E-COMMUNICATOR NO. 14 VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER, 24 FEBRUARY 2003

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

How Can Sharing My Call Help Others?

What? Colloquy

When? Monday, February 24, 2003

Time? 3:00 -- 7:00 p.m.

Where? Private Dining Room Facilitator: Donna Parramore, Alum.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:00 a.m. Patout Burns (Transfiguration story)

Morning Praise and Prayer

Wightman Chapel at Scarritt Bennett

ALL ARE WELCOME

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

10:00 a.m. Community Worship - I n the Catholic Tradition.

Sermon by Sister Sandra Smithson – Topic: "Human nature in the image of the Living God: The true apostolate."

Several of our Catholic students will be participating and Sister Sandra is a dynamic speaker.

All Faith Chapel - All are welcome.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

The University Club of Nashville

Featuring

Professor Forrest E. Harris, Sr.

"Leadership and Struggle in the Black Churches: Then and Now"

Breakfast \$10 Open to the Public

Reservations Necessary Parking is Free

Please RSVP to 343-3994 by Monday, February 24, 2003

Or, register on-line at

http://divinity.library.vanderbilt.edu/div/events/register.html

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 10:10 Community Coffee

Call Turner Program in Moral Leadership Kevin Rollins, President and COF, Dell Computer Corporation "Building a Great Company: Leadership, Culture and Ethics" 2:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 25, 2003 Flynn Auditorium Call 322-8675 for parking and information Call To Ministry II:

Relevant Religion Vanderbilt at Scarritt-Bennett March 10, 17, 24, 31 ?Discovering the Dead Sea Scrolls? Alice Hunt, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and lecturer in Hebrew Bible, Vanderbilt Divinity School

Dean Hunt, scholar of Hebrew Bible, will lead an exploration of the Dead Sea Scrolls and what they teach us about scripture. For two millennia these scrolls lay hidden in pottery jars in caves in the Judean desert. In 1947 the first scrolls were discovered accidentally. Who found them? Who hid them? How many are there? How old are they? How do we know they are ?real?? What do they tell us about the Bible? Do they conflict with existing scriptures?

Come and join us as we explore answers to these and other questions regarding these important and somewhat mysterious documents.

Co-sponsored by Vanderbilt Divinity School and Scarritt-Bennett Center, this class will meet on four Monday evenings, March 10, 17, 24, and 31st from 7-8:30 p.m. in Laskey Building at Scarritt-Bennett Center.

For more information and registration call 615/340-7543 or email spiritus@scarrittbennett.org. Show your student ID.

THE AFRICAN AMERICAN PULPIT 2003 SEMINARIANS' SERMON CONTEST

Submit your sermon to The African American Pulpit Fall 2003 seminarians' issue contest with the chance to receive a cash prize and publication of your sermon!

For this special seminarians' issue, The African American Pulpit is offering three cash prizes of \$500, \$300, and \$100 for the top three sermons chosen by the coexecutive editors and selected advisory board members. The top twelve to fifteen sermons will be published in the Seminarians' issue.

CRITERIA - Sermons will be judged based upon:

- * Length: sermons longer than seven pages will not be accepted.
- * Focus: how well the sermon concentrates upon the text selected.
- * Flow of the sermon: how well the sermon naturally moves from one point to the next.
- * Creativity used in approaching the text.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

- * All contestants must be African Americans who are eighteen years or older.
- * All contestants can have no more than four years of pastoral experience.
- * All submissions must be postmarked for receipt by The African American Pulpit no later than March 15, 2003.
- * Manuscripts (hard copies) should be no longer than seven double-spaced pages. All hard copies MUST be accompanied by a diskette, and the material should be saved in Word format. Submission sent by e-mail will not be accepted. Please be sure to place your name on each page of your sermon.
- * Along with your submission, please send no more than a 2-4 sentence biographical summary and a recent photograph. A black-and-white or color photo is acceptable. A résumé or vitae in place of the 2-4 sentence biographical summary will not be accepted. Please include your complete contact information: mailing address, home phone, work phone, fax number, and e-mail address.
- * Any material that you submit must be your original work and not published previously. All quoted material must be properly cited. As with all material submitted to The African American Pulpit, the editors may edit your work for conformity to house style.
- * Submitted material will not be returned and will become the property of Judson Press.
- * Please be advised that we will notify ONLY those seminarians whose sermons are selected for publication.

Please mail submissions to: The African American Pulpit Judson Press

FEB. 27 - MARCH 1, 2003

WOMEN AND POWER: RECLAIMING FAITH SOCIALLY, SPIRITUALLY, ARTISTICALLY: A Women's Studies Conference to be hosted by MTSU (Murfreesboro, TN). MARCY THOMAS (MDiv 4), LEIGH PITTENGER (MDiv 3), CLAUDIA CARLS (MDiv 4), and LISA DORDAL (MDiv 2) will be participating in a panel session on Saturday March 1, in which they will present autobiographical narratives describing how their religious faith has been challenged, transformed, and refined through personal experience. DR. DIANE SASSON will be moderating the session. If you are interested in attending this conference, there are brochures available in the Common Room. Or feel free to talk to any of the presenters.

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