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## Important Dates

**Threshold Retreat for First-Year Students at UIndy**  
August 14-16, 2009

**Sutphin Lecture**  
*Eboo Patel, Interfaith Youth Core*  
November 11, 2009

**Showers Lecture**  
*Dr. David Burrell*  
*Hesburgh Professor Emeritus in Philosophy and Theology at University of Notre Dame*  
April 6, 2010

**Service Pilgrimage to Sierra Leone**  
May 2009

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## Called to Unite Knowledge and Vital Piety Symposium—Exploring Indiana’s Places of Christian Higher Education

On March 27-28, 2009, persons from seven church-related colleges and universities in Indiana and other interested participants gathered at the University of Indianapolis to explore how Christian higher education in the Wesleyan & Holiness traditions has been carried out on their respective campuses.

Friday evening began with a worship service led by worship leaders, The Rev. Dr. **Andy Kinsey**, pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in Franklin, Indiana, presiding minister; Dr. **Beth Felker Jones**, assistant professor of Theology, Wheaton College, preacher; choral conductor Dr. **Paul Krasnovsky** with the **UIndy’s Women’s Chorus**; and song leader **Roger Smith**, minister of music and worship arts at Grace UMC.

Dr. **Michael G. Cartwright**, dean of Ecumenical & Interfaith Programs, presided over the evening plenary with the keynote address by Dr. **Paul Chilcote**, professor of Theology at Ashland University. Dr. **Greg Clapper**, professor of Philosophy & Religion at UIndy offered a response to Dr. Chilcote’s address.

Saturday’s session began with Dr. **Perry Key**, chair of the Philosophy & Religion Department at UIndy presiding over the first plenary session with Dr. **John Baughman**, emeritus professor of History at DePauw University and Rev. **Brian Erickson**, University of Evansville Chaplain, presenting. Plenary 2 was presided over by Dr. **Jonathan Evans**, assistant professor of Philosophy at UIndy with papers by Dr. **Robert Lay**, professor of Christian Education at Taylor University and Dr. **Merle Strege**, professor of Historical Theology at Anderson University.

The afternoon session began with plenary 3 with Dr. **Bud Bence**, professor of Church History at Indiana Wesleyan University presiding. Dr. **Michael Cartwright** and Dr. **Edwin Woodruff-Tait**, assistant professor of Bible & Religion at Huntington University, offered their papers. Plenary 4 with Dr. **Bill Ringenberg**, professor of History at Taylor University ended the symposium with his paper “Retrospective Reflections.”



Front l-r: Jonathan Evans, Ed Woodruff-Tait, John Baughman, Michael Cartwright, Bud Bence  
Back l-r: Andy Kinsey, Perry Kea, Merle Strege, Robert Lay



## Sankofa Circle of Sages Unveiled

Following the annual interfaith peace service, participants processed behind an African drum and students with flags to the location of the Sankofa Circle of Sages. For the past five years, UIndy has been exploring the heritage of African and African American students as part of our PHASE III Vocations Project. In the spirit of Sankofa—"in order to move forward, we must look back to see where we have come from." The Sankofa Circle of Sages honors the seven sages honored during the African American Sages events—Rev. Dr. **Eugene Blair**, who formerly served as United Methodist missionary in Kenya and as dean of the Upper Room, currently serves as director of African-American Spiritual Formation for the Detroit Conference of the United Methodist Church; Rev. **Glandion Carney**, is an ordained minister of the Christian Reformed Church and contributes in various ways to the ministries of the Renovaré Movement, the Academy for Spiritual Formation, and the Christian Legal Society; Rev. Dr. **Safiya Fosua**, director of Invitational Preaching Ministries with the General Board of Discipleship of the UMC, Rev. Dr. **James Earl Massey**, emeritus dean of the chapel at Tuskegee University, former dean of Anderson School of Theology, and emeritus pastor of Metropolitan Church of God (Anderson) in Detroit; Fr. **Boniface Hardin OSB**, the founder and president of Martin University (1968-2007); Ms. **Jearlyn Steele**, singer/songwriter; and Ms. **Regina Laroche** with more than twenty-five years of performing, teaching and collaborating in churches, theatres, colleges, public school classrooms, retreat settings, and community efforts.



Sankofa Students leading the processional

Processional to the Circle of Sages



Circle of Sages Unveiled



The mission of the Lantz Center for Christian Vocations and Formation is to foster a curriculum that sustains a community of Christian formation, vocational exploration, mentoring relationships, and Christian service.



The Lantz Center Medallion



## Lantz Center Celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Lantz Center for Christian Vocations and Formation celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Friday night, April 17, 2009. Guests included current CVOC students, alumni of the CVOC program, and CVOC mentors. Dr. Chris Rice, Duke Center for Reconciliation, was the keynote speaker at the anniversary celebration.

The Lantz Center for Christian Vocations was established in 1998 at the University of Indianapolis and in 1999 was named after Dr. G. Benjamin Lantz, the 6th president of the University. Dr. Michael Cartwright wrote and received a Lilly grant to establish the Center. With Dr. Michael Cartwright as director of the Lantz Center and Dr. Greg Clapper as the associate director, the Christian Vocations curriculum was developed and implemented. In 2001-2002, Dr. Michael Cartwright went on sabbatical and Dr. Greg Clapper became the director. In 2002, Dr. Clapper left this position to teach full-time in the Philosophy and Religion Department. In 2003, Sr. Jennifer Horner was named as director of the Lantz Center. At this time the Center was renamed the Lantz Center for Christian Vocations and Formation to more fully represent the mission of the Center.

Each year when students are commissioned for Christian service they receive a Lantz Center medallion. This medallion has the image of the basin and towel on one side and the University seal on the other side. It serves as an outward symbol of their inner desire to serve God through a life of service as they follow God's call in their lives.

This medallion is occasionally given at other times to persons who share a deep commitment to a life of Christian service. Mrs. **Cindy Tyree** was awarded the Lantz Center medallion during the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

Cindy Tyree, '77, '03 (middle) with her husband, Brian Tyree, and her mother, Elsie Hege.



Current CVOC students Ben Freeman, '09 Hilary Foltz, '09, former CVOC student Hannah Corbin, '06 and her mother, CVOC mentor Jim Ream

## Lantz Center Commissioning Service April 20, 2009



Chaplain Lang Brownlee, Lyndsay Davies, Hilary Foltz, Ben Freeman, Chelsea Hixon, Ryan Nelson and Chaplain Sr. Jennifer Horner at 2009 Lantz Center Commissioning Service

## Spiritual Pilgrimage to Taizé, France for 2009 Spring Term May 7-19, 2009



Front l-r: Julia Spangler, Julie Bates, Michelle Beanblossom, Christie Michel, Jessica Peterson,  
Back l-4: Kierra Childers, Rebecca Hadley, Chris Bullick, Mark Fornefeld, Sr. Jennifer Horner and Cindy Tyree

## News and Notes

Sr. **Jennifer Horner**, has accepted a new position at Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove, Indiana. Sr. Jennifer will be the Vocation Director at the Benedictine community where she resides. Sr. Jennifer has served as a member of the staff of the Ecumenical & Interfaith Programs office since August 2003 where she has served as Co-Chaplain of the University and Director of the Lantz Center for Christian Vocations and Formation.

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