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Dear Friends,

Soon after my arrival at Berkeley Divinity School, I wrote a reflection paper on what seem to me to be both the opportunities and the obligations of the only seminary of the Episcopal Church to be embedded in a university divinity school. That paper, translated into another form, eventually became the intellectual backbone of *The Rule of Life* that now shapes the School's educational and communal life. The paper was preceded with a short summary, which expressed its essential points. In this time of transition, perhaps it would be fitting to recall what that paper argued is Berkeley's mission to the Church, and so I reproduce for your consideration its *précis* here (the full text can be found online at <http://berkeleydivinity.net>):

The Idea of a Divinity School

by J. H. Britton

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment."

¶ This paper seeks to set forth a description of how Berkeley Divinity School can pursue its unique position as a seminary of the Episcopal Church embedded in a major research university, through what might be described as the "Berkeley project," based on the ambitious and even audacious intention of combining the broad ecumenical horizon of the Divinity School at Yale University with a focused intellectual and spiritual formation in Anglican worship, history, theology and spirituality.

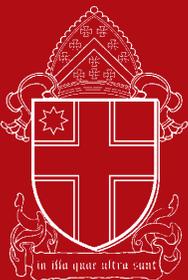
¶ The church can, and ought to be, a community that models in its own life how one gives careful, attentive thought to the true complexity of the human being as a fallen, sinful creature – and how deliberate, patient inquiry can lead to fresh insight and understanding.

¶ The value which can be claimed within the academy by a school of divinity on behalf of the church is that the university's embrace of the larger horizon of academic disciplines, and the principled disagreement which goes with it, is an engine of discovery and imagination which is itself a commitment at the heart of the church's mission to teach people to love God with heart, soul *and* mind.

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Dean Britton delivering the Pitt Lecture at the Fall Convention. (See page 6.)

of the relationship the church has to the wider world: the seminarian is schooled not just in the internal language of the church, but in the variety of discourses and constituencies to which the gospel must be related.

¶ In such an educational setting, Berkeley's embodiment of the tradition of Anglican intellectual toleration can only strengthen each student's ultimate ability to give effectual leadership in the church, for the students will have already experienced in their formation the authentic diversity of the church, and will have developed the habits of mind and heart that make for a learned attitude of toleration that overcomes any fractious partisanship.

¶ Among the three cultures which any theological school has to inhabit (church, academy, and society), a university divinity school is in a stronger position to mediate the three within its own spiritual and intellectual life, and thereby to produce the kind of graduate who is adept at making the gospel sensible and sophisticated in an age which tends either to ignore it as irrelevant, or to appropriate it as a polarizing force for political purposes or a popularized message of positive thinking.

¶ Unlike the other Episcopal seminaries, Berkeley has evolved into a distinctly university institution, and for its identity it must look to the intellectual discipline, breadth of perspective, academic climate of critique, and professional and institutional standards of the university, while at the same time remaining in service of the church.

For the seminarian, the dynamic relationship between divinity study and the other academic disciplines is critical to his or her formation as a theological leader, for it is evocative of the relationship the church has to the wider world.

¶ Berkeley's vision for formation consistently errs on the side of residing at the edge of the church, where it can authentically engage the complexity of the world by drawing on the depth of the Christian tradition even while drawing the church out of itself and into new ways of being in the world.

¶ All of this is to say that the institutional culture of Berkeley will be related *to* the church, but it will not be entirely *of* the church (being also *of* the university) – yet it will understand that very marginality to be of utmost importance *for* the church because of the strength of religious leadership that it produces *in* the church.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Britton".

Joseph Britton
President and Dean

Wesley-Royce Leadership Colloquium to Focus on Dealing with Conflict

This year's spring Leadership Colloquium will highlight issues around conflict and conflict resolution. The students will read three books in preparation for a unique weekend colloquium: *Getting to Yes: Negotiating Agreement Without Giving In* by Roger Fisher and William Ury; *The Little Book of Restorative Justice* by Howard Zehr; and *The Little Book of Circle Processes* by Kay Pranis.

After some conversation around the success of the 24-hour symposia we have held over the last three years for alumni in the month of June, and the Dean of YDS' desire

to inaugurate a series of weekend leadership education seminars, Dean Britton and Director of Studies Greta Getlein decided to experiment with a new format for the Leadership Colloquium so that the entire event would take place over one weekend rather than twelve weekly sessions. This allows for more intense work in one area, frees the students to take courses that otherwise would conflict with the weekly colloquium, and allows us to use one or two speakers who can get to know the students and work more closely with them, rather than having a host of speakers who have only one hour

to speak and answer questions.

This year's colloquium will take place on February 28th and March 1st. The seminar leader is the Rev. Frank Dunn, Rector of St. Stephen and the Incarnation in Washington, D.C., and a consultant within that diocese and the broader Episcopal Church in church development, conflict management, new ministry (Fresh Start), and more. Frank and his co-leader will have a full twelve hours with our students to work together on the topic of conflict management—a skill that will be important to our graduates regardless of their vocational intentions!

Berkeley's Involvement in the Compass Rose Society

Thanks to Berkeley graduates Sarah Buxton Smith and Rick Lord who serve as board members of the Compass Rose Society, Berkeley is now a member. On October 10th, Tony Jarvis and Pam Wesley Gomez joined Chuck and Deborah Royce, Gary Shilling, and Peter Walsh at the annual meeting in Canterbury. The mission of The Compass Rose Society is to support programs and ministries of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Anglican Consultative Council which sets the goals and directives for the Anglican Communion. It is a tangible way to engage the seminary with the global initiatives and to meet with the Archbishop, Dean of Canterbury Cathedral, and 300 members from eleven countries. Through our Compass Rose membership, the senior pilgrimage to Canterbury, board involvement on both the Friends of Canterbury and the Friends of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Berkeley lives out its goal of active global mission.



Standing with the Archbishop (clockwise from top): Chuck and Deborah Royce; Gary Shilling; Pamela Wesley Gomez and Tony Jarvis; Peter Walsh.

Silence and Celebration, Love and Piety

In the late afternoon of October 22, 2013, alumni, students, faculty, staff, trustees, and friends gathered in Marquand Chapel to pay tribute to six men and women for their work on behalf of the mission of God through prayer, song, and the awarding of honorary degrees by Board Chair Carl Anderson. The service reflected the lives and work of those honored in liturgical expression, use of silence, and musical reflections.

Junior Jessie Gutsell played a prelude of harp pieces, Dean Britton offered words of welcome, and we were brought into silence by the ringing of a prayer bowl. The opening prayers reflected God's glorious work in and through creation, and the congregation was invited, again, to silent reflection. *Christ, mighty savior* served as the evening hymn and Psalm 126 called us in word and song to "Come, with joy, to meet our Lord." The Scripture lesson from Galatians (5:1, 13-15) challenged us to explore freedom by and through love, and the sermon delivered by Jonathan Bonk, honorary degree recipient, did the same: calling us to reflect on our interdependence and the requirement of love. The sermon was followed by prayers, a musical response, and a final thanksgiving through the singing of the Doxology.

The degree recipients came forward to receive their accolades and degrees and, after the closing prayers and blessing by Connecticut Bishop Ian Douglas, we closed with the Wesleyan hymn *What shall I do, my God to love*, sung to a tune written by alumnus Benjamin Straley, in honor of Dean Joseph Harp Britton. The degree recipients, friends, and members of the Board of Trustees adjourned to the Betts House for a lovely reception and dinner.

What follows are brief excerpts from the citations read by trustee Clayton Thomason '94:

Harold W. Attridge, Dean of Yale Divinity School, 2002-2012, New Testament scholar, and friend of Berkeley Divinity School, received the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*. While Dean

of YDS, Professor Attridge led a successful campaign to renovate the Sterling Divinity Quadrangle and enhance the School's fiscal condition. He also assisted in forging strong bonds between Berkeley and YDS, and oversaw the movement of Berkeley's

offices to the Sterling Quad. One of the world's most renowned scholars of the New Testament, he has written numerous books and articles in that field.

Health care executive, publisher, and active Roman Catholic laywoman, **Janis**



Berkeleyites at the Convocation Dinner. Standing, left to right, Darren Elin, Graduate Society representative to the Board of Trustees; Whitney Edwards, Chairman of the Program and Life Committee of the Board; Patricia Mitchell, President of the Graduate Society. Seated, left to right: Clayton Thomason, Secretary of the Board; Professor Thomas Troeger, Faculty representative to the Board; Jane Stickney, Director of the Annand Program.



Left to right: Pamela Wesley Gomez; Honorary degree recipients Stephen R. Davenport III, Marilyn J. Keiser, G. David César, Jonathan Bonk, Janis Attridge, Harold Attridge; Board Chair Carl Anderson.

Attridge, was awarded the degree Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, for her life's work in the non-profit sector. Mrs. Attridge has worked with and/or served on the boards of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, the St. Thomas More Corporation, the America Publishing Company, and the Ignatian Volunteer Corporation. Moving about the country in response to her husband's academic career, Mrs. Attridge immersed herself in local ministries yet always made time to open her home to friends, faculty, students, and alumni. Her generosity and warmth were a large part of the successful rebirth of YDS.

Jonathan Bonk recently retired as Executive Director of the Overseas Ministries Study Center where he served for 13 years. Located across the street from YDS, the Center welcomes scholars and missionaries from all over the world to live, study, and, sometimes, seek refuge. Dr. Bonk forged deep ties with YDS and BDS through course offerings, lectures, and open houses welcoming students, faculty, and staff to share

food and conversation with those staying at the Center. The OMSCs *International Bulletin of Missionary Outreach* is widely recognized as one of the most important journals in mission studies. For his work in launching the Oxford Study in World Christianity project, his world-renowned scholarship (including the *Dictionary of African Christian Biography*), Christian mission, and hospitality, Dr. Bonk was awarded the degree of Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*.

G. David César and **Stephen R. Davenport III** were both awarded the degree Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa* for the work they have done collaboratively in Haiti. Brought together by music, Mr. César and Mr. Davenport have changed the lives of countless numbers of children. Inspired by a visit to Haiti in 1970, the Rev. Mr. Davenport returned a year later with some violins, encouraged by a music school established by the Sisters of St. Margaret. Coming to understand that survival requires more than just food and water, Mr. Davenport assisted the Sisters

in their endeavors and the Orchestra Philharmonique Ste. Trinité was born. Mr. César, a native of Haiti, became a child star in that music program and, inspired by those around him, eventually became a priest and now leader of the 4000-student school. Traveling all over the world to provide concerts and information, Mr. Davenport, Mr. César, and the children of the school are true ambassadors and disciples of Christ.

Marilyn J. Keiser, world-renowned organist and professor of music at Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music has dedicated her life to the worship of God through music and raising up generations of musicians to do the same. Ms. Keiser's work for the church, in a field still dominated by men, has been ground-breaking and exemplary. She served nine years on the Standing Commission on Church Music, was a member of the *Hymnal 1982* committee, was founding chair of the Leadership Program for Musicians, served as president of the Association of Anglican Musicians,



The Trustees of Berkeley Divinity School gathered for the Fall Convocation.

The Berkeley 50th Reunion Class



The Berkeley Graduate Society honored the Class of 1963 at the Convocation Luncheon: Jack Barrett, Alan Mason, Dick Mansfield, Fritz Creamer, Tom Pike, Dan Pope, and Jack Andersen.

helping to found its new mentoring program for young musicians, and this year received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Guild of Organists. In a happy coincidence, Professor Keiser taught both Benjamin Straley and Jessie Gutsell at Indiana. She was awarded the degree Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.

Earlier the same day, the chairs of Marquand Chapel were filled with alumni, students, friends, and trustees in anticipation of the prestigious **Pitt Lecture**, this year delivered by **The Very Rev. Joseph Harp Britton**, Dean and President of Berkeley Divinity School. Based on his recently published book, *Abraham Heschel and the Phenomenon of Piety* (2013), Dean Britton spoke eloquently about the place of piety in the lives of Christian men and women: “Classical *pietas* is justice towards family, country, and the gods. Christian piety is a theocentric life, not just a spiritual one: it is a life centered on God, not ourselves.”

The Dean delivered thoughts in six areas: piety as a point of departure; Heschel and the phenomenon of piety; reclaiming piety through the use of Heschel’s mediation of Schleiermacher and Barth; making God credible; thinking with the church; and concluding with urgent task of culti-

vating piety. The lecture was received with sustained and well-deserved applause following which Professor Emeritus David Kelsey offered a response. (The lecture can be heard or read in its entirety here: <http://berkeleydivinity.net/berkeley-news/pitt-lecture/>)

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

We are pleased to announce that Berkeley will award Anglican Certificates and Diplomas to 17 students this May. The members of this class have distinguished themselves through generous acts of hospitality, evangelism, and service. Of the 17, 14 have been or will be ordained in the coming year and are ready to serve. The other three are in active discernment and are pursuing work and study in the church and beyond. Short resumes for most of the graduating class are available on line through the URL below. Please contact Associate Dean Greta Getlein (greta.getlein@yale.edu) if you have a job opening or would like to come to campus to interview students.

http://divinity-yale.confidentialresume.com/resumebook/Anglican_Studies

Katie Cadigan '14

Katie Cadigan is a senior, completing her third year at Berkeley. Before coming to divinity school she made her name as an internationally renowned documentary filmmaker and director.



Her film *People Say I'm Crazy*, for example, concerns an artist's decade-long struggle to recover from schizophrenia. It had its television premiere on HBO/Cinemax Reel Life and won over a dozen awards at major film festivals. Most recently, her PBS film *When Medicine Got It Wrong* documented concerned parents igniting a grassroots movement to overhaul care for the mentally ill. Despite her heavy commitments here at Yale, Katie has a 90-minute film on sex education (*Condom Nation*) in development, as well as a 60-minute documentary on the criminalization of mental illness (*The Lost Patients*) in production.

From 1993 to 1998 she was an adjunct lecturer at Stanford, teaching introductory film and video production, and she has been a guest lecturer at a number of universities.

Not surprisingly, she was among the few chosen for admission to Yale's Institute of Sacred Music, and she will fulfill all the requirements to gain Certificates from both the I.S.M. and Berkeley.

Katie's parents were ardent civil rights activists ministering in apartheid South Africa, where she received her elementary school education.

Her first job after graduating from Brown was working with Apple on the release of the first Macintosh computer. Here she "learned the art of persuasive communication and the power of storytelling." Her first midlife crisis came at the age of 27 when, after five years in high tech, she asked herself, "Why am I proclaiming the wonders of technology and not using my gifts to give voice to issues I care about?" She then went to Stanford and earned her M.A. in Communication and Documentary Film. Upon graduation, she founded a film company whose mission is to "shine light on dark corners of human existence."

Katie comes from a family of several generations of clergy. Her father is a priest and her uncle was a bishop. She naturally rebelled, completely rejected Christianity in college, and became a "none." By her late twenties, she became a seeker, feeling that "there might be a larger force of love in the universe." She learned meditation and embraced Buddhism. "All the time I missed the hymns of my childhood, so I occasionally snuck into churches to enjoy the comfort of familiar music."

Then she walked into an Episcopal church "with a dynamic evangelical rector and at the end of her first sermon I realized I had absolutely no clue who Jesus really was. I realized that I had judged Christianity on the basis of being an angry teenager and having only a fifth-grader's Sunday school education in the faith. If I brought my adult self to the non-Christian religions I'd tried, why wasn't I giving Christianity a shot? Thanks to classes in the parish I learned that real Christianity is the Gospel, following Jesus. Almost two decades later I'm giving up being a stealth-bomber for Jesus and, instead, embracing the call I'd avoided since returning to the church, joining the family business."

Katie's classmates elected her a student trustee of Berkeley. She is a candidate for ordination in the Diocese of Los Angeles, where her husband of 23 years, Mark Vickers, lives. As one member of the faculty puts it, "Katie is a treasure for the church!"

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Howard Greene

I write to you both as a trustee and as a father of a Berkeley alumnus, so I believe in the unique contribution that Berkeley is able to offer to the Episcopal Church through parish and educational leadership roles.

Berkeley Divinity School depends on each of our friends, trustees and graduates to fully fund programs for Episcopal seminarians and students. Each year about 50% of our Annual Fund giving comes from parishes' Theological Education Offering (1% of operating budget to go to one of the accredited Episcopal seminaries). We must rely on each of you for almost \$235,000 to meet our ambitious and successful programs. This is an especially important year as we prepare to welcome a new Dean. As I write, we have gifts for a total of \$190,566.83.

With just five months until our fiscal year ends, I encourage you to make a gift for Berkeley's continued leadership and training and its leading role in the life of the Episcopal Church.

Howard Greene
 Development Chair
 Berkeley Board of Trustees

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