News from the Hill
Spring 2013

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Board of Trustees Names Presidential Search Committee

Andover Newton’s President Nick Carter announced in February his intention to retire in June 2014, after what will be his tenth year as the school’s president. The following text is updated from a letter issued in late March by the Rev. Judy Swahnberg, chair of the Andover Newton Board of Trustees, announcing the members of the school’s Presidential Search Committee:

Last month when we announced President Nick Carter’s plans for retirement I promised that the Board of Trustees would do its best to conduct a high quality and transparent search process for the next president of Andover Newton. It gives me pleasure to begin to fulfill that promise with the announcement of our Presidential Search Committee.

The Search Committee will be chaired by Rev. Jim Sherblom, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, senior minister of First Parish UU Brookline, and an alumnus of Andover Newton. The two other trustees joining Jim will be Ms. Linda Campanella, Secretary of the Board, and Owner/Principal of SOS Consulting, LLC, and N. Lynn Eckhert, M.D., Director of Academic Programs for Partners Harvard Medical International. Faculty members on the committee will be Dr. Mark Heim, Samuel Abbot Professor of Christian Theology, Dr. Ben Valentin, Professor of Theology and Culture, and Director of the Orlando Costas Lectureship in Latino/a Theology, and Dr. Jennifer Peace, Assistant Professor of Interfaith Studies and Co-Director of the CIRCLE program.

Representing the staff will be Rev. Ruth Edens, Director of the Annual Fund and an Andover Newton alumna of Andover Newton, and Mr. Frank Noo, Director of Housing and Events Planning.

Two alumni who are ministers working in the field will also participate on the committee: Rev. June Cooper, Executive Director of the City Mission Society, and Rev. Steven Savides, pastor at First Church of Christ in Farmington, Connecticut. The Andover Newton student body will be represented by Ms. Sandras Barnes (AME), Mr. Bobby Hyde (UCC), and Ms. Sarah Strossal (ABCUSA).

I am delighted that we have been able to recruit such a gifted, diverse and representative group to undertake this historic task for our school. I thank them now for their commitment to serve in this way. Please join me in prayer for them and their work together.

The Search Committee will be supported by a professional search consultant, Dr. Tobie van der Vorm, AGB Search of Washington, D.C.

The first meeting of the committee was April 24.

Rev. Judy Swahnberg ’66
Chair, Andover Newton Board of Trustees

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Message from the President

Gentle people:
As this communication reaches you the announcement of my plans for retirement will be well known. A little more than a year from now, in June of 2014, I will complete my tenth year as president of Andover Newton and step aside when a new president takes over. As I shared in my letter to the community in February, this has been the greatest privilege of my life and I want to thank all of you who have been faithful supporters of the school during these years.

What a time it has been! With the upheavals in the mainline church, the crisis in theological education, the collapse of the stock market, a recession, and an unending series of smaller, but nonetheless challenging events, I think we could fairly claim to have faced the “perfect storm” of threats to our historic institution. Yet, here we are, still offering one of the finest preparations for ministry in the country! What is more, Andover Newton continues to be on the cutting edge of curriculum development and interreligious leadership training.

Harvard professor and author Ron Heifetz has described moments like this as “adaptive challenges”: those circumstances in which fundamental assumptions have been so undermined that there is no manual to read, map to follow or expert to consult. We are pioneering uncharted territory. It means that we must take some risks and be bound to make some mistakes as we seek to find our way in this new reality. We must be willing to think differently, envision new ways of fulfilling our mission, decide what parts of our past are so valuable that they cannot be jettisoned and what parts we must leave behind.

We have begun that exciting (and admittedly anxiety producing) journey over the last nine years. We have not yet arrived at our destination, but we have accomplished a great deal, and I am confident that with your continuing support and the able team of faculty, staff and trustees that we have assembled the proverbial “promised land” is within our reach. That’s why Andover Newton needs you now, more than ever!

Onward!

Nick Carter, President

Stay informed about developments in the presidential search process by visiting www.ants.edu/presidentsearch.
Message from Institutional Advancement

Dear Andover Newton Community,

Greetings from Dabney Hall!

In this new calendar year we are filled with both gratitude and excitement: gratitude to YOU, for your generous gifts in support of this beloved institution, and excitement about the many activities and opportunities that lie ahead in 2013.

Thanks to you, we are well on track to reach our goal for Annual Giving of $750,000 for fiscal year 2013. Making this goal is vital for the continuing health of our mission because it helps fill the gap between what students pay in tuition and what their education actually costs. At Andover Newton, we try hard to keep our tuition affordable for students because we understand their financial challenges. But this means that just over a third of the cost is covered! Your generosity thus has a direct impact on our ability to continue to prepare tomorrow’s faith leaders.

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On a more somber note, at least for us, Mary McKearney, our Coordinator of Gifts and Records, retired on April 1 after 18 years at the school. Many of you know Mary and will want to join us in wishing her much happiness in this next phase of her life.

We were joined in late March by Pamela Piliero, our new Manager of Gifts and Records. Pamela has had extensive experience in Advancement and, in particular, in the management of donor databases through her work with the Salvation Army. The Advancement Team was drawn to Pamela by the combination of her technical skills, her experience in academic environments, her direct fundraising experience, and her native curiosity.

In closing, let me say again how much we would like to stay in touch with you! This summer we will be traveling to the UUA General Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky, the the American Baptist Biennial Meeting in Overland Park, Kansas, and the UCC General Synod in Long Beach, California. Please stop by our booths if you are there and join us for the special meals we offer! We look forward to seeing you there or on the Hill and thank you again for your continuing affection and support.

Yours faithfully,

Jennifer L. Craig
Vice President for Institutional Advancement

P.S. Join our mailing list to receive the monthly e-newsletter by going to: http://www.ants.edu/alumni-and-friends/

Institutional Advancement Team, fall 2012, from left: Mary McKearney, Jennifer Craig, Jason Tippitt, and Ruth Edens. Not pictured: Alan Sliwa.

2012 Baptist-Muslim Summit in Newton

The 2012 Baptist-Muslim Summit began with an open gathering Friday, Nov. 30, at First Baptist Church in Newton. From left: Dr. Sassy M. Syeed, National Director for the Office for Interfaith & Community Alliances; Islamic Society of North America; Dr. Roy Medley, General Secretary, American Baptist Churches USA; Susan Johnson Cook, Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom; President Nibs Carter, Andover Newton Theological School, and Rashad Hussain, Special Envoy to the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation.

The theme of the gathering was “Loving God as a Pathway to Peace.” Baptist and Muslim scholars and religious leaders presented papers on the many dimensions of how their faiths lay the foundation for peacemaking. Lively small group discussions followed each presentation, providing the participants of the different traditions an opportunity to engage each other in far-reaching conversations. A significant emphasis was placed upon each faith tradition’s need to be clear and unapologetic about its own identity if true dialogue is to succeed. Topics of interperception, freedom of speech vs. duty to community, sacred text use and abuse, and the risks of fundamentalism were all explored.

On Saturday evening (Dec. 1), the participants traveled to the Islamic Center of Boston, based in Wayland, for a panel discussion on “Interfaith Peacebuilding in the Next Generation” led by Andover Newton Professor of Interfaith Studies, Dr. Jenny Peace. Following the panel, the participants attended Muslim prayers and then shared dinner. On Sunday (Dec. 2), the attendees all participated in Christian worship in Wilson Chapel and then had a closing discussion before sharing lunch and heading out.

The papers that were presented at the conference are being collated and edited and then are expected to be published in the American Baptist Quarterly.
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Andover Newton’s Sabbath Hour Program

For just 49 hours of this insightful and inspiring engagement, participants receive recognition as a Jubilee Fellow. This recognition conveys their substantial investment in personal and professional development to their community, congregation, or employer. And one need not have a degree in theology to participate.

Why Sabbath?

Usually, the word Sabbath is understood to be a day of rest. However, in its original Hebrew, it actually means “to complete.” Genesis tells us that God rested from the work of creation, performed in six days, and on the seventh considered all that had been created — and found it very good indeed. Our hope is that through Sabbath Hour participation, you will find an opportunity to rest from your work, to take a Sabbath during which you consider all that God has done, and to worship God by using your mind in critical thinking about your heritage and experience.

Why Jubilee?

The benchmark of 49 Sabbath Hours to earn recognition as a Jubilee Fellow was not chosen arbitrarily. Leviticus 25 speaks of the Sabbath Year, which was to occur every seven years. The year after the seventh Sabbath Year (a total of 49 years) was to be a year of jubilee, in which liberty would be proclaimed, those in bondage would be released, and good news would be preached to the poor. In keeping with the spirit of jubilee, we affirm that the learning that is recognized through Sabbath Hour is for the purpose of developing a world more in keeping with God’s vision of shalom through our own personal growth and learning.

Ready to learn more?

Visit ants.edu/sabbathhour for more information. If you have questions not addressed there, or you’re ready to sign up, please contact Jeff Jones, Director of Ministry Studies, at jjones@ants.edu or by phone at 617-831-2364.

Workshops

Learning opportunities for Sabbath Hour participants started at this year’s Woodbury Workshop and continued April 20 with Conversations with Bishop John Shelby Spong, the retired bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, N.J., and a defining voice of progressive Christianity. Bishop Spong’s visit was co-sponsored by Andover Newton and The Eliot Church of Newton.

Upcoming Sabbath Hour opportunities include:

June 20: Ministry & Liturgy for Same-Gender-Loving Couples

In this day-long workshop, participants will be introduced to methods and resources that will enable them to minister effectively and faithfully with same-sex couples as they consider and prepare for marriage or the blessing of their union.

Workshop leaders:

The Rev. Dr. Leanne McCall Tigert M.Div. ’84, D.Min. ’94, adjunct faculty in Pastoral Care and Counseling at Andover Newton Theological School, is a minister in the United Church of Christ and the author of several books and articles addressing concerns of sexuality and religion.

The Rev. Dr. Wendel “Tad” Meyer is an Episcopal priest who has done significant work in the historical evolution of Christian marriage and is involved in the discussion of policies for the adoption of same-sex liturgies in the Episcopal Church.

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Woodbury Workshop

The “Friends of Paul” were well represented at Woodbury, and some of them are pictured with him on this page.

The 2013 Woodbury Workshop was held Feb. 1 at Andover Newton, with Phyllis Tickle leading a program titled “Leadership for a Runnagme Sale.”

Phyllis, founding editor of the Religion Department of Publishers Weekly, is an authority on religion in America and a much sought-after lecturer on the subject. Her program guided participants in looking at the current religious scene in North America, especially as it applies to local congregations. Attendees looked at the changes that are taking place, what we need to let go of, what we need to hang on to, and the leadership that is needed in congregations to help them make these decisions.


Also at the Woodbury Workshop, the Rev. Dr. Paul Adkins (M.Div. ’71) was honored with the Lifetime Achievement in Ministerial Leadership Award. He retired from First Congregational Church in Shrewsbury, in 2010, after 27 years and currently serves as part-time minister of the Congregational Church of South Dennis, on Cape Cod.

In 2011, Adkins completed 23 years as an adjunct faculty member at Andover Newton, teaching in the areas of church administration and leadership, and serving in the field education program as a Resident Ministry Practitioner. During the years of his ministry, he was actively involved in the work of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ, serving on many committees and task forces, including a term as chair of the Board of Directors.

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An update on enrollment from the Admissions & Recruitment Staff

I am delighted to report that the incoming class for the Fall 2012 term had exactly the same number of students as the incoming class for Fall 2011. The mix of students, however, was a bit different and included a slightly higher number of certificate students and a slightly smaller number of degree candidates. This fall we experienced growth among our certificate students, Special Students (non-degree candidates), and our Doctor of Ministry students.

As I hope you are aware, we expanded our certificate programs in 2009 to include focused certificates in the areas of Spiritual & Pastoral Care, Ethics & Social Justice, Interfaith Leadership, and Ministerial Leadership. These certificates have become popular with our students as a way of indicating a focused area of expertise within their master's-level studies. They are gaining popularity now as stand-alone programs, particularly the certificate in Spiritual & Pastoral Care.

Compared with last year, our incoming class is:

• One year younger – we are now at an average age of 41, and growing in the under 25 category.
• More ethnically diverse, with a larger proportion of students with African-American or Hispanic heritage
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The interfaith part of the Media Center's work has included a series of five podcasts of “The Ten Greatest Composers of Jewish Liturgical Music” for the School for Jewish Music, and the ongoing series “The Rev and the Raw,” a series of unscripted dialog between President Nick Carter of Andover Newton and Daniel Lehman of Hebrew College. Their conversations include the benefits and challenges of interfaith dialogue, physician assisted death, and a commentary on President Obama's second inaugural address in the context of Martin Luther King's “I Have a Dream” speech. All of these are viewable on the Andover Newton YouTube page: www.youtube.com/ANTSmiediacenter.

The center is pleased to announce the schedule for its spring Media Workshops. As part of its mission, the center teaches practical hands-on methods to use video, social media, and websites as a tool to assist ministers, rabbis, and nonprofit organizations.

Honorary Walkway

Our honorary walkway is a constant reminder of the commitment and generosity that help create a path for future leaders.

Join the legacy of hundreds of people by engraving a brick in honor of yourself, your pastor, a professor, a graduate, or a loved one. Prices range from $125 for a regular-size brick to $2500 for a large slab. Visit www.ants.edu/walkway/ to order online or download a printable order form, or email Ruth Edens at Reidens@ants.edu for more information.
In January 2013, Hebrew College and Andover Newton Theological School offered for the first time a joint winter seminar for rabbinical, cantorial, and ministerial students on Islam. This one-week intensive course was entitled “Experiencing Islam,” and Homayra Ziad, Assistant Professor at Trinity College, served as the instructor for the class. Following her time on our hilltop campus, the CIRCLE staff spoke with Professor Ziad about her teaching experience at HC-ANTS.

**HZ:** What were your goals for this new seminar?

**CIRCLE:** We are confronted on a daily basis with facts, figures and foregone conclusions about Islamic beliefs and practices. My first hope for this weeklong introduction was to provide students with tools to intelligently navigate this complicated terrain. Another hope was to encourage and provide resources for students to partner with Muslim communities on issues of common concern — and thus my decision to bring in speakers for students to partner with Muslim communities — like other religious communities — have to face up to in order to flourish.

**HZ:** I am acutely aware of the potential pitfalls in situations in which I am the lone Muslim educational voice. It brings up critical questions of representation, the dangers of being appointed (and the temptation of appointing oneself) a “spokesperson,” and the danger of trying to represent too many people at once and resorting to misleading generalizations. I tried to take the position of an educated, committed and critical “insider.”

From the outset, I made clear my personal commitments and the trajectory of my spiritual formation, which in some ways also placed me “outside” what some people might imagine are the authority structures of American Islam. I brought in other voices to militate against complacency (I did mean militate against, not mitigate ;) whether among students, or my own. For example, during an afternoon session, when there happened to be four Muslim (female) voices present in the classroom, we suddenly had four very different points of view (a healthy tokenism, and I never felt cornered or boxed in, nor belabored by impossible expectations.

**CIRCLE:** Please share with us one or two salient moments from your teaching experience?

**HZ:** To my mind, some of the most beautiful conversations took place around clips of devotional music. I took the suggestions of one of the students that I play a different piece of music each time the students took a break, so they get a sense of the rich musical traditions in the Islamic world. I had a great time using music to speak about lived religions in different parts of the world. Another lovely moment was an impromptu conversation that I had after class with a group of rabbinitics, on questions of representation and spiritual preparedness, when I realized again that I had so many sincere and beautiful partners in this interfaith venture.

At the same time, my guest status (and hear that I read “guest” as “outsider”) was somewhat mitigated by the fact that I was invited on the strength of personal relationships and friendships with folk at ANTS and HC, and with some of the students as well — so I did have some “street cred.” (This brought home, yet again, the importance of personal relationships in inter-religious learning.) The exciting work of the new CIRCLE Muslim community fellows program also made it much easier for me to walk in as part of a group that had already established a presence on campus.

Once I arrived on campus, however, I realized that I had to step into the role of host quite quickly, as teacher and guide to students I was inviting to experience elements of a religious tradition that many were only marginally familiar with. My job then was to create an environment of safe learning and set conversational guidelines, but let the class see that I would not mistake critical analysis for polemics, that it was important for me to address the difficult questions. I also had to make it as easy as possible for students to give voice to the presuppositions they may have come in with, and may still be grappling with, while recognizing that there is such a thing as Islamophobia and that we may all fall into that rhetoric without even being aware of it.

I don’t know how well I succeeded in holding that balance but I was keenly aware of it throughout the course. I was also thrilled that many of the students were fully attuned, from their own experiences, to the delicate questions of representation and tokenism, and I never felt cornered or boxed in, nor belabored by impossible expectations.

**CIRCLE:** Can you share with us a few key resources for learning about contemporary Islam?

**HZ:** There are so many resources on contemporary Islam that I will only name a few that I’m using these days as I teach a course on Islam in America. The first is a new book by Juliane Hammer, a dear friend, activist and scholar of Islam at UNC-Chapel Hill: American Muslim Women, Religious Authority and Activism: More than a Prayer (University of Texas Press, 2012). Hammer examines the highly publicized mixed gender prayer service led by Amina Wadud in New York in 2009 through the lens of gender studies to expand on some of the most salient issues in contemporary Islam, including media and self-representation, modes of authority and leadership, religious participation, and the scope and application of law.

Another wonderful resource is the website for the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding (www.ispu.org), a think tank founded after 9/11 by a group of scholars and philanthropists in Detroit, and now based in Washington, D.C. ISPU’s mission is “to provide expert analysis, insight and context to critical issues facing our nation, with an emphasis on those issues related to Muslims communities in the U.S. and abroad,” and the group has assembled a tremendously talented group of experts to produce policy briefs, op-eds and in-depth studies of social and political issues related to contemporary Islam.

**CIRCLE:** Thank you very much for serving as a partner and guide in this new seminar. We look forward to future collaboration.

**HZ:** Thank you. Insha’Allah (God willing), we will have many more opportunities for joint learning, dialogue, and action! Learn more about CIRCLE, the Center for Inter-Religious & Communal Leadership Education, by visiting www.ants.edu/circle.
Crawford Harvie teaches the popular “Thematic Preaching.” Minister and CEO the Rev. Dr. Nancy S. Taylor is a former member of the congregation, a UCC congregation with long ties to the school. Senior pastor of Newtown Congregational Church (UCC), and his ministerial duties in the days and weeks after the tragedy extended past a grieving congregation and town into appearances on national news programming. Andover Newton hosted a call-in conference within days after the shooting, in which faculty members advised faith leaders on ways to faithfully and constructively minister to their communities in times of national trauma and grief.

Andover Newton is 7 miles from the bombing site at the end of the Boston Marathon route, but the church felt the shock waves. One staff member was activated as a National Guard chaplain the day after the attack. At least two students and one instructor had run the race, and others were downtown to cheer on the runners. The blast happened very close to Boston’s historic Old South Church, a UCC congregation with long ties to the school. Senior Minister and CEO the Rev. Dr. Nancy S. Taylor is a former member of Andover Newton’s board of trustees. Also near the explosion is Arlington Street Church (UUC), whose minister the Rev. Kim Crawford Harvie teaches the popular “Thematic Preaching” course here on The Hill.

President Nick Carter joined with other religious leaders at the April 16 interfaith service at Holy Cross Cathedral that included remarks by President Obama, Gov. Patrick, Cardinal O’Malley, and a performance by world-renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma. First-year Master of Divinity student Tina Walker-Morin, profiled in the Annual Report for 2012-13, was still running when the bombs exploded. “The tragedy at the 117th Boston Marathon showed God’s outpouring love,” she shared. “Due to injury, my wife and I were still on the course when the bombs went off. The police began flying back downtown, and (we) heard the rumblings that two bombs exploded.”

Tina experienced firsthand the kindness of strangers. “Two young college girls graciously allowed us to use their cell phones to try and reach our family members who were near the finish line,” she said. “A couple of hours, later when we were finally reconnected with our family and ways to communicate, the outpouring of love was amazing. God’s love through friends, family, and strangers appeared in all the actions, prayers, thoughts, emails, Facebook posts, texts, and phone calls. I have never felt more loved. For God is love (1 John 4:8).”

Life can change in an instant, and the task our Jewish brothers and sisters call “healing the world” (tikkun olam) requires leaders with a solid grounding in their faith and a practical education in pastoral care and leadership. Thank you for your past and future support of Andover Newton. Together we can ready the next generations to do their part in the healing of the nations.

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