

THE CALL

A seasonal information letter of Reformed Episcopal Seminary

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NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT R.E.S.

After two years of self-study in conjunction with our accreditation process, Reformed Episcopal Seminary has begun to implement a reorganized curriculum. Students, faculty, and alumni all highly prize the pastoral nature of the training at RES and the thoroughness of the studies. At the same time, there was desire for more variety in the courses with more elective options. The new curriculum, which took effect this academic year, retains the strong core required courses in Bible, Theology, Church History, and Pastoral Theology. Course electives now include Ministry & Special Needs, Catechesis, Urban Ministry, Philosophical Foundations for Theology, and Anglican Literature and the Faith, among others. These changes maintain the strong heritage of RES while enabling our students more flexibility to tailor their program for a variety of contexts and ministries in our changing world.

New technologies are also assisting students and faculty locate and manage information. A new web-based administration package called Populi ties together student records, classroom discussions and assignments, and financial records to better manage the communication and administration functions of the Seminary. And a new online journal system allows access to more magazines and journals for student and faculty research.

KUEHNER SEMINAR December 13

The annual Kuehner Lecture Seminar sponsored by R.E.S. will be held at St. Paul's R.E. Church in Oreland, PA, on Thursday, December 13. The guest speaker is the Rev. Dr. Dirk Lange, Associate Professor of Worship at Lutheran Seminary in St. Paul, MN. Rev. Dr. Lange will speak on the topic of *Prayer and Resistance in Times of Confessing*, focusing on Dietrich Bonhoeffer and others who proclaimed Christ through lives of service



and resistance. The opening worship service will begin at 10am, followed by an hour lecture, lunch, another hour lecture concluding with a question and answer time. Contact the Seminary for cost and directions.

SEMINARY SUNDAY April 21, 2013

Seminary Sunday is back, twice a year. Reformed Episcopal Seminary and the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic have decided that the third Sunday after Easter and the third Sunday in October each year will be designated Seminary Sunday. On these dates parishes are asked to set aside extra time to pray for the Seminary, highlight Seminary presentations, and take special offerings. In 2013, Seminary Sundays are April 21 and October 20. Speakers from both the Seminary faculty and student body are available. Bulletin inserts will be sent out as each Seminary Sunday approaches. If your Church would like to participate in Seminary Sundays, please call the seminary office with your contact information.

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