience, particularly in the area of listening. Learning how to learn, especially from those we sometimes subconsciously regard as inferior, demands deep spiritual change and repentance, as well as intellectual adjustment. It takes humility to turn a class over to a visiting professor who may not have published books, but brings a wealth of global experience to our students.
4. Global partnerships will challenge our home culture's understanding of success and force us to rely more fully on divine resources, providence, and power.
5. As our professors discover the global Church more intimately, they will inevitably learn things about their own discipline, such as church history or theology, that were not previously evident. We have told church history from the perspective of the Western struggle with the Roman Empire for so long, we forget how different that story looks if you are from the Han or Indic civilization where the unfolding of church history looks very different. Students from other countries challenge us with new questions and a broader frame of experiences through which they approach the gospel and specific texts of Scripture, forcing deeper reflection. This, in turn, will influence our teaching and learning on both of our campuses.
6. As faculty gain more of a vision for the needs and contributions of the global Church, they will become better equipped for encouraging mission awareness and calling in students. Ideally, professors would come to view students as potential emissaries of the Kingdom who will return to their context more fully prepared to preach and teach the gospel.
7. Finally, we are fully embracing what it means to be a missional Christian. We are devoting our lives and resources to the end to "make disciples of every nation." This is really about the great commission, which surely must have been at the forefront of H.C. Morrison's vision when he founded this institution to "spread scriptural holiness throughout the world."

How Global Partnerships Work ...

Visualize a bridge with two-way traffic. That is the way partnerships function. A full partnership involves a full two-way exchange between the two institutions in four main areas.

FIRST, TEACHERS CROSS THE BRIDGE IN BOTH DIRECTIONS. Asbury Seminary faculty are being sent to teach courses in our partner institutions and, in turn, their faculty come and teach an intensive class either in Wilmore, Kentucky, or Orlando, Florida.

SECOND, IT ALSO MEANS STUDENT EXCHANGES. On our side, this will mostly mean sending an entire study class to a partnership site with one of our professors to be taught right alongside the students in the host seminary. We will be offering these kinds of cross-cultural experience courses every year.

THIRD, IT MEANS THE EXCHANGE OF RESOURCES. We are sending our librarian, Paul Tippey, to our partner schools to train their librarians and to find ways that we can, through digital technology, strengthen the libraries of these institutions. We will be sending relatively inexpensive Kindles that we actually loan out, from our library to theirs, loaded with hundreds of theological books. Paul can literally walk into a library, open his briefcase, and with one hand give a librarian 400 theological books. On their side, they are sharing valuable research with our Center for the Study of World Christian Revitalization Movements on the global Church.

THE FOURTH IS CONFERENCING. We will be hosting several global conferences that will allow us to bring together leaders in global Christianity for mutual discussion. Asbury Seminary is bringing together the first conference this spring that will be hosting North American Presidents of seminaries to discuss the impact of the rise of the global Church on our curriculums.





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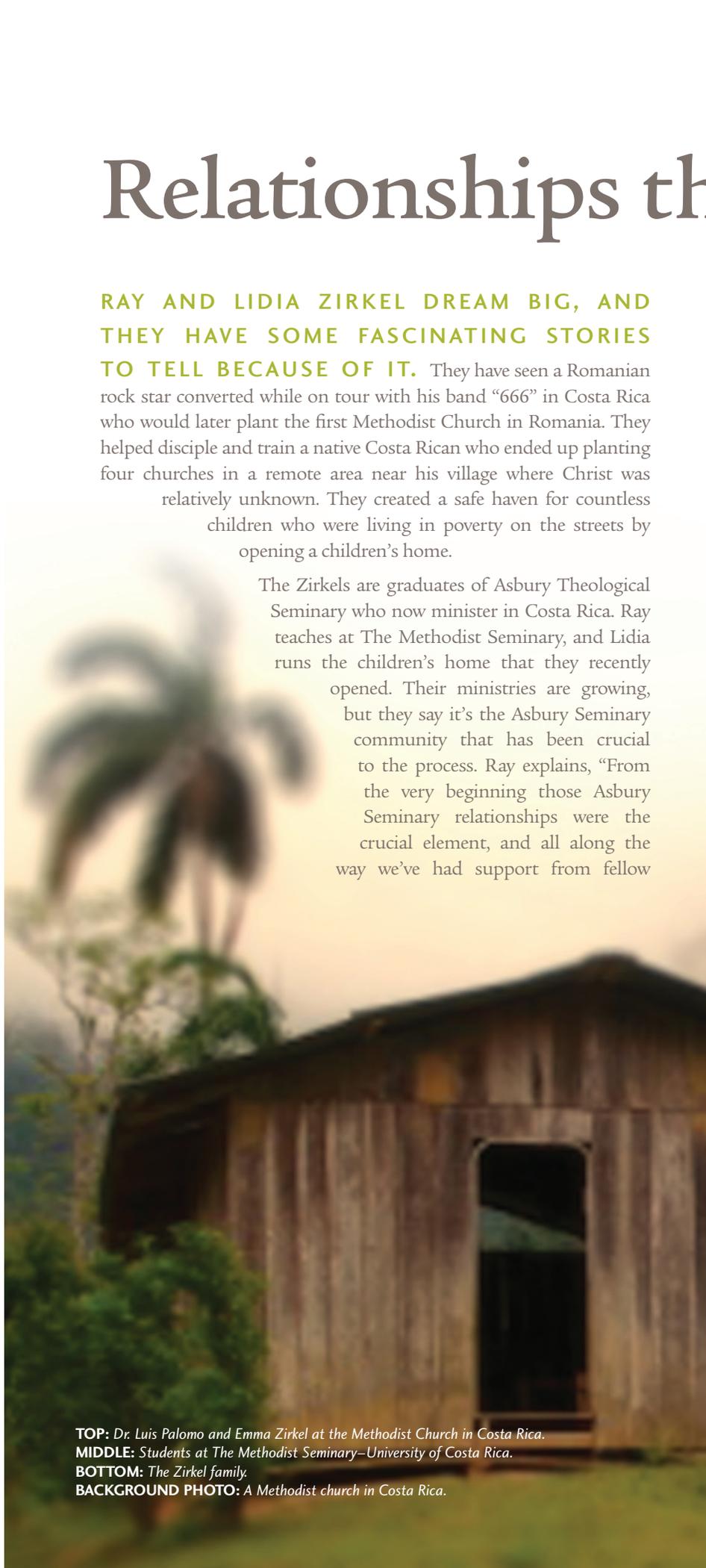
RAY AND LIDIA ZIRKEL DREAM BIG, AND THEY HAVE SOME FASCINATING STORIES TO TELL BECAUSE OF IT.

They have seen a Romanian rock star converted while on tour with his band “666” in Costa Rica who would later plant the first Methodist Church in Romania. They helped disciple and train a native Costa Rican who ended up planting four churches in a remote area near his village where Christ was relatively unknown. They created a safe haven for countless children who were living in poverty on the streets by opening a children’s home.

The Zirkels are graduates of Asbury Theological Seminary who now minister in Costa Rica. Ray teaches at The Methodist Seminary, and Lidia runs the children’s home that they recently opened. Their ministries are growing, but they say it’s the Asbury Seminary community that has been crucial to the process. Ray explains, “From the very beginning those Asbury Seminary relationships were the crucial element, and all along the way we’ve had support from fellow

Three Elements of a Healthy Global Partnership

1. It must arise out of relationships, not merely signed documents and Memorandums of Understanding.
2. It must be built around a shared vision.
3. It must be a two-way street. While some institutions may have greater financial resources, others bring varied expertise or resources.



TOP: Dr. Luis Palomo and Emma Zirkel at the Methodist Church in Costa Rica.
MIDDLE: Students at The Methodist Seminary–University of Costa Rica.
BOTTOM: The Zirkel family.
BACKGROUND PHOTO: A Methodist church in Costa Rica.

What Bring *Vitality*

graduates. Those who have graduated with us have sent teams to work with us, and others are part of our prayer base and financial support team. Those relationships have been critical.” It all began when some Asbury Seminary friends introduced them to another graduate of the Seminary, Bishop Luis Fernando Palomo. A fast friendship grew, and Bishop Palomo, who founded The Methodist Seminary in Costa Rica, asked Ray to come and teach. Lidia says, “When we first came to Costa Rica, all the relationships we had built from Asbury Seminary proved to be invaluable.” The global partnership between Asbury Seminary and The Methodist Seminary will continue to help build those invaluable relationships and leave a resounding impact on both communities.

“Ray always says education is the catalyst for changing the Church,” explains Lidia. The Zirkels feel that’s something they have already begun to see in Costa Rica. In 1989 when Bishop Palomo opened The Methodist Seminary, it created a shift in the church there. The Methodist and Wesleyan identities began to grow. “As that whole movement has begun, I see the strengthening of that local identity now being broadened and deepened through our partnership with Asbury Seminary,” says Ray. In addition to the educational contributions, the

partnership is helping push an outward focus on global missions. Bishop Palomo says, “All this has created a vision in the life of the Methodist Church in Costa Rica that is accompanied by the vision and mission of Asbury Seminary. Together, we are called to spread the Word of God and the message and life of holiness throughout the world.”

After nearly 20 years of ministry in Costa Rica, the Zirkels say they’re glad to see a formal partnership between Asbury Seminary and The Methodist Seminary. They say it solidifies the relationship that was there all along. Dr. Steve Gober, Director of Operations and Spiritual Formation at Asbury Seminary’s Florida Dunnam Campus, has been a friend of Bishop Palomo and the Zirkels for years. He says, “**The bonds of friendship between the leadership of both institutions stand at the heart of the relationships that will carry this agreement forward.**” With hopeful hearts the people of Asbury Seminary join hands with those of The Methodist Seminary and press forward to reach the lost across the globe. As Ray succinctly put it, “There’s no limit to the possibilities. We’ve just begun to scratch the surface.”

“Los lazos de amistad, que están en el corazón de las relaciones entre los líderes de ambas instituciones, son lo que llevarán adelante este acuerdo.”

— DR. STEVE GOBER





The Word Is Out (TWIO) ●
Los Angeles, California, USA

**The Methodist Seminary–
Univeristy of Costa Rica** ●
San Jose, Costa Rica

West Africa Theological Seminary ●
Lagos, Nigeria

Current Global Partnerships

Full partnerships will be established on every continent, and Asbury Theolglal Seminary leaders expect to form 10 in all.

A partnership with One Mission Society, an international mission society with ties to 38 theological training institutions around the world, is well on its way. And there have been talks with Booth College in Australia; United Wesley Graduate Institute in Hong Kong, China; and Holy Light Theological Seminary in Taiwan.



● **Africa International University**
Nairobi, Kenya

● **New Theological College**
Dehra Dun, India
**July 2012*

● **United Wesleyan Graduate Institute**
Hong Kong, China
**In process*

● **Holy Light Theological Seminary**
Taiwan
**In process*

● **Asia Graduate School of Theology**
A consortium of nine theological seminaries in the Philippines
**April 2012*

● **Seoul Theological University**
Seoul, South Korea

● **Booth College**
Australia
**In process*

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UNITY ACROSS CULTURES

MY PASSION IS CHURCH UNITY, AND A RECENT TRIP TO COSTA RICA SHOWED ME A GENUINE, BEAUTIFUL UNITY IN CHRIST ACROSS CULTURAL BARRIERS. During the final week of an Inductive Bible Study class on the book of Acts, my class traveled to The Methodist Seminary in Costa Rica. We had the opportunity to teach the book of Acts to approximately 60 pastors and students. I went to Costa Rica for the first time in January 2011. I knew that if I stayed open to what God had in store for me, I would have some unique experiences.

When I arrived in Costa Rica, I saw many things that I remembered from the first trip, and I looked forward to the blessings that I knew God had in store for me. Immediately I received a warm welcome from several people who remembered me—the cook, the bus driver, and even many of the pastors. Many of them told me how glad they were to see me again.

My first blessing came when the pastors asked if I would sing a song I had written when I was there the previous year. It surprised me that they remembered it, and it especially surprised me that they wanted to hear it again. The following morning I helped lead worship in Spanish and English with my Costa Rican brothers and sisters, where I also got the chance to sing and teach my song to the pastors.

God even blessed me through a little boy. My professor, Dr. David Bauer, brought his son, Chris, on the trip. He was not afraid to play, talk, and learn from people of another culture. He treated everyone the same just as the Bible commands. He kept reminding me of how we should treat others, how not to be afraid to step out of our comfort zones, and how to learn from the people around us.

By the end of the week, a classmate and I had the opportunity to lead a service at a local Methodist church. We were strangers to the congregation, but they knew we were Asbury Seminary students who had become friends of their pastor. Though they had never met us, they prayed for us and our ministries at the end of the service. I felt the presence of the Lord in that place.

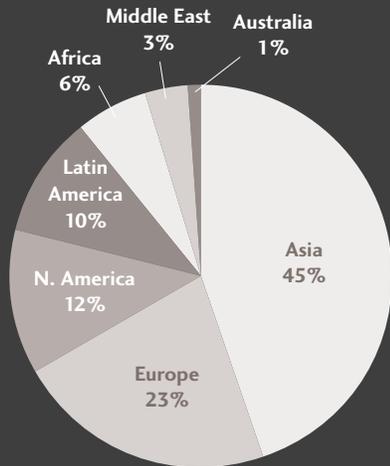
The most meaningful blessing came when we were saying our goodbyes to the pastors. One of the pastors came up to me and was singing my song. At that moment I knew that God used me during the week to bless someone else. It showed me a glimpse of church unity where we could all sing in one accord.

I am so thankful for the global partnership that Asbury Seminary signed with Costa Rica. Without that partnership, I would not have been able to go to Costa Rica for a second time. Through these opportunities, I developed friendships and partnerships for my ministry in the future. I look forward to taking teams back someday from my conference and my churches. My hope is that this partnership continues and that it gives other students the same chance that it gave me.

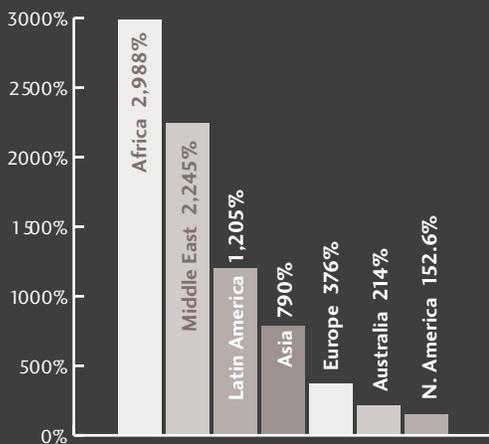


John Murray, Asbury Seminary M.Div. student, was among the first group of students to travel to Costa Rica since the signing of the Global Partnership at The Methodist Seminary—University of Costa Rica.

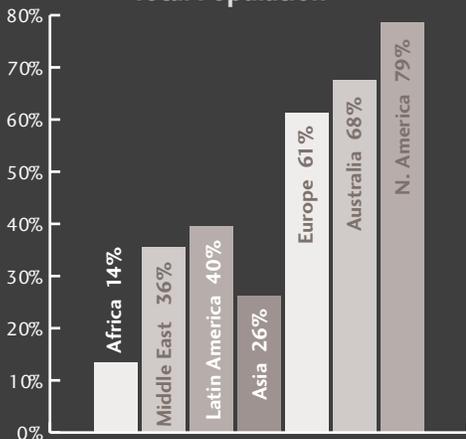
Internet Usage as Percentage of Whole



Growth of Internet Usage 2000-2011



Internet Penetration within the Total Population



Data taken from *Internet Usage Statistics: The Internet Big Picture*. www.internetworldstats.com.



Resourcing the Global Church in a Digital Age

Perhaps the most globalizing phenomenon in the history of the human race is the World Wide Web. Three words capture its seemingly limitless storehouse of content: instantaneous, everywhere, forever. Many are learning to approach the Internet as though it were an eighth continent. Yes, there are limitations to the Internet's capabilities, but the possibilities are vast.

Recent data indicate Internet usage has penetrated into 79 percent of the United States' population. Perhaps the more interesting story is the global Internet growth rate. While the U.S. leads in percentage of Internet users in the population, the rates of growth in the rest of the world far outstrip the growth in the States. As of the end of 2011, 32.7 percent of the world's total population had Internet access, yet that number grew at a rate of 528 percent over the past decade.

Given this opportunity, Asbury Theological Seminary, via the resourcing platform of Seedbed, is at work developing creative ways and means to position itself to resource the global Church. Though Seedbed is early in the development process, we wanted to take this opportunity to share with *The Herald* readers a few emerging projects.

The Seven Minute Seminary is an initiative to capture and catalog hundreds of thoughtful seven-minute mini-lectures on a full range of issues and subjects spanning the disciplines taught by Asbury Seminary's faculty and beyond. We've included a DVD containing a few of our first Seven Minute Seminary segments for your learning enjoyment.

SeedbedTV, a project on the horizon, collects stories of Kingdom interest, interviews with scholars and practitioners across the Church, and engaging presentations on issues intersecting faith, theology, and culture and then brings them into an online, on-demand format accessible anywhere anyone can access the Internet.

The Seedbed Academy, presently on the drawing board, will develop a catalog of courses crossing the spectrum of theological education and aimed at Church leaders, both clergy and laity. These courses will be taught by leading-edge scholars and practitioners with demonstrated teaching and training effectiveness in the local church context.

As Seedbed moves forward, we anticipate developments to emerge in several global contexts, most likely beginning with our established global partners. Visit seedbed.com today.



Rev. J.D. Walt, Seedbed's Sower in Chief, is the Associate Vice President for Advancement and Special Counsel to the President. J.D. has been with Asbury Seminary for over a decade and has served in various roles, from the Vice President of Community Life to the Dean of Chapel. He gives leadership to the vision, development, design, and human network of Seedbed.



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SEVEN MINUTE seminary

Enjoy this complimentary Seven Minute Seminary DVD from Seedbed. It contains four, seven-minute mini-lectures from Asbury Theological Seminary faculty members Dr. Ben Witherington, Dr. James Thobaben, and Dr. Joseph Dongell. Additional Seven Minute Seminary segments will be available. Visit seedbed.com to view all of our resources.

Fighting Hunger Across the Globe

An African child, only five years old, knows the pain of starvation. His flesh doesn't mask the ache in his stomach. Each rib is painfully prominent. He doesn't stand out from the other children, because they too feel the same desperation. This is not an isolated problem and these children are not alone. There are 925 million hungry people in the world. Almost 16,000 children die every day from hunger-related causes: one every five seconds.

That's why a new partnership at Asbury Theological Seminary aims to fight hunger by producing an online curriculum for Christian colleges and seminaries on global poverty and foreign assistance. The new partnership with Bread for the World and Eastern University in St. Davids, Pa., will make this possible. The coursework will examine the connection between Christian advocacy and U.S. foreign assistance.

"As Asbury Theological Seminary becomes more deeply engaged with our Christian partners around the globe, we want to follow in the rich Wesleyan tradition of advocating for the poor and marginalized," said Terry Muck, Dean of the Seminary's E. Stanley Jones School of World Mission and Evangelism. "We are proud to host a curriculum warehouse that will deepen our understanding of Wesley's commitments in this regard, and that will intellectually inform our advocacy efforts."

The curriculum contains four broad categories. "Theology of Poverty in Today's World" explores how Scripture defines poverty and evaluates the effectiveness of poverty responses coming from Christian organizations. "Should Christians Engage in Government" examines how Scripture defines the role of government and looks at ways Christians from varying traditions have worked with local, state, national, and international governments. "Government Initiatives against Global Poverty" outlines the nature of foreign assistance, the tools governments use to engage it, and the primary arguments for and against government-instituted foreign assistance. "Christian Advocacy for U.S. Government Foreign Assistance" analyzes Christian influence on government actions to reduce global poverty, using case studies of Christian organizations such as Bread for the World.

"We are thrilled to be working with Bread for the World and Asbury Theological Seminary to assemble materials that will ... help graduate and undergraduate students think and pray through issues of U.S. foreign assistance," said Dr. David Bronkema, Director of International Development Programs and Chair of the School of Leadership and Development at Eastern University. "We are delighted that Bread for the World is taking seriously those of us committed to the intersection of evangelism and international development."



To learn more about Bread for the World, visit bread.org

News

Phase Two of Kalas Village

With the start of 2012, Asbury Seminary is taking the next step to develop Kalas Village. Construction began in the last week of 2011 on phase two, which adds another 50 “town house” style units. A unique feature of this phase is the addition of a community center. It will have several amenities, including an outdoor basketball court, tennis courts, a volleyball court, and several gazebos for picnics and other social gatherings.

This family housing complex has been made possible through a generous donation from the Bill and Carol Latimer Charitable Foundation. This also helps make the units very affordable with competitive rental costs.

A dedication ceremony will be held at Kalas Village for the new complex after it is complete. Seminary officials hope to have phase two complete by January 2013, and students would be able to move into the new units the following month.

Asbury Seminary receives \$350,000 grant from the Henry Luce Foundation

Project to Explore Church Revitalization Movements in Africa, India, Asia, and Latin America.

The Center for the Study of World Christian Revitalization Movements at Asbury Theological Seminary received a \$350,000 grant from the Henry Luce Foundation for a four-year research project (2012–2015) called Emerging World Christian Identities: Transformation in the Urbanized and Globalized Context. The project will explore the revitalization of the Church in urban cultural contexts in the non-Western world, including Africa, India, Asia, and Latin America.

Asbury Seminary launches executive search for Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Asbury Theological Seminary announces the retirement of Dr. Leslie A. Andrews and the launch of an executive search for a new Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. Interested candidates or those wishing to make a referral can find more information by visiting dingman.com/AsburyOP_VP_AcademicAffairs.pdf.



New Chief Technology Officer

Mr. Patrick Gardella is Asbury Seminary's first Chief Technology Officer (CTO). Asbury Seminary recently created the position of CTO to lead its Information Technology department

as well as be an instrumental “conversation partner” in all technology implementations for the Seminary.

Patrick joins the Seminary after an impressive early career that included a five-year service in the Coast Guard (graduating at the top of his class) and over a dozen years in technology leadership positions. He spent 10 years participating in and leading a variety of technology initiatives for the Discovery Channel. Gardella also holds an M.Div. from Asbury Seminary and has served in numerous lay ministries in local churches.

Alumnus Robert Biddulph receives Distinguished Alumni Award

Asbury Seminary's Director of Alumni and Church Relations, Tammy Cessna, announces Robert Biddulph '74 as the recipient of the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award.

Bob and Sydney Biddulph have been missionaries to Spain with One Mission Society since 1977. Through evangelism, discipleship, and counseling, they have assisted in establishing several churches.

Bob serves as pastor of counseling and cell groups at the Chamartín Church in Madrid. Together with Sydney, they coordinate Marriage Encounter, a ministry that seeks to strengthen family relationships and provides effective evangelistic opportunities.

Florida Dunnam Campus endeavors to become a bilingual campus

The 2023 Strategic Plan of Asbury Theological Seminary envisions growing engagement with the Spanish-speaking communities in the U.S. and in the Global South. Moving toward the fulfillment of this vision, the Florida Dunnam Campus currently offers certificate-level studies taught in Spanish through the Latino/Latina Studies Program and is preparing to offer a Master of Arts in Christian Ministries taught in Spanish. In order to better service and connect with the Spanish-speaking communities, the Florida Dunnam Campus is endeavoring to become a Spanish/English bilingual campus.

In February, President Timothy C. Tennent and Dr. Geneva Silvernail, Vice President for the Florida Dunnam Campus, signed an agreement with Emily Harris, Florida Dunnam Campus National Recruiter, to participate in a Spanish Immersion course. She will travel to San Jose, Costa Rica, where she will spend five weeks at the Spanish Language Institute learning basic conversational Spanish.

New Center Opens on the Florida Dunnam Campus

There are some exciting additions and changes for Asbury Seminary's Center for the Study of World Christian Revitalization Movements. Dr. James Miller was recently installed as the new Director, and a new office for the Center is opening on the Florida Dunnam Campus.

The Center tracks renewals in the global Church through consultations and assisting the research of graduate students. Dr. Miller says equipping leaders for the next generation of God's work is vital to the Center's calling. “We will ask how theological education can be shaped to strengthen what God is already doing on the ground.”

The Center is nearing the completion of a research project that will soon be published. With the success of that project, the Center was granted additional funding that will support a series of consultations in four major cities in the Global South and East between 2013 and 2016.

News



Dr. Geneva Silvernail participates in events at Melanesia Nazarene Bible College in Papua New Guinea

Dr. Geneva Silvernail, Vice President of the Florida Dunnam Campus, spoke at the Commissioning Service and participated in the hooding ceremony at Melanesia Nazarene Bible College in Papua New Guinea Nov. 27, 2011.



Dr. Ken Collins lectures on John Wesley

Dr. Kenneth J. Collins, Professor of Historical Theology and Wesley Studies, lectured on the life and thought of John Wesley in Sydney, Melbourne, and Brisbane, Australia, among Methodists, Salvationists, and Nazarenes. In this work he helped to strengthen the ties between the Australian Centre for Wesleyan Research and the Wesleyan Studies Summer Seminar.



Dr. Daryl Smith elected Co-chair of the Evangelical Association for Theological Field Educators

Dr. Daryl Smith, Associate Professor of Mentored Ministry and Christian Leadership, has been elected Co-chair of the Evangelical Association for Theological Field Educators. Smith has been a member of EATFE for several years and was recently chosen as Co-chair along with Dipa Hart of Dallas Theological Seminary. Smith says, "They are good friends with a passion for Mentored (Field Education) Ministry. We all work together to help one another grow spiritually and grow in ministry."



Dr. Mike Pasquarello speaks at the Wesleyan Theological Forum

Dr. Mike Pasquarello, Granger E. and Anna A. Fisher Professor of Preaching, was the speaker for the Wesleyan Theological Forum of the Indiana Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church. Addressing a gathering of ordained ministers, local pastors, and lay speakers, the topic of Dr. Pasquarello's presentation was "John Wesley on Preaching Christ."



Dr. John Oswalt lectures in Nigeria

Dr. John Oswalt, Visiting Distinguished Professor of Old Testament, delivered a lecture on "The Art of Bible Translation" at the Year of the Bible Celebration in the capital city of Abujah on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011. He also taught a two-week module on the prophets at West Africa Theological Seminary in Lagos.

Dr. John Oswalt's book licensed to Logos Bible Software

Asbury Seminary is pleased to announce that Dr. John Oswalt's *The Bible Among the Myths* is one of the Zondervan books that has been licensed to Logos Bible Software to be included in its software library. In this book, which was published in 2009, and growing out of his course "Myth and History," Dr. Oswalt argues that the Bible's unique understanding of reality is a strong argument for the Bible's claim to have been revealed by God.



Board member Rev. Edmund Robb III receives award

An Asbury Seminary Board member has received an award, but he says it was a family tie that made it especially memorable. Reverend Edmund Robb III was granted the 2011 Distinguished Evangelist of The United Methodist Church award. Robb's father, Dr. Edmund Robb, Jr. won the same award 22 years ago.

Robb is the founding pastor of The Woodlands United Methodist Church in The Woodlands, Texas.



José Hernández named Director for the Escuela Hispana de Misiones Transculturales

The Reverend José C. Hernández, Operations Support Staff/Receptionist at Asbury Theological Seminary's Florida Dunnam Campus, has been named the new Director for the Escuela Hispana de Misiones Transculturales (EHMIT) or the Hispanic School of Transcultural Missions. This school based in Orlando, Fla., is the first Latino school of global missions in the country and it has been in operation since 2004. Currently, the school offices are located at the Wycliffe Bible Translators headquarters in Orlando.



Affiliate Professor Dr. Philip Tallon to be a Visiting Instructor at Caribbean Wesleyan College

Dr. Philip Tallon, Affiliate Professor of Philosophy and Religion, will be a visiting faculty member at Caribbean Wesleyan College in May 2012. He will be teaching Philosophy of Religion, a course he currently teaches at Asbury Seminary, for the school in Jamaica.

Events



Restoration of the Sabbath Retreat

April 19–22, 2012

Epworth by the Sea,
St. Simon's Island, Georgia

A peaceful environment can bring a person closer to God. Join us to step away from a chaotic world and into a quiet place of refreshment. Reg Johnson, Marilyn Elliott, and J.D. Walt will be guiding this long weekend on restoring the practice of Sabbath in our lives.

Leadercast

May 4, 2012



McKenna Chapel,
Asbury Seminary Kentucky Campus

The choices you make define the leader you become. Join us to watch a live broadcast from Atlanta to learn from leaders like Andy Stanley, John Maxwell, and Patrick Lengioni. This event is sponsored in part by Asbury University.

For more information or to register for Asbury Seminary events, visit asburyseminary.edu/lifelong-learning or call 888.5BEESON.

Tennent TOUR

Please join President Timothy C. Tennent as he shares the Asbury Seminary vision in your area. Tennent Tours are well under way, so mark your calendar now! At each of his stops, Dr. Tennent is honored to be speaking at various Saturday evening and Sunday morning services.

June 8–10: Hickory, North Carolina

September 8–10: Orlando, Florida

October 13–14: Mt. Pisgah, Georgia

November 16–18: El Paso, Texas

For event schedule, reservations, and information, contact 877.PRAY.ATS (772.9287) or major.events@asburyseminary.edu.

United Methodist General Conference FREE Alumni Luncheon

12:30–2 p.m., May 1, 2012

Tampa, Florida

Wesleyan General Conference FREE Alumni Dinner

5–6:30 p.m., June 4, 2012

Lexington, Kentucky

Be sure to stop by the Asbury Seminary booth!

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PREPARING FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS

Asbury Theological Seminary is pleased to announce that the 2023 Strategic Plan was unanimously approved by the plenary faculty, the Strategic Planning Council, and the Board of Trustees during the January Board of Trustees meeting. Look for more information coming soon in the Fall edition of *The Herald*.





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Impacting the world ...

Rhonda Stapleton, Asbury Seminary M.Div. graduate, is impacting the world through Samaritan Village, a residential home for women trapped in prostitution and drugs in Orlando, Florida. Her education at Asbury Seminary helped her develop a faith-based, nine-month program to help women break the cycle. As part of this program, Stapleton has opened a thrift store called Transitions, to teach the women business skills. **People's lives are being changed.**

Asbury Seminary offers a wide range of M.Div., M.A., D.Min, Th.M., and Ph.D. degrees, allowing you the opportunity to join in the mission to evangelize and spread scriptural holiness throughout the world.



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