

# THE WORD

**LOGOS HOUSE OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**

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## news/calendar

Logos House now has its own newsletter. *The Word* will be published three times each year – the Fall edition will come out in September, the Winter issue in December, and the Spring issue in March.

The newsletter is one of several new initiatives being introduced in our on-going effort to help to meet the need for properly educated and trained clergy to serve orthodox Anglican parishes.

With an increasing number of new students entering into the program, additional faculty signing on, and the overall growth of the program, it was determined that a newsletter should be made available to Logos students, their supervisors and mentors, Logos graduates, and supporter and interested parties.

To insure that *The Word* will be well received, and hopefully be seen as an interesting and useful source of information, we will need to receive submissions from our readers. In addition to news items, essays, articles, devotional pieces, and letters to the editor, most any other type of written offering will be welcomed.

## **ORTHODOX ANGLICAN DIOCESES SELECT LOGOS HOUSE**

Discussions between Logos House President Granville Henthorne and Archbishop Walter Grundorf of the Anglican Province of America (APA) have

resulted in an agreement whereby the APA will be sending their postulants to Logos House to complete their seminary education in preparation for their ordination to the ministry. The APA students will join enrollees from other continuing and orthodox jurisdictions. Among these bodies are the Anglican Catholic Church (ACC), and the Holy Catholic Church – Anglican Rite (HCC –AR).

Recently *The Word* interviewed Dean Henthorne about this important development and he provided us with the following information on the situation:

WORD: Dean, why has the APA chosen Logos House as the seminary program for their postulants to complete their theological education?

DH: Archbishop Grundorf and the APA leadership has concluded that a formal arrangement with Logos House would be beneficial to the APA's aspiring clerics, and would also avoid the prospect of an unnecessary and cost-ineffective duplication of services.

WORD: Why has the APA chosen Logos House over their other alternatives?

DH: We were told that they felt that our comprehensive curriculum, adherence to Anglican principles, and the overall excellent quality of the seminary's instruction were important considerations in helping them to make their decision.

(see **Orthodox Anglican Dioceses**, Pg. 3)

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

1998 – Logos House opens for business as a theological study program for “second career” men desiring to pursue clerical positions as deacons and priests in traditional Anglican churches.

Bruce Chamberlain, the Bishop Ordinary of the ACA's Diocese of New New York and New England asks Rev. Granville Henthorne, the rector of St. Thomas Anglican Church, Ellsworth, Maine to develop the new program. Throughout the remainder of this life, Bishop Chamberlain continues to provide both material and spiritual backing and support to the new seminary as it progresses.

## **RESIDENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AT LOGOS HOUSE**

The physical location of the seminary is on the grounds of St. Thomas parish in Ellsworth. Summer tutorial and training sessions are available on-site for Logos students. An arrangement has been made with a local motel to provide rooms at reduced rates for students and their families. Additionally, there are numerous camp grounds and many other types of vacation accommodations that are available located throughout the immediate area.

Ellsworth is only eighteen miles from Bar Harbor, the home of Acadia National Park, renowned for being one of the premier National Parks in the nation. If you have never visited, nor had the opportunity to vacation on the Maine Coast, you owe it to yourself and your family to come to Maine and combine your academic work at Logos with a memorable family vacation.

## **IF YOU BUILD IT THEY WILL COME!**

Whatever do you mean by suggesting that we should be concerned about an impending “double-dip” recession? Is it really a fact that there is a substantial turn down in economic activity and new building starts? Of course by now nearly everybody is aware that the experts say that this is not a good time to move forward with expansion plans and new building projects.

However, “down east” at Logos House (as they say in certain parts of southern New England) “forgetaboutit”! Never, ever even consider telling Canon Henthorne, the Logos staff, and the dedicated, hard-working people of St. Thomas parish that there are limits and constraints as to what the seminary and the church can accomplish (In a concordat signed by their governing boards, they have pledged, and are legally committed to an agreement requiring close cooperation and mutual aid.)

As you may have heard, in spite of hard economic times, these hearty “Mainers” and thrifty “New Englandaahs” have constructed a library for the seminary and build a bell tower structure for the church. Both of these structures are attractive buildings built at a modest cost, and of a very functional design.

The library was built by Mike McCadden. It is an 800 square foot single room with the shelving capacity for over 7000 volumes, and study carrels for up to six students. David Simmons, a St. Thomas parishioner, and a good friend of Logos House, constructed the shelving and storage arrangement for the library. Jim Geary installed the electric wiring for the building.

St. Thomas has now completed work on a 50 foot high, three-story bell tower. This unique structure is located adjacent to the present church building (the building will become the parish hall when the new church is constructed). The bell tower has three floors and is topped by a ten foot spire. The first floor is now being used as the choir room and sacristy. The second floor of the tower will become the rector's office. When the new church is built (adjacent to the tower, located on a ledge at the same level as the second floor of the tower) a covered runway will connect the two buildings.

The third floor has a drop-down ladder which allows access to the cubicle that houses the tower's bronze bell (an antique bell that formerly served as the bell on a steam locomotive). A unique feature of the tower is that if and when future expansion is required, the top floor can be raised up by a crane, and two additional floors can then be added to the tower.

## STUDENT/FACULTY PROFILE

*(A biographical sketch of a student, staff member, graduate, or other person involved with the Logos House program will be a regular feature in The Word. Nominate a colleague, fellow student, friend, mentor, or other party to be featured in an upcoming issue of the newsletter).*

The Rev. Clyde H. Cox, Jr. is a most welcome member to the Logos House faculty. A retired Episcopal priest, Canon Cox brings with him a record of extensive pastoral experience, and wide-ranging service to the Church.

Throughout his long career, Canon Cox served Episcopal parishes in the inner-city, suburban, and rural communities in Massachusetts, Maine, and also “across the border” in New Brunswick in the Canadian Maritimes. Throughout his ministry, Canon Cox has been involved in ecumenical efforts, chaplaincy programming and educational activities.

In addition to his work as a parish priest, and special diocesan assignments, he has had extensive prior teaching experience. Canon Cox was on the faculty at the Bangor (Maine) Theological Seminary where he was the director of the Anglican Studies Program.

At Logos, Canon Cox teaches courses in the New Testament, Practical Theology, and Anglican History. He also is the faculty member in charge of the Anglican Studies Program which is made up of four introductory courses designed to familiarize students of other Christian traditions with the essentials of Anglican experience and practice.

Canon Cox holds an AB degree from Indiana University, and an Mdiv degree from Boston University School of Theology. He has completed post-graduate work in the U.S. and the U.K. and was privileged to undertake special studies at Cambridge University with J.A.T. Robinson and Henry Chadwick. Always the student and scholar, Canon Cox is now a candidate for his STD!

*(Among with his many other contributions to the Logos program, Canon Cox brings the spirit of scholarly debate to the Logos faculty. Often Canon*

*Cox, and our dean can be heard making vigorous argument over some fine (esoteric?) points of scriptural and theological interpretation and theory. Although he is unquestionably a gentleman, Canon Cox definitely “holds his own” in intellectual encounters with our learned dean!)*

### (ORTHODOX ANGLICAN, cont.)

WORD: Canon, do you believe that the participation of men from other Anglican jurisdictions in co-operative educational efforts will become part of a larger movement towards increased joint efforts and unified actions by the traditional Anglican groups?

DH: Yes I do. It is clear to me that almost everyone in the orthodox Anglican world is aware that at this time it is crucial for us to gather up our resources and proceed forward to carry out the Church's Great Commission in a spirit of cooperation and mutual support.

## LIBRARY RESOURCES

In the past twelve months the Logos library collection has grown to include more than 7000 volumes. The library includes books from seven separate collections. Donations have been received from priest's personal libraries and parish libraries. Recently, Logos has been contacted with an offer to donate a library described as a “truly magnificent collection.”

The Logos library is not a general collection, but rather, is a specialized theological library with books on all areas of theology, the faith, and church life. Many of the volumes are classical, older works that are out-of-print, and are books that are often very difficult to find.

The books in the Logos library are available for loan to our students through the mail. Also, by request, photo copies of both articles and selected sections from books and periodicals can be reproduced and mailed to the students .

## QUOTATION CORNER

*In the Church of Jesus Christ, there can and there should be no non-theologians.*

Karl Barth  
**TAKING THE SOUNDINGS**

“Orthodoxy” for many Anglicans has always been about holding firm to the essential truths of the Christian faith. However, that is not to deny that there has always been wide differences of opinion in theological interpretation, liturgical styles, and ecclesiastical arrangements. Historically, at the extremes, while the Puritan faction pulled the English Church in one direction, there have always been those adhering closely to Catholic principles and practice.

As Anglicans we take pride in anchoring our faith in the revealed word of God. Yet we have never adopted scriptural literalism, nor liberal relativism.

As orthodox Anglicans, Logos House is an institution committed to assisting its students to broaden and deepen their understanding of the apostolic faith. *Taking the Soundings* will encourage its readers to send letters to the editor, essays, and other submissions to produce debate and discussion.

Canon Henthorne has emphatically stated his refusal to author the too often seen “pious preachment’s” type of column from the dean. He has made it clear that he is opposed to the publication of a dull, in house, “business as usual” type of newsletter.

The editorial policy of *The Word* will be to encourage a free exchange of ideas and opinions from the bottom up. The goal will be for Logos students and graduates, along with our friends and supporters, to share with each other our commitment to, and passion for the Church – His Church, the Church of Jesus Christ.

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**Our Associate Dean, Rev. Canon Clyde H. Cox, Jr.**



**Canon Cox applying the “finishing touch on the Logos House library**

## **Section: Essays, Articles, Scholarly Papers**

(Open for submissions from all students, faculty  
and interested parties)

### Reflections on Ascetical Theology and Spiritual Direction

*A paper prepared by Rev. Canon John A.  
Corcoran, printed with his permission – to be  
presented*

*in The Word in three installments. Father  
Corcoran is a faculty member of Logos House  
where he  
teaches the course on Spiritual Direction, as well  
as offering a course in Greek).*

Some definitions used as the  
underpinnings for these Reflections are as  
follows:

Theology: “The conscious effort of the  
Christian to hearken to the actual verbal  
revelation which God has promulgated in  
history, to acquire acknowledge of it by  
methods of scholarship, and to reflect  
upon its implications.”

Ascetical Theology: “The consideration  
of the Christian life as applied to the  
individual Christian.” It is the science of  
perfection in so far as this is accessible to  
human effort, aided by Grace. . . .  
Ascetical theology is based on the  
teachings of Scripture and the traditions  
and decisions of the Church. It is usually  
divided into three parts, corresponding to  
the three degrees of spiritual life:  
'Beginners' . . . Purgative Way; 'Proficient'  
. . . Illuminative Way; 'Perfect' . . .  
Unitive Way.

Spirituality: “That which animates a  
person's life of Faith, and moves it to greater  
depths and toward Perfection.

To be realistic about this, therefore, the  
individual needs Direction. All who are on this  
journey towards maturity as Christians need a  
Director. Here, it is important to understand that  
this work is not to teach a particular way of  
Spirituality to an individual, but to enable the  
individual, by the power of the Holy Spir discern  
the proper way. So, the Director must be gifted  
with a wide and perceptive knowledge of  
spiritual paths and different traditions. The  
pilgrimage must be fully one's own,  
understanding that one matures into one's true  
self only by actually living with other. Our  
growing together in prayer and love is an integral  
part of God's purpose to gather all things into one  
in Christ. Directors also have to help distinguish  
between the heart of a spiritual teaching, and the  
relative superficial conditioning of an author's  
own era. We cannot grow in prayer only by  
reading books on Prayer, we learn to pray by  
praying; we learn to love God and our neighbor  
by loving.

*In part two of this paper, that will appear in the  
winter edition of the newsletter, Canon Corcoran  
continues his discussion focusing upon the  
relationship between the Spiritual Director and  
the Directed individual. He approaches the  
subject from five perspectives: (1) The Direction  
of Conscience and the Pastoral Ministry; (2) the  
Nature of the Spiritual Dialogue; (3) The  
Formation of the Spiritual Director; (4) the  
Kinds of Spiritual Direction, and (5) The  
Psychology of the Directed.*

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