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A Word From Susie Stanley

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It's hard to think about anything but the upcoming conference! E-mails with questions are popping up more frequently on the computer screen; registrations come in the mail almost daily and the first draft of the program has already been typed.

The Thursday evening service for this conference will include liturgical dance and a dramatic biblical reading to set the tone for our exploration of the women in Jesus' genealogy. The theme "A Mosaic of Holy Love" will be woven throughout the worship services. The members of the Planning Board prayerfully chose the topic for the conference and have worked diligently to bring to reality the shared vision for worship.

I begin my introduction to theology class with a focus on love. The first day students listen to songs about love—sacred and secular. I ask them to write "love" on the board in any language or script that they wish. I had this idea before viewing the Love Wall (Le Mur des je t'aime) in Paris. What a marvelous gift! I came up out of the subway in a rainstorm and there was the wall with 1,000 expressions of the word "love." So, now I include pictures of this wall in the students' first day experience.

During this class session, I give students materials to create something that symbolizes love. I provide felt, paper, heart stickers, pipe cleaners, etc. The session wouldn't be complete without heart-shaped

Mission Statement

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chocolates and cookies. They leave the class with a heart-shaped lollipop. This isn't an exercise in "busy work." Rather, I'm trying in every way possible to emphasize the primacy of love in theology, particularly in Wesleyan/Holiness theology. The rest of the semester illustrates the role of love in our relationships with God and others. Holy love not only has a vertical dimension in terms of our relationship to God, but a horizontal perspective in terms of our relationships with our neighbor. The mosaic of holy love will remind us of our important place in the broader picture of God's love. †

If you have announcements, news, articles, or any other information you'd like to be included in this newsletter, please contact the editor, Pamela Thompson Connolly, at pam@connollyclan.com.

**Early Registration
ends March 14!**

2006

Come to the Water Conference

April 20-23, 2006

Theme: A Mosaic of Holy Love

If you would like to receive brochures or promotional post cards to distribute, please e-mail whwc@messiah.edu providing the number you would like and the address where they should be mailed.

A Spanish version of the conference brochure is now available.

Sarah Thomas Baldwin joins George Fox as the new campus pastor

Sarah Baldwin began her next "incredible adventure of faith" as George Fox University's new campus pastor this past fall. Baldwin, formerly adjunct professor of Christian ministries at Asbury College in Wilmore, Ky., and director of campus and guest relations at Asbury Theological Seminary, envisions helping George Fox students experience the university as a life-giving place, where wholeness and holiness are modeled.



"I am a pastor at the core of who I am," she says. "At every angle, I have had tremendous opportunity to live into that call—in leadership, speaking, committee work, visioning. All have prepared me for the next step. I sense a stirring of God to be about new things for the kingdom, and I believe campus ministry lies at the center of this direction."

Sarah, 33, earned a master of divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary in 2001 and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Asbury College in 1993. She has been a retreat, workshop, and chapel speaker, and has taken missions trips to Hong Kong, Thailand, Guatemala, and India.

At Asbury Theological Seminary, Baldwin helped organize major conferences, oversaw the expansion of the hospitality department, and led efforts of reconciliation in the areas of gender, race, and socioeconomic class. Since 2002, she taught at Asbury College, and from 1997 to 2001, she was a resident director for two residence halls at that school.

Sarah established the e-Mentoring Program for WHWC and served as the first director.

Sarah says she was attracted to George Fox because of its commitment to academic excellence, its emphasis on being global Christians, and the university's integration of faith at every level. "I greatly respect the Quaker tradition and its emphasis on social justice, peace, and spiritual formation," she says.

Even before she arrived at George Fox in August, Baldwin knew she was making the right move.

"I have felt embraced and welcomed," she said. "This community has given me added confirmation that this is the place God wants us."

Sarah and her husband, Clint, have a 5-year-old daughter, Madeline. †

Point Loma Nazarene University Partners with WHWC

by: Rev. Vicki Copp

Point Loma Nazarene University is one of nine Nazarene, undergraduate liberal arts schools in North America. A lush 92 acres situated on the cliffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean in San Diego, California, the campus has extraordinary views. Several of its buildings are of historical interest and it boasts a large collection of unique plants and trees. Don't miss your opportunity to see this world-class setting. Sign up for the tour they are offering during the Come to the Water conference.

Besides being a beautiful campus, Point Loma Nazarene University is committed to our Wesleyan heritage and to women in ministry. It has a large number of women students who are studying for ministry. It is the home of the Wesleyan Center for 21st Century Studies and the Margaret Stevenson Women's Studies Center.

Point Loma is very supportive of our Come to the Water conference. President Bob Brower says, "I am delighted that the Conference will be here in San Diego and look forward to . . . participation from the University community." Students from the campus will be attending, helping to put together our packets and welcoming us at the airport. Their Concert Choir will be featured during one of our services. They will be loaning us equipment and instruments. A large stained-glass depiction of Christ will be a part of our visual theme for the conference. Thank you Point Loma for your partnership!

For more information on Point Loma Nazarene University see <http://www.ptloma.edu/> †



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Dramatic Presentation to Open “Come to the Water” Conference

The opening night session of the “Come to the Water” Conference on Thursday, April 19th, 2006, will feature two professional actresses both with vast experience on stage.

Naima Lett is not only a professional actor, but also writer and speaker. She has performed several solo dramas including her signature play *Shattered Silhouettes* in theatres, universities, conferences, and houses of worship nationwide in addition to speaking and teaching. For several years she was an artist for Fellowship for the Performing Arts, a dynamic ministry founded by Max McLean to present the Bible through the performing arts.

Naima received her Bachelor of Fine Arts as a top graduate of Howard University's Theatre Department, continued her theatrical career at the Tony-award winning Crossroads Theatre, and studied classical theatre with the British-American Drama Academy in Oxford, England. She is the first graduate with a M.A. in Media and Communications from Dallas Theological Seminary.

Naima is married to the love of her life, Kevin, and they make their home in the Dallas Metropolitan area.

Joining Naima is Carol Jaudes, Salvationist from New York. Carol appeared for five years on Broadway as Jennyanydots, the tap-dancing Gumbie Cat in the hit musical *CATS*.

Her career as a professional actress gave her opportunities to perform across the United States,

Canada, and Great Britain. Carol received the coveted Joseph Jefferson Award for Best Leading Actress in Chicago musical theatre for her performance of Young Belle in *Little Me*. She recreated the portrayal at Washington, DC's Ford's Theatre earning a Helen Hayes Award Nomination.

Carol is currently Special Events and Arts Ministries Director for The Eastern Territory of The Salvation Army. Her acting team, TAM, travels throughout the United States communicating God's message through drama.

She has just released a new solo vocal CD titled “This Day” and recently produced her first one-woman show “The World's Greatest Romance” where she portrays Susannah Wesley, Fanny Crosby, and Evangeline Booth. Carol serves on the National Board of Directors for CITA – Christians in Theatre Arts and is married to Broadway trumpet player, Chris Jaudes.

Thursday's night session will feature Naima, Carol, and Major Janet Munn, Ambassador for Prayer and Spiritual Formation of The Salvation Army Eastern Territory. Together they will bring the lives of Tamar, Ruth, and Mary dramatically to life through drama, dance and the spoken word. They will be introducing the worship theme “A Mosaic of Holy Love” which will examine these women in Jesus' genealogy. †



Carol Jaudes



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this picture!
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San Diego for
our conference.
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- 2006 Come to the Water conference brochure
- texts of over 70 articles on women in ministry by Wesleyan/Holiness authors
- picture gallery of women preachers in the Wesleyan/Holiness tradition

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