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## The Dean's Letter | "Showing People Jesus"

To my mind, the best mission statement I know of in the church comes from Canterbury Cathedral. In a place that could have chosen a complex description of its role as the mother church of the Anglican Communion, and the seat of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and an eminent part of the patrimony of Great Britain, its stated purpose instead is simply this: "The mission of Canterbury Cathedral is to show people Jesus."

Playing off the beautiful simplicity and yet powerful focus of that statement, we have organized this semester's leadership colloquium around the theme of "Showing People Jesus." We have looked for examples of religious communities that are effectively making Jesus known through the patterns of their common life and work, invited their leaders to describe their work, and hope thereby to learn some important lessons from their example and conviction.

By way of establishing a more rigorous conceptual framework for the semester's program, I shared in my remarks at the opening session of the colloquium some of the insights into the theological uses of piety that are explored in my forthcoming book, *Abraham Heschel and the Phenomenon of Piety* (T & T Clark). My argument is that Heschel used piety—which he defined as “a life compatible with God’s presence”—as the starting point for theological reflection. That is, before taking up the question of God, Heschel turned to the phenomenon of piety itself, which he pointed out exists in all times and cultures, and asked what reality could lie behind the lives of pious men and women that could give rise to such a pattern of living?

Unlike the rather pejorative sense in which we commonly use the word piety today, Heschel understood it to describe an embodiment of a sympathetic response to the divine initiative through which God is “in search of man.” Our turning toward this impinging absolute Otherness of God, whereby we understand ourselves to be creatures upon whose life someone has a claim, evokes the responsive desire to conform to God’s will which leads toward the formation of the character of pious living.

Returning, then, to the colloquium theme of showing people Jesus: we might say that the importance of Christian piety is that contrary to the outward forms of religious observance that often engage our attention only at a symbolic level, the example of a pious life is a living embodiment of faith that helps “to make God credible” (as Rowan Williams puts it in *Tokens*

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*of Trust).* If we are able to see in someone else's way of godly living a meaningful pattern of self-offering and trust, then we may be able to say to ourselves, "That is a world which I wish to inhabit also." For church leaders, cultivating the spiritual depth—the piety—of a church community, therefore, becomes not only the vehicle for making God known, but also the purpose of doing so.

All of which leads me to think that when we hear the comment so often repeated these days, "I am spiritual, but not religious," we should regard it not as some sign of impending defeat, but rather as a huge opening and opportunity. For what the church is ultimately called to offer is *not* the forms of established religion, but a vision of what human life looks like when it is animated by a spiritual life oriented toward God. If we are attentive, we will hear in these skeptical words of the unchurched a challenge to which we would do well to attend: that the life of the religious communities which we lead be focused on cultivating a *deep and profoundly spiritual piety*.

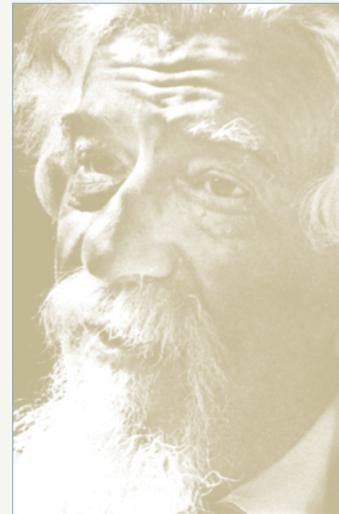


Joseph Britton  
President and Dean

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Abraham Joshua Heschel

## Berkeley Class of 1962

Members of the Berkeley Class of 1962 gathered for lunch with the new Dean of Yale Divinity School and the YDS Class of 1962 at the fall convocation. The Berkeley Class of 1962 inaugurated a 50th Reunion Scholarship Fund that will be added to each year for scholarships for Berkeley students. Special thanks to The Rt. Rev. Calvin Schofield for organizing the reunion and scholarship gifts.

Pictured above from left to right are Sam Frazier, Lewis Stone, Arthur Dasher, Richard Siener, Cal Schofield, George Warner, and William Schnitzer. (Not pictured: Richard Van Wely.)



# The 2012 Berkeley Convocation

In the late afternoon of October 24, 2012, under dim lights in Marquand Chapel, the procession for Evensong entered to the tune of "Master Tallis' Testament" by Herbert Howells. For the first time in the history of the school, three lay women processed in: the honorees set to receive the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.

Following the prayers for the evening led by John Hare, Professor of the Philosophy of Religion, and a stirring sermon by the Rev. Maggi Dawn, Associate Dean of Marquand Chapel and Associate Professor of Theology and Literature, the office closed with the school hymn. Then the Dean, the Chair of the Board of Trustees, and the Secretary of the Board stepped forward to help make history.

Clare Amos, Cheryl Taliaferro Kyle, and Karen Free Royce, all lay leaders in the Episcopal Church, each stood while accolades were read and a doctoral hood draped over their shoulders. From the teaching of Anglican theology to missionary work at home and abroad, these women have had lasting impact on the church and the world. The evening marked the first time that all the honorary degree recipients were lay women.

Clare Amos has furthered the conversations in Anglican theology and interfaith understanding through her teaching all over the world, multiple publications, and keynote conference lectures. The first non-Roman Catholic woman to be admitted to the Ecole Biblique et Archeologique Francaise in Jerusalem she was selected as a World Council of Churches Ecumenical

Scholar in 1973. She has served, for the past six years, as Director of Theological Studies for the worldwide Anglican Communion. In 2011 she was selected by the World Council of Churches to serve as WCC Programme Executive for Inter-religious Dialogue and Cooperation in Geneva, Switzerland.

After a successful career in multiple arenas, including photo-journalism, education, and marketing, Cheryl Kyle and her late husband answered God's call to serve as missionaries for the church and moved to the Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro to teach finance and communications and establish partner relationships with dioceses in the USA. From there they went to the Honduras to direct the El Hogar Projects for homeless boys. Most recently she and fellow honoree Karen Royce have worked to develop a school for nearly 200 Massai children.

Karen Royce began her lay ministry in her local town of Greenwich, Connecticut, focusing on children, the poor, and the hungry. She established a Childcare Educa-

tion Center for 100 children and the Neighbor to Neighbor client food choice program at Christ Church, Greenwich to expand and maximize food distribution to those in need. Her service expanded internationally to the Diocese of Tanzania where, in addition to establishing the Massai school, she has led biennial mission trips, bringing the joy of service and pilgrimage to hundreds in her congregation and beyond.

The service was followed by the Berkeley Graduate Society Dinner with plenty of time for catching up with old friends and hearing the stories of new ones. The evening of firsts continued as the founding members of the Bishop Berkeley Society were honored with a gift of a gold Berkeley Divinity School lapel pin and a thunderous round of applause. Pam Wesley Gomez was specially honored by the trustees for her commitment to Berkeley graduates and her work to help endow new initiatives and balance budgets. We are thankful to alumnus Charlie Cloughen for his help in bringing the dream of the Bishop Berkeley Society to fruition.



Three honorary degree recipients, plus the two deans. Dean Britton, Karen Royce, Cheryl Kyle, Clare Amos, Dean Sterling.



Professor Gregory Sterling delivers his inaugural lecture as Dean of Yale Divinity School from the pulpit of Marquand Chapel. Richard C. Levin, president of Yale University, is visible to the right of the pulpit, as are Adrian Sterling, the dean's wife, and Yale's president-elect, Peter Salovey.

## Installation of Dean Sterling Highlights YDS Fall Convocation

**O**n Tuesday, October 23, with Marquand Chapel filled to maximum capacity, Yale University President Richard C. Levin installed Gregory E. Sterling as the fourteenth Dean of Yale Divinity School. President Levin spoke of the “powerful and enduring mission of Yale Divinity School” and added: “We entrust the stewardship of the school to this outstanding scholar and committed churchman who has already demonstrated, as dean of the Graduate School at Notre Dame, exceptional leadership and creativity.”

Dean Sterling is a New Testament scholar and, along with the Deanship, will

assume the Lillian Claus Professorship of New Testament. The new dean outlined his vision for the school in his address, entitled “The Mystery of God: Reimagining the Church in the 21st Century.” In it, he called the school to help the church change not by starting over, but by examining the “sources that have shaped our identity.” He went on to caution that those sources, “or our interpretations of them,” cannot remain in a cocoon of the past, but must be brought into conversation with the world today.

Berkeley’s “Cheney Lecture” took an unusual form this year: on Wednesday

afternoon alumnus Andy Barnett ’12 and his Theodicy Jazz Collective played the New Haven premier of the Canterbury Jazz Mass: a Mass setting commissioned by Canterbury Cathedral during Barnett’s senior class pilgrimage and written by Barnett and Will Cleary.

Anna Carter Florence delivered the YDS Beecher Lectures. Florence is a graduate of Yale College and is the Peter Marshall Associate Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary. Her lectures, “The Word in the Repertory Church,” were received with great enthusiasm by alumni, faculty, students, and staff alike. Berkeley senior Beth Phillips was quoted in November’s *Notes from the Quad*: “I will never look at Scripture the same again after hearing [her]. She was raw, and it was brutal. She dared us to strip down naked and wade right into the Scriptures. She challenged us to follow the action—the verbs of the passages—and confront even the ugliest and most uncomfortable pericopes. Even there, I learned, we can find something we know to be true about God, if we step into that scene with company of others. It was powerful and riveting.”

The Alumni Awards, given at the annual YDS alumni dinner were given to Bill Barnes B.D. ’59, Distinction in Congregational Ministry; John Chane M.Div. ’72 (BDS), Lux et Veritas award; Marcia Y. Riggs M.Div. ’83, Distinction in Theological Education; and Toshihiro Takami B.D. ’62, William Sloane Coffin ’56 Award for Peace and Justice.

# Andy Barnett's "Canterbury Mass" Performed at Berkeley Convocation

**T**radition and order met improvisation and surprise during this year's annual Berkeley convocation. As part of the fall event the Theodicy Jazz Collective debuted its "Canterbury Jazz Mass" at an ecumenical Eucharist. Composed by Andrew Barnett '12 and Will Cleary, the music accompanied five ancient parts of the mass. Organized by Barnett, the eight-musician jazz group first performed the music at the Canterbury Cathedral, which commissioned the work in 2011.

The choir from Christ Church of New Haven sang the choral parts of the mass. The Choir is composed of Yale students and professionals from the New Haven community.

The Rev. Thomas Troeger, professor of Christian Communication at Yale, gave the sermon. In his sermon Prof. Troeger extolled the virtue of juxtaposing the old with the new, explaining that it was completely consistent with the teachings and ways of Jesus. The Canterbury Jazz Mass builds on the ancient and traditional: the Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus and Benedictus. These five parts reflect order and structure, and as Prof. Troeger pointed out, are

all in the ancient tongues of Latin or Greek. But the new jazz composition blends the five parts with the sounds and rhythms of jazz, which feature improvisation and surprise.

The *Kyrie*, the first movement, begins with a 12-bar blues progression—all the notes are spelled out. Then the saxophonist improvises and in Barnett's words "blows the blues." "To blow the blues," Troeger explained, is "to take all the aching and yearning and longing of the human heart and empty it out into the air until we feel the juice of the prayer that is in her vein, the prayer that can be nothing other than...Kyrie Eleison: Lord Have Mercy."

"The Canterbury Jazz Mass teaches us exactly what Jesus's parables teach us," Troeger preached, adding "when saints lead their lives together, then we find that structure and improvisation, order and freedom, tradition and surprise are not opposites, they come together, in the wholeness of being. When they come together, we hear the primeval music of creation, the music that sounded when God laid the foundation of the earth, the cornerstone of the world."

Barnett formed his group, the Theodicy Jazz Collective, while he was an undergrad-

uate at Oberlin College studying music. In its early days the group led worship at Trinity Cathedral in Cleveland. The original members migrated to the east coast for graduate school and connected with other musicians at Yale's Institute for Sacred Music. In New Haven the group continued to grow and develop musically and began producing jazz worship services for a multitude of churches in New England and New York City.

The group plays music with a purpose, as is stated on its website: "The Theodicy Jazz Collective is committed to making justice real through the creative, spiritual power of music. We believe that music has the ability to promote peace and justice in society and that the jazz ideals of community, flexibility, and diversity are essential to the survival of the Church in our rapidly changing world."



Andy Barnett

## Berkeleyites Gather at NAES Convention

**Maryetta Anschutz**, former Berkeley associate dean and now founder and head of the Episcopal School of Los Angeles, generously hosted a gathering of Berkeley graduates attending the biennial convention of the National Association of Episcopal Schools in Baltimore in November. Among those present were **Brian Fidler**, **Nathan Finnin**, **John Gedrick**, **Adam Greene**, **Ned Mulligan**, **Dick Schell**, **Nathan Speck-Ewer**, **Michael Spencer**, and **Tony Jarvis**, Berkeley's ELM director. **Daniel Heischman**, S.T.M. '76 and D.D. '11, was much in evidence throughout the conference as the NAES executive director.

## Youth Ministry: NOW Luncheons Continue

The partnership pioneered last year by the Yale Center for Faith and Culture, Berkeley (The Wesley Royce Leadership Initiative), and the Youth Ministry Initiative, under the leadership of The Rev. Skip Masback, continues to flourish in a series of luncheons throughout the year. This winter and spring's speakers include Skip Masback, Roland Martinson, Michael Bird, Andrew Root, and Thomas Troeger. Those interested in youth ministry are invited to attend. Reservations may be made through [kelly@youthministryinitiative.org](mailto:kelly@youthministryinitiative.org).

## The Consortium of Endowed Parishes

**The Berkeley Dinner at the Consortium of Endowed Parishes Meeting in San Diego, California, will be held on March 1.** If you will be in San Diego for the CEEP annual meeting, please join The Rt. Rev. John Chane and Pam Wesley Gomez for a Berkeley Divinity School dinner. It will be an informal meeting with an opportunity to hear from Carl Anderson, the Chairman of the Berkeley Board, and other trustees of the seminary. Please contact Gail Chiasson at [gail.chiasson@yale.edu](mailto:gail.chiasson@yale.edu) for details and to reserve a place.



**The Berkeley trustees gathered for the installation of the new dean of Yale Divinity School, Greg Sterling.**

Front row: Steven Bush, Howard Greene, Jane Stickney, Pam Wesley Gomez, Joe Britton, *Dean and President*, Carl Anderson, *Chair*, Chilton Knudsen, Anne Mallonee, Charles Tyson, Greta Getlein. Middle row: Tony Jarvis, Clayton Thomason, *Secretary*, Joseph Seville, Marion Dawson Carr, Katherine Cadigan, Chloe Starr, Stephen Carlsen.

Back row: Tom Troeger, Nicholas Porter, Robert Kass, Will Mebane, William Haas, Daniel Gross, Judith Holding, *Vice Chair*, Lisa Zaina, Whitney Zimmerman Edwards, John Denaro.

Not shown: Emily Bakemeier, Christopher Beely, Samuel Candler, *Vice Chair*, Carolyn Daniels, Ann Dewey, *Vice Chair*, Ian Douglas, Clark Downs, Geoffrey Hoare, Herman Hollerith, Linda Lorimer, Gregory Sterling, David Wilson, William Wright, David Crandall, *Chair Emeritus*, George Fowlkes, Christian Sonne, Sandra Lynch.



## BDS Joins the Compass Rose Society

Thanks to the generosity of several Berkeley graduates who serve on the Compass Rose Board, Berkeley Divinity School has joined with Virginia Seminary and General Seminary as members of the Compass Rose Society.

Pictured at the October meeting in Canterbury are (left to right) The Rev. F. Washington Jarvis (ELM program director), The Rev. Stephen Smith, The Rev. Sara Buxton-Smith '94, The Most Rev. Rowan Williams, The Very Rev. Sam Chandler '82, Marnie Dawson Carr LHD '02, The Rev. Rick Lord STM '92, Pam Wesley Gomez, The Rev. Marek Zabriskie '89.

## Into the Regions Beyond: **Graduating Students for Hire!**

Berkeley will award Anglican Certificates and Diplomas to about 30 students this May. This is the largest class we have had in several years and they have made a lasting impression on the school. Of those 30, 20 will be ordained either to the transitional diaconate or the priesthood in the summer of 2013 and are ready to serve. Of the remaining 10, most are in active discernment in a diocese and are hoping to complete CPE residencies, further education, or constructive work until such time as they are ordained. Their resumes are available online through the URL or QR Code. Please contact Associate Dean Greta Getlein ([greta.getlein@yale.edu](mailto:greta.getlein@yale.edu)) if you have an opening or would like to come to campus to interview students.

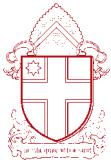
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Did you know that Berkeley relies on its graduates, friends, trustees, and parishes for its operating budget? Did you know that the Episcopal Church is one of the few denominations whose national body doesn't financially support its seminaries and that General Convention has asked each parish to give 1 percent of operating budget to one of the church's accredited seminaries?

In exchange for wonderful buildings, a world class faculty, and our affiliation with Yale Divinity School, our students' tuition goes entirely to the university. Berkeley stands as one of the most cost effective models of residential theological education and has thrived for 40 years in our partnership with Yale Divinity School.

We must rely on the Episcopal community to fund our programs and pay our staff. This year we must raise \$430,000 to provide for existing programs. Only if we exceed our goal will we be able to fund desirable new



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initiatives. As we welcome Dean Sterling, we must balance our budgets and continue to be a strong partner on the Quad. Only you can help us reach our goal. As of this newsletter we have received \$175,361 towards our goal of \$430,000. Please join us in forming leadership for the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion, make a gift today!

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