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Leadership...skills for reaching non-Christian for Christ

February 18 at APNTS was an exciting day! 300 people were in attendance at the Leadership Conference, "The Joy and Pain of Leading Others". Conferences like this are sponsored by APNTS because of its commitment to the community and churches to help provide training and motivation for pastors and lay leaders. Pastors, lay leaders, and students came from Manila and surrounding areas as far as Baguio to hear Dr. LeBron Fairbanks, APNTS President Emeritus. Dr. Fairbanks, upon retirement from the position as Education Commissioner of the Church of the Nazarene has been on campus during the first three months of 2012. He has been teaching three leadership courses at the seminary.



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On Saturday morning, he shared his passion for developing leadership in the church in the plenary session on "Seven Essentials for Effective Leaders". In the afternoon seminars, Dr. Dick Eugenio, "Theology of Leadership"; Dr. Robert Donahue, "Leadership in Community Transformation"; and Dr. John Bondy, "Christian Education Leadership Building Stones" shared leadership skills through the lens of their fields.

APNTS' administration and faculty are anxiously waiting for the finish of the Cobb Center. There is a need for Work and Witness groups to help with the finishing touches of this auditorium that can be the venue for conferences on issues that will reach the community, the country, and the world.



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APNTS Upcoming Events

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| March 28 | The President's Report |
| March 29-30 | Board of Trustees Meeting |
| March 29 | Bresee Institute East Inauguration |
| March 30 | Graduation Banquet |
| March 31 | Graduation Day |

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Apologetics...reaching non-Christians for Christ

“L.T. summed up our three seminary years in this lecture. The pieces we have learned in all of our classes have fallen into place,” was emphatically shared by a senior, who will be heading back to India to minister to the community of the community of women and children living with HIV (Human Immuno Virus). This powerful series of lectures on the “Trinitarian Paradigm for Theology” was delivered December 6-8 in four sessions, by a remarkable man from Singapore.

L. T. Jeyachandran’s ministry began with the Ravi Zacharias International Ministries when he retired from the position as Chief Civil Engineer in Calcutta with the Central Government of Eastern India. As a Christian in the workplace for 28 years, he was a keen learner of theology and comparative religion. He felt compelled to reach those who questioned the validity of Christianity. Currently, L.T. Jeyachandran is the Executive Director of the Asia-Pacific region for Ravi Zacharias International Ministries.



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One seminarian shared that the lecture series was given in a “self-giving way of sharing” which reflected the teaching you were giving on the Holy Trinity and how it is reflected in the Holy Communion. This seminarian is ministering to a small church that meets in a small 8’x10’ room of a two-roomed home. The congregation is small children who wait for her to arrive each Sunday morning. She commented that she was grateful for the opportunity to deepen her understanding of God’s love and the Trinity. She was challenged to not only deepen her intellectual thinking, but to develop practical ways to deal with people and friends. She is learning and studying, while ministering to others in practical ways.

The focus of the lecture series on Apologetics, was summed up by another seminarian. L.T. has given us a paradigm to be able to see and understand the Trinity. The paradigm is that we should look at the Trinity from the inside to the outside, not from the outside inward. The Trinity is about relationships between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The Trinity can only be realized through the context of relationships. Our worship to God should be within community! It is not an individualized worship, but a community of believers worshipping together. The response of another student was that it was one of the most compelling and life-directing lectures he has heard at APNTS. He continued to say that with clarity L.T. presented a timely and gripping series on the Trinity and wished to see more Apologetics series like this at APNTS in the future.

Please pray that we will continue to have the resources to bring these types of lecturers to our campus. Our Asia-Pacific students are thirsty for ways to bring Christianity to their home countries and around the world. These students will need to be able to clearly articulate what they believe to non-Christians they encounter in their ministry.

Bible Studies...understanding what the Bible says to all



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During February 14-16, 2012, Dr. Se-Gwang Ahn presented a lecture series on “The Crowd in the Gospel of John.” Dr. Ahn is currently an associate pastor at Anjung Church of the Nazarene in South Korea. He completed his doctorate in Biblical Studies at Union Seminary. Dr. Ahn pastored in several churches in the USA while studying at Trevecca Nazarene University (B.A.) and then at Union Seminary (M.Div., Th.M., and Ph.D.) Dr. Ahn was a great asset to our community, by sharing the results of his dissertation, which used the academic discipline of narrative criticism. Students were able to experience how important it is to look at the scriptures through a different lens and listen to what God has to say to us.

This insightful and thought-provoking lecture series helped APNTS students to examine what the author of the gospel wanted to share. The crowd (ho ochlos) was looked at as an important character in the development of the narrative. Most commentators have looked at the crowd as being negative, but Dr. Ahn shared that there were positive responses from the crowd. In particular, he entitled John 6 as “Divided Response from the Crowd.” Without the presence of the crowd in the narrative, the readers of the fourth gospel might have been left with the impression that Jesus’ ministry was confined to small isolated groups.

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