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VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, September 1

Labor Day – Class is in session

TUESDAY, September 2

WEDNESDAY, September 3

9:00 Academic Planning

Tillett

10:10 a.m. Weekly Worship Service

All Faith Chapel

12:00 noon Black Seminarians Meeting

Private Dining Room (129)

12:00 noon SGA Budget Meeting

Divinity Reading Room

THURSDAY, September 4

FRIDAY, September 5

10:10 Coffee Hour – Divinity Reading Room

12:10pm Eucharist (Benton Chapel)

12:10 SGA Meeting, Div 139

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Eat, Think, and Be Merry

The Common Room

Friday, September 5, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., The Common Room

Eat, Think, and Be Merry. This series of informal and intellectual sessions will feature retired members of the Divinity School faculty, in conversation with current faculty and students. *Eat, Think, and Be Merry* will meet at least twice a month on Friday afternoons. The semester's schedule of presenters will be announced shortly. The first session will feature Dale A. Johnson, Drucilla Moore Buffington Professor of Church History, Emeritus. Professor Paul Lim will serve as moderator and interlocutor.

Center for the Study of Religion and Culture

Tuesday, September 23, 2008, 4:00-5:30 pm, BT 123, "Report from the Field" – Religion & Politics Summer '08 Fieldworkers

Reception will follow in BT 132

For more information contact Barbara Kaeser, barbara.kaeser@vanderbilt.edu

On September 9 at 7:00 p.m., the Tennessee Coalition to Abolish State Killing (TCASK) is hosting a movie screening at the Belcourt Theater. The movie, "Love Lived on Death Row", tells the story of four Syriani siblings whose father was sentenced to die for the murder of their mother in 1990 and Meg Eggleston, who became their father's friend and spiritual adviser through letters to him in prison. Orphaned and estranged, the

Syriani children lived with hate, anger and confusion as the man they could only refer to as 'Him Him' lived on North Carolina's death row. But in 2004 they collectively decided to visit him in prison, seeking answers so they could move on with their adult lives. What transpired that day was a miracle of forgiveness followed by a journey of healing, restoring family memories and then a battle for his clemency. Love Lived on Death Row's portrait of a family torn apart by tragedy and reunited by another impending tragedy is a powerful examination of not only the healing process, but also of the role capital punishment plays in serving justice." (Taken from <http://www.lovelivedondeathrow.com/>) For more information check out the website cited.

After the movie, there will be a question and answer session.

This event is co-sponsored by the Vanderbilt Students of Nonviolence and the Vanderbilt Prison Project.

First year M.Div and MTS Students:

Please mark your calendars for the required first year student meetings:

MTS Students- Monday, October 13, 10:00 am in Room G-23.

MDiv Students- Monday, October 13, 10:30 am in Room G-23.

"Praying With Lior" is documentary film about Lior Liebling, a young man with Down syndrome, who is approaching Bar Mitzvah. (Poster attached)

Documentary Film and Panel Discussion

Tuesday, September 16, 2008, 7 p.m.

Multi-Purpose Room, Vanderbilt Commons Center, Peabody Campus

Free and Open to the Public Limited Seating

Registration required: kc.vanderbilt.edu/registration/

For information contact: amy.pottier@vanderbilt.edu (615) 322-8240

Co-sponsored by Vanderbilt Best Buddies, Vanderbilt Hillel, Vanderbilt Kennedy Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, and Vanderbilt Office of Religious Life

Folks – share your announcements!! Email your announcements to sherry.willis@vanderbilt.edu by 9:00 a.m. on Friday, and they will be placed in the weekly E-Communicator