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# NOTES



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**Online Courses in Islamic Studies** ☞ The Foundation has established a Recognized and Endorsed relationship with the Internet Islamic University in New York which offers both undergraduate and graduate courses online at an extremely affordable rate. We have worked with Dr. Zaheer Uddin, Executive Director of the Center for American Muslim Research and Information in New York, who is also President of IIU, in cultivating this relationship both for our undergraduate as well as our graduate programs. IIU has an outstanding array of international Islamic scholars on their faculty. Visit the "Affiliations" page of our website, and look under the "Recognized and Endorsed" section for a link to the Internet Islamic University website.

**New P.R.I.M.E. Relationship** ☞ The Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of a P.R.I.M.E. (Partnering Resources In Ministry Education) relationship with the Dominican Center at Marywood in Grand Rapids, MI. Under the leadership of the director, Sister Nancy Brousseau, OP, D.Min., a Foundation alumna, the Center offers a variety of specialized training programs in spirituality and spiritual direction. Visit their website at [www.dominicancenter.com](http://www.dominicancenter.com) for more details and watch the Foundation's website for developments in this ongoing relationship.

**New Recognized and Endorsed Institutions** ☞ In addition to the Internet Islamic University, the Foundation is delighted to announce the addition of the Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC) in San Antonio, Texas as a Recognized and Endorsed institution. This means that any Foundation student may take courses at MACC for credit. This relationship has been developed through the efforts of Dr. Antonio Ramírez, Director of the Spanish Language Institute for Ministries at the Foundation and Bartolomé de Las Casas Professor of Hispanic Studies, working with Dr. Arturo Chávez, Program Director, and Sr. María Elena Gonzalez, RSM, President of MACC.

MACC is a center of research, based on lived experience, on multiculturalism, with expertise in the unique and beautiful culture and language of the Hispanic, particularly the Mexican-American. MACC remains focused on that reality we understand, the Mexican American culture, and from that foundation, reach out to others. Established in 1972, in San Antonio, Texas, the capital of the *frontera*, the Mexican American Cultural Center has been building bridges between cultures for 30 years. Foundation students attending the SLIM program in San Antonio under the oversight of Dr. Ramírez are welcome to take their residency at the Center as well.

**Oxford Summer Faculty Monograph Available** ☞ Each year the Foundation cooperates with Oxford University in the preparing and publishing of a collection of essays written by the forthcoming summer theology faculty at Oxford University. The theme of the summer school and the title of the monograph this year is *Religion and Society*. Copies are presented to each summer school participant and all members of the Oxford Alumni/ae Club at the Foundation receive a gift copy. Other students and alumni/ae of the Foundation may purchase a copy for \$5.00 which covers shipping and handling. Call the Student Services Office to order and pay with a credit card. The monograph will be available after April 15.

**Cloverdale College Forging Innovative Relationships** ☞ Under the leadership of Dr. Russell Neitzke, Dean of the College, Cloverdale continues to forge ahead in developing creative and innovative affiliations and relationships for the purpose of broadening our undergraduate student course base. Recently, the College established a formal relationship with Microsoft's SolarTech affiliate which provides a wide range of online courses in the field of administration and management which fulfills our B.B.A. requirements. Two new affiliations will be activated by April 15<sup>th</sup> such that students can take some or all of their B.B.A. courses online from Church Windows software and the Ed2go website which lists a wide range of courses available online. Visit the College website for ongoing developments at [www.cloverdalecollege.org](http://www.cloverdalecollege.org).

**Online Graduate Courses Through Saint Paul Center** ☞ For some time now, the Foundation's undergraduate program, Cloverdale College, has enjoyed a relationship with the Saint Paul Center for Biblical Theology which offers quality online courses in Biblical studies. Many of our College students and graduates have enjoyed and benefited from these courses designed by outstanding faculty members. The Foundation has now made arrangements for the Center's courses to qualify for graduate credit towards our degree programs in religious education and theology. The Center's courses are valued at three graduate credit hours based upon the student holding a Bachelor's degree and writing a 15-20 page paper for Foundation faculty evaluation. Visit the GTF's "Announcements" page on the website for details.

**Publications by Faculty** ☞ Foundation faculty consistently bring out publications in their relevant fields of work, and we congratulate three of our faculty who have been recently published. The Rev. Dennis Billy, C.Ss.R., Karl Rahner Professor of Catholic Theology, has recently published two books, *Simple, Heartfelt Words: Preaching in the Alphonsian Tradition* (Liguori Publications, 2006) available from [www.liguori.org](http://www.liguori.org), and *The Way of Mystery: The Eucharist and Moral Living* with James Keating (Paulist Press, 2006), available from [www.paulistpress.com](http://www.paulistpress.com). The Rev. Dr. Peter Roussakis, Charles Wesley Professor of Sacred Music and Director of Sacred Music, has recently published a book entitled *Confessing the Compendium: Praying the Lord's Prayer as Confessing Faith* (Meetinghouse Press, 2005). Inquiries to: [meetinghousepress@sbcglobal.net](mailto:meetinghousepress@sbcglobal.net), Ph: 765-566-3274. The Rev. Dr. Hugh Page, Jr., Benjamin Elijah Hays Professor of Church and Society, has published a work entitled *Exodus: The People's Bible Commentary* (The Bible Reading Fellowship, 2006) available from [www.brf.org.uk](http://www.brf.org.uk).

**Foundation Student International Participant** ☞ The Islamic University of Rotterdam hosted the Second World Congress of Imams and Rabbis in March. Included in the roster of the one hundred invited participants was Dr. Senad Agic, Imam of Northbrook, IL, and a D.Min. alumnus and Ph.D. candidate of the Foundation slated to graduate in May of this year. The Congress marked an historic moment in the relationship between Islam and Judaism and we applaud the Islamic University of Rotterdam for their courage and Dr. Agic for his relentless pursuit of compassion and understanding among all peoples of the world.

**Foundation Expansion Continues in the Tower** ☞ Owing to dynamic growth precipitated by the development of various new programs and an acceleration of institutional affiliations, the Foundation continues to require increased space for administrative staff and services. Having taken the complete third floor of this historic landmark building, known as The Tower Building, the Foundation has also taken a substantial portion of the eight and ninth floors as well. As of April 1, the Foundation is taking another suite of offices on the fourth floor to be occupied by the Dean of the College and the Director of Communications. We do not anticipate this being the last necessity for expansion, and for that we are most pleased.

**Foundation Receives National Listing** ☞ For a number of years, the Foundation has been listed as a consortium institution in the *Higher Education Directory*, the most comprehensive national directory of educational institutions in the U.S. The Foundation has just been notified that we will now be listed in the annual publication of the National Council of Churches entitled, *2006 Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches* in the section on seminaries in the U.S.

**Registration Dates for May & June Institutes** ☞ The Foundation's Institutes, offered for graduate credit and for those exercising the Non-Project Option for professional degrees, are still accepting applications. Those being offered include Spiritual Guidance and the Jewish Mystical Tradition with Rabbi Howard Addison; Celtic Christian Spirituality with the Rev. Dr. Marlene Kropf; Professional Counselors with our Academic Dean, the Rev. Dr. Joe Baunoch; Eastern Christian Spirituality with the Rev. Dr. Robin Gibbons of Oxford; Law and Social Justice with the Rev. Dr. Bill Glisson, JD; and Church Leadership by the Rev. Dr. C. Anthony Hunt. *See below for specific Institute dates.*  
\*\*\*Course descriptions, reading lists, and registration forms are available from the Foundation.\*\*\*

**Spiritual Guidance & Jewish Mystical Tradition**

May 15-19

**Celtic Christian Spirituality**

May 15-19

**Professional Counselors**

May 22-26

**Eastern Christian Spirituality**

June 5-9

**Law and Social Justice**

June 12-16

**Church Leadership**

June 19-23

**Clinical Pastoral Education Opportunity** ☞ Carle Foundation Hospital of Urbana, Illinois, is offering Clinical Pastoral Education opportunities in the form of Extended Units (late Sept. to April) and a Summer Unit (late May to mid-August). The Hospital welcomes applications from those persons who are considering a CPE Unit in a Hospital that is a trauma center, teaching hospital, and regional referral center. The Carle Foundation is a Level I Trauma Center, community hospital, and teaching site for the University of Illinois medical programs. The CPE program is accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. (ACPE). More information is available from The Rev. James M. Winjum, Director, Pastoral Care Dept., Carle Foundation Hospital, 611 West Park Street, Urbana, Illinois 61081, Ph: (217) 383-4510, Email: [James.Winjum@carle.com](mailto:James.Winjum@carle.com), Website: [www.carleconnect.com/CPEhome.shtml](http://www.carleconnect.com/CPEhome.shtml). *Information on this opportunity may also be found on the "Announcements" page of the GTF website.*