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The Dean's Letter | The Berkeley Legacy

Each fall, I take the new students on a walking tour of the Yale campus in order to tell them the story of Berkeley Divinity School. We make several stops, including of course the old Berkeley campus at Prospect and Sachem streets. But the part of the tour that makes the greatest impression is going inside the cathedral-like halls of the Beinecke rare books library, where we see the collection of books donated by George Berkeley to Yale College in 1733.

The philosopher-priest George Berkeley came to the New World in 1729, intent on founding a seminary that would provide an opportunity for clergy to be trained on this side of the Atlantic, rather than having to journey to England. Though he obtained a royal charter for his project, his vision never came to fruition. He had been so impressed while in New England with the fledgling Yale College, however, that upon his return home, he arranged to have a shipment of over 900 books sent to the college to enhance its work of training young men for the ministry.

This collection of books, worth a small fortune in its day, included works in classical literature, theology, church history, and holy scripture. Indeed, when the college made the first formal catalogue of its holdings in 1740, the Berkeley bequest formed the core of the library. These are the very same books I take the new students to see at the Beinecke: behind a glass curtain wall, one can view the range of titles that Berkeley bequeathed to the school. Indeed, this legacy of generosity and vision helped to establish Yale as the center of rigorous study which eventually evolved into the modern Yale University. No wonder that Berkeley's name lives on in the guise of Berkeley College, one of the undergraduate colleges that comprise today's campus!

But Berkeley's legacy also lives on as the name of our seminary: when Bishop John Williams set out to establish a school of divinity in 1854, Berkeley's vision was still alive, and Williams finally realized it in the new seminary he founded in Middletown. So when the Berkeley Divinity School created a legacy society two years ago to honor those whose planned gifts and bequests will support its mission into the future, it was only natural that it should be named for our eponymous namesake, Bishop Berkeley himself.

Included in this issue of the BDS newsletter are the names of 57 individuals known to us who have become founding members of the Bishop Berkeley Society by providing for planned gifts or bequests to the seminary. We are deeply grateful to each of these persons, not only for their generosity, but also for their example. And we respectfully invite and encourage others – faculty, alumni, current and former trustees, and friends – to follow this example by making a similar provision for Berkeley Divinity School as a part of their own legacy.

Joseph Britton
President and Dean

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Join the Bishop Berkeley Society

Berkeley's brochure on the Bishop Berkeley Society has been sent to all our Alumni, but is available to anyone upon request. It outlines the many ways in which you can make a planned gift to the seminary: bequests, charitable gift annuities, pooled income funds, charitable remainder trusts, charitable lead trusts, strategic use of assets (including designating BDS as the beneficiary of the Church Pension Fund life insurance policy).

Berkeley's future depends on your generosity. Please consider making a planned gift and adding your name to the Bishop Berkeley Society membership.

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Bishop George Berkeley (painted by John Smibert)



DEAN BRITTON HAS ASKED ME TO SHARE WITH YOU why I have remembered Berkeley in my will. I speak throughout the Diocese of Maryland on "Planning for the End of Life: Don't Leave a Mess."

I always end with a personal witness about my estate plans. My four children are all doing well. They don't need all I have. I am remembering them each for 20 percent of my estate. The difference between 20 percent and 25 percent will not make a big difference in their lives but will make a lasting difference in the institutions I am remembering. My college (Hobart), the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, and my beloved parish,

St. Thomas', Towson, will each receive 5 percent of my estate. So will Berkeley, which gave me the spiritual foundation for 41 years of priesthood and continues to provide a wonderful education for the future leaders of the Episcopal Church.

There are three Testaments in our lives as Christians: the Old Testament, the New Testament, and our Last Will and Testament. I have spent a lifetime accumulating a Testament and when my family gathers together to read my will, they will know what I cared about. Berkeley will be part of my legacy. I invite all of our alumni and friends to remember Berkeley in their estate plans. This will be your way of saying thank you.

Peace, joy and love,
Charles E. Cloughen, Jr., S.T.B. '69

We are grateful to Fr. Cloughen for his leadership in helping to launch the Bishop Berkeley Society – J.B.



Board Chair Carl Anderson, Dean Joseph Britton, and the Rev. Dr. Harold T. Lewis, M.Div. '71, author of *Yet with a Steady Beat: The African American Struggle for Recognition in the Episcopal Church*.

Harold Lewis reflects on BDS's 40 years of full affiliation with Yale Divinity School

At the right are excerpts from the remarks of the Rev. Dr. Harold Lewis '71 at the 2011 Graduate Society luncheon. Dr. Lewis was a member of the last class to graduate from Berkeley Divinity School before the full affiliation with Yale Divinity School in 1971. He is currently rector of Calvary Church, Pittsburgh.

I would like to say that I think I was chosen for this task in much the same way that presiding bishops were chosen in the days before we elected them: it was just the person who had been around the longest. I think I fit neatly into that category: it's been forty years since graduation and ordination.

If you want to know what seminary life was like in those days, I don't think we took ourselves terribly seriously. I think we still had a sense of humor: this certainly was true in one way, because the junior class by time-honored tradition had to put on "junior night," when the entering class entertained the rest of the School. So we had a very talented class that year: Ken Dorsch was a member of our class, and had been a Fulbright Scholar in music. So with his help, we whipped together a production of what we called, "Western Rite Story" (it was a take-off, of course, on "West Side Story"), with the warring factions known as the Spikes and the Prots. I remember to this day, one of my classmates — who shall remain nameless — sashaying in a gold lamé cope in front of a mirror, singing "I feel pretty."

We were in a very, very different time — a time when we didn't take ourselves so seriously and did have a sense of humor. It reminds me of what Dame Margot Fonteyn said once: "If I take the dance seriously, I can perhaps do a credible performance. If I take myself seriously, I'll fall on my face." I think that's probably good advice for clergy, who as St. Paul says to the Romans, think of themselves more highly than they ought.

What the problem is today, I find, is that so many people come to seminary with an agenda. Our only agenda forty years ago — and here's a phrase from yesteryear — was

“priestly formation.” We came to learn how to be priests, and we sat at the feet of people who had “been there, done that,” who would impart something unto us. So we listened while words of wisdom fell from the mouths of people like Edward Rochie Hardy, Lansing Hicks, and John Samuel Ruef. We took copious notes: to this day, I remember what John Ruef said about visiting people in the hospital. He said, “Don’t sit down; and when you find yourself leaning on one leg, it’s time to leave.”

Nowadays, sometimes people think they have to have a *cause* in seminary. The cause may be expansive language, or gender equality, or the empowerment of racial and sexual minorities. They are all good causes, but when you get carried away with them, they eclipse the basic purpose of one’s presence in seminary.

It has been said that the seven deadly words of The Episcopal Church are, “We have always done it that way.” I think this is what affected our thinking about the proposed merger in 1971, because what you heard was a battle cry that we would lose our Anglican and Episcopal identity, and would be swallowed up by that “blue bulldog in the sky” and all become rank Protestants or something. This was the problem and the threat, but somewhere along the line somebody reminded us that Dean William Palmer Ladd had moved Berkeley Divinity School *from* Middletown *to* New Haven for the express purpose of being near the university with all that it had to offer. And I think that in addition to all the machinations that Dean Allen confronted, it was the realization of that fact that made the affiliation possible.

What Berkeley taught me, through those heady days, was something about flexibility. Somebody once said that there is a Beatitude that is not in St. Luke’s Gospel, and it goes like this: “Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape.” I can stand here forty years on, because I have tried to respond to the Spirit and be as flexible as possible, because you really can’t predict what is going to happen tomorrow.

I remind you that I’m one of those cradle Episcopalian types. I grew up in St. Philip’s Church in Brooklyn, New York:



Convocation Events. (Top) Dean Britton; YDS Dean Harry Attridge; honorary doctorate recipients Daniel Heischman, David Carson, and Marilyn McCord Adams; BDS Board President Carl Anderson; Board Secretary Clayton Thomason. (Above) Tony Jarvis, Director of the Educational Leadership and Ministry Program, delivering the Pitt Lecture. (Right) Dean Britton adorns Dr. Adams with her honorary doctorate hood.



2,000 black people, three black priests, six candles, two thuribles. And so when I came to YDS, people asked me, how ‘com I was in a white church? I said I didn’t really understand the question, since I had grown up in this black parish where the only white Episcopalian I ever saw for years was the Bishop of Long Island.

I was approached by a priest who thought I should go into the ministry when I was fourteen – and it happened on this wise. It was a Young People’s Fellowship breakfast. I was president of the YPF at St. Phil-

ip’s, and one of the three priests who came to breakfast in cassock and berretta every Sunday said to me, “Harold, have you ever considered the priesthood?” I laughed out loud and said, “Oh, no Father, I am not cut out for that type of thing.” And he replied, “God does not choose the worthy, but he makes worthy those whom he chooses.”



Berkeley graduates provide leadership through the Compass Rose Society. Pictured left to right are the Rev. Richard Lord '92, the Very Rev. Samuel Candler '82, the Most Rev. Rowan Williams, the Rev. Geoffrey Hoare '82, BDS Development Director Pamela Wesley Gomez. (Not pictured, the Rev. Sarah W. Buxton Smith '94.)

Thanks to Compass Rose board member Sarah Buxton Smith '94, Pam Wesley Gomez was invited to attend their autumn meeting which consisted of several days of meetings and presentations by leaders from around the Anglican Communion. It was not surprising to see several Berkeley graduates and to note that Berkeley Trustee Samuel Candler also serves as the Second Vice President of the Compass Rose Society. Berkeley is well represented with Society trustees Sarah Buxton Smith and Richard Lord, and member Geoffrey Hoare. Pam returned to Lambeth again in December, as a member of the Friends of the Archbishop of Canterbury, a board on which she has served for the last five years. Berkeley Trustee Marion Dawson Carr is a founding member and also a leader in the Communion in her role as Treasurer of the Anglican Observer to the United Nations. The Anglican Observer's board is chaired by the Rev. Daniel

Appleyard '83 and includes the Rev. Harold Lewis '71 and Geoffrey Hoare '82. Berkeley's Global Initiative and the strong Berkeley leadership throughout the Communion

allow current students to experience and embrace the Anglican Communion with a deep and lifelong commitment to serving God throughout the world.



Class of 1961, 50th Anniversary: Clifford R. (Cliff) Horvath, Charles E. Schnabel, Dean Joseph Britton, Frederick C. (Fred) Fox, James K. (Jim) Taylor, Lois Cheney, A. Milton (Milt) Cheney.

St. Hilda's House continues to flourish

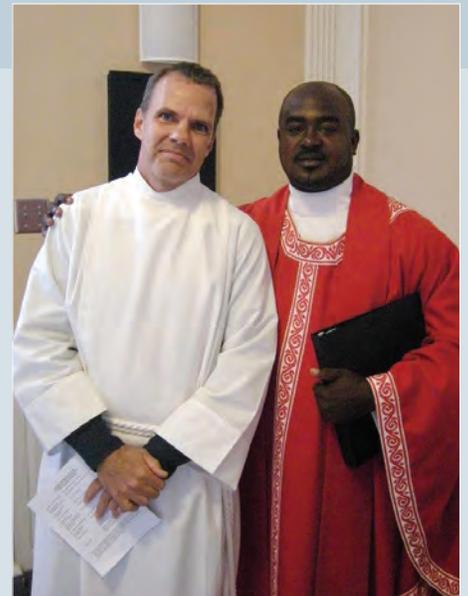
St. Hilda's House enters its second year with double the number of post-undergraduate interns centered at Christ Church and at the Church of the Ascension. Sixteen young men and women are living in community as they engage in spiritual discernment and urban service. The program is jointly sponsored by Christ Church and Berkeley and supported by a grant from Trinity Wall Street. Next summer Ascension House will be formed: an intentional community and training program for newly ordained clergy. Its residents will offer public worship in the Hill neighborhood and serve as curates in parishes in and around New Haven.



Right: The Saint Hilda's interns had their Epiphanytide retreat at the Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, New York. The retreat offered a chance for quiet contemplation and the opportunity to reflect on the first half of the year and focus on their hopes and goals for the second half and beyond.



Visitors keep Berkeley focused on the Global Church



Visitors (left to right): Bishop Abraham Nhial of the Diocese of Aweil, Sudan; Geeta and Bishop Duleep De Chickera, Diocese of Colombo, Sri Lanka; Sam Owen '12 and Archdeacon Kesner Gracia, Diocese of Haiti. Each of these guests participated widely in the life of Berkeley, sharing his or her own experience of living the Christian faith in a radically different culture and context.

Spring Leadership Colloquium and Lunchtime Lecture Series



Presented by Berkeley in partnership with the Yale Center for Faith and Culture & The Youth Ministry Initiative of the Congregational Church in New Canaan

“[The] practice of youth ministry has been with us for quite a while now, [but] it has not always been concerned with theological reflection.”

— (Kenda Creasy Dean and Andrew Root, *The Theological Turn in Youth Ministry*, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, 2011, p. 15)

We are pleased to announce this spring semester’s Wesley-Royce Leadership Colloquium, Youth Ministry: NOW. Bringing together four leading scholars in the areas of youth ministry and human flourishing as well as leaders of eight exemplary youth ministry programs in the wider church, this colloquium and lecture series is offered in collaboration with the Yale Center for Faith and Culture and the Youth Ministry Initiative of the Congregational Church in New Canaan. The four leading scholars will offer a lunchtime lecture and conversation for area clergy and youth ministers as well as a plenary lecture for the student Colloquium. The lunchtime lectures will include time for area practitioners to network and talk in small groups and with our guests. In the Colloquium the students will engage leading youth ministry practitioners and apply what they’ve learned in the areas of theology, sociology, and praxis. Our hope is that practitioners and students alike will gain new insight and skills in the critical arena of youth ministry.

All are welcome to attend the lunchtime

lecture series — pick one or, better yet, come to all four! If you have a passion for youth, if you work with youth, if you see youth in church, if you want to know something about how to keep them there, if you want to know how to make God real for them, this series is for you. If you can’t come but know someone who should, please pass this Newsletter on. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our kids.

If you can’t make the lunchtime lecture series, know that the Colloquium lectures will be simulcast on the Yale Divinity School website at 4:00 p.m. on January 17, February 14, March 20, and April 3. Those webcasts can be seen at <http://divinity.yale.edu/core/digital-resources>. They will also be archived and available for future watching at the same address.

RSVP for the lunchtime lecture to Jeanne Moule at jeanne.moule@yale.edu or 203.432.9285 — the series is free of charge but we do need a head count for lunch. If you would like more information about the lectures or the program, please feel free to contact BDS Director of Studies, Greta Getlein at greta.getlein@yale.edu or 203.432.9291.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



January 17:
Andrew Root

Professor of Youth and Family Ministry, Luther Seminary and leading scholar in the area of theology and youth



February 14:
Roland Martinson

Professor of Children, Youth and Family Ministry, Luther Seminary, and project director for the Lilly Endowment-funded Exemplary Youth Ministry Study



March 20:
Rodger Nishioka

Professor of Christian Education, Columbia Theological Seminary and leading scholar in the *praxis* of youth ministry



April 3:
Miroslav Volf

Professor of Theology, Yale Divinity School, and Founding Director of the Yale Center for Faith and Culture

Berkeley's Ongoing Capital Needs

As we celebrate the successful completion of the **Berkeley»tomorrow Campaign**, we must also address Berkeley's continuing urgent capital needs.



Educational Leadership and Ministry (ELM)

Berkeley has been a leader in providing chaplains and educators for schools and universities, and in 2008 launched the first seminary program at the master's level to prepare students for this ministry. Initial grants have enabled ELM to thrive under Tony Jarvis's leadership, but we must now provide for its future by endowing it. The cost of that will be \$3.3 million — plus a scholarship endowment of \$1 million.

The Porter Chair in Religion and Ecology

The Porter Foundation has pledged a gift toward a \$3 million endowment to support the H. Boone and Violet M. Porter Chair in Religion and Environmental Stewardship, of which \$1.5 million remains to be committed.

The Berkeley Center and Program Endowment

To name the Berkeley Center and to provide for its programs in Anglican formation, we need \$1 million in new endowment.

Global Engagement

We believe that theological education must now include mission and study trips throughout the Anglican Communion. In order to support such trips — and thereby encourage a passion for mission among our students — we need a fund of at least \$500,000.

Unrestricted Endowment and Scholarships

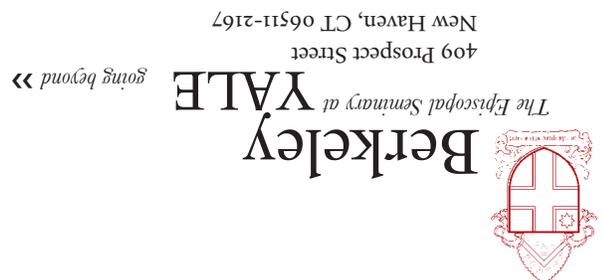
Berkeley operates on a shoestring and needs continuing capital gifts for unrestricted endowment and for scholarships in order to attract the most talented students for future leadership in the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion.

Please remember BDS in your will. For information on The Bishop Berkeley Society, contact pamela.wesley@yale.edu.



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