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A Wesleyan Seminary at IWU . . .

A dream a long time in the making will become reality this fall – a seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University! Over the past two years, a task force comprised of board members, church leaders and IWU faculty admirably studied the important issues and challenges of starting a seminary. The task force determined the positive value of a Wesleyan seminary and unanimously recommended to the board that we continue the study. Next the faculty prepared innovative, practical curricula that were approved by the accreditors. Finally, we developed an operating model that makes the seminary accessible and financially possible.

At the IWU board of trustee meeting this past April, the unanimous vote to begin a seminary was a time of celebration. Our board sees the seminary as a God-directed gift to ministry education! Our passionate desire is to create a seminary that is *affordable, practical, accessible* and open to all who desire to study from a Wesleyan theological perspective.

The conceptual framework of integrated courses, unique delivery modalities, required ministry engagement and pricing all seek to meet the needs of today's seminary student. From the beginning, we have had the student in ministry at the center of our design. We have taken the "DNA" of IWU, which has always sought to create innovative courses and pioneering delivery methods, and applied the IWU organizational system to create a seminary we hope will be the best of the past and the promise of the future.

The seminary will initially have two master's programs: the 36-hour Master of Ministry and the newly developed 75-hour Master of Divinity, which will begin in August. With the kick off of the seminary this fall, we anticipate a seminary enrollment of over 200 students.

At Indiana Wesleyan University, beginning a seminary is not aimed at providing additional revenue to bolster other programs. Nor is the creation of a seminary an enrollment strategy – our enrollment is robust and growing at a challenging pace. Although we have a strong academic reputation, and we believe the seminary will enhance it, starting a seminary is not a tactic to increase our reputation. Our unwavering commitment to be the most practical seminary in the world will define us in the academic world.

Will you join us for Homecoming 2009 when we officially begin the seminary? Again this year, Homecoming is the first weekend of October – Thursday through Saturday, October 1-3, 2009. Come home and take a "preview" tour of the 3,800-seat chapel-auditorium scheduled to open in January, catch up on the many ways God continues to bless IWU, and celebrate the seminary opening.

We need your prayers and your continuing financial help as we boldly establish a Wesleyan seminary. We pray that you will support us as God leads you.

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Joni Eareckson Tada
receives an honorary
doctorate from IWU
President Henry Smith
and IWU Board Chairman
Carl Shepherd.

Joni Eareckson Tada:

***PUSH BACK** the Darkness*

Joni Eareckson Tada used her induction into the Indiana Wesleyan University Society of World Changers as a platform to urge 2,500 students and faculty members to replace the darkness of the world with the light of Jesus Christ. She became the sixth person inducted into the Society. What follows are excerpts from her acceptance speech.

by Joni Eareckson Tada

I'm overwhelmed and completely touched by your very gracious response. I never would have dreamed 42 years ago, when I broke my neck in that diving accident, that I would be so honored today.

I felt like it might be a little bit like the judgment seat of Christ, when we go up and get our rewards. I have no idea what that will be like. But if it's even a taste of this, my goodness what a day that shall be. And what a day this is for me.

I just wish my husband, Ken, could be here to celebrate with me and to express our deep and abiding thanksgiving to you and to our Lord Jesus.

But I do want to thank you for welcoming me into the Society of World Changers.

As most of you know, I have been a quadriplegic for almost 42 years. And most of those years I have served not only people like you, able-bodied students and adults, but also thousands of people with disabilities as a national and international advocate.

I have strong convictions, very strong convictions, about the plight of disabled people, whether it's the elderly, the unborn or newborn infants with handicapping conditions or those who are severely, profoundly mentally handicapped. There is a growing need for concern in this day,

when life's value across this world, around our globe, is quickly and rapidly eroding and unraveling because we no longer understand what it means to be human.

And so, my savior Jesus Christ has called me and our team at the International Disability Center to push back the darkness and to shine forth His light, to shine forth the light of truth, for we live in a culture of death.

People, not just people with disabilities but all people, are being treated as things, not as human beings with intrinsic value. We have no value because our society believes we are no longer created in the image of God. Rather our humanity is shaped by our costs, convenience, comfort, functionality and appearance.

Society may not want to admit it. Society may say it extols human beings and human dignity, but it does not, it cannot because when you take God out of the picture, we are

not even glorified animals. Bald eagles and their eggs have more rights than the unborn children that are inside of a woman's body.

If all we are is a bunch of molecules, which are thrown together, then why not pull the plug on a brain-injured woman like Terry Schiavo? Why not deny treatment to the elderly grandmother with Alzheimer's? Why not euthanize the infant born with multiple disabilities? Why not destroy a human embryo for its stem cells? Why not clone a spinal-injured woman for her genetic materials?

It's a different society, a different world, than when I was injured 42 years ago.



Joni Eareckson Tada visited with IWU student Jeff Coll.



Joni Eareckson Tada works on one of her high-detail, fine art paintings.

When I broke my neck, society wasn't so fast to agree that a person such as me makes a perfectly rational or reasonable decision if he or she decides to end her life. Back then there weren't as many doctors who bought into the premise that you're better off dead than disabled.

Back then there were no Dr. Jack Kevorkians. Excuse me, I shouldn't call him a doctor. There were no Jack Kevorkians, standing in the wings rubbing their hands together waiting to aid me in my death wish with three grams of Phenobarbital in the veins.

Now, the elderly and the infirm and the vulnerable never fare well in societies, which lose their moral center, which lose their heart. The elderly, the disabled, infants with disabilities have never fared well in cultures, which view life as dispensable.

So, you and I have been called to be World Changers. You and I have been called to shine the light of the truth of the Gospel, to push back the darkness. You and I have been called to do whatever it takes, as Proverbs 31:8, says, "Speak up for

those who cannot speak for themselves."

It is a season like none other to push back that darkness. Others may whine about the triumph of evil or secular humanism, but we disciples of Jesus Christ know better. We know how the story ends. We know that ultimate good will triumph.

So we showcase what that good will look like by rolling up our sleeves and practicing Christianity where the rubber meets the road and becoming a follower of Jesus Christ who delights in changing the world.

Our greatness is not in success, but in service. Because, you see, whether we win or lose the cultural argument is not the point. We witness in our culture to the way of justice, to the way of truth, to the way of righteousness, to the way of beauty, to the way of joy, peace and mercy. And we witness to what it means to be fully human, created in the image of God.

And the beautiful thing is that you friends don't have to break your neck to serve and become a World Changer.

World Changers

Indiana Wesleyan University launched the Society of World Changers in 2003 to bring to campus Christian professionals who are pouring salt and shining light into their corners of the world.

Previous inductees are:

- Robert A. Briner, an award-winning TV producer, sports executive and author.
- Frank E. Peretti, a bestselling author of Christian suspense novels.
- Dr. James C. Dobson, founder and chairman-emeritus of Focus on the Family
- Dr. Benjamin Carson, director of pediatric neurosurgery and professor of neurosurgery, oncology and plastic surgery, and pediatrics at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions.
- Tony Dungy, former head coach of the 2007 Super Bowl Champion Indianapolis Colts and a bestselling author.

A Voice for the Worldwide Community of the Disabled

Joni Eareckson Tada was just 17 when a diving accident left her paralyzed from the neck down and confined to a wheelchair

But 'paralyzed' hardly describes a woman who, since her accident, has written 35 books, accepted a presidential appointment to the National Council on Disability, spoken in more than 45 countries, established a disability ministry that reaches around the world and produced paintings with a brush between her teeth.

From her wheelchair, Joni truly has changed the world for those with disabilities. Her bestselling biography, *Joni*, chronicled her struggle to accept her paralysis as part of a divine plan. Translated into 40 languages, *Joni* also was made into a movie with Joni starring as herself.

A full-time disability advocate, she founded Joni and Friends, an organization dedicated to serving the worldwide community of the disabled and their families.

The Joni and Friends International Disability Center, based in Southern California and headquarters for her ministry, operates five flagship programs.

- A daily radio program, Joni and Friends, airs on more than 1,000 broadcast outlets around the world while a television series airs weekly.
- The Family Retreats program holds events for hundreds of special needs families around the world.
- The Wheels for the World program, working with inmates who refurbish donated wheelchairs, has distributed 52,000 of those wheelchairs to disabled children and adults in 102 developing nations.
- The Field Services program provides

training and educational resources for churches interested in disability ministry.

- The Christian Institute on Disability is a training center providing curriculum development, internships and a policy center to promote a biblical worldview on disability-related issues.

From her wheelchair,
Joni truly has changed the world
for those with disabilities.

When Joni accepted a presidential appointment to the National Council on Disability, she helped draft the

Americans with Disabilities Act, which was signed into law in 1990. In 2005, she was appointed to advise former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on policy and programs that affect the disabled in the State Department and around the world.

While recovering from her accident, Joni learned to paint and draw. Today collectors seek after her high-detail, fine art paintings and prints

She is the author of a memoir, *The God I Love, A Christmas Longing*, which includes her Christmas paintings, and the recently released *A Lifetime of Wisdom: Embracing the Way God Heals You*.

We salute Joni Eareckson Tada for giving inspiration and independence to individuals with disabilities.



Joni Eareckson Tada sits in front of an empty pedestal where a bust of her will be placed.

Seminary *to Open At* Indiana Wesleyan University



The first seminary in the history of The Wesleyan Church will open in September on the Marion campus of Indiana Wesleyan University. The IWU Board of Trustees unanimously approved the historic proposal on April 3.

The seminary format will be similar to IWU's successful adult education programs, which allow students to further their education while maintaining family and professional responsibilities.

"We have taken the very best of the future and the very best of the past to create a new model," IWU President Henry Smith said. "Our purpose was to make a seminary education more practical, more accessible and more affordable."

Although seminary training is encouraged, only about 15 percent of Wesleyan pastors have seminary degrees. Denominational leaders are hoping the new IWU seminary will double that number.

While Wesleyan pastors are seen as key candidates, the seminary is expected to draw ministerial students from other evangelical Christian denominations.

A seminary task force, consisting of officials from IWU and The Wesleyan Church, met for two years to consider

creating a seminary in Marion. Dr. Ken Schenck and Rev. Russ Gunsalus, IWU religion professors, guided the task force.

The idea gained momentum in

December when the Higher Learning Commission extended IWU's accreditation to include the Master of Divinity (M.Div.)

degree. The M.Div. is the foundational degree for a seminary.

The seminary will open this fall with an expected 200 students who currently are enrolled in master's programs plus 75 M.Div. students over the course of the first year.

We have taken the very best of the future and the very best of the past to create a new model.

IWU President Henry Smith



An architect's conception of IWU's proposed seminary building.

A \$6 million building, that would include classrooms, offices and lodging for students, already is on the drawing board, but no date has been set for the start of construction. The building is planned for the 4400 block of South Landess Street.

All students will be required to have – and to maintain – full-time ministries in local churches while they pursue a seminary degree. “We do not want to take seminary students away from their local churches and their ministries,” Smith said.

Many students, who do not live close to campus, can take two-thirds of their classes online and come to campus for intense one-week classes. Students within driving distance of Marion can take all of their classes on campus.

The 75-hour M.Div. degree will take four years to complete. As many as four professors will teach each class to better integrate various components – such as Bible, theology, church history and practical applications – into each course.

“I firmly believe this will be the most practical seminary in the world,” said Dr. Kerry Kind, General Director of Education and the Ministry for The Wesleyan Church.

The IWU Board of Trustees will govern the seminary and will appoint a seminary board. The seminary, which does not yet have a name, will have a chief operating officer, an academic dean and its own faculty.

“Several faculty members already are teaching in our graduate religion programs, and we are in an active search to build a new faculty of ministry scholars,” said IWU Provost David Wright.

The Wesleyan Church was formed in 1968 through the mergers of several like-minded denominations, dating as far back as 1843. The denomination has 400,000 constituents in 4,000 churches and missions in 80 countries.

In addition to IWU, the denomination operates colleges in Houghton, New York; Central, South Carolina, and Bartlesville, Oklahoma. There also is a Wesleyan Bible college in Sussex, New Brunswick, Canada.

IWU Receives \$10.6 Million From Estate of Banker Arthur

Indiana Wesleyan University has received \$10.6 million from the estate of Arthur Hodson, a Grant County banker, farmer, community leader and Christian philanthropist.

The distribution of the Hodson estate was announced April 29 on the steps of STAR Financial Bank in Upland, where

Hodson began his banking career in 1950. He died July 14, 2007, at 94.

Hodson also left \$13.8 million to Taylor University in Upland and \$2.6 million to White's Residential and Family Services, a child and family services agency in Wabash County.

In addition, Hodson left gifts for the

Upland United Methodist Church and the Upland Friends Church.

IWU's portion of the \$27 million Hodson estate will be placed in the University's permanent endowment and will be used to fund three initiatives:

- **The Arthur L. Hodson Endowed Chair in Business Entrepreneurship.** The fund will pay the salary of a professor for the school year, plus an additional two months in the summer for scholarly work involving the professor and IWU students.
- **The Arthur L. and Mary K. Hodson Scholarships.** The fund will provide financial assistance to IWU students from Grant County, with special consideration given to graduates of Eastbrook High School.
- **The Hodson Science Student Research Fund.** The fund will provide opportunities for IWU students to work with faculty members on research projects in the fields of chemistry, biology and physics.



Mr. Dee Gibson, Chief Executive Officer of White's Residential and Family Services; Dr. Eugene Habecker, President of Taylor University; and Dr. Henry Smith, President of Indiana Wesleyan University, accept a symbolic check from Mr. Ross Hoffman, Trustee of the Arthur Hodson Estate.

'We will miss his wonderful spirit' IWU President Says Thanks to Arthur Hodson for Major Gift



Arthur Hodson

As I consider the world-changing impact of today's announcement, I find myself believing that he would have been equally successful as a university president.

There are at least five criteria for success as a university president.

Passion. Mr. Hodson's gift to IWU is a bold statement of the passion he had for the importance of a Christ-centered

higher education. **Faith.** Mr. Hodson's resources – both his money and his time – were used almost exclusively to serve faith-based institutions. We're honored that IWU was one of them.

Scholarship. Mr. Hodson was a life-long learner, as evidenced by his decision to buy a computer – and learn how to use it – when he was 90 years old. One of IWU's computer consultants found him an eager and willing student.

Mentor. Mr. Hodson loved hanging out with IWU students. The students found encouragement from the many life

lessons that he shared – about both good and tough times.

Finally, and perhaps most important: **A Sense of Humor.** One year, when Mr. Hodson came to campus to welcome incoming freshmen, there was a life-sized mannequin seated in a chair in the lounge of Hodson Hall. The fully-clothed mannequin had a stick-on name tag that said, 'Hello, I'm Art Hodson.'

Mr. Hodson laughed until he cried. The next day, he returned with a monogrammed STAR Financial Bank shirt so that the mannequin would be properly attired. The name Art Hodson

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Hodson

Although he had no children of his own, Hodson's family had contributed to scholarships and buildings projects at Taylor, IWU and White's. All three institutions have buildings that were named in honor of the Hodson family to express gratitude for previous support.

Hodson attended Taylor for two years before transferring to Purdue University, where he graduated in 1936. He worked as a chemical engineer for Union Carbide for 10 years before returning to Upland in 1946 to manage the family's 400-acre farm.

From 1950 until his retirement in 1977, Hodson served The Upland Bank, which later became STAR Financial Bank, in many capacities – including president and chairman of the board.

Hodson was a founding partner of STAR Financial Bank, which now has its corporate offices in Fort Wayne. STAR Financial Bank has grown to more than \$1.7 billion in assets with 46 banking centers in central and northeast Indiana.

was embroidered on the pocket of the shirt.

We will miss his wonderful spirit.

Although Arthur Hodson did not choose to be a university president, the rich legacy he leaves for Indiana Wesleyan University will live through the ages – long after the names of IWU presidents have been forgotten.

Indiana Wesleyan University will be forever indebted to Arthur Hodson.

IWU President Henry Smith
STAR Financial Bank, Upland, Indiana

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. R. Duane Thompson

January 10, 1931 – May 6, 2009

Dr. R. Duane Thompson, who taught in Indiana Wesleyan University's Division of Religion and Philosophy for 40 years, died May 6, 2009, in Indianapolis. He was 78.

Thompson served as chairman of the religion department for 17 years before retiring in 1997.

"We will miss Duane Thompson at IWU. We will miss hearing the stories of the college he knew and loved so well," IWU President Smith said at Thompson's memorial service. "The story of Marion College and IWU is incomplete without remembering his legacy. Dr. R. Duane Thompson is forever a part of the history of Indiana Wesleyan University."

Dr. Keith Drury, an IWU religion professor, said of his longtime colleague and friend: "Dr. Thompson was a Christian gentleman first of all – kind and compassionate to people. He knew how to combine kindness with an intense commitment to the life of the mind – particularly philosophical thinking. He would not let sloppy thinking pass for the careful consideration of deeper assumptions and their logical ramifications."

Thompson graduated from IWU in 1952 with a bachelor's degree in religion. He received his master's degree from Butler University and his Ph.D. in philosophy from Boston University.

He was a pastor for seven years in Wesleyan churches in Ohio before he joined the IWU faculty in 1957.

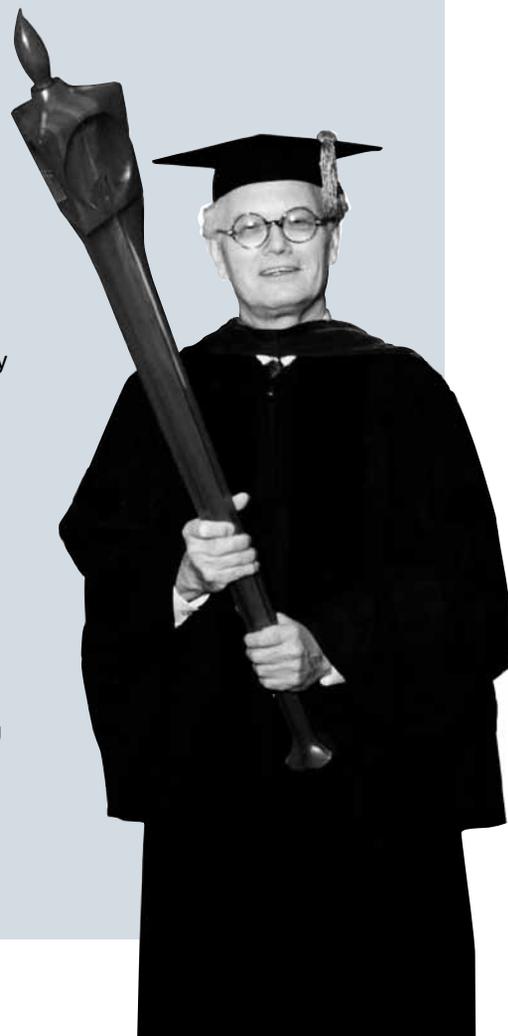
Thompson was born in Marion, Indiana, and graduated from Sweetser High School, five miles west of Marion. He and his wife, Janet, had lived for several years in Indianapolis where they owned and operated a daycare center.

The Thompsons were married for 55 years. They had two children, Renee Herli, Marion, and Rev. R. Duane Thompson, Bethel Park, Pennsylvania; and two grandchildren. He also is survived by two brothers and a sister.

The funeral was at the old College Wesleyan Church on the IWU campus.

Memorials may be made to the IWU Division of Religion and Philosophy.

Dr. R. Duane Thompson in a familiar role as faculty marshal on graduation day.





During a visit to Caribbean Wesleyan College, IWU's Stephen Nelson was reunited with Jowallah Johnson (center), who was his Sunday school teacher nearly 50 years ago when Nelson's parents were missionaries in the Caribbean. Johnson's husband, Wesley (right), is now president of the college.

Pilot Project Not Only Survives, *But Thrives* IWU Still Exporting Business Classes to Developing Countries

Kevin Jones says the Alliance for International Christian Business Education (AICBE) is one of Indiana Wesleyan University's best-kept secrets, but the program is practically a household name on seven international college campuses.

Jones is the manager of the IWU-based program, which was launched in 1999 to introduce American business classes to Christian business schools in developing countries.

The fact that AICBE recently celebrated its 10th anniversary is almost as miraculous as the political and technological hurdles that had to be cleared to launch the pilot program.

"The technology is better today than it was 10 years ago," Jones said. "We're offering online classes today in countries where it would have been impossible in 1999."

The pilot program began with three colleges: Emmanuel Business School in Romania, Lithuania Christian College International and Daystar University in Kenya. Kazakhstan Free University was added a year later. In 2009, Moscow Russian-

Who would have thought 20 years ago that IWU would be offering classes for a college called Russian-American Christian University in Moscow?

American Christian University, Caribbean Wesleyan College in Jamaica and Wesleyan Bible College in Guyana joined AICBE.

"Who would have thought 20 years ago that IWU would be offering classes for a college called Russian-American Christian University in Moscow?" Jones said. All of the AICBE participating colleges, except the one in Kazakhstan, are Christian.

AICBE is a partnership that includes IWU, LeTourneau University, Seattle Pacific University and Ohio Christian University. Collectively, the four colleges offer seven business-related classes to the seven international schools.

The classes offered by the U.S. colleges fill gaps in the business

curricula of the international colleges.

The vision for the alliance originated with C. William Pollard, the retired chairman and CEO of ServiceMaster Co., a Fortune 500 company based in Illinois. Dr. David Wright, now IWU Provost, served as the first chairman of the project.

The ServiceMaster Foundation provided initial funding. The majority of funding today is provided by Fairwyn Fund, which is headed by Pollard, and by a \$20,000 foundation grant.

IWU allows Jones and Stephen Nelson, another IWU administrator who serves as AICBE Advancement Manager, to devote 25 percent of their time to AICBE. And, for the first time, IWU has provided some operating revenue for the project this year.

In addition to the financial support, the IWU leadership team has established a Circle of Prayer that continues to back the AICBE program. And some IWU professors donate their time to teach.

Recently, employees in IWU's College of Adult and Professional Studies (CAPS) raised \$11,000 to start a To The Nations Fund, an endowment for the AICBE. The fund was named in honor of Dr. Mike Bonner, CAPS Vice President.

While the program experienced significant growth in the past year, plans for expansion are indefinite. "We have to do it cautiously because when we expand, we have to raise the money," Jones said.

The value of the program is not in question, however.

Jones said the president of the college in Moscow is a self-professed atheist, and his brother is a former KGB official. "I asked him, 'Why do you allow us to provide courses that are very overtly faith-integrated?'" Jones said. Here is the answer:

"I believe that capitalism without moral and ethical foundation is more damaging than socialism or communism. I watched Christians being persecuted by those who worked for my brother. I watched how they maintained their integrity. There was something different about them.

"That's the kind of ethical and moral foundation I want us to have if we're going to be capitalists."

President's Cabinet Adds Two New Members



Dr. Keith Newman, Vice President for University Relations

Dr. Keith Newman has been named Vice President for University Relations at Indiana Wesleyan University. He has held the same job at Mount Vernon Nazarene University in Ohio since January 2003.

Newman and IWU President Henry Smith were colleagues at Mount Vernon Nazarene until Smith joined IWU in July 2004.

"I have known Keith for several years and feel we can work together effectively," Smith said. "The chemistry between a university president and the vice president of university relations is so important because of the need for the two of us to travel together extensively."

Newman will be primarily responsible for fund raising and for building relationships with IWU's various constituencies, including alumni and friends, the Grant County community and The Wesleyan Church.

Before he joined Mount Vernon Nazarene, Newman was the pastor of Nazarene churches in Arkansas, Texas and California for 18 years. Previously he was a police officer and detective sergeant on the Houston, Texas, Police Department for nine years.

Newman has played an active role in the Mount Vernon, Ohio, community. He has served on the boards of directors of the American Red Cross, the Chamber of Commerce and the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

For three decades, Newman has been a speaker at youth camps, conventions, retreats, capital stewardship banquets, parent-teacher organizations and civic associations. He was a founding trustee of a Christian high school in Houston.

Newman has a bachelor's degree from Houston Baptist University and a master's degree from Southern Nazarene University. He earned his doctorate in leadership education from Spalding University.

Newman also has a Certificate in Fundraising Management from The Center of Philanthropy at Indiana University, Indianapolis.

Newman, his wife Carolyn, and their daughter Alana, who is in high school, are planning to move to Grant County this summer.

Newman will succeed Dr. Brian Simmons, who resigned to become President of the Association of Christian Schools International, which is based in Colorado Springs.



Dr. Bridget Aitchison, Vice President for the College of Adult and Professional Studies

Dr. Bridget Aitchison, a U.S. citizen who has been involved in Christian higher education in Australia for the past 20 years, has been named Vice President for the College of Adult and Professional Studies at Indiana Wesleyan University.

She will serve as Vice President-elect from July 1 through the end of September to provide a formal period of leadership transition. Beginning October 1, Aitchison will assume the title of Vice President.

"After a rigorous process of interviews, Dr. Aitchison emerged as the clear and compelling person God has called to this crucial leadership position at Indiana Wesleyan University," said Dr. David Wright, IWU Provost.

Aitchison previously was Principal/Chief Executive Officer of Southland College, a private Christian teacher training college in Sydney. The college has an international student body, and Aitchison has served on two global groups that promote Christian education.

Wright said Aitchison has a deep sense of calling

to Christian adult higher education.

"This is borne out by her exceptional record of institutional leadership, a strong knowledge of and commitment to the use of new technologies and an extensive network of connections in the cause of global Christian higher education," Wright said.

Aitchison has a bachelor's degree in theatre studies from the University of New South Wales and a Doctor of Creative Arts from the University of Wollongong. She previously served as Chair of the Faculty of Drama at Wesley Institute.

Aitchison will succeed Dr. Mike Bonner, who announced plans previously to retire at the end of the 2009-2010 academic year. He will assume a new title and new duties through the end of the academic year, which ends June 30, 2010.

Bonner came to IWU in 2003 and became vice president of the division in 2005.

More than 38,000 adult learners have earned degrees since IWU established its College of Adult and Professional Studies in 1985.

'A Life-Changing Experience'

Hurricane Launched Journey from Ranch to IWU Campus

Nursing Professor Becky Hoffpauir's journey to Indiana – and eventually to Indiana Wesleyan University – began in September 2005 as her family fled its Louisiana ranch to escape Hurricane Rita.

"I'll never forget driving out of our driveway, looking back at our grain bins and our house, and telling the kids, "Take a good look. This may all be gone, or at least altered, when we come back," said Hoffpauir.

In the car with Hoffpauir were her husband, Rick, their three teenage children and one dog. "Our parish was under mandatory evacuation, so we packed up everything and said goodbye," she said.

Motels were booked all the way from Lake Charles, Louisiana, to Little Rock, Arkansas, so the Hoffpauirs headed to northern Arkansas where her parents, who are Wesleyan evangelists, were conducting a revival.

"The pastor of that congregation so graciously took us in until we were able to find some hotel accommodations," Hoffpauir said.

In the aftermath of the hurricane, Rick Hoffpauir and the couple's oldest son, Brad, returned to Louisiana to help with the cleanup effort.

Becky Hoffpauir and the couple's other children, Heather and Blake, came to Alexandria, Indiana, to stay with her parents in their summer home. The first item on Hoffpauir's agenda was finding a way for two of her children to continue college.

"The state university that Heather and Brad attended was closed, and I didn't want them to lose a semester," Hoffpauir said. "The community college where I

taught nursing also was closed, and there was no guarantee it would reopen."

Hoffpauir's father, the Rev. Frank Baldwin, suggested she check out online classes at IWU. Baldwin arranged a meeting with Dr. Mark Smith, then an IWU vice president.

"When Mark found out my area of work was nursing, he made a preliminary offer for me to teach nursing at IWU," Hoffpauir said. "I was deeply honored but couldn't even consider the job because my husband was living permanently in Louisiana. I didn't see any way to transplant a 500-cattle ranch."

Rick Hoffpauir had a different response to the IWU job offer: "Don't say no to anything yet," he said. "You don't know what it's like down here; you won't be able to return for a long time."

Hoffpauir agreed to return to the IWU campus for an interview – provided her husband could come with her. The interview was followed by intense prayer.

In January 2006, Becky Hoffpauir and the couple's three children moved to Marion, where she began teaching at IWU. She is Assistant Director of the Online Bachelor of Science in Nursing completion program for registered nurses.

Thanks to the University's tuition waiver program for children of employees, Heather Hoffpauir graduated from IWU in April 2007. She since has returned to Louisiana, is married and graduated in May from the University of Louisiana with a master's degree on history.

Brad Hoffpauir graduated from IWU in December 2008 and has returned to Louisiana where he is seeking a job in



Professor Becky Hoffpauir

law enforcement. Blake will be a senior at Lakeview Christian High School in Marion.

"We felt from the beginning of this journey that it had come our way as an answer for our children," Hoffpauir said. "Three years later, I can tell you that is exactly what it was.

"It was life changing. The opportunity to move from a state university to a Christian university was a transformational experience for our children."

In the process, Rick and Becky Hoffpauir became a statistic. They are one of about 3,000 "intact and functional" families in America who live wide geographical distances apart. They see each other every four to eight weeks.

"It was a risky experiment, a faith risk," Hoffpauir said. "While I would never recommend it for a young family or for a marriage that is not as rock solid as ours is, I am grateful for opportunities at IWU which changed the world for our family."

A Seminary Assignment Became a Passion

Several Hymnals Feature Work by IWU's Constance Cherry

When Dr. Constance Cherry wrote her first hymn, it was to complete a master's degree assignment from her hymnology professor. But what began as homework soon evolved into a growing passion.

"I fell in love with hymnology then," said Cherry. "I really held my professor in high regard, so when he told us we should all be writing hymns, I believed him."

That was 1980. Today, Cherry has one or more of her hymns (including both text and musical composition) published in six major denominational or interdenominational hymnals. The hymnal, *Proclaim New Hope*, is a solo collection of 25 of her hymns.

Cherry has been an Associate Professor of Worship and Christian Ministries at Indiana Wesleyan University since 2004.

The day Cherry received her Doctor of Ministry degree in Christian worship from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, she was hired to teach at the new Institute for Worship Studies. The Institute in Jacksonville, Florida, was established by Robert Webber, who was Cherry's mentor for her doctoral thesis.

Cherry still teaches a class on "Music and the Arts in Worship" twice a year at the Institute.

"Since I taught in his school, Robert Webber and I became friends and sharpened the relationship we had begun when he was my mentor," she said. "He

deeply formed me and truly has influenced my life more than anyone else in terms of my career and philosophy."

Cherry believes the role of worship hymns is to teach and instruct. "But they can also be used to praise and exhort," she said. "Lots of good exhortation hymns call one another to deeper faith, to devout discipleship, to praise. Many hymns are prayers to God."

Some topics of devotional life, such as prayer, are easier to write about than others she said. Yet many of her hymns were written to fill gaps in hymnology or to compete in contests, so the subjects were already decided upon.

"In the early years of my writing, some hymn searches were in the area of social justice issues, largely because there was such an inadequate number of those in our hymnals," said Cherry. "So I have written more hymns on social justice than other issues, not because I chose it, but because those topics chose me."

"Those have done very well," she said. "It's good because it's forced me to think theologically, reflectively, prayerfully about issues that I would not necessarily be drawn to otherwise."

Other hymns Cherry has written cover special occasions such as weddings and ordinations. She has also written hymns for events in the Christian year, such as Pentecost, Epiphany, Lent and Advent.

No matter what she's writing, the



Dr. Constance Cherry

criteria for a good hymn remains the same: "It should be a good poem, theologically sound, and have a good vocabulary in the sense that it uses words that are understood but not too intellectual or trite," she says. "It should be thought-provoking and hold continuity within itself."

While Cherry specializes in writing hymns, she appreciates a wide variety of song styles for congregational singing.

"I find value in almost every song form of the church," she said. "I really value the hymn primarily because it can house an extended train of thought. The chorus form is very limited in size and in its purpose. A hymn most often provides revelation; a chorus provides response."

Rather than reducing church worship to hymns and choruses, Cherry advocates singing a broad range of song.

"Churches should be singing Negro spirituals, black gospel, white spirituals, global song, hymns, choruses— even chant can be very effective in some settings," she said. "The church has a deep treasure chest of congregational song. We can draw from all of that."

faculty retiree

Professor Jerry Showalter: Unsung IWU Hero

When Jerry Showalter came to campus in 1966, he was looking for a job in the accounting office. The college dean, however, was looking for something, too.

“What would you think about teaching?” the dean asked Showalter.

“Well, I’ve taken one education course at Taylor University, and I’ve taught Sunday school,” Showalter replied.

“Great! You’re qualified! Let’s start a major!” the dean said.

With that, Showalter became the sole faculty member in the economics/business division at what was then Marion College. He still was working on his master’s degree at Ball State University. Forty-three years later, Showalter is retiring.

“I didn’t spend this many years teaching here for the pay,” Showalter said. “It was the challenge and the opportunity to build something. To be a part of a growing university and business division was exciting to me. The relationships I built with fellow faculty and with students are rewarding.”

Through the years, not only has Showalter established himself as a staple of the division, but he also has earned a reputation for investing in his students. He is humble, however, about his legacy and underscores instead the legacy of those who taught before him.

“The generation before me lived through the great depression. People back beyond my generation made extraordinary sacrifices,” Showalter said. “I had the privilege of knowing a few of those. We have buildings named for a number of them, but students probably

don’t know why. They worked without salaries, received a load of coal for pay. We have a fantastic heritage.”

But Showalter’s interests don’t begin and end with business. An avid sports fan, he has served as president of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) National Faculty Athletic Representative Association and as Eligibility Chair for the Mid-Central College Conference and NAIA Region VIII. He’s a regular at home basketball games where he operates the scoreboard.

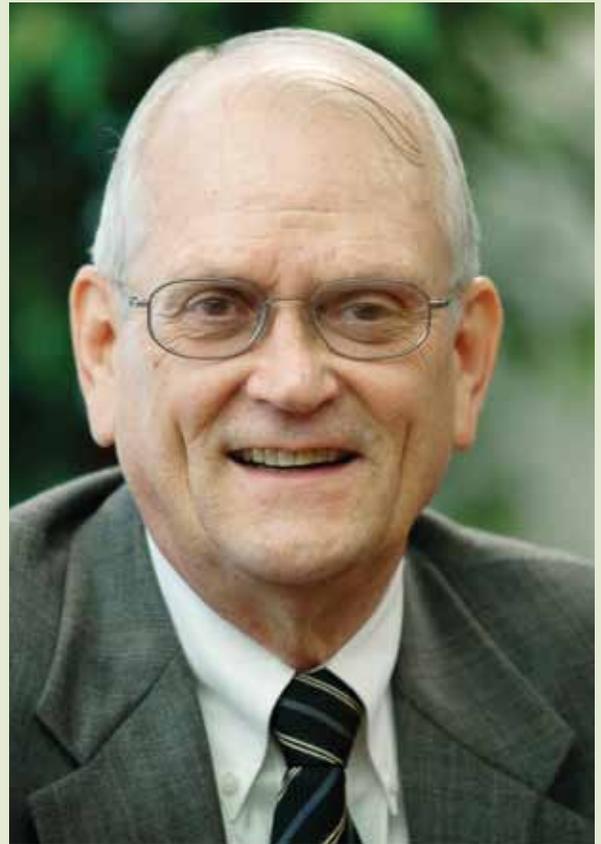
There are some parallels between business and sports, Showalter said.

“Each is challenging; competition is tough, there is pressure to excel, you need to be able to communicate and work as a team,” he said. “In many classes, we divide students into teams and have them work

To be a part of a growing university and business division was exciting to me.

together, even with people they don’t get along with. You must do that to get along in this world. Teamwork is a critical skill. You also must listen to someone in authority over you and do what the boss says, as long as that doesn’t violate your integrity.”

But life isn’t all about competition.



Professor Jerry Showalter

It’s also about growth, said Showalter, who together with his wife have a half-acre garden which produces raspberries, potatoes, carrots, onions, peanuts, tomatoes, beans, corn, beets, grapes, peas and pears.

“The one thing I find amazing is how much increase comes from seed,” he said. “That can hold true for students as well. With a little investment in either one, you’d be amazed at the wonderful fruit that is produced in time.”

“I tell my students that the way to plow a straight row (if you’re not using machinery) is to pick a point at the far end of the row to focus on. Don’t look at where you’ve been, or to the right or to the left. In the same way, if I’m looking at my ultimate goal, heaven, everything goes right in line. If students can learn that, that’s one of the greatest lessons I can teach,” Showalter said.

Dr. Mike Goff:

Creation Was His Classroom

Growing up on a farm in Ohio, Dr. Albert “Mike” Goff’s childhood was full of discovery. He was continually fascinated by the outside world, so it came as no surprise when Goff’s mother pulled a dead cicada from his pocket.

Goff said his first word was “bug.”

The Indiana Wesleyan University biology professor, who is retiring after 32 years, is still known for his love of nature. And he still brings seeds, mushrooms and other pieces of God’s creation inside his house or classroom for further study.

“I will always be like a little kid in a candy store when I’m outside. When I turn over a rock and see something—it never has gotten stale for me,” Goff said. “I still get warm fuzzies over some beetle in a microscope. I see a world that no one else sees. I think, ‘Lord, what were you thinking when you made this creature?’”

Goff was named the Professor of the Year in 2001-02 and has been included in *Who’s Who Among American Teachers* and *Who’s Who in America* multiple times. He serves as IWU’s liaison with the AuSable Institute of Environmental Studies and is a registered educator for the Indiana Dunes.

Here’s how colleagues and students describe Goff. First, he’s a tough professor. Second, he loves life and he loves his students. Really.

“I’m probably demanding,” Goff said. “Being tough is expecting more of the students. It’s calling them to a kind of stewardship of mental abilities, capabilities and discipline that they will use later on in life.

“I remember having tough profs, too, and thinking, ‘This is killing me.’ But I learned both patience and techniques of handling stress. Years later these lessons became very useful to me,” he said.

Self-described as a life-long learner, Goff’s passion is instilling a love for learning in his students, as well, and showing them how their knowledge of science and their faith in God can grow together. He said teaching is a ministry.

“I think perhaps God used eternity past to plan all the creatures and how they’ll all fit together,” Goff said “There’s ministry in encouraging people to not get so lost in information overload that they fail to see that the information is simply a testimony to the God who is there.

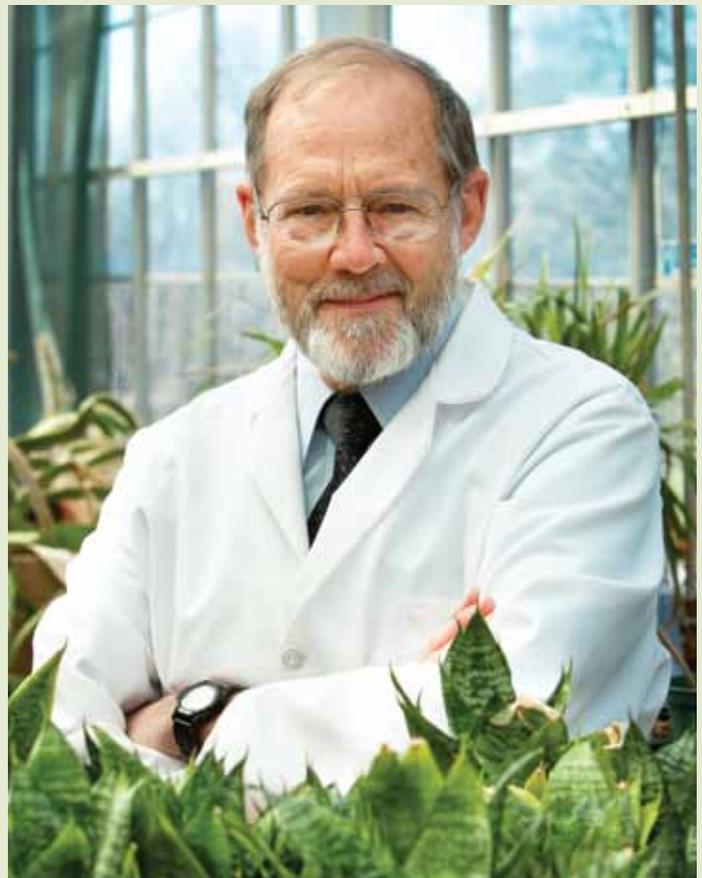
“I feel as though we can get so academically oriented that

it loses its genius, its special flavor. And if you let that happen to you, then you will cease to appreciate the beauty of God’s creation. It’s also a ministry to shake students’ thinking a little bit in terms of their relationship to God. At the end of the semester I don’t care if they like me, but if they have a new appreciation of creation and the Creator, that’s what I’m going for,” he said.

Early in Goff’s career at IWU, he had considered leaving because of pay. When his sister asked if he was going to stay, he said, “I am so tired. I am so dead tired, but I’m going to stay because I like the people.”

Even after 32 years of teaching, Goff said he still gets tired.

“It’s grueling, mental exhaustion if you’re going to do it well. But in the fall you’re ready to come back,” he said. “Retirement scares me a little bit because that’s who I am, and I’m not sure where I’ll be able to continue to share what I learn about God’s fascinating creation.”



Dr. Mike Goff

athletic round-up

IWU Wins Two Honors for Best Overall Athletic Program

Indiana Wesleyan University has received top honors from both the Mid-Central College Conference (MCC) and the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) for having the best overall athletic programs in the two conferences.

IWU's BreAnne Miller Wins Comeback Award

BreAnne Miller, an Indiana Wesleyan University student-athlete, has received a 2009 Thomas A. Brady Collegiate Comeback Award. The award is given to male and female athletes at the college and high school level who have distinguished themselves by overcoming adversity or injury to return and excel in their respective sport.

Miller, who plays basketball at IWU, was diagnosed with leukemia two weeks before she was to begin her freshman year at IWU. Despite various medical setbacks, she eventually was able to join

the women's basketball team.

The Huntington, Indiana, native is scheduled to graduate in the spring of 2010. Miller is a math education major and was named an NAIA Academic All-American.

She received the Comeback Award at a Sports Achievement ceremony in Indianapolis. ESPN sportscaster Mike Tirico spoke at the dinner.

Men and Women Advance To NAIA Basketball Finals

The Indiana Wesleyan University men's and women's basketball teams both received at-large invitations to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Division II national tournaments in March.

It was the seventh consecutive trip to the national tourney for the Lady Wildcats and the second trip in three years for the men.

The women advanced to the Sweet 16, and the men joined the Elite 8 – before both teams were defeated, somewhat ironically, by College of the Ozarks.

The women, who finished third in the MCC, ended the season with a 24-10 record. The men, who tied for the MCC championship, finished at 29-7.

IWU seniors Antonio Murrell and Zach Coverstone were named NAIA Division II All-Americans. Murrell was on the third team, and Coverstone received honorable mention.

The men also won the 2009 Emil Liston Team Sportsmanship Award at the national tourney.

Elaine Hessel, an IWU sophomore, was honored as an NAIA All-American Honorable Mention in NAIA Division II and a National Christian College Athletic Association (NCAAA) All-American First Team selection.

NAIA Honors Tennis Players

Julia Hedgebeth, No. 1 singles tennis player for Indiana Wesleyan University, was named to the NAIA All-American second team. Lisa Massey, the No. 2 singles player, was named NAIA All-American Honorable Mention.



IWU Names New Baseball Coach

Chad Newhard was named Indiana Wesleyan University's new baseball coach, succeeding Mark DeMichael, who became the University's first full-time athletic director.

Newhard is a Fort Wayne, Indiana, native, who played baseball at Grace College in Indiana where he earned a B.S. in Sports Studies. He also has a master's degree in secondary education from Indiana University.

Newhard has coached college baseball for nine years and came to IWU from Tabor College in Kansas. He has done scouting work for the Baltimore Orioles and Toronto Blue Jays.

"The thing that separated Chad was his ability to communicate a vision for the baseball program that encompasses athletic excellence, academic success and spiritual and character mentorship," DeMichael said.

The Wildcats were 18-35 (8-16 in the Mid-Central College Conference) during Newhard's first year at IWU.

IWU to Host NAIA National Track Meet

Indiana Wesleyan University has submitted the winning bid to host the NAIA Outdoor Track and Field Championships for the next three years – 2010 through 2012 – with an option to extend the sponsorship for a fourth year.

The event is expected to attract about 1,300 men and women athletes, 500 coaches and support personnel and 3,000 spectators. The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics has 298 member schools in the United States and Canada.

“I’ve been told it will be the biggest event ever hosted on IWU’s campus,” said IWU Athletic Director Mark DeMichael. “It will take a lot of work, but it’s really an exciting opportunity.”

The work already has started with bulldozers moving yards of soil to expand the seating capacity of IWU’s outdoor track and field facility.

“The NAIA requires a minimum capacity of 3,000 seats, but our current bleachers only seat 600 people,” DeMichael said. “So we had to figure out a way to get 2,400 additional seats.”

IWU is in the process of adding 600 more bleacher seats and also will build earthen berms along the north and east sides of the track to provide lawn seating.

“That should give us seating capacity for 3,100 to 3,700 people,” DeMichael said. “And the top of one of the earthen berms will be flat to accommodate tents.”

Besides the additional seating, IWU will upgrade the scoreboard and double the size of the press box at the outdoor track.

“We also have to move and reconfigure our hammer-throw area, because it isn’t long enough,” DeMichael said. “Some of the athletes at the Nationals are so strong, they would be throwing the hammer onto

the street beside the track.”

The Nationals also will feature a marathon, so IWU and Marion officials are working to designate a 26-mile, 385-yard course through the city.

John Foss, a former IWU athlete who has coached the track and cross-country teams since 1987, initiated the vision for IWU to host the national competition.

“Four years ago, Fresno Pacific University was the first NAIA school to host the Nationals in recent years,” DeMichael said. “Coach Foss returned home, thinking IWU could host the event, and shared his idea with others.”

For the past two years, the event has been held in a municipal stadium in suburban St. Louis. A year before the NAIA contract with the St. Louis Sports Commission was set to expire, IWU began laying the foundation to bid on the event.

IWU submitted its formal bid in January, and an NAIA representative visited campus in March to observe an invitational track meet.

“Several people met with the NAIA representative,” DeMichael said. “She looked at our facilities and asked a lot of questions. She saw drawings of the upgrades we

had planned, and sent back some other recommendations.”

In April, the IWU Board of Trustees approved the upgrades to IWU’s track and field facilities. A few days after the 2009 Nationals in May in St. Louis, IWU learned its bid had been accepted to host the event in 2010 to 2012.

“I think this is going to be a great opportunity for IWU and for the community,” DeMichael said. “After our initial contract expires, we can submit a new bid to continue hosting the Nationals.”

“We have been told that the best NAIA championships often are held in smaller communities where the entire community buys into the event.”



Track Team Members Named All-Americans

Six Indiana Wesleyan University track team members were named NAIA All-Americans at the national championships in May in Illinois. IWU tied for 17th place in the men’s championship and 51st in the women’s championship.

IWU All-Americans were John Bowman, men’s discus; Bryan Hazel, men’s 3,000-meter steeplechase; and Lindsey Waggoner, Cassidy Wagner, Kailee Whitaker and Angi Wolgemuth, women’s 3,200-meter relay.

Bowman was the highest finisher among IWU athletes with a runner-up in the men’s discus.



IWU's April 2009 commencement was the largest ever.

Record 2,100 Students Graduate in April

A record 2,100 Indiana Wesleyan University students received diplomas in three graduation ceremonies April 25 at Luckey Arena.

About 450 of the graduates earned their degrees through traditional classes on IWU's Marion campus. The other graduates earned degrees through IWU's various adult education programs at campuses throughout Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio and online.

Among the graduates, were two students – both with perfect 4.0 grade-point averages – who were honored as valedictorians of the class of 2008-09:

- **Jennifer Shimrock**, an elementary education major from Willoughby, Ohio.
- **Megan Crowley**, a psychology and business administration major from Evansville, Indiana.

Dr. Gary W. Streit, the President of Malone University in Canton, Ohio, spoke at the three ceremonies.

Two long-time members of the IWU family received special recognition during the annual baccalaureate service on graduation weekend.

- **Millie Jacobs Troyer**, who has served IWU in a variety of capacities since her graduation in 1948, received a Presidential Citation. She was IWU's first women's athletic director and first executive director of the IWU alumni association. For the last six years, the 85-year-old Troyer has lived near campus and continues to serve the athletic department as a volunteer.
 - **Dr. Wilbur Glenn Williams**, who graduated from IWU in 1951 and returned to campus to teach in 1967, was named Professor of the Year – for the seventh time in his 42 years at IWU. Williams is a Professor of Biblical Literature and Archaeology. Williams, who soon will be 80, still teaches full-time and annually serves as a guide for several tours of the Holy Lands.
- Dr. John Ott, senior pastor of Parkway Wesleyan Church in Roanoke, Virginia, spoke at the baccalaureate service. Ott graduated from IWU in 1978 and was president of the student body his junior year.

Drury's Book on Holiness Hits Publishing Milestone

Wesleyan Publishing House has released a 25th anniversary edition of *Holiness for Ordinary People*, which was written by Dr. Keith Drury, an Associate Professor of Religion at Indiana Wesleyan University.

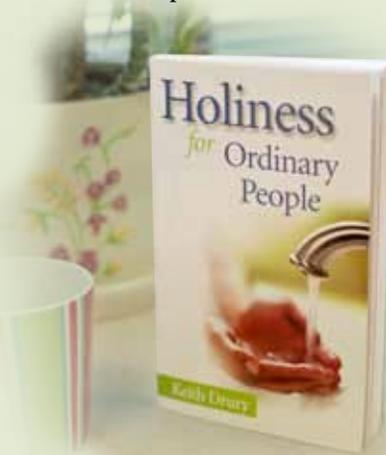
The book is the first Wesleyan Publishing House publication to reach this celebrated milestone.

"With the number of books released every year, it is an amazing feat for a book to remain in print for five years, let alone 25 years," said Donald D. Cady, General Publisher of The Wesleyan Church.

"I think this speaks highly of Keith Drury's ability to connect with his audience and that there remains genuine interest in people to live lives fully surrendered to God," Cady said.

Dr. Jo Anne Lyon, General Superintendent of The Wesleyan Church, said Drury's book was a ground-breaker that impacted her personally.

"My hunger for God increased as I read, and I began to realize He wanted to fill my hungry heart," Lyon said. "I believe this kind of hunger is on the rise, a hunger that *Holiness for Ordinary People—25th Anniversary Edition* can help fulfill."



Sharon Harrell, who died two years ago, still inspires nursing students



Sharon Harrell

Two years after her death, Sharon Harrell is still inspiring and supporting nursing students. Harrell, who died in August 2007, taught for 13 years in Indiana Wesleyan University's Registered Nurse-Bachelor of Science in Nursing completion program.

The Sharon Harrell

Scholarship now is assisting RNBSN students who have financial need. IWU established the scholarship at the urging of Harrell's former students.

Although Sharon Harrell had renal problems and underwent kidney dialysis three times a week, she taught IWU classes in Bloomington, Indiana, until a week before her death.

"Her students were her life," says Carol Bence, Director of Nursing Programs for the College of Adult and Professional

Studies. "She overcame weekly challenges to live and to teach, and many students were greatly impacted by her life."

Harrell and her husband, John, both retired as faculty members at Indiana University-Bloomington – Sharon in nursing and John in telecommunications. John drove his wife to her IWU classes each week.

"This new scholarship created in Sharon's honor means a lot to me because I know what Sharon put into everything that she did," said her husband. "The best way to describe Sharon was that she served with her heart and not with her ego."

Alumni and friends interested in contributing to the Sharon Harrell Scholarship Fund should send checks to:

University Relations
Indiana Wesleyan University
4201 S. Washington St
Marion, IN 46953

Checks should be made out to **Indiana Wesleyan University** with **Sharon Harrell Scholarship Fund** on the memo line.

President's Home Now Handicap Accessible

The IWU's President's Home has been expanded and renovated, primarily to make the home fully accessible to handicapped guests. A ramp leads to the entrance of a new room that has been built on the north side of the home, and the addition also includes a handicap-accessible bathroom. The added space, which adjoins the current Great Room, will allow President and Mrs. Smith to accommodate more guests. The new room also will serve as a game room. The home opened in the spring of 1998.

President Smith Gets New 4-year Contract

The Indiana Wesleyan University Board of Trustees, at its meeting in April, approved a new four-year contract for Dr. Henry Smith, IWU President. The new contract will continue through June 30, 2013.

"More than 160 IWU employees took advantage of the opportunity to complete forms evaluating Dr. Smith," said Carl Shepherd, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. "He received excellent ratings."

Smith said he was looking forward to the next four years, "It is a great privilege to be your President," he said to a campus-wide gathering of employees after the board meeting.

Smith took office July 1, 2006, as

IWU's eighth President.

Trustees also elected Edwin Hoover, a retired Lafayette, Indiana, businessman as the new Vice Chairman of the Board. Hoover succeeds Dr. Harold Bardsley, who died in February, after serving as Vice Chairman for 31 years.

Hoover has been an IWU Trustee since 1975.

Shepherd, an insurance company executive from Carmel, Indiana, was re-elected as Board Chairman. Dr. G. Malcolm Evans, a retired health-care executive from Marion, Indiana, was re-elected as Board Secretary.

Paul Anthes, president of a financial advisory firm in Grand Rapids, Michigan, was elected Vice Secretary of the Board, succeeding Hoover.

campus news

Daniel Solms Named NACCAP Admissions Officer of the Year

Daniel Solms, Director of Admissions for Indiana Wesleyan University's College of Arts and Sciences, has been named the National Admissions Officer of the Year by the North American Coalition for Christian Admissions Professionals.

Enrollment in IWU's College of Arts and Sciences had grown from 2,653 students to 3,201 students since Solms was named admissions director in 2004.

"His leadership in training and goal-setting for both new team members and seasoned veterans resulted in a record-setting number of new students for 2008 – when most trends in higher education were moving the opposite direction," said Kris Douglas, IWU's Vice President for Enrollment Management and Marketing.

Community Prayer Walk Raises \$12,000

A first-ever Community Prayer Walk raised more than \$12,000 for six Grant County social services agencies. More than 500 people – most of them Indiana Wesleyan University students – paid \$20 to participate in the 3-mile walk, which began on campus and ended with a prayer service in downtown Marion.

Homecoming 2009 Set for October 1-3

"Called to His Purpose," Indiana Wesleyan University's spiritual theme for the 2009-2010 academic year, will be reflected at Homecoming 2009, which will be October 1 to October 3.

The theme is based on Romans 8:28, which is the University's Verse of the Year for 2009-2010.

Members of the IWU graduating classes of 1949 and 1959 will be honored guests for Homecoming weekend. A reunion luncheon and reception are planned October 2 for the 50- and 60-year classes.

NewSong, a contemporary Christian music group that was founded in 1981, will perform October 2 as part of Homecoming 2009 weekend at Indiana Wesleyan University. The concert will follow the Alumni Banquet.

NewSong has had 20 No. 1 singles and received eight Gospel Music Association Dove Award nominations.

Dwight Robertson '79, the founder of Colorado-based Kingdom Building Ministries, will speak at the Homecoming Chapel service. Jay Height '05, executive director of Indianapolis-based Shepherd Community Center,

will speak at the President's Prayer Breakfast. Both events are October 2.

A student play, Robert Fulghum's *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, will be presented October

VERSE OF THE YEAR

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are *called* according to His purpose.

—Romans 8:28

1 to October 3 in the Black Box Theater.

Homecoming will begin October 1 with the coronation of the king and queen. A pep rally in downtown Marion will be followed by a torch run to campus and a bonfire on the lawn of the President's home.

October 3, the final day of Homecoming weekend, will be devoted to athletic events and family activities.

Alumni will receive detailed Homecoming information by mail this summer. Information also is posted on the Homecoming website, www.indwes.edu/Homecoming.



Mary Ellen Martin Retires

Mary Ellen Martin retired June 30 after 22 years of service to IWU – all but one of those years as the executive assistant to the President. She was the secretary for the Division of Religion and Philosophy her first year on campus.

Before coming to IWU, Martin worked 20 years at the headquarters of The Wesleyan Church – 17 of those years as executive secretary for one of four General Superintendents. When the denominational headquarters moved to Indianapolis, Martin chose to remain in Marion.

Martin was born in Ohio, where her father was a Wesleyan pastor. She graduated from high school in Dayton, Ohio, and attended both Southern Wesleyan University and Indiana Wesleyan University.



**Dr. Robert M. Mitchell,
Retired Professor, Dies**

Dr. Robert M. Mitchell, Professor Emeritus of History at Indiana Wesleyan University, died May 9, 2008, at an Indianapolis hospital. He was 72 years old.

Mitchell taught at IWU from 1969 to 2000 and served one term as Mayor of Marion from 1988 to 1991. He also served three terms as Judge of Marion City Court.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; a daughter, Marilyn Warren, Fishers, Indiana; a son, Steven Mitchell, Bloomfield, Indiana; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was at College Wesleyan Church in Marion, and burial was in Hart, Michigan.

Fusion 2009 Draws 700 Teens

Fusion 2009, Indiana Wesleyan University’s annual youth conference, attracted about 700 teens to campus in March. The weekend began with a Friday night rally in Phillippe Performing Arts Center, featuring music group Connersvine and bands Nevertheless and Pillar. Darren Whitehead, Director of Next Gen Ministries at Willow Creek Community Church, was the featured speaker for the rally.



Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels has lunch with IWU students.

‘You can’t go wrong with IWU,’ Indiana Governor Says

Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels stopped by campus March 13 for lunch with students and then spent an hour in the Globe Theater answering questions from students and faculty members.

Daniels surprised some people with his knowledge about Indiana Wesleyan University.

“There is a character about this school that I don’t find everywhere I go,” Daniels said. “Every campus visit is exciting in some way, but I am so impressed with what has gone on at Indiana Wesleyan and with the people I see here.”

And, he continued:

“Over the course of time, I have interviewed, and hired or not hired, thousands of young people. And there are a couple of places that I have come to consider as almost absolutely dead certain predictors of a good employee, a good co-worker or colleague. One of those schools is Indiana Wesleyan.

“We’ve got some of your recent graduates working in our administration now. Every one that I am aware of is a blue-chipper. And so I am now telling people about Indiana Wesleyan and suggesting, ‘If you get a chance to hire someone who graduated from Indiana Wesleyan in good standing, you almost can’t go wrong’.”

Finally, Daniels had this challenge for IWU students: “So, get out there and don’t make a liar of me, please!”



IWU Grad is Nation's Youngest City Manager

Just weeks after graduating from Indiana Wesleyan University in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in political science, 23-year-old James Freed made history by becoming the youngest city manager in the nation. Ever.

As the Village Manager/Chief Administrative Officer for the Village

My first desire was to serve people, and then I had to answer the question of how best to do that.

of Lakeview, Michigan, Freed oversees daily operations, develops an annual operating budget, plans long-term capital improvement projects and oversees project development and project execution for a city with a population of 1,300.

Though the residential population within the city limits is modest, the businesses, hospital and schools serve a community of more than 5,000 people.

"I feel very blessed to be able to serve in this capacity at my age," Freed said. "This is a moment of opportunity, and I intend to make the most of it."

Freed completed his first year on the job in May and was rewarded with a new, three-year contract.

"James has done an excellent job over the past year," said Ed Winter, President of the Lakeview Village Council. "This can be attested to by our balanced budget. In fact, we came under budget this year, and we were able to put money away."

Freed, in an interview with the *Greenville (Michigan) Daily News*, said he was pleased with the new contract.

"It's very humbling to have the opportunity to continue to serve such a great community," Freed said. "We have worked hard to push for progress and redevelopment, and I am grateful to continue with our team in those efforts."

City management was not always Freed's goal. While a student at IWU, he juggled his course load with serving as an advisor to several members of the Michigan House and Senate. He was also an assistant to the city manager in Walled Lake, Michigan, during the summer of 2007.

"Running a city was not my first interest," Freed said. "My first desire was to serve people, and then I had to answer the question of how best to do that. For me and my skill set, public policy was

a natural choice. It wasn't until college that I started taking a serious interest in municipal management."

Freed provides leadership to six full-time and several part-time employees and works regularly with community and business leaders on economic and community development plans. Numerous departments report to him, including finance, police and public works.

The age factor has been a non-issue. Instead, Freed says everyone simply honors the chain of command and he strives to model servant leadership by making sure his staff members have everything they need to be successful.

"I love the fact that this job gives me the ability to invest my life into the lives of others, and that I have the ability to touch the lives of so many every day," Freed said.

A Busy First Year

James Freed's first-year accomplishments as village manager of Lakeview, Michigan:

- Restructuring health care benefits to reduce costs by almost 13 percent annually.
- Developing a balanced general fund budget, factoring in a 10 percent revenue cut and investing in long-term capital improvement goals and infrastructure preservation.
- Working with the Downtown Development Authority and business owners to create a facade improvement program.
- Developing a five-year village airport plan to offset airport expenses by 50 percent by 2012.
- Facilitating a \$185,000 aeronautics grant application and securing funding.
- Writing a grant application for the village police department, leading to a \$7,000 grant for a new police car.
- Negotiating an agreement with Lakeview Community Schools to fund a school resource officer.

40s

Rev. H. Blaine '48 & Elaine (Stewart '47) West celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house reception in Apollo, Pennsylvania, on July 26, 2008. They were married in Cadillac, Michigan, on June 25, 1948. Rev. West is an ordained minister in The Wesleyan Church, serving in ministry for 66 years. Mrs. West was an elementary school teacher, also serving in music ministry. They have lived in Apollo, Pennsylvania, since their retirement.

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David L. Blanchard Sr. '53 retired as president of Lockheed Martin Space Mission Systems in Bethesda, Maryland.

Rosemary Maddux '55 worked for two years in the Pilgrim Holiness office in Indianapolis, Indiana, in the Ladies Missionary office following graduation. She then went to Zambia with Wesleyan World Missions and worked as a teacher in the primary schools, helped in the office in Choma and then on to the Choma Secondary School when it opened in 1962. She retired in 1995 and currently lives in Brooksville, Florida, in the missionary retirement homes. She sings in the church choir and helps in other ways as she is able.

60s

Edward Justice '68. Although I didn't graduate from Marion College, I was there when the college was accredited and heard the ringing of the bell and joined in the parade. Later I returned to school at Phillips University, receiving my B.S. in Public Relations. I then attended seminary and attained an M. Div. I was ordained in the Disciples of Christ Oklahoma Region. I pastored for about two decades in churches in Oklahoma and Illinois. While attending seminary, I pastored smaller churches. I have now retired to Enid, Oklahoma, where I am conducting an interim ministry for a church in the search process.

Paul Nicholson '69 is enjoying his 40th year of teaching and coaching boys' varsity track & field at Eastern High School in Greentown, Indiana. His wife, Kimberly, is Director of Records at IWU.

70s

Debra (Westafer '70) Kern is a kindergarten teacher at Dr. Gustavus Brown Elementary School in Waldorf, Maryland.

Stephen (Kit) Simmons '71 will retire this spring after 37 years of teaching at Traverse City (Michigan) Area Public Schools. Inspired by Dr. Allen Bowman, he taught U.S. and world history, AP U.S. history, Civil War history, economics and government. Crediting Dave Spargo and

Paul Mills, Kit also coached baseball and football – the latter for 24 years, including three state championships and one runner-up state championship teams.

Alvin & Rebecca (Troyer '74) Wooters live in Archdale, North Carolina. Alvin is pastor of Archdale Wesleyan Church, and Rebecca is an assistant teacher at Archdale Elementary School.

Joseph Racite DM '74 is a retired Deputy Chief of Police for the Carneys Point Police Department in New Jersey. He earned a D.M. in Ethics and Conflicts from Anderson Theological Seminary. He owned and operated Racite Fire Equipment. Presently he is a committeeman with Carneys Point Township and is an adjunct professor at a local college teaching forensics.

Leland Crist '76 is the Executive Pastor of Cornerstone Community Church in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Chaplain (Major) Jeff Bostford '77 and his wife live in North Shores, Waialua, Hawaii, in a condo on the beach. I am stationed at Schofield Barracks. We are truly suffering for Jesus. After graduating with a Master of Arts from Columbus State University in Columbus, Georgia, in 2008, I am now a family life chaplain with the 25th ID from Schofield Barracks. I deployed to Iraq in November and will be here for 12 months. This is my seventh deployment and overseas assignment. I do love military life.

Bill Westafer '78 completed his doctoral studies at Ball State University and successfully defended his dissertation titled "Clergy Stress: The Efficacy of Coping Strategies" on January 14, 2009. He then received the Doctor of Education degree in Adult, Higher, and Community Education in May. He is a member of the Pi Lambda Theta International Honor Society. Bill formerly served as the Alumni Director at IWU.

Ranada (Williams '79) Grossman is an art teacher at Guilford County Schools in High Point, North Carolina.

Jeffrey Holloway '79 is a teacher at Blackford County Schools in Hartford City, Indiana. Recently he and his wife, Johnna, took missions trips to West Virginia and Honduras. They are planning a third trip to Ecuador this summer with their church in Farrville, Indiana.

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Lois (Williamson '82) Moranville is the Senior Pastor of Okeechobee Church of the Nazarene in Okeechobee, Florida.

Steven Pearson '83 is a medical supervisor for BioLife Plasma Services in Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

Karen (Best '83) Wright is an associate program scheduler for IWU.

Carolyn Adolph '84 has spent 20 years with Serving in Mission (SIM) as a missionary in Ethiopia, East Africa. She has been working as a nurse at a rural nurse-run clinic. It was challenging and rewarding. She presently is working at the SIM Retirement Village in Sebring, Florida, serving retirees who have served 20 to 50 years overseas. She continues on support as a missionary while serving here in the States. Her parents are retirees at the village.

Maryann (Jayne '84) Hammar is the Director of Teacher Training for Capital Area Child Evangelism Fellowship in Lansing, Michigan.

Jeanette (Gall '84) Wisheart is operations assistant for Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Indiana.

Daniel Barton '84 is a chaplain/bereavement coordinator for Regency Hospice in Cartersville, Georgia.

Jim Willey '84 recently earned his Doctorate in Education Administration and accepted a position with Ivy Tech Community College (Anderson, Indiana) as Vice Chancellor.

Sarah A. Shisler '85 is Coordinator of Nursing Services for Peninsula Community Health Services in Soldotna, Alaska.

Paula (Vardaman '85) Luttrell is a registered nurse case manager at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Marion, Indiana.

Verl Luse '85 is senior sample research specialist at TNS Custom Research in Northwood, Ohio, and has applied to the University of Toledo geography department's Ph.D. program in SISS (Spatially Integrated Social Science).

Emery "Jake" Gamble '85 is an adjunct professor for Grace College and Theological Seminary (Prison Extension Program), Indiana Tech (Fort Wayne), and Huntington University. He also has a small business (Leadership/Management Specialist, Success Coach).

Keith Isley '86 is Chief Operating Officer for Hope Ministries in Des Moines, Iowa. Sharon (DeNoon '86) Isley is a chemist at Keystone Laboratories in Newton, Iowa.

Mary Anne (Lewis '87) Caudill reports: My husband, my youngest daughter, Sadi, and I have

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recently moved back to Indiana from Florida. Our oldest daughter, Natalie, remained in Florida and will be marrying Brian McElfresh on June 27. I would really love to hear from anyone who remembers me. My email address is ocalagal@yahoo.com or ocalagrl@aol.com.

Steven Davis '87 is an IMS communication specialist for Caron in Wernersville, Pennsylvania.

Jim Rathbun '87 is an area representative for Wycliffe Bible Translators in the Lansing, Michigan area.

Janina Herring '87 is an Academic Specialist at Allen Elementary School in Marion, Indiana.

Robert Cameron '88 is a life and disability insurance agent for American Income Life in Redmond, Washington.

Robert L. Burchell III '88 is an Online Chaplain for IWU.

Douglas Arnold '89 is Circuit Court Manager for the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County in Annapolis, Maryland.

Tim Biddle '89 is a Macintosh Support Technician for John Wiley & Sons, Inc. in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Karen (Tilson '89) Briles is excited to have bought a new house in Hastings, Minnesota. She and her husband also are pleased that all three of their children are now in college and working on their degrees!

90s

Dr. John J Saalwaechter M.D., MBA '90 is Medical Director at Clarian Health Plans in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Gary McCrocklin Jr. '90 is Project Manager for F.A. Wilhelm Construction Co. in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Rhonda (Riddle '90) Arnold is a Family Assistance Specialist for the Indiana National Guard.

Dr. Barbara Gurnell '91 is also a graduate of IWU MBA31 and has completed the Doctor of Theology, Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Divinity degrees from Antioch Baptist Seminary.

Charles "Chip" Hines III '91 is working at the District of Columbia Bar as recruitment manager. It's an exciting time here in D.C., he says.

Allen Cox Jr. '91 is a lieutenant for the Plymouth Police Department in Plymouth, Michigan.

Rachel (Sherman '92) Eisenlohr is a children's services specialist for Oceana County DHS in Hart, Michigan.

Barbara Ihrke '93 is Executive Director of Nursing Programs at IWU.

Jane (Houk '93) Gausmann is graduating from Children's Ministry University Online with honors, having received A grades in all classes. She will receive a Certificate in Children's Ministry. CMUO is accredited by Valley Forge Christian College in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

Charles Selby '93 is Executive Director for the Daviess County Chamber of Commerce in Washington, Indiana.

Erik H Granfors '93 is purchasing manager for The Network Support Company in Danbury, Connecticut.

Houston M. Logsdon II '93 is a Senior Analyst for the financial services division of Centration in Rancho Cucamonga, California.

Jennifer (Adams '94) Roff has been married for 10 years to John. She enjoys being a stay-at-home Mom to their four children: Isabella (7 years), Ethan (5 years), Abigail (3 years) and Aubrey (1 year). She stays active with her children's activities as well as in her church. She would love to hear from old friends. Her email address is: jmhrugs@hotmail.com

Dale West '94 is a criminal investigator for Navajo Nation Police Department in Fruitland, New Mexico.

Joseph M. Gormong '94 is student ministries pastor at Faith Wesleyan Church in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Aly (Thomann '94) Williams. For nine years, Aly has worked in athletic training education and provided medical coverage to various IWU varsity sports. Next fall, she will transition to the classroom full time and teach in the exercise science and newly named applied health and fitness major.

Jeremy Hite '94 is Family Pastor of The River Community Church in Marion, Indiana.

Marcel Lamb '94 is Pastor of the United Methodist Church in Mio, Michigan.

Michael L. Nelson '94 is human resources specialist (information system) for the U.S. Army Recruiting Command in Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Karla (Ontiveros '95) Karr. After working for the past 14 years in the public schools of Virginia, the Lord is returning me to work as an Assistant Professor of Education at Indiana Wesleyan University. I am overjoyed and excited to share the journey God has taken me on as I pursued my life calling to teach. I can't wait to see what the Lord has in store for my new students as they enter the wonderful vocation of teaching. It is more than a job; it's a calling!

Dawn (Robertson '95) Sumner recently was promoted to run the new Grand Rapids outlet for Michigan Church Supply, a store specializing in all kinds of church needs. This involved moving from Flint, Michigan, to Grand Rapids with her husband, Darren, and her four boys. The family is fairly settled in, the kids like their new schools and the family attends Berkley Hills Wesleyan Church where they feel challenged in their faith.

Jim Smith '95 was elected Executive Director of the World Wide Hispanic Outreach. The WWHO is an international Christian not-for-profit organization that provides missionary support for full-time missionaries operating in the United States, Mexico, Guatemala, Cuba, and other countries throughout Latin America.

Karla (Ontiveros '95) Karr is an Instructional Technology Resource Teacher at Botetourt County Public Schools in Fincastle, Virginia.

Joyce (Messick '96) Reisch is a learning support teacher in the Lancaster School District in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She earned her master's degree in Multicultural Education from Eastern University in St. David's, Pennsylvania, in December 2007. She moved to Lititz, Pennsylvania, in August 2008 where she lives with her husband, Donald, a graduate ('00) of Penn State University.

Patrick '96 and Holly (Johnson '95) Kolb announce the birth and adoption of their first child, Troy Elliott Kolb, born March 6, 2009. The Kolbs completed the adoption April 7, 2009. Patrick serves as a Grant County Sheriff Deputy and one of Indiana Wesleyan University's assistant track coaches. Holly was promoted to Director of Career Services at Harrison College (formally known as Indiana Business College) in Marion, Indiana. Holly previously served as a business instructor for Harrison College. The couple resides in Gas City, Indiana.

Evelyn (White '96) Jacobs has been married to Jon Jacobs for nine years. Together they have four children. They attend Madison Park Church of God in Anderson Indiana. Evie is in private practice with the Lotus Group in Fishers, Indiana, providing therapy to individuals and families.

Todd Arneson '97 is pastor of Connections at Red Cedar Community Church in Rice Lake, Wisconsin.

Kevin Helfrich '97 was promoted to General Manager at American Promotional Events, Inc. Distribution Center in Black River Falls, Wisconsin.

Myron Atkinson '97 is lead pastor of Penn Forest Worship Center in Roanoke, Virginia.

Toai Nguyen '97 is CEO of Urgent Cash/Trust Tax Service in San Diego, California

Joy (Lippert '97) Cohen is a Technical Manager/IT Security for Verizon in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Crystal (Bailey '97) Blake is a missionary serving in Czech Republic with Global Partners.

Jennifer (Romaker '97) Yingling is a wardrobe dresser for Schuster Performing Arts Center in Dayton, Ohio.

John D. Howell '97 is the IT Director for Celebrate Community Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Brad D. Terhune '97 is Student Ministries and Upward Sports Pastor at Lakeview Wesleyan Church in Marion, Indiana.

Ashley (Seely '98) Ward lives in Cuba, New York, working as a piano technician.

Lonnie Urven '98 is Technical Director for Cinema Arts at Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, California.

Michelle Patton Taylor '98 is President of IC Leadership Training Group, LLC, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Amy (Parker '98) Elliott is a Language Arts/Reading Teacher for Washington Local Schools in Toledo, Ohio.

Michelle (Nicholson '98) Monize is an elementary music teacher at Maconaquah School Corp. in Bunker Hill, Indiana. She and her husband, Chad, just had their fifth child, Maya Hope, on November 3, 2008. She joins her brothers, Luke (age 8), Drew and Evan (twins, age 6), and Gabriel (age 4).

Amy (Wilcox '98) Rayment is an Academic Specialist for Marion Community Schools in Marion, Indiana.

Melanie Pherson '98 is Trade Show Manager for Griffin Technology in Nashville, Tennessee.

Natalie (Smith '99) Huston and her husband, Brad '99, live in the Charlotte, North Carolina, area with their grey mini-schnauzer named Gandalf. Brad works at Select Comfort in sales and is studying Apologetics at Southern Evangelical Seminary. Join his cause on Facebook and support him in prayer through seminary. Natalie is a professional counselor with a private practice with special focus on working with couples and with women who have experienced sexual shame and violation.

Carrie M. Auringer '99 is an attorney for Sapra and Navarra, LLC in Newport Beach, California.

Brian '99 & Cara (Dregits '98) Burke. On December 1, 2008, Sophia Grace was born. She weighed 9 pound, 7 ounces and was 22 inches long. The Burkes continue to serve as missionaries to Russia with Global Partners.

Jessica (Evans '99) Ives works at the Life Counseling Center in Easton, Maryland.

Dwight A. Mikesell '99 is Senior Pastor of Calvary Wesleyan Church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Chad A Dodd '99 is Assistant Principal at Jay County High School in Portland, Indiana.

Joy (Baldwin '99) Rickner is an on-line Beachbody Coach from her home in Marion, Indiana.

Natalie (Holston '99/'08) Cullen was honored as the "2008-2009 Teacher of the Year" for West Seaford Elementary School in Seaford, Delaware. As of December 13, 2008, she has officially completed her master's degree in education online through Indiana Wesleyan University with a 4.0 grade-point average. She lives in Laurel, Delaware, with her husband J.P. and three children: Sarah (7), Isaac (5) and Rebekah (3).

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Angi (Brewer '00) Aldrich is a middle school and high school art teacher for Irvington Com

Erin (Buckingham '00) Crisp is the Spouse and Family Ministries Program Coordinator at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky.

Terri Lynn (Hart '00) Payk became a commissioned minister in Christian Education, Free Methodist Church in Canada, April 19, 2009.

Jeremy '00 & Andrea (Kind '00) Summers welcomed their third child, Micah Snyder, on March 21. Jeremy is Director of Adult Ministries for the Spiritual Formation Department of The

Wesleyan Church, and Andrea teaches for the IWU APS program. They also have two beautiful daughters, Macy Jule (4) and Ava Ruth (2).

Jacqueline (Green '00) Seacat is working as a nurse practitioner for Lafayette Clinic of Urology in Lafayette, Indiana.

Christopher J. Topa '00 JD, MBA, MPA is Managing Member at Advocatus Law Firm, PLC, in Dexter, Michigan.

Rick Fox '01 is a supervisor at American Electric Power in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Stevan Sheets '01 is Youth/Assistant Pastor at Armbrust Wesleyan Church in Armbrust, Pennsylvania.

Darren Webb '01 is Band Director for Lansing School District in Lansing, Michigan.

Michelle (Walter '01) Rans is a teacher at Eastbrook Community Schools in Van Buren, Indiana.

Marc Acton '01 is Chief Warrant Officer/Aviator (Rotary Wing) for the U.S. Army in Cane, Tennessee.

Beth (Bonkoski '02) Clemens says she and her husband, Ronald W. Clemens, have welcomed their first son: Wesley Daniel Clemens, born June 26, 2008, at 2:06 p.m. He weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 21 inches. Ron, Wesley, and Beth live in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Beth is employed at Ivy Tech Community College as the Assistant Director of TRiO Student Support Services, and her husband Ron owns and operates Inside Edge Network Consultants, Secure Dental Technologies and CRC Property Management. Beth is also working toward her master's in professional communication at Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne.

Kyle Hufford '02 graduated from Ball State University May 9 with a master's in the Telecommunications' Digital Storytelling program. He was also awarded the Graduate Student of the Year for the telecommunications program. Kyle also presented his thesis on the impact of technology and media on the education system of Haiti at the 100th anniversary of the Eastern Communications Association in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in April. Kyle continues to work at WIWU-TV51 at Indiana Wesleyan University as promotions manager and adjunct professor.

Pamela Terry '02 is staff sergeant, alto vocalist and featured soloist for the U.S. Army Field Band Soldiers' Chorus at Fort Meade, Maryland.



Hannah Marie Bowers



Aubrey Lillian Grace Roff



Dylan Wesley Smith



Elijah Lynn Grogg



Wesley Daniel Clemens



Samuel Brady Cool



Dominic James Ross



Sophia Grace Burke



Troy Elliott Kolb

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Chris & Terri (Hart '00) Payk – Kent Joseph • 11-30-06 & Anna Lillian • 10-29-08

Jaime Katz '99 – Brevin Michael • 4-22-07

Michael & Kim (Newell '96) Bowers – Hannah Marie • 4-10-08

John & Jennifer (Adams '94) Roff – Aubrey Lillian Grace • 4-22-08

Bryan & Jill (Rusch, '01) Smith – Dylan Wesley • 6-5-08

Jason & Jennifer (Arnold '01) Grogg – Elijah Lynn • 6-21-08

Ron & Beth (Bonkoski '02) Clemens – Wesley Daniel • 6-26-08

Brian & Jamie (Potter '99) Ross – Dominic James • 7-2-08

Ryan '99 & Robin (Ayers '00) Cool – Samuel Brady • 8-9-08

Jason & Tiffani (Bogue '05) Hill – Claire Elizabeth • 11-7-08

Brian ('99) & Cara (Dregits '98) Burke – Sophia Grace • 12-1-08

Patrick '96 and Holly (Johnson '95) Kolb – Troy Elliott • 3-6-09

Douglas & Kristy (Musser '04) Lewis – Jonathan Edward • 3-7-09

Jeremy '00 & Andrea (Kind '00) Summers – Micah Snyder • 3-21-09

Kyle & Samantha (Keppeler '03) Esterline – Emmett James • 4-17-09

Amanda Stone '02 is in children's ministry at Myers Park United Methodist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Robbin (Cargile '02) Moore is Readiness Base Service Technician as an active Guard Reserve member for the Delaware Air National Guard/Air Force in New Castle, Delaware.

Danielle (Walls '02) Freed is Student and Children's Ministry Assistant Director at Fall Creek Wesleyan Church in Fishers, Indiana.

Joy (Wooters '03/'07) Garman is Youth Pastor of Bethel Wesleyan Church in Kannapolis, North Carolina.

Julie Holladay '03 is an intervention specialist for New Prague Public Schools in New Prague, Minnesota.

Samantha (Keppeler '03) Esterline is a restorative nurse supervisor at Hillside Country Living in Bryan, Ohio.

Cindy Ruder '03 is Assistant to the Dean of the Chapel at the Indiana Wesleyan University Marion campus.

Erin Musgrave '03 is a LPC (under supervision) for Daybreak Family Services in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Suzanne Fowler '03 is a senior account representative for Advanced Consulting & Ergonomics in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Caitlin Whitmore '03 married Raul Kaparaz II of the Philippines in Nanjing, China, in May 3, 2008. They live in Nanjing, China.

Jonathan Athearn '03 is a psychologist working for the State of Michigan in Ionia, Michigan.

Josiah Parker '03 is Senior Account Executive at Hallmark Insights in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Amy (Fleming '03) Goodman was named 2008 Vanderburgh County Middle School Teacher of the Year. Amy teaches students who have moderate cognitive disabilities in grades 6-8 at Washington Middle School in the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation in Evansville, Indiana.

Arnold R Robinson '04 is Superintendent for the Union Pacific Railroad in Chicago, Illinois.

Eric Greenwald '04 is Assistant Vice President for the Bank of America in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Andrea D. Trump '04 is a graphic designer for Moorehead Communications, Inc., in Marion, Indiana.

Kristin (Nicholson '04) Striemer is an Associate Athletic Trainer for Manor Independent School District in Manor, Texas.

Kelvin R. Johnson '04 is Public Relation Officer/Legal Prosecutor for Bahamas Immigration in Nassau, Bahamas

Melissa Hutton '04 received a Master of Arts Degree in Christian Formation and Ministry from Wheaton College in 2008. She is the Pastor of Grade School Ministries for second and third graders at Salem Alliance Church in Salem, Oregon.

Wendelyn (Rowe '04) Teall is the Regional Training Manager for Panera Bread for the Indianapolis, Louisville and Charlotte Markets.

Tammy (Landis '04) Tropf is a Medical Social Worker at Guardian Home Health in Snellville, Georgia.

Christine M. Hill '04 is lead teacher at Joseph Academy in Melrose Park, Illinois.

Amy (McPherson '04) Garoutte is working as a registered nurse for Goshen Health System in Goshen, Indiana.

Jason Barton '04 is an airline pilot for Republic Airways Holdings Inc., in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Stephanie (Smith '04) Dunaway is an academic specialist at Allen Elementary in Marion, Indiana.

Ambry (Sutton '05) Morley is Human Resource Representative for Carey Services in Marion, Indiana.

Cammi Singer '05 is Senior Admissions Representative for Indiana Business College in Marion, Indiana.

Eric Hollering '05 is a Senior Analyst/Project Manager for Materials Processing, Inc. in Logansport, Indiana.

Renee (Lash '05) Janofski has a digital photography business, ReneeJphotography in Marion, Indiana.

Meredith (Moore '05) Evans is a communications specialist for Dwight Asset Management Co. in Burlington, Vermont.

Lindsay M. Crawford '05 is teaching first grade at Upland Elementary School in Upland, Indiana.

Nicolas Alexander '06 is a Nurse Practitioner for North Central Indiana Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery in Kokomo, Indiana, and an adjunct faculty member for Indiana University. He recently married and his "child" is his 16-pound silky terrier named Sofie.

Aeron K. Kincaid '06 is a choir/general music teacher at Oak Hill United School Corp. in Converse, Indiana.

Elizabeth (Burkholder '06) Hart is teaching third grade at Western School Corp. in Russiaville, Indiana.

Mae (Compton '06) Verheyden is office manager for World Gospel Mission in Marion, Indiana.

Rachel M. Campbell '07 is a medical student at DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine in Harrogate, Tennessee.

Andrea (Voll '07) Stout is a graduate hall director at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Marvin Reid '07 writes: since graduating from IWU with my M.B.A. in 07, I have continued to pursue the highest knowledge possible. I completed my second master's degree in Information Technology from Florida Institute of Technology in December 2008. I am now enrolled at Walden University, working towards my Doctorate of Business Administration Degree with a specialization in information systems management. I am currently employed at Lexis Nexis in Dayton, Ohio. I am in the process of creating my business consulting company, which will be called MLR and Associates. I am looking for clients. Anyone interested in my service can reach me at mlreid76@hotmail.com.

Steven Schwark '07 is an Infrastructure Consultant for Fusion Alliance, Inc. in Indianapolis, Indiana. Steven was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Exceptional and Meritorious Service while assigned to the 3D Combat Aviation Brigade during Operation Iraqi Freedom 2007-2008

Francisco Ortiz '07 is Program Manager for Indian MENTOR in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Lauren Kendall '07 is a registered nurse at Clarian Health/Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Amanda M. Minehart '07 is a Service Quality Manager for Wright-Patt Credit Union in Fairborn, Ohio.

April Harning '07 is a high school math teacher for Fairborn City Schools in Fairborn, Ohio.

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Sarah C. Dainsberg '07 is serving as a residence life assistant at Taejon Christian International School in Daejeon, South Korea.

Janelle Demchak '07 writes: After 10 months of unemployment in Indianapolis, the Lord opened up a door back home at San Diego (California) Christian College. I will be assuming the Sports Information Director position in July 2009, incorporating marketing and photography as well. I am also the assistant women's soccer coach for the 2009-10 SDCC Lady Hawks. God is faithful!

Gregory Danehower '07 is a network analyst for Computer Programs and Systems, Inc. (CPSI) in Mobile, Alabama.

Melody J. Helvie '07 is a retreat specialist for Impact 2818 in North Webster, Indiana.

Bethany Platt '07 is working as a Video Editor for Mt. Mansfield Television Inc., in South Burlington, Vermont.

Erica (Allen '07) Hall is Client Care Manager for Sellinglouisvillehomes.com, Inc. in Louisville, Kentucky.

Brandon Yohn '07 has entered first-year studies at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, in Lewisburg, West Virginia.

Christy (Henry '07) Hodges is a Senior Integration Analyst for Norton Healthcare in Louisville, Kentucky.

Grant Hendrikse '07 is teaching third grade in Arizona. Last year, his class had the highest math score increase in Arizona (it was his first year). Here is the link to check it out: <http://www.arcosanti.org/media/publication/2008/20080917.J.Zucker.pdf>. Thank you, IWU, for getting me ready for the real world.

Robert Hall '07 works for Chrysler LLC in Belvidere, Illinois, as a paint quality control specialist.

Antonio "Tony" Stewart '08 has left his post as executive director of the Muncie Health and Rehabilitation Center to become superintendent of the Indiana Veterans' Home in West Lafayette, Indiana. Stewart, who has almost 20 years of health care experience, holds an MB.A. from Indiana Wesleyan University, a B.S. in Healthcare Management from Towson University, and is also a licensed practical nurse

Julie Short '08 is a marketing executive for Wendt Publications in Odessa, Florida.

Christine (Sykes '08) Bromagen is a Master Teacher for Greenon Local School District in Enon, Ohio.

Jonathan George Schaller '08 is Director of Bands for Marion Center Area School District in Marion Center, Pennsylvania.

William Van Ramshorst '08 is providing administrative help for Pearl Chrysler Dodge Jeep in Peotone, Illinois.

Kelly R. Reynen '08 is an administrative assistant for Aldersgate Free Methodist Church in Indianapolis.

Paul E Newsom II, '08 is President of Data Answers, LLC, in Louisville, Kentucky www.dataanswersllc.com

Andrew M. Stofer '08 is a financial representative for Modern Woodmen Fraternal Financial in Mansfield, Ohio.

Diana Strickland '08 is teaching at York Elementary School in Bristol, Indiana.

Thomas Roush '08 is service advisor for Tom Roush Lincoln, Mercury, Mazda Westfield, Indiana. Kelli (Rosenbaum '08) Roush is a registered nurse at Clarian North Medical Center in Carmel, Indiana.

Adam G. Leigh '08 is a social studies teacher at Gardner-South Wilmington High School in Gardner, Illinois.

Elizabeth Ann (Howell '08) Slack is Service Manager for Harris Bank NA in Plainfield, Indiana.

Jennifer G. Ludington '08 is an Addictions Counselor at Premier Care in Marion, Indiana.

Randall Moore '08 is working as a registered nurse at University Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

Sara (Lawson '08) Shelley is a medical receptionist at Methodist Sports Medicine in Indianapolis.

Ann M. Brown '09 is a training coordinator for Farm Credit Services of Mid-America in Louisville, Kentucky.

Joyce Brown '09, previously a recruitment counselor, was promoted to Director of Recruitment at Martin University in Indianapolis. Joyce recently earned her Master of Science in Management degree from IWU.

Terry L Keown '09 works in external affairs for Toyota Motor Manufacturing in Erlanger, Kentucky.



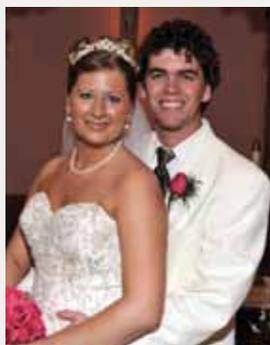
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Thomas & Kelli Roush

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