Silence and Song

Some of us seek Christ in silence. Some of seek Christ in song. Thou sweet silence of Light, Oh, Thou sweet music of Love, music of Love.

Sometimes Christ meets us in solitude. Sometimes through another in need. Thine, the kingdom within. Shall become thy kingdom on earth, kingdom on earth.

Beyond our fear-filled ambitions. Beyond our seasons of war. Christ heal our lives with thy tears. Oh Christ, wash our hearts with thy Peace, washed in thy Peace.

— Ken Jacobsen and Tara Hornbacker, 1994

SILENCE AND SONG: ESR AND BETHANY IN PARTNERSHIP

By Tara Hornbacker (’94), Professor of Ministry Formation, Missional Leadership, and Evangelism, Bethany Theological Seminary

Spring cleaning my home office, I found this song Ken Jacobsen and I wrote for worship when Bethany joined ESR on the corner of Earlham College campus. We were both ESR students at the time: I was a member of the Church of the Brethren, and Ken was a Quaker. We attempted to honor both the tradition of Friends and Brethren.

Silence and song, service and peace, prayer and pietism—quite the mix when one considers the commonalities and the contrasts. The adventure continues.

As a 1994 graduate of ESR, I wondered how this affiliation would change both Bethany Theological Seminary and Earlham School of Religion. There were conversations with faculty, students, and administrators from both schools. We examined studies for compatibility and feasibility. There were task teams for logistics and common curricula. What might be divided? What should be shared? What needed to be separate?

I listened to both Friends and Brethren as they expressed a fear of lost identity, if this affiliation were to actually happen. There was excitement, to be sure, but not without thoughtful consideration on both sides. How is it according to Scripture and the Holy Spirit that we should join together in this educational endeavor?

Twenty-some years later, we realize that both seminaries have benefitted from our collaboration. Sharing of faculty responsibilities in several areas of study, such as history and biblical studies, affords the opportunity to offer course work in specialty areas. With cross registration between the two institutions, our students can take classes with a wider variety of professors and across broader interests than either of our schools could offer if we didn’t have each other.

As faculty, we have more conversation partners in theological education than other schools of similar size. Joint faculty meetings and parallel processes of distance education give us lively conversation as we continue to learn from one another. We cooperatively continued on page 3

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COOPERATION WITH CUBAN QUAKER INSTITUTE OF PEACE

By Ramon Gonzalez Longoria Escalona, CQIP Director

Some years ago, we felt that the hand of God was opening opportunities to live and learn more about our Quaker faith, and we were called to practice a deeper service in every place we were. We began to dream, convinced that it was both a vision and God’s call urging us to achieve it.

So we decided to form the Cuban Quaker Institute of Peace with a main goal: “to create a center with Quaker formation – open to the Latin American community and to any other group willing to work for peace – that helps us to deepen and project our Quaker faith and testimonies in our own context and, at the same time, to prepare leadership to work for peace and in conflict transformation, so that we can enrich ourselves while we share our experiences of our Quaker way of life.

The central axis of our work would be Quaker testimonies and history along with peace in a practical way. Its impact in the life of the participants must be projected in our communities using the tools and experiences that this center would facilitate. Where should we find the professors to fulfill these aims? It was a big question, but we trusted that if it was God’s plan we would lack nothing. Very soon, we found the generous hand that would help us in the Earlham School of Religion through contacts with some of its professors and, especially, its dean Jay Marshall.

We prepared a plan of cooperation with a main objective: Earlham School of Religion would send professors to teach here the same courses they teach there, but in an intensive way with the same demands and forms of evaluation based on the curriculum we had set. At the same time, they would help to form and prepare Cuban professors. The depth and quality of the courses was evident for all, influencing in an amazing way in deepening of our Quaker roots and acquiring new knowledge about the history and faith of the Friends.

During the program of 2012-2015 some professors came to Cuba to teach the first group of students (pastors, missionaires, and leaders of our church) with the goal to form some of them as a future professors. It was of great formative value for those who have the responsibility of being spiritual leaders of our communities.

The Quaker curriculum was headed by these professors: Stephen Angell with the subject Quaker History and Literature, Quaker Process, Quakers and the Bible (violence/non-violence), Mysticism and Peace, and Quaker Diversity; Philip Baisley with The Quaker Pastor and Quakers and Evangelism; and Carole Spencer with Holiness: The Soul of Quakerism. Without their help we could not make our dream of Quaker formation become true.

Thanks to this cooperation and with the help of some brothers and sisters, we had our first graduation on May 2015. The graduate’s processional was headed by Stephen Angell, recognizing the great value of the cooperation provided to us by Earlham School of Religion. We have an everlasting gratitude for them for which we cannot find the right words to express.

These courses and the materials they brought have been a big support for an emerging Cuban teaching staff. Right now we have started a 2015-2017 period with a modular system in two sites, Puerto Padre and Holguin, with six meetings during the year and 25 students.

The Friends in Cuba feel very close to the Earlham School of Religion and are hoping that this has been the start of a renewed and strengthened relationship that will benefit not only our Yearly Meeting but all Friends in Latin America.

QUAKERS DEEPENED MY SWEDENBORGIAN

By Gabriella Cahaley, M.Div. Class of 2011

I arrived from the Arizona desert to the lush green lawns and flowering gardens of the Earlham campus with great excitement. I transferred from the Pacific School of Religion, a Swedenborgian on the ordination track. May 2009 was the beginning of a wonderful experience in an open learning environment. Five years later, the pictures I took over the three years remind me of my love for ESR’s learning environment and the community shared at Earlham. Not only did I come to understand my calling in the very first intensive, but I began a journey with my classmates. Most of us graduated in May 2011.

My first class with Stephanie Ford led me into deeper self-knowledge. Most of us in that first intensive traveled together through the halls of knowledge with passion. Stephanie Crumley-Effinger introduced us to Quaker practice in discernment. In class discussions, sharing meals, and in on-line discussions I found myself at home among Quakers because it deepened my own Swedenborgian spirituality. My experience at Earlham was a little like finding
a lost love. I found community both in the classroom and on-line, and at the Quaker Hill Retreat kitchen preparing community meals. Pictures recreate memories of beautiful, inspiring moments and days at ESR, but they cannot reveal the changes brought about by studying history, spirituality, the Enneagram, and pastoral work. The courses at ESR prepared me to think deeper about the life of spirit. Surprisingly, of all the courses the “Work of the Pastor” taught by Phil Baisley prepared me best for ministry. Spiritual wisdom came gradually through life’s experiences. I received inspiration and a roadmap for traveling among diverse faith traditions, to accept all and to find places of refuge and agreement.

Since my graduation in 2011, I was ordained in July that same year. I pastored three churches for short periods, worked as a hospice chaplain and bereavement coordinator in Tucson Arizona. I lost my life partner of 46 years in 2014. Since then, I moved back to Georgia, where my family has lived for many years to be closer to my children. The ESR experience continues to influence my life choices. Through the discernment process I began at ESR I am confirmed to continue supporting people at the end of life. I continue with Circle Community, a ministry I began during my Supervised Ministry year, with a new focus. Now, I am a wedding officiant and offer spiritual direction. I am currently employed by Amedisys as a Bereavement Coordinator.
GROWING A NEW RELATIONSHIP: HANSHIN GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

By Yeong Mee Lee, Academic Dean, Director of International Academic Affairs, and Professor of Old Testament Studies at Hanshin Graduate School of Theology

Founded in 1940 as Chosun Theological Seminary (Chosun is old name for Korea), Hanshin University was the first theological school in Korea that raised local ministers by Koreans alone, while most theological schools were established by western missionaries. Located on the foot of Bukhan Mountain, the north part of Seoul, Hanshin Graduate School of Theology is called “the Garden of Immanuel” and holds 200 students (M.Div, Th.M., M.T.S. and MBA). It is a denominational theological school of the Presbytery of Republic of Korea (PROK). PROK is known as a very progressive denomination that has a tradition of resisting military dictatorship and suppression in 1970-80s and leading Korean reunification movement since 1990s. Rev. Ik Hwan Moon who visited North Korea was the pastor of PROK and former professor of Hanshin University.

Hanshin University has been dedicated to founding a progressive theology, renewing the Christianity Church, democratizing our society, and to increasing human rights. The school now opens its door to the world and extends beyond Korean peninsula. With sponsorship of local churches and individuals of PROK who provide students abroad full scholarship, the school launched a Master’s degree program, called “Studies in Ecumenism and Social Transformation (SEST)” in September of 2012. It pursues three goals: 1) To foster young people and adults to develop relevant and effective ecumenical leadership in domestic as well as international levels. 2) To facilitate a community oriented and social transformative learning process that will result in cross-cultural understandings and ecumenical spirit. 3) To strengthen a network of ecumenical leaders who are guided by transformative religious and social ethics and committed to build the society founded on peace and justice.

Ecumenism and social transformation is at the core of its mission as an institution that creates bridges to link with its neighboring countries not only in East Asia but even from the African continent as well. The SEST program is an eye-opener to Asian people that paves the way to train church and community leaders.

Currently students from Malawi, Ghana, Myanmar, Indonesia, Japan, India, Taiwan, and Philippines are enrolled in the two-year program (Th.M.) aiming to train future leaders in East Asia and beyond. One exchange student from Karoli Gaspar University in Hungary is in residence.

Students engage various cultural and social programs, in addition to school curricular activities. For an example, the students visited the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) and JSA, which gave them a glimpse of the painful story of the division of Korea.

The students also actively participate in the programs of the school and the PROK. Their presence provides opportunity for Korean students to learn other cultures and theological views from SEST students as well.

Now as Hanshin Graduate School of Theology becomes a partner of ESR, we hope that exchange students from ESR may add more cultural and social diversities through which all members of our school grow and become an imitator of Christ.

NEW @ ESR

ESR is pleased to announce the appointment of Michael Birkel as our Professor of Christian Spirituality. Birkel received his M.A. from ESR in 1978, and has served as Professor of Religion at Earlham College since 1986. He received his B.A. from Wilmington College and his Ph.D. from Harvard University.

Michael brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to ESR as a Friend with years of classroom experience. He is gifted in the area of spiritual direction, is a popular leader of workshops and retreats, and is widely published. His publications include Silence and Witness: The Quaker Tradition and A Near Sympathy: The Timeless Quaker Wisdom of John Woolman. His most recent book, Qur’an in Conversation demonstrates Michael’s commitment to engage Christianity in conversation with religious traditions.

“As an alumnus, occasional teacher, and neighbor of ESR, I am excited about this opportunity to be a part of the program in spirituality at this Quaker seminary that holds a special place in my affections,” Michael stated. “I look forward to being a member of this community of teachers and learners.”

“Michael is a gifted teacher, scholar, writer, and practitioner, with amazing depth and breadth in multiple areas,” stated ESR Dean Jay Marshall. “In addition to Quakerism and spirituality, Michael will strengthen our capacity in interfaith issues. His personable style will blend well with his ESR colleagues. We are fortunate to have this opportunity to include Michael in our work!”
SOLID PREPARATION FOR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST MINISTRY

By Tandy Scheffler, M.Div. Class of 2014

When I made the decision to seek ordained ministry in Unitarian Universalism, I began by investigating the two Unitarian Universalist seminaries. I needed to find a way to continue my full-time job while pursuing a Master of Divinity. This did not seem feasible at either seminary at the time, so I broadened my search to include non-Unitarian Universalist seminaries.

High on my list was Earlham School of Religion. I knew people who attended ESR at the time and also was a longtime friend of Chris Buice, a strong UU minister whom I admire and trust. When I initially contacted ESR, I felt a warmth and openness that appealed to me. I also found a program that met the needs of my personal situation. So far, so good, I thought, but what about the actual classes and the preparation for ministry I would receive at a Quaker seminary?

I decided that I would not be able to answer that question without going ahead and giving it a try, so I enrolled and attended my first class, a January Intensive, in 2011. To my pleasant surprise, there were several fellow UUs in that class. Even better, there was a vibrant blend of faith perspectives and openness to dialogue and understanding across differences. I was hopeful that I had found a fit at ESR.

I took a couple of on-line classes that spring and returned for a May Intensive. I have to say that I remained hopeful, but not yet convinced, that I was in the right place for me. Any lingering doubts I had about my choice of seminary vanished when I took my first Spiritual Formation class that August. In that experience, I found the spiritual depth that I sought and formed spiritual, lifelong friendships that made the rest of my seminary experience what I needed it to be. I was in, and I was on my way.

I graduated with an M.Div. in 2014. During my 3½ years at ESR, I greatly benefitted from the emphasis on spiritual growth. I got more than I even knew I needed from a solid, and actually exciting, grounding in biblical studies. I found the plurality of faith perspectives and the connections with continental African students an excellent preparation for UU ministry. ESR worked with me to satisfy Unitarian Universalist academic requirements, including providing an independent study 3-credit course on Islam.

During my ESR Supervised Ministry course, I was simultaneously completing my required UU Ministerial Internship. I spent that year away from my home; I experienced a number of personal losses and was challenged in ways I had not anticipated. The support and counsel I received from ESR teachers during that year helped me survive, and even thrive.

I am now in my second year of ordained ministry, serving as Minister of Faith Formation at the Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church in Oak Ridge, TN. My primary ministry focus is on the congregation as a vital, multi-generational learning community. I am responsible for the development and delivery of all religious growth and learning opportunities from infant to elder. I provide leadership development for all group leaders. I started and now lead a team of lay pastoral care associates and also work with the senior minister to provide direct pastoral care. I lead worship once a month and assist on other Sundays. I marry and bury. I chair the Religious Education Credentialing Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Association. I am writing a chapter on the multi-generational congregation for a book to be published by Skinner House in late 2016. The life of ministry is challenging and deeply satisfying for me.

Taken as a whole, I left ESR with what I came for, and much more. I feel very fortunate to have found my way to ESR and to have received there solid preparation for Unitarian Universalist ministry.

ECO-SPIRITUALITY: THEME OF 2016 ESR SPIRITUALITY GATHERING

By John Jeremiah Edminster, M.Div. Student, ESR

ESR’s annual Spirituality Gathering bore the theme “Justice Lives in Relationship: The Poetry and Practice of Eco-spirituality.” The term eco-spirituality reflects a growing awareness that we’re all part of our environment, and that spiritual life necessarily includes co-stewardship of the creation we’ve been placed in.

In his keynote presentation, Philip Clayton, an outspoken Quaker panentheist who “works to formulate constructive responses to developments in contemporary science, philosophy, and culture,” decried the “adversarial attitude toward the world” still implicit in the behaviors of the world’s major institutions and economic players. Philip took his hearers on a virtual journey through ten major world religious traditions, encouraging us each to adopt one small place as sacred space.

A closing gathering ended the day, in which Philip invited us to imagine a pilgrimage to some faraway place of outstanding beauty and holiness, and ended our meditation with “To care for the earth, you have to love it. To love it, love a part of it.”
Ben Brazil attended the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion in November, as well as Theopoetics: A Transdisciplinary Conference with Workshops and Dialogue, which took place in Boston in mid-March. In April, he will attend Calvin College’s Festival of Faith and Writing. As he enjoys the first year after his dissertation, Ben is making a slow return to the personal essay, with pieces on his first winter in Indiana and on Star Wars, myth, and memory. Among other things, he is currently working on an essay about loss, memory, and grieving on the Internet.

Jay Marshall spoke at the 125th anniversary celebration at Edward Hill Meeting in North Carolina, where he served as pastor for seven years prior to moving to Indiana. In January, he visited Whittier Friends Meeting in California, where he, Summer Cushman (M. Div., ’10) and Matt Hisrich (M. Div., ’08) talked about the rising popularity of entrepreneurial ministry. In early April Jay participated in a visioning session with the Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Project focused on the intersection of Religion and Society.

Jim Higginbotham continues to provide ethics workshops for clergy in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) two to three times per year. In June he will train missionaries for the Christian Church and United Church of Christ in negotiating cross-cultural boundaries. Later that month he will lead a workshop in Los Angeles for members of the Society of Pastoral Theology titled “Safety, Fear, and Hope: Hope in the Midst of Criminal Violence.”

Steve Angell taught a series of classes on Quaker Spirituality at Fairfield Friends Meeting in February and March, 2016. His five classes focused on the spirituality of Margaret Fell, Isaac Penington, Caroline Stephen, Thomas Kelly, and Margery Abbott. Steve is Scholar in Residence at Reedwood Friends Church during April and May, 2016. He will offer classes on African American Spirituality (based on the book he co-edited with Harold D. Weaver, Jr., and Paul Kriese, Black Fire) and also courses on Early Quaker Spirituality. He will lead a workshop on Early Quaker Spirituality at the Friends General Conference Gathering in St. Joseph, Minnesota, in July. Steve will present a paper on “William Penn and Herbert Hoover: How their Businesses Affected their Philanthropy and Statesmanship” at the annual conference of the Friends Association of Higher Education at Woodbrooke Quaker Studies Center, Birmingham, UK, in June.

Grace Ji-Sun Kim attended COP21 in Paris with the World Council of Churches and Sojourners. She has written several blogs for WCC and Sojourners about climate justice as well as an article for the March issue of Sojourners’ magazine, “We’ll Always have Paris (but is that enough?)”. Kim also wrote an article for TIME, “Chris Rock Should Know that Racism isn’t Black and White” (Feb 29, 2016). She was interviewed on BBC Radio March 1, 2016 for her TIME article.

Kim gave a lecture on her book, Embracing the Other, in Doha, Qatar (February 2016) as well as Duke Divinity School’s Spring Reconciliation Lecture Series (April 2016). She also gave a talk to the Asian Theology Group at Duke Divinity School (March 2016). Kim did a workshop at the Revolutionary Love conference in NYC (April 2016) called Tools & Tactics: Solidarity, Leadership, and When to Follow.
Kim was elected into the American Academy of Religion’s Board as the newest “At-Large Director”. As a Board Member, she now serves on the Program Committee and attended their annual meeting in Atlanta in January 2016 as well as the Board Meeting in New Jersey in February 2016. She also attended the Board Meeting of the Society of Race, Ethnicity and Religion at Vanderbilt University. Kim led the Postdoctoral Fellows at the Louisville Institute and was on a book panel for her edited book, Here I Am at Princeton Theological Seminary in April.

Kim’s article was published in the journal of Feminist Theology. Her new edited book, Making Peace with the Earth has been published through the World Council of Churches Publications.

**Mandy Ford**, ESR’s Director of External Relations, has published her first coloring book for adults featuring 25 inspiring pages. Go Your Own Way is available on Amazon.com through Esper Books and also in Mandy’s Etsy shop as a printable PDF version (thisgirlsdoodles.etsy.com). The book’s inspiring hand-drawn illustrations can be displayed once colored. You can find more of Mandy’s artwork on her website, mandyford.co.

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**ESR Upcoming Events**

*By Mandy Ford, Director of External Relations*

ESR is hosting (Aug. 11-12) the 2016 Quaker College Leadership Gathering in cooperation with George Fox University and Earlham, Guilford, Haverford, and Wilmington Colleges. You will have the chance to meet peers from these schools and discuss what new work you can pioneer on your campus. Participants may also stay for the following annual Leadership Conference. Registration for the QCLG is $50, and this covers all meals and sessions, as well as your registration for the Leadership Conference, should you choose to attend.

This year’s **Leadership Conference** intends to create space for conversation, for reflection, for sharing the narrative that your life is writing. With others, name the questions that nag. Share the wisdom you can share. Learn from the experiences of others. Leadership emerges where gifts are shared. Join us August 12-14 at ESR around the theme “Holy Experiments: Risk, Courage, and the Entrepreneurial Spirit.” Dean of ESR, Jay Marshall, reflects on the need to respond to current trends in religious leadership: “We live at a vibrant moment. Desires to be useful, faithful, and successful co-mingle toward an integrated life where faith and vocation are one. Many old structures struggle to survive. New visions insist that innovative approaches and new models must be found! But how does one begin? Who understands the challenges faced? What does one need to succeed? It is an exhilarating moment for the entrepreneurial spirit. We may expect fresh leadership to emerge from successes and failures alike.”

**The Ministry of Writing Colloquium** will be Nov. 4-5 this year. The theme is “Eye of the Beholder,” a phrase that gestures toward the importance of perspective and the ability of writing to honor, and sometimes bridge, our differences. Keynote speaker Patricia Raybon (patriciaraybon.com) is the author or co-author of five books, including Undivided: A Muslim Daughter, Her Christian Mother, Their Path to Peace; I told the Mountain to Move, a prayer memoir; and My First White Friend: Confessions on Race, Love, and Forgiveness, which won the Christopher Award and a Books for a Better Life Award. Raybon has worked as a journalist at The Denver Post and a Books for a Better Life Award. Raybon has worked as a journalist at The Denver Post and the Rocky Mountain News, as well as taught journalism at the University of Colorado at Boulder. A devoted member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Raybon now writes full time on matters of faith.

ESR will again host a series of Financial Acumen workshops to be held October 1, 8, and 15 from 9:45 am - 3:00 pm with lunch provided. These are open to all pastors, alums, and interested Friends. The seminars are free of charge to all ESR students, alumni/ae, and Friends ministers regardless of affiliation. In these seminars, you will learn: basic money concepts that frame how to understand money, investment, and debt; issues related to income tax and ministry; estate planning; insurance options and strategies, and investment concepts, including developing a strategy for your particular situation.

**2016 Quaker College Leadership Gathering**

- **Date**: Aug. 11-12
- **Location**: ESR
- **Registration**: $50, covers meals and sessions

**Leadership Conference**

- **Date**: Aug. 12-14
- **Theme**: “Holy Experiments: Risk, Courage, and the Entrepreneurial Spirit”
- **Discussion**: New visions for emerging leadership, challenges faced, and what is needed to succeed.

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- **Speaker**: Patricia Raybon

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DEAN’S WORD

by Jay Marshall

The poet John Donne wrote, “No man is an island, entire of itself . . .” Donne’s poem underscores the connectivity of each one with others, but I relish a little free space, unencumbered by the ideas and demands others introduce. I am certain that I am not alone in this, but learning to moderate those preferences will likely be a lifelong learning curve for the independent, strong-willed, occasionally creative sorts. The fact is, community matters, and partnerships can be beneficial!

In recent months news related to higher education has been filled with announcements of partnerships, mergers, and occasional closures. Most of those are motivated by urgency arising from financial challenges that cannot be sustained. In a better-ordered world, partnerships would arise from mutual interests, shared curiosity, and desires to create stronger, healthier institutions. Alas, politics and polity often impede the best of intentions.

Thanks to my predecessors, ESR was creating partnerships before it was popular — and thriving because of it. At its inception, it utilized teaching talent already engaged at Earlham College to help augment its small faculty. In 1994, it entered an intentional partnership with Bethany Theological Seminary, a school founded by the Church of the Brethren in the early 1900’s. That move allowed two small peace-church tradition schools to experiment with ecumenicity while seeking cost-savings. Twenty-two years later the original visionaries have passed on the baton, but their work serves both schools well.

Three years ago, ESR responded to a request from Friends in Cuba Yearly Meeting to help establish a curriculum in their Peace Institute and, in the process, equip teachers to carry on that work. When the Institute graduated its first class of students last summer, ESR was only slightly less proud than the Cubans were of their accomplishment. Our sense of partnership with the Institute continues, even as we explore together how ESR may be helpful in their next phase. With most Friends living outside of the U.S., it is natural that ESR should seek to serve in a global capacity.

This fall ESR launches a partnership with Hanshin School of Theology, a Presbyterian school located in Seoul, South Korea. If that seems like an unlikely partnership, I should say that no one is more surprised than I am. A Friend

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