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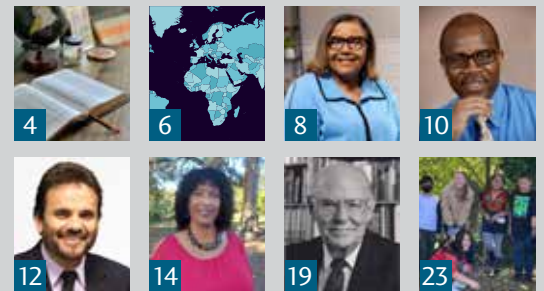
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## The Whole Bible for the Whole World



When H. C. Morrison became the founding President of Asbury Theological Seminary he established the official seal of the seminary. At the center of the seal is a shield which is a symbol of academic excellence. Superimposed on the shield is the open Bible, representing the centrality of God's revelation in

all learning. Around the shield and Bible is the founding motto of the Seminary: *The Whole Bible for the Whole World*. What exactly does this mean? The first part of the motto, "The Whole Bible" would not have required a lot of explanation to the earliest supporters and students of the seminary since it was one of the defining phrases of the holiness movement out of which Asbury Theological Seminary was birthed. One of the problems which has plagued the church for many centuries is when the church God only listens to *parts* of the Bible, rather than the *whole* counsel of God as revealed in and through His holy Word. Usually, when a revival breaks out, it is because some previously neglected truths from the Bible were recovered, stimulating renewal. The neglected truth which fueled the holiness movement and the life of H. C. Morrison was the doctrine of sanctification. The post-Reformation church had placed such a strong emphasis upon the centrality of Christ and His work in justifying sinners through grace, that there grew a gradual neglect of what happens *after* someone becomes justified; namely the work of sanctification and the empowering work of the Holy Spirit to make us holy. Thus, the phrase "The Whole Bible" was short-hand for saying that we not only believe in *justifying* grace, but we also believe in *sanctifying* grace. In other words, we believe in the *whole* message of salvation which includes both justification (forgiving sinners) and sanctification (making sinners holy). Today, with the serious decline of holiness in the church, this message is as important today as it was in 1923. Indeed, at its most basic level, our founding motto demonstrates the undiminishing commitment of Asbury Theological



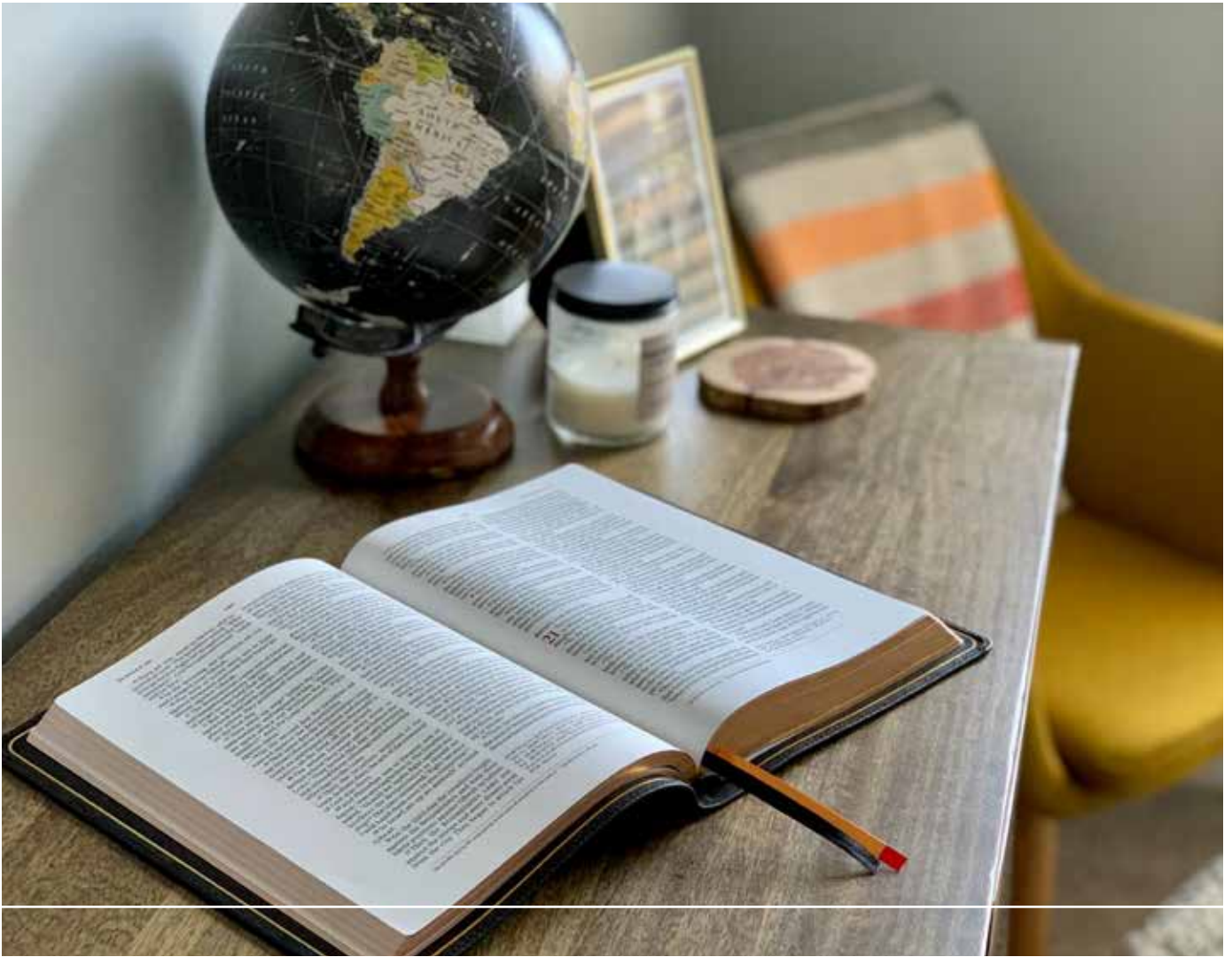
Seminary to remain faithful to the Word of God. This is the great miracle of Asbury Theological Seminary: After almost 100 years of service, we remain as committed to the Word of God as we were at our founding. This is one of the great hallmarks of the Seminary.

The second part of our founding motto is the phrase, "the Whole World." The inclusion of this phrase is a great testimony to the vision of our beloved founder. When Morrison first started the seminary on the campus of what was then Asbury College, he began with only *three* students! How amazing that with only three students he made the founding motto, "The Whole Bible for the Whole World." But, even with those humble beginnings he understood that the gospel of Jesus Christ is, by definition, global. The Great Commission of Jesus Christ requires it. The lostness of the world compels it. The

love of Christ propels it. If the message of the gospel is truly true, then it will inevitably bring us to the ends of the earth. By 1927, the Seminary was enrolling its first international students and today our graduates span every continent and time zone in the world, since many of our graduates even work as chaplains in the Navy. The sun never sets on Asbury Seminary graduates serving Christ around the world! The little "spark" which began with our founding motto has today become an awe-inspiring reality, the spreading flame of holiness and transformation which has encircled the world. Our mission statement

calls us to "spread scriptural holiness throughout the world." That phrase was inspired by our founding motto: The Whole Bible for the Whole World. This is why today, Asbury Seminary graduates with a deep heart for the Word of God are found all over the world extending the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!

Dr. Timothy C. Tennent  
President, Professor of World Christianity



# THE WHOLE BIBLE FOR THE WHOLE WORLD

*By Dr. David R. Bauer*

## From the very beginning the motto of Asbury Theological Seminary has been “The Whole Bible for the Whole World.” But it is more than just a motto. It expresses our essential vision of what our Christian faith is all about.

But exactly what do we have in mind when we affirm, “The Whole Bible for the Whole World”?

For one thing, the consideration that the subject of this motto is “the Bible” reminds us of the centrality of the Bible in our lives. We recognize that the only way we can know God and his Son Jesus Christ is through the Scriptures. There is no other reliable means for understanding who God is, what is God’s will, and what are God’s purposes. We reject the claim that anyone can adequately find God through nature; for those attempts have led at best to vague and unsatisfying answers. Neither can we accept the notion that we can discover God by peering deeply within ourselves; experience has confirmed that such a God turns out to be a mere reflection of our own personal and cultural preferences. Rather we can testify that we have found the biblical story and perspective more compelling than any other narrative on offer and are convinced of its complete truthfulness.

But this confidence that we have in the Scriptures does not lead us to turn a blind eye to the questions that the Scriptures themselves raise. Henry Clay Morrison and the other founders of Asbury Theological Seminary did not embrace a naïve biblicism that casually proclaims, “God said it; I believe it; that settles it.” In fact, such a sentiment may actually show a kind of disregard for the Scriptures. The Bible itself urges us to think. We owe it to the Scriptures to take seriously the questions that the Scriptures pose for us.

But the founders of the Seminary insisted that as we do so we should think straight about these things. They were troubled by a *kind* of biblical criticism, which was present at that time and continues to exist in some quarters today, that was pre-committed to finding problems surrounding the Bible that would undercut its trustworthiness. They were convinced that a fair, open, and reverent examination

of these issues will actually help us to understand the Bible better and will not finally erode an intellectually honest embrace of the Bible’s truthfulness.

This centrality of the Bible in our lives indicates that we have a longing to know the Bible better than any other book. Jesus himself put it succinctly: “Human beings shall not live by bread alone, but by *every word* that proceeds from the mouth of God.” But it is not enough to know what the Bible says; we also need to know what the Bible means. In fact, that is the critical point: What does God want to say to us through these words? I will put the matter directly: Attending to biblical interpretation is a disciple’s joy. Disciples of Jesus love the message of the Bible and long to do everything they can to grasp that message as accurately and fully as possible. A great deal of harm has been done to people because of faulty interpretation; and a great deal of benefit and advantage has been squandered because of inadequate interpretation.

But this motto, “The Whole Bible for the Whole World,” points also to a vital embrace of the whole of Scripture. We should be wary of any ideology or theology that leads us to ignore or reject certain portions of Scripture. God speaks through the whole of Scripture. The most explicit statement in the New Testament regarding the inspiration of Scripture (2 Tim. 3:16) emphasizes this very point: “All Scripture is inspired by God...” When we practically excise portions of the Bible from our Scripture we not only come away with a truncated sense of the revelation of God, but we distort the meaning of those passages that remain; for Scripture interprets Scripture.

The last phrase in our motto, “for the whole world,” reminds us that every person in the world desperately needs the message of the Scriptures as much as they need food. What incredible selfishness it would be to drink of the riches of this book just for our own benefit, with no regard to the thirst of the world. We read and study the Bible to minister the Word of God to the world. Its message does not simply transform us; it propels us.



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**Asbury Seminary's alumni are taking the gospel to all corners of the world. These are just a few of our more than 12,000 alumni serving all around the world.**



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# Q & A with Donna Covington V.P. of Formation

## **Q: What does formation at Asbury Seminary mean?**

Formation is important work. As the vice president of formation, I look at our mission statement. We talk about wanting to have a community that's called in preparing and equipping men and women who are theologically educated, sanctified, and spirit-filled. We want men and women to evangelize and to spread scriptural holiness throughout the world. That's what formation means to me at the Seminary. It's that we have our head and our heart both being formed and transformed together. I think that's what makes Asbury Seminary's wholistic formation unique—that both of those are important in how we equip students.

## **Q: A lot of the formational opportunities happen outwardly, through classes, events, DNA groups, and chapels. What do you hope is the result on the inside of the person as they participate in these activities?**

Everything that we do at the Seminary is rooted in John Wesley's means of grace. It's through the means of grace that we see people formed individually in their own devotional life, where there's prayer, scripture reading and fasting. We see people being formed in community through the Eucharist, through worship, through community. The third part of this triangle is that we evangelize and serve others around the world. Formation internally is through the means of grace;

our formation in community is through the means of grace, and we are sent out to serve the world with the good news and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. That's the foundation that formation and the Asbury experience is built upon here.

## **Q: Why is community so important in ministry?**

Ministry is not a solo sport; it's done in community. We're a community called, we're not just a person called. John Wesley talks a lot about not only our personal formation, but also about being formed in community. God exists in the Trinity, in community. We're not called to live this life alone. We're called to live in community, and it goes back to the means of grace. We want students to grow personally, but we also want students to form lifelong friendships. I think about Wesleyan Bands and our alumni who've said they've been in their bands for decades. They formed deep spiritual friendships that will help navigate waters that we could never navigate on our own. For example, through marriages, birth of children, ministry ups and downs, deaths, transitions in ministry, etc. We need each other to make it through not only ministry, but also life.

## **Q: Each year the seminary focuses on a specific formative theme. Past themes have included the Spirit-filled life, the grace-filled life, the life of discipleship, and this year the life of servanthood. What does it mean to understand Jesus as a servant?**



These themes are part of our formation journey at the Seminary and integrate what it means to follow Jesus, laying a Spirit-filled, grace-filled foundation for discipleship and serving others. This year, we're talking about finding our identity as servants of Christ as we're preparing to go serve the body of Christ. We begin to take on more of the identity of Christ as the servant. Whom do we serve? Not just the least and the lost, but our families, our spouses. We can serve others because we are inwardly shaped to be servants. We are preparing ourselves to serve in humility through the outward action of a servant. Watching Jesus, how did he serve? We know that it all comes back to love. Jesus loved his disciples; he loves us. We see his humility in Philippians 2. He served out of love and that's what this theme means to us this year. We want to understand Jesus as servant and, therefore, our calling to serve others and Christ.

**Q: How does understanding our worth, value, and identity in Christ transform our lives in ministry?**

Christ served out of who he was. In John 13, we hear him say that he knew where he came from, and he knew where he was returning. He knew who he was. We see him in Philippians 2, where it says that even though he was God, he didn't find equality with God something to be grasped. He made himself nothing, becoming a servant. We must know who we are to be transformed and to serve as Christ does. In and of ourselves, we would never naturally say we want to spend our lives serving other people. Even the disciples wanted to know who's going to sit on the left and right; that's just natural for us.

This spiritual journey at the Seminary is about having our identity rooted and grounded in Jesus Christ. Otherwise, we're serving out of our own strength. Christ calls us to serve others not out of our own strength, but out of a deep abiding in Jesus Christ. He made himself of no reputation, and he took on the form of a servant. That's Christ's identity; that's who he was. He knew where he was going. He knew who he was; that's our identity. We have been called to serve others through ministry by a deep abiding in Jesus Christ. That's why our worth, our value, and our identity in Christ is so important.

**Q: What does the formation process look like for students who are nontraditional or online students with nontraditional schedules?**

Many of these students are already in ministry. They have families. They're working, and now they're in seminary. The Asbury experience for our global students has three components. We want them to have pastoral care. Oftentimes when you're serving in ministry, you don't have any place

to go for pastoral care, for someone just to listen and to pray with you. We're going to journey with them and encourage them. If they need counseling, we're going to make sure they get the help that they need to complete this journey of seminary education.

Secondly, we want them to be in DNA groups, to have that small group discipleship. We want them to have someone that can pray, read the scripture together, and to be the love of God for each other and the world. We want them to be formed through the values of Wesleyan education, in Wesleyan Bands. We want them to have a worship experience. Every time there's a class at one of our sites, there's a chapel experience led by alumni, other staff members, or our pastoral staff here at the seminary. These students are normally responsible for the worship experience for so many every week in their ministry context; this is a place for them to be poured into and to be prayed for.

**Q: As a student, you also engaged in the academic and formation opportunities at the Seminary. How did you find the time at the Seminary to be helpful in shaping you?**

I came to Seminary as an older student after I'd finished my career. I had been a Christian a long time, read my Bible daily, prayed daily, and was heavily involved in ministry at my church. But as a student, being in classes with our faculty, learning about formation and the means of grace, the Lord transformed me and took me to a deeper place. I deepened my prayer life, scripture reading, fasting, and grew in community. There's a saying that says, "You don't know what you don't know." I didn't know that there was that deeper place in God that we could go to through just being together in community. Now I'm blessed to lead a team that's providing this for students for the next generation of church leadership, to equip them for a lifetime of sustainable ministry.

**Q: Is there anything else you'd like to mention?**

I think that as we talk about formation, much of the Asbury experience has been around spiritual formation, but we want to partner with student services, our faculty, and all the Seminary also to help shape our students with professional formation. We want not just the spiritual formation, but we also want our students to be better equipped for leadership, for administration, for the financial part of ministry they're going to walk into when they go into these leadership roles. I'm very excited that we're putting together career coaching and professional development to give them a broader formational experience coupled with excellent academics.

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**FACULTY HIGHLIGHT**  
**DR. JOSEPH OKELLO**  
*Professor of Philosophy  
 of Christian Religion*

**Dr. Joseph Okello** sees God’s faithfulness in his failures as much as his successes. As a young man, he ran from God’s call to pastoral ministry to pursue a career at a prominent bank in Kenya. But although he knew he’d aced his pre-employment tests, he somehow failed. That failure invited him to truly respond to God’s call, pursue theological education, and now teach as Professor of Philosophy of Christian Religion at Asbury Seminary.

“I knew that my failure of these tests had to be God, and I blamed him for failing,” Dr. Okello said. “But God seemed to have better plans for me, and I’m glad today that I failed that interview. I had no explanation why, but looking back, I knew that God’s faithfulness can sometimes show up in failure.”

Dr. Okello applied to Scott Theological College in Kenya, only to be turned away due to lack of funds. Discouraged and wondering if he’d misunderstood God’s plan, he fasted for two weeks, asking God what to do next. Finally, at the prompting of the Holy Spirit, he realized he wanted the degree for the credentials, not to serve others. As he confessed his pride, he recalls telling the Lord, “I’m giving you until Saturday at 5:00 p.m., and if I don’t see any assurance of financial provision then I’ll assume you’re not calling me to ministry.”

On Saturday, Dr. Okello checked his mail, receiving only a water bill. Later that day, he went to visit a missionary who had mentored him. As soon as the missionary saw him, he offered a ride to school and money to cover his tuition. It was 4:59.

“He’s never too late,” Dr. Okello said. “He’s never too early. He doesn’t come at the 11th hour. He comes right on time.”

After graduating from Scott, Dr. Okello pastored a church in Nairobi for two years before leaving to pursue an M.Div. and M.A. in Church Music from Asbury Theological Seminary. After graduation, he planned to return to Kenya and resume pastoring, but his professor encouraged him to pursue a Ph.D. He applied to several Christian schools but didn’t receive a scholarship. Again, at his professor’s prompting, he applied to the philosophy program at the University of Kentucky, was

accepted and received a full scholarship.

“After a lifetime of considerable prayer and asking God and telling God what I want, then I wait to see how things unfold and how they unfold to me is how I interpret God to be working,” he said.

After graduating, he was invited to teach part-time at Asbury Seminary while his wife finished her master’s at Eastern Kentucky University. After three years, he was invited to be the assistant professor of philosophy before transitioning to the Florida Dunnam campus in 2011. He teaches classes on the philosophy of religion, Christian ethics, contemporary theology and basic Christian doctrine.

“If your theology is messed up and your ecclesiology is messed up and your Christology is messed up, then you are going to be leading people in the wrong way,” Dr. Okello said. “Scripture reminds us that we, teachers of the word, will be judged with more strictness, because we have been entrusted with the truths of the faith, and it is important for us to sustain those truths with accuracy.”

Dr. Okello teaches philosophy and ethics from a sociological perspective, examining how we build our Christian ethics that inform the way we make decisions and then take action. His goal is to help his students become and lead a community of believers that lives out God’s command to make disciples.

Listen to our podcast interview with Dr. Okello at [asbury.to/thrive](https://asbury.to/thrive)

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**ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT****BISHOP JOÃO CARLOS LOPES***Bishop in the Methodist Church in Brazil.**M.Div., Asbury Seminary, 1988.**Doctor of Missiology, Asbury Seminary, 1990.*

**WHEN SEMINARY GRADUATES** tell Bishop João Carlos Lopes they want to be a pastor, he replies that he doesn't have a church appointment for them; instead he has a challenge. Using the community church planting model, Bishop Lopes invites future pastors to find a person who is willing to host a church gathering in their home or place of business. As the gospel is preached and relationships are formed, the church grows and new churches are planted. To date, Bishop Lopes has helped with 130 churches and 70 church plants.

"Church planting doesn't happen in the pastor's office," Bishop Lopes said. "Church planting happens on the street where the unbelievers are. New pastors have all the time in the world plus a salary to go share the gospel. I challenge them by saying: 'You're a Christian. You're on fire for Jesus. Otherwise, you would not have gone to the seminary. So go, you do your work, and we will pay for you to share the gospel and later we will give you the title.'"

Bishop Lopes oversees 200 pastors and 10 district superintendents in the state of Parana and Santa Catarina in Brazil. In addition to presiding over the administrative business of the church, he is responsible to care for his pastors physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Bishop Lopes believes that discipleship

is all about forming relationships. As his pastors seek to reach unbelievers, he's created systems to strengthen them within Christian community. He created fellowship groups of five to provide space for his pastors to make friends, talk about their families, and engage in life's journey together.

"Planting churches requires conviction and sacrifice," he said. "When somebody says, 'I want to go plant a church,' we have systems in place to care for this person, because it's a very strong fight against discouragement."

***"Church planting doesn't happen in the pastor's office, church planting happens on the street where the unbelievers are."***

Bishop Lopes personally encountered Christ and accepted his call to preach at 17. After serving in the army, he earned a bachelor's degree at 23. At age 25, he became an elder within his church and at 27, he came to Asbury Seminary.



*Bishop Lopes works with pastors and leaders to help spread the gospel throughout South America.*

“I came to Asbury Seminary to further my education so that I could give leadership and teach pastors in Brazil,” he said.

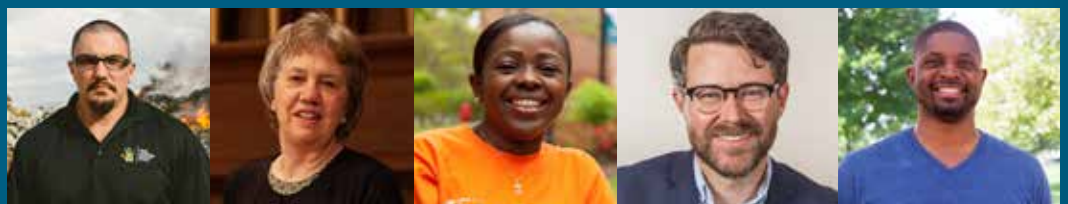
Bishop Lopes has served as a Bishop in the United Methodist Church in Brazil for 24 years. He received an M.Div. and Doctor of Missiology from Asbury Seminary in 1988 and 1990 respectively. In addition to planting churches in Brazil, Bishop Lopes has equipped pastors to plant churches in Peru, Panama,

Kenya and Manchester.

“We hope that many leaders, pastors, and Latin Americans, especially Brazil, will make themselves available to plant new churches,” Bishop Lopes said. “To me, effective evangelism comes with church planting, because when Jesus said, ‘Go and make disciples,’ he also said, ‘Baptize and teach them.’ Where does baptizing and teaching take place? In communities and in churches.”

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## ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

ROSA ROMAN

*Student and Accountant with Generation of Faith Church.  
M.A. in Leadership, Asbury Seminary, Graduating 2022.*

**IN ONE OF THE DARKEST MOMENTS** of Rosa Roman's life, God called her to ministry. After she and her husband divorced in 2002, she and her son left Puerto Rico and traveled to Orlando, shattered, but determined to grow spiritually and professionally. While in Orlando, she found a home at Generation of Faith Church. Here she began to deepen her faith and currently serves as the church accountant while she pursues a master's degree at Asbury Seminary.

"The Lord began to teach me, speak to me, and equip me for ministry," Rosa said. "Through prophecy the Lord told me that he had entrusted a restoration ministry into my hands, working with divorced women and single mothers."

Rosa has watched God transform the lives of single mothers, who like herself were abandoned by their husbands. María Peña, a single mother of two, started attending the small group Rosa led. Rosa watched María grow in her faith and learn to tell others the story of God's grace in her life.

"She has been with us for 12 years and evangelizes every person who needs Christ," Rosa said. "She tells each person her testimony so that people will know what God has done for her."

Rosa began her degree at Asbury Seminary in 2016 and expects to graduate in 2022 with an M.A. in Leadership. The bilingual classes offered on the Orlando

site have allowed Rosa to pursue her degree more easily since English is not her first language.

"This degree has been equipping me at a professional level to work and equip leadership in any area whether in church or the workplace," she said. "It's very good for those who are fluent in both English and Spanish and has helped me immerse myself in the English language to do the required work to come out victorious. God has been with me!"

With this degree, Rosa seeks to take steps of faith to follow the Lord's leading for her life. She is especially grateful for scholarships and those who have helped her financially while she pursued her degree.

"I want to thank all the sponsors who contribute their money to help those like me who cannot afford a master's degree to help in the kingdom of God," she said. "I bless you with every heavenly blessing and urge you to continue to sponsor students who have the desire to study but do not have sufficient funds to do so."

Rosa continues to serve as a teacher, discipleship leader and accountant within the church. She also serves as secretary of the board of directors, Discipleship Ministry Leader, Senior Ministry Leader, and associate pastor with other pastors. After graduating she hopes to work as a pastor and prepare future leaders within the congregation.



One of our favorite guests from the spring season of Thrive with Asbury Seminary is Rev. Khristi Lauren Adams. She is a speaker, author, youth advocate and ordained Baptist minister. In this episode we talk about her calling, her faith journey, what being an advocate means to her, and her new book *Unbossed: How Black Girls Are Leading the Way*.

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**"I am a big believer that these girls are the ones we'll be reading about years from now or seeing them, so I wanted to write their beginnings."**  
Rev. Khristi Lauren Adams

### New Podcast Episodes Release Every Other Tuesday

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### What is one thing you're doing that is helping you thrive in your life right now?



*I try to make sure that I have my two times of prayer in the evening and 3:00 AM in the morning with the Lord and it can take an hour. It can take two hours, it can take half an hour. It depends on how the Lord wants to engage me.* Dr. Joseph Okello, Ep. 67



*I'm trying to read more poetry and I'm specifically reading it when I wake up in the morning or before I go to bed and that's been really wonderful..*  
Tish Harrison Warren, Ep. 71

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# HUNDREDFOLD INITIATIVES

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE\*



**CAMPAIGN FUND:** Supporting strategic impact where needed most  
Raised: \$21,324,713



**CHURCH PLANTING:** Equipping 1,000 church planters  
Raised: \$8,910,377



**ENHANCING ESTES CHAPEL:** Improving the heart of our Wilmore campus  
Raised: \$1,561,928



**ENDOWING CHAIR OF THEOLOGY:** Confirming our commitment to biblical training  
Raised: \$2,500,000



**ENRICHING HISPANIC AND GLOBAL PROGRAMS:** Developing concentrated master's programs to serve growing populations  
Raised: \$1,908,050



**GROWING SCHOLARSHIPS:** Liberating students from debt to sow where God leads  
Raised: \$47,760,925



**SUPPORTING SEEDBED:** Resourcing clergy and laity around the world  
Raised: \$4,282,330



**DEFERRED GIFTS:** Providing gifts in the future through estate planning and life income plans  
Raised: \$36,229,338

\*As of 04/25/22

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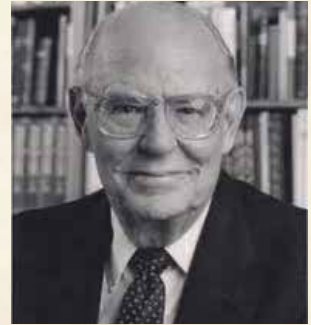
## FROM THE ARCHIVES:

*An excerpt from an article that appeared in the Herald, Summer 1990*

# Pictures of Servanthood

By Dennis F. Kinlaw

*Professor of Old Testament Languages and Literature at Asbury Seminary from 1963-1968*



Recently a magazine editor asked me to write an article with only 48-hours' notice. Now though my wife doesn't believe it, I tell her that it is harder for me to produce an article than it was for her to produce babies. So with pain I sat down to write. The topic was American evangelicalism. I thought, "I'm getting old-I have a long perspective. What can I contribute from my well-advanced perspective on American evangelicalism?" I asked myself what was the essence of what evangelicalism has to say to the world. My first notion was that we're supposed to believe in Jesus. Believe. So I started to write about believing. I went to the gospel for help, but I made a shocking discovery. Jesus never asked the disciples to believe. Instead, He looked at every one of them and said, "Follow me." I started again, this time to write about following.

That article was harder to write than I had feared. In the English language there are far different implications in follow than in believe. I can believe in detachment; but following affects the totality of my life and direction.

How are we supposed to follow Him? First, we must look at what Jesus saw as His mission. In John chapter three, Jesus reveals why He came. He came, He says, to do what His Father sent Him to do: to give His life for the world so it could be saved. I went through John five, six, seven—all the way to ten, to check what Jesus had to say about His mission. It can be summed up in one phrase: He came to lay down his life for the sheep."

I'd never seen it before. I read good shepherd and translated it into our shepherd. But there is a difference. Why does a shepherd keep sheep? Human shepherds keep sheep to eat, or to wear, or to sell to somebody else who can eat or wear them. Jesus became a shepherd so the sheep could eat and wear Him.

In a second illustration, Jesus said "I am the bread of life." After speaking to the gathered multitude; Jesus broke the loaves and fish and fed thousands. The people said, "This is the one we've been looking for!" They followed Him to make Him king, but He fled because He knew they wanted to make Him the kind of king He wasn't. He had tried to communicate to them something of His claims about himself, but they didn't understand. He challenged them to stop working for food that spoils, and to work instead for food leading to eternal life, which the Son of Man would give them. Though He had just finished taking

five loaves and two fish and feeding five thousand people, they said "Give us a sign that we may see and believe." They reminded Him, "Moses brought down manna from heaven." Jesus corrected them. "I tell you the truth," he said, "It was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, it was my father." Jesus pointed them to a new manna that, if eaten, would give them eternal life. "I am that new manna. I've come so you can eat and drink with me. Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, death is your lot. But if you eat my flesh and drink my blood, life-eternal life-is the result." The Good Shepherd keeps the sheep so they can eat and wear Him. He is the bread of life so they can consume Him.

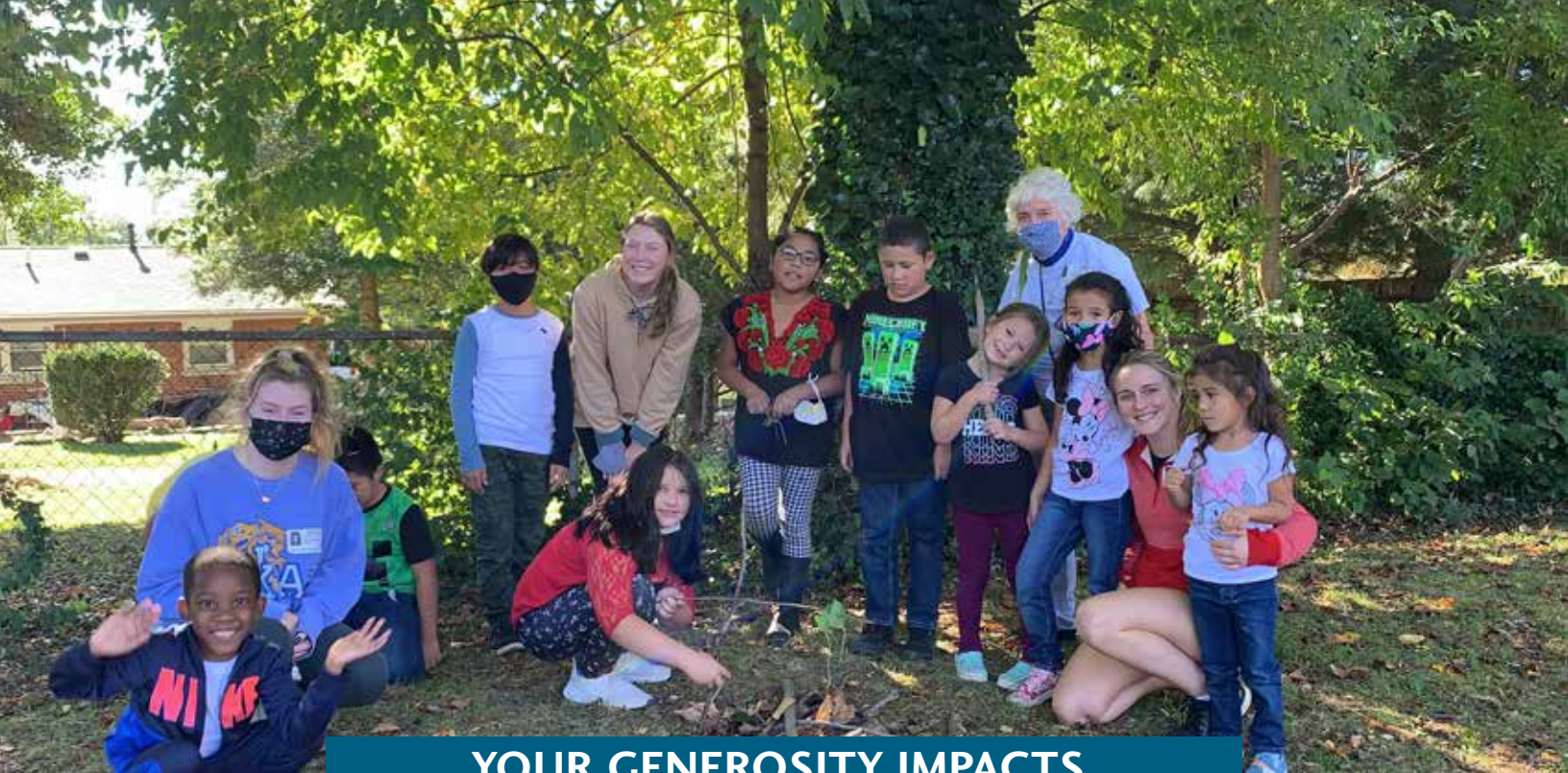
This good shepherd tells me to follow Him! I'd much rather believe. Following is all-engaging. But Jesus says that's the way it must be. That's the reason I believe in the holiness aspect of our message. We want to manage our lives, because we don't know what Jesus will require from us; but the truth is we're never safe until we've gotten our hands off the last control knob, until we have forfeited our right to ourselves. If Jesus gains the right to spend the way He pleases, there will be miracles in our lives like when He broke the five loaves and two fish; there will be life as when Jesus gave up His life for His sheep.

At this point I wondered how Jesus's disciples reacted to the command to follow. They listened to Jesus preach this message for three years and then, when the chips were down, Peter said, "I never knew this guy. Don't identify me with him." The crowd was about to consume Peter—the other ten fled.

Fifty days after the resurrection, after forty days to intermittent communication with the resurrected Lord, they found themselves together in Jerusalem for a prayer meeting. They locked the door. People and forces outside waited to devour them.

Suddenly the Spirit of Jesus came. I love that term because that is who the Spirit is—the Holy Spirit of Jesus. And when the Spirit came, Peter said, "Unlock that door—We're headed out."

I remember a day when Jesus said, "Follow me." Have you come to that place where you're ready to be a living sacrifice – to let Jesus feed you to whom He will? Jesus has shown us the way: "My father sent me to lay down my life. Now I am sending you."



## YOUR GENEROSITY IMPACTS NATHANIEL MISSION

Nathaniel Mission, originally located in the neighborhoods of Davis Bottom and Irishtown, has been investing in, restoring and transforming lives since the early 1900s. Although the Mission is currently located on Versailles Road, its mission to provide supportive services to those in need in the urban Lexington area hasn't changed. At the time of its founding, the Mission was in one of the poorest communities in urban Lexington, a home to working-class and Appalachian families who moved to Lexington in search of a better life during The Great Depression and World War II. While a few streets were segregated, most had a mixture of black and white families with more than 50 percent of the population being African American.

Before Nathaniel Mission was officially founded, students from Asbury Seminary traveled to Lexington to preach outdoor sermons in the 1920s and early 1930s. According to a quote from Rev. David MacFarland, senior pastor at Nathaniel Mission, "The Asbury students came "honking their horns, getting people to come out and worship on the hillside by the abandoned railroad track." (Quote taken from "The Davis Bottom History Preservation Project") Services were held outdoors until Asbury Seminary students helped build a small chapel at 743 DeRoode Street.

Although these students are unidentified, helping the marginalized is part of the Seminary's DNA. Seminary students continued their direct involvement with Nathaniel Mission until 1946 when the First United Methodist

Church started sponsoring the mission. Although it has moved from its original location in Davis Bottom, Nathaniel United Methodist Mission is still one of the most important institutions in the Lexington area.

Julie Broderson, Pastor of GLOCAL Outreach at Centenary UMC in Lexington, Ky. and 1993 Asbury Seminary grad, first volunteered at Nathaniel Mission when she was 12 years old. She grew up attending Centenary, and when her church asked for volunteers to help with VBS, she immediately said yes. She says this was her first experience in cross cultural ministry. Since then, Julie has volunteered with Nathaniel Mission in a variety of ways, preaching, taking small groups to assist in ministry, helping with the afterschool program, and working in the Mission's medical clinic.

In her current role at Centenary, she connects people to local ministries by inviting them on what she calls her Magical Ministry Tour. The group visits different ministries in Lexington to see how God is at work and how they can join in that mission. Julie says that this tour is a baby step to serving.

"Then the next step is to say, 'Okay, let's go to one of these places, come with me. Let's do this together with our partners,'" she said. "And then the next step is, after they get comfortable with that, then you take someone else with you and you go do it. So it's those steps that help you overcome that fear and get comfortable. But it doesn't happen all at once, it's a process."

Julie also teaches a mentored ministry course at

Asbury Seminary in which she invites students to a week-long ministry tour of the Lexington area. As part of the class, students visit at least two different ministries every day. Through the class students, like Sadie Sasser who graduated in 2021, realized that it's easy to be shielded from the needs of others unless we are intentional about knowing them. As part of the visit to Nathaniel Mission, students received an overview of what the ministry provides and then the class canvassed the neighborhood, handing out flyers to residential homes and apartment complexes inviting families to the after-school program.

"I hope students see that the stranger is not someone to fear and that students have an opportunity in their daily lives to really recognize God in the stranger and see that their lives can really be blessed through those encounters," Julie said.

Sadie believes this class took the theological knowledge she had about wealth and poverty and allowed her to use it in practical ways. The experience exposed her to actual people who are hurting and experiencing homelessness, changing her outlook.

"I had been told my whole life that people experiencing homeless did something to get there," Sadie said. "I came in with a sanitized idea of economic disparity. I have a heart for social justice, but it's different when you're walking downtown and have a sandwich to share with someone. This class was a sweet way of combining the groundwork that has been laid for me."

She realized that there's more to everyone's story than the current circumstances. While driving from her home in Arkansas, Sadie stopped at a gas station to fill up. A man in a wheelchair asked her for a ride back to the streets where he spent his time. She had been doing the

class assigned reading and realized that the narrative of fear had nothing to do with the man in front of her. She loaded him in her car, dropped him off, and continued to Kentucky. Although Sadie admits her actions could be controversial, she wants to live her life assuming positive intent from others, seeing people on a human level, and doing what Jesus would do.

"The way that I've seen that change the most is when you meet those people and have conversations with them," Julie said. "You can't overcome your fear without a conversation, and that's where the whole idea of partnership works best. Is there an opportunity to build relationships with those people in ministry who already have credibility in the area? And have a sense of comfort and safety? How can you work with them to have those same kind of encounters?"

Nathaniel Mission provides poverty intervention and prevention, health and wellness initiatives, and children and youth development to meet the needs of those often overlooked. Each year Nathaniel Mission provides emergency food assistance to more than 4,000 households and serves more than 5,000 hot meals annually. For more than 80 years, Nathaniel Mission has been building community trust and engagement to provide individuals spiritual care and a hand up to those in need.

Learn more about Nathaniel Mission on their website: [nathanielmission.com](http://nathanielmission.com)

As Asbury Seminary prepares for its next 100 years, we are committed to continuing to reach the least, the last and the lost to show God's love. We couldn't do this without your faithful support. We are grateful for your gifts to God's mission and are grateful for God's one hundredfold blessings through changed lives.



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Julie Broderson

M.A. in Missions and Evangelism Asbury Seminary, 1993.  
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# News & Events

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## Jay Mansur named Executive Vice President; Tammy Hogan named Vice President of Advancement



Asbury Seminary is excited to announce the promotion of Jay Mansur from Vice President of Advancement to Executive Vice President of Asbury Theological Seminary and Tammy

Hogan's promotion from Executive Director of Development to Vice President of Advancement, effective Monday, April 11, 2022.

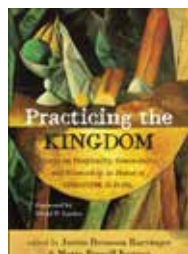
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## Counseling Students Complete Original Research; Win Awards

Asbury Seminary congratulates counseling students Olivia Hockett and Marjorie Price who designed, carried out and completed original research. These students worked under the direction of faculty advisor, Dr. Janet Dean, who will be the Professor of Pastoral Counseling Education at the Seminary as of July 1. Both Hockett and Price presented at professional conferences in March.

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## Festschrift Released in Honor of Dr. Christine Pohl



A mix of scholars and practitioners, colleagues, former students and friends celebrated the academic career and lived theology of Dr. Christine Pohl, Professor Emeritus of Christian Ethics at Asbury Seminary, with the release of *Practicing the Kingdom: Essays on Hospitality, Community and Friendship in Honor of Christine D. Pohl*. Each of the 13 contributors submitted an essay that built upon aspects of Dr. Pohl's

work in the areas of hospitality, community and friendship.

Co-authors and Seminary alumni Dr. Maria Russell Kenney and Dr. Justin Barringer hope that readers choose to honor Dr. Pohl by taking the wisdom within these pages and embodying that in life together.

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## Asbury Theological Seminary signs MOU with SAIACS in India

Asbury Seminary signed an exciting new dimension to our existing partnership with the South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies (SAIACS), a premier institution for postgraduate theological studies and research, located in Bangalore, India, on February 20, 2022. The partnership fosters a cooperative relationship to provide educational opportunities for SAIACS' constituents seeking a Doctor of Ministry degree in leadership and ministry beginning in Fall 2022.

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## Brian U'Ren, Director of Facilities and Security, Receives Jessamine County Civic Award



Asbury Seminary congratulates Brian U'Ren, Director of Facilities & Security at the Seminary, on receiving the Civic Award from the Jessamine County Chamber of Commerce. For the last 30 years, Brian has selflessly served within the community. He has given his time and energy to Asbury Seminary, Wilmore United Methodist Church, Jessamine Youth Soccer Association, Jessamine County

Wrestling, & many more individuals and businesses. He truly cares about giving back to his community and impacting young lives.

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## Dr. Craig Keener Named Global Teacher of the Year by Global Pastors Network



Asbury Seminary congratulates Dr. Craig Keener, F.M. and Ada Thompson Professor of Biblical Studies, on being named Global Teacher of the Year by the Global Pastors Network. Dr. Keener received the award at the Synergize Conference, celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Global Pastors Network.

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## Dr. Jacqueline Smith Named Founding Dean of the School of Counseling at Asbury Seminary

Asbury Seminary is pleased to announce the hiring of Dr. Jacqueline Smith as the Founding Dean of the School of Counseling and Associate Professor of Counselor Education. Prior to coming to Asbury Seminary, Dr. Smith served as the Department of Counseling Chair and Program Director at Regent University. She will assume her position on July 1, 2022.

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## Asbury Seminary Announces New Faculty Hires

Asbury Seminary announces the hiring of Dr. Janet Dean as Professor of Pastoral Counseling Education and Dr. Christine Johnson as Assistant Professor of Historical Theology and Wesleyan Studies on the Kentucky campus.

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## Rev. Enrique Hernandez-Vigil New Associate Director of Recruitment and Student Success

Asbury Theological Seminary is pleased to announce the appointment of Rev. Enrique Hernandez-Vigil as the new Associate Director of Recruitment and Student Success for the Asbury Latino Center. Prior to coming to Asbury Seminary, Rev. Hernandez-Vigil served as a missionary to Turkey and along with his family, worked as a speaker and missions mobilizer in Mexico.

## Asbury Seminary Dedicates Van Tatenhove Center for Counseling

Asbury Seminary celebrated the dedication of the Van Tatenhove Center for Counseling on November 15-16, 2021. For the last two years, this counseling and training service has been available for limited hours on the fourth floor of Stanger Hall. Now in the newly renovated bottom floor of the Old Free Methodist Church/Cowen Building, the Van Tatenhove Center for Counseling (VCfC) will offer daytime appointments for currently enrolled students and their families. In the near future, the VCfC will offer extended hours and expanded services, not only reaching the Seminary community, but also individuals and families in the Bluegrass Region.

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## Asbury Seminary Announces New Board of Trustees Chair, Other New Members

At the Fall 2021 Board of Trustees meeting, Asbury Theological Seminary welcomed Karen Thomas as the new board chair. Karen succeeds the outgoing board chair, Rev. Dr. Joseph Harris, who has served since 2018. Karen has served on the Board of Trustees since 1995 and will lead the Board as they continue to shape and define the shared governance authority of the institution and help safeguard the mission and financial sustainability of the Seminary. Other new members include Steve Elliott, Elaine Friedrich, David Olshine, Paul Lowell Haines, Greg Spillyards and Jill Brue.



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required to be harnessed for the  
in-breaking of His kingdom."

-Rob Lim  
Student. Teacher. Husband & Father.  
M.Div. Student, Asbury Seminary, 2023.

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