



# Boston Theological Institute

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## BTI Executive Director's Second Quarter Report, October-December, 2011 By Rodney L. Petersen, Executive Director

Second Quarter highlights include the BTI annual dinner and lecture by Dr. Alan Brill with responses from Catherine Cornille (BC Department of Theology) and Mark Heim (Andover Newton) early in the term and run through the helpful symposium on Forgiveness with Martha Minow, Dean Harvard Law School with Fr. Leonel Narvaez, Schools of Forgiveness and Reconciliation, Bogotá, Colombia, "*Is Forgiveness a Political Virtue or a Human Right?*" The opening event underscored our identity as a consortium as ecumenical and inter-faith; the latter event drew attention to a commitment to bring religious and humane values into the civic square.

### I. Administration

*Academic Deans:* A meeting of Academic Deans was held on December. See the Minutes as Appendix A to this report.

*Deans of Students and Community Life:* A meeting of Deans of Students and Community Life was held. See the Minutes as an Appendix B to this report.

*Library Directors:* (Esther Griswold, BC STM, Chair) The Library Directors met twice so far this fall: first for general orientation; again for information on EBSCO e-books. We are presently working on the next EBSCO contract at considerable savings to the schools through consortium purchasing.

*Field Education Directors:* (Laura Tuach, Chair, HDS) The Field Education Directors have met three times this fall for discussion around placement, mentoring, assessment and prison ministry. Field Education Minutes are available.

*Marketing and Public Relations:* The number of schools that make explicit reference to the BTI on their websites and in printed material has increased over the past year. The national market advantage we face in our schools will continue to be pursued by the BTI office. This is enhanced first of all by the reputation of the faculties of each school, then too by our re-commitment as a consortium to Hispanic connections, ecumenical and interfaith identity, and international work as a body of scholars. The value of the certificate programs rests on these relationships. See information further in this report.

*Registrars:* Marian is working with added tutoring for new registrars toward obtaining necessary information for the unified online catalogue.

*Consortia Directors:* At the encouragement of the Personnel Committee last spring I have begun to reconnect with consortia directors and Stephen Graham (together October 14).

*Consortium Discussion:* The question of joining the BTI has been raised by Heidi Hadsell, President, Hartford Theological Seminary. Preliminary discussion is on 16 December.

*BTI e-Newsletter*: It seems as if there is a break down in communication with the distribution of the BTI e-Newsletter....

*Auditor's Review*: The Financial review has been completed and will be distributed as soon as we have a copy delivered to us. Attached in Appendix C is a current Profit-Loss statement for the first two quarters of academic year 2011-2012.

## II. Programming (including Support/Endorsement) in the Second Quarter

### A. BTI Programs

- **International Mission and Ecumenism** (with certificate)  
This faculty committee is chaired by Todd Johnson (GCTS); Daryl Ireland (BUSTh) offers student coordination. Second quarter agenda has included the following:
  - 1) Fall dinner and applicants for the IME certificate (October). Indications are that we may have as many as 20 IME certificate students.
  - 2) Mission Consultation at Maryknoll Sisters House (November). Elizabeth Parsons of BUSTh was a featured speaker. 25 students from BTI schools were in attendance. Plans are underway for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Maryknoll Sisters (November 2012).
  - 3) Support was given to HCGOST and its Mission Consultation (November).
  - 4) Mission Consultation in February will focus on the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 2012 mission of Adoniram and Anne Judson and the first work of the ABCFM (meetings being planned for Tabernacle and First Baptist Churches in Salem and at ANTS and with GCTS). See Appendix D.
  - 5) Ongoing work from 2010boston (publications and conversations). See book jacket in appendices.
  - 6) Beginning Ecclesiology study - with Gerard Mannion (Margaret Guider [BCSTM], Raymond Helmick [BCDT], Jack Davis [GCTS] and others.
  - 7) Planning proceeding for BTI workshops with GCTS (lead role) in 2012 ("The Silk Road") and BC (lead role) in 2013 ("The Rule of Law" in Lahore, Pakistan).
  
- **Religion and Conflict Transformation** (with certificate)
  - 1) Programming and work continue through BUSTh leadership. A new program administrator has been appointed.
  - 2) A focus of current planning is toward an event acknowledging inter-faith peace-building, May 21-23. (This will be coordinated with previous work [2009 and 2010 conferences] and events at Hebrew College and Andover Newton in the spring.
  - 3) Plans for students from BUSTh and ANTS to go to Israel and Palestine have proceeded. (An additional group is being organized from GCTS/CUME and EGC in March.) A gathering is forecast in late March of students making these journeys, to be held in Berenson Hall, Hebrew College, for reflection and debriefing.
  - 4) The BTI-wide faculty RCT committee will reconvene in the new year. Some new additions include John Shea (BC) and David Carrasco (HDS).
  - 5) The annual Religion and Conflict Transformation retreat (under BUSTh auspices) occurred on September 30 – October 1 with over 30 students.
  - 6) The following public lecture series continued at EDS:

**October 25**      **Peace in the Community:** *Contested Sexuality* (with Patrick Cheng, Episcopal Divinity School, and Megan DeFranza, Gordon College)

**November 8**      **Peace with the Earth:** *Indigenous Religion, Missiology and the Biosphere* (with Martinus Daneel, Zimbabwe and Boston University School of Theology)

**November 15**      **Peace in the Marketplace:** *God and Money* (with Nimi Wariboko, investment banker, advisor to the Nigerian government and professor at Andover Newton)

**December 6 Peace Among the Peoples** *Forgiveness: A Political Virtue or a Human Right?* A Symposium featuring Martha Minow, Dean, Harvard Law School, and Fr. Leonel Narvaez of the Schools of Forgiveness and Reconciliation (Bogotá, Colombia)

- 7) Completing grading on the course offered in Jamaica under WCC au spices.
- 8) Working with an international ecumenical committee to put together a course on Just Peace and with work of the churches for the 10<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the World Council of Churches (October, 2013) in Busan, Korea.
- 9) Work on going with “Churches and the Cold War.” Next meeting is in February in NYC.

- **Science and Religion** (online *Journal*)

Paul Wolosow (EDS) and Professor Norman Faramelli (BU) have given continuing encouragement as well as networking with Vincent Maraventano (IF P&L; ANTS campus).

- 1) Journal of Faith and Science Exchange, vol. 6 completed. See at: <http://digilib.bu.edu/journals/ojs/index.php/jfse/index>
- 2) Student Paper Conference with Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light: This year’s theme is “Peace with the Earth” in recognition of the theme being raised up at the World Council of Churches’ International Ecumenical Peace Convocation; collecting papers in fall 2011. See: <http://www.overcomingviolence.org/en/peace-convocation.html>
- 3) Preliminary planning for spring: 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Human Genome Project

- **Hispanic Program**

- 1) Leadership from Hofsman Ospino (BC-STM) and M. T. Davila (ANTS).
- 2) In conversation with Benjamin Valentine (ANTS) about how to enlarge Hispanic-oriented work and the Orlando and Rose Costas Hispanic Lecture series.
- 3) Arranging for the HSP institutional support meeting (October).

## **B. BTI Institutional Support**

- **EDS Workshops** (referenced above under Religion and Conflict Transformation)
- **American Society of Missiology** – Eastern Fellowship (participation at the annual in November at Maryknoll); see [www.ASMEF.org](http://www.ASMEF.org) for ongoing planning.

## **C. BTI Endorsement**

- **Refugee Immigration Ministry** events, coordinated with Field Education
  - 1) EDS work with Susanne Snyder for October 10 conference
  - 2) Refugee Immigration Ministry International Dinner (September and December)
- **Various Restorative Justice Forums** (often with the Center for Restorative Justice, Suffolk University): ongoing work with Alternatives to Violence; Church and Prison; Restorative Justice in Norfolk Prison. With Church and Prison: plans underway for a conference in October 2012.
- **Interfaith Issues:** A number of events have been endorsed: See the website. Working with Jennifer Peace and Or Rose in planning spring 2012 events.
- **REFO500** – faculty discussions continue after meeting at BC-STM in October with faculty;; possible gathering in early January, including Mark Heim (ANTS), Christopher Brown (BU), Mark Massa (BC-STM), Raymond Helmick, SJ (BC DT), Monica Toft (HU), Frank James, Gwenfair Adams and Gordon Isaac (GCTS), etc.
- **Academy of Preachers** (assist with visits to various faculty: Stephanie Paulsell, HDS; Robert Hill, BU; and others).

## **III. Academic Concerns**

**A. Cross Registration:** See website for statistics.

## B. Certificates of Joint Faculties

- 1) Fresh online documents were prepared for October gatherings of students interested in the two BTI certificates in *International Mission and Ecumenism* and in *Religion and Conflict Transformation*. (Two certificates are currently senescent, Science and Religion and Youth and Young Adult Ministries.)
- 2) Following our example with BTI certificates in Boston the Washington Theological Consortium has instituted two certificates in Ecumenical Relations and in Muslim-Christian Dialogue and is looking into additional areas for certificates of study, Jewish-Christian Relations and Science and Religion. Two others are in development.

## C. Faculty Colloquia and Committees

- 1) **Faculty Colloquia** (8 faculty groups)
  - a) OT/Hebrew Bible: Larry Wills (EDS) and Greg Mobley (ANTS) as leadership.
  - b) NT: on hold: Contacting Thomas Stegman (BC, STM) and Simon Lee (ANTS)
  - c) Patristics: Annewies van den Hoek (HDS)
  - d) Theology: Les Muray (Curry College) and Mark Heim (ANTS)
  - e) Ethics: Norman Faramelli (BUSTh) and Tom Massaro (BC) for 2011-2012. Ethics series for second, third and fourth quarters:

**November 10** – Stephen Mott and The James Luther Adams Foundation announce the sixteenth annual James Luther Adams Forum on Religion and Society. The lecture will be given this year by Dr. Kim Beach, student and friend of Adams and editor of three collections of Adams’ essays. He is the author of *Transforming Liberalism: The Theology of James Luther Adams*. He will speak on the topic, “‘What’s Past Is Prologue’ James Luther Adams and the Unitarian Universalists.” (Wilson Chapel)

**February 21** – Walter E. Fluker will introduce us to the work of The Howard Thurman Center under the direction of Boston University. Professor Fluker is the Martin Luther King Jr. Professor of Ethical Leadership and the editor of the Howard Thurman Papers Project.

**April 10** – David W. Gill, Mockler-Phillips Professor of Workplace Theology & Business Ethics, Director, Mockler Center for Faith & Ethics in the Workplace.
  - f) Comparative Theology: Catherine Cornille (BC), John Berthrong (BUSTh) and Frank Clooney, SJ (HDS)
  - g) Liturgy and Worship: John Baldovin, SJ (BCSTM)
  - h) Hispanic Fellowship: MT Davila (ANTS) and Hosffman Ospino (BC – STM)
- 2) **Chairs of BTI Program Committees** (in discussion for 2011-2012)
  - a) International Mission and Ecumenism: Todd Johnson (GCTS) – continuing next year
  - b) Science and Religion: Kirk Wegter-McNelly (BUSTh) - needs review
  - c) Religion and Conflict Transformation: Tom Porter (BUSTh) and Raymond Helmick, SJ (BC-DT) – needs review
- 3) **Faculty Task Forces:** In the past we have had such task forces around issues of Religion and Conflict, Ecclesiology and in other areas. Depending on deliberations by the Board, I would like to see the following task forces take shape next academic year:
  - a) REFO500 with Historians and others
  - b) Interfaith Planning, particularly Jewish-Christian relations and inclusive of Muslim interests as able
  - c) Science and Religion certificate (perhaps in bioethics)

### 4) **Annual International Workshop**

- a) Silk Road (spring 2012)
- b) Religion and the Rule of Law: Lahore, Pakistan (spring 2013)

**5) Ecumenical Education**

- a) Planning is proceeding for Busan (fall 2013). Planning meetings were held on September 22 and November 3.
- b) Planning with GCTS (Todd Johnson) on “The Silk Road” (Western China) for 2012
- c) Planning with BC (Ray Helmick, SJ) and with Titus Pressler (formerly EDS) on “The Rule of Law” for 2013 (Lahore) – and in Lahore with Syed Imad-ud-Din Asad (Center for Law and Policy, University of Management and Technology, Lahore, Pakistan)

**6) Teaching**

(Petersen) Fall term: course on “The Ecumenical Engagement of the Churches with Overcoming Violence” (EDS); Spring term, “International Conflict and the Ministry of Reconciliation” (BUSTh)  
 (Simion): course at BC

**7) Field Education/Work Supervisor/ or Reader**

(Petersen); Simion is also involved in Field Education Supervision

- a) Kathleen Mroz (HDS)
- b) Jin Young Kim (HDS) (Supervisor: Simion)
- c) Ross Steinborn (HDS)
- d) Mark Shan (GCTS/CUME; London School of Theology)
- e) Frank Lan (ANTS)

**IV. Communications**

The Second Quarter has seen the following:

- 1) Continued marketing efforts with Development persons in the schools.
- 2) Publication of the fall 2011 edition of the *BTI Magazine*: This edition summarized work from the 2010Boston conference and the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation (Jamaica).
- 3) The *BTI Magazine* is now part of the EBSCO Publishing database.
- 4) Work on the Williams’ manuscript which documents an “ethos” formative of the BTI; manuscript under consideration with Harvard University Press.
- 5) Website Development Components: Continue to update and Conceptualize: 1) E-Newsletter, 2) 2010-2011 Course Catalogue, and 3) institutional component
- 6) Website; [www.2010boston.org](http://www.2010boston.org) – in process of being reconceived as a Mission and Ecumenism website under the IME committee
- 7) Website [www.heritages-and-horizons.org](http://www.heritages-and-horizons.org) being reworked for Development and Marketing
- 8) Survey being made for possible advertisements for the study of religion and theology in Boston in major journals

**V. Executive Director’s Representation of the BTI in the First Quarter**

**A. General and Periodic**

- Meetings of Presbytery of Boston and PCUSA General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations (periodic and in Louisville)
- Massachusetts Council of Churches (Board member) and Commission on Christian Unity
- Walker Center for Ecumenical and Interfaith Exchange (Board member)
- Foundation for Prison and Church (Board member)
- Refugee Immigration Ministry (Board member)
- Lord’s Day Alliance, USA (Board member)

- Regular Preaching, Presbyterian churches and Scandinavian Living Center
- Various retirement and honorary dinners

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#### **B. Special Speaking or Program Activity in the Second Quarter**

- October 14 – Meeting in NYC (Luce Foundation) of Task Force on Interreligious theological education
- October 18 – BC-STM class with Thomas Kane
- October 21 – Meeting with Hispanic Summer Program Governing Board (Chicago)
- October 28 – General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Affairs (Louisville)
- October 29-30 – meeting of PCUSA Social Ethics Network (San Francisco)
- November 3 – meeting of Ecumenical Theological Education Task Force
- November 4-5 – American Society of Missiology-Eastern Fellowship (Maryknoll, NY)
- November 16-19 – Paper delivered at Reformation Commentary Session, Evangelical Theological Society Conference and attendance at AAR (San Francisco)
- December 6 – introductions to EDS Symposium on Forgiveness

### **VI. Executive Director’s Publications in Second Quarter**

“What I learned in Zenica about Forgiveness,” in Jennifer Peace, Or Rose, and Greg Mobley, eds., *My Neighbor’s Faith. Stories of Interreligious Encounter, Growth, and Transformation* (Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 2012).

“Healing and Forgiveness: An Interfaith Perspective,” in *Healing God’s People: Practical Skills and Pastoral Approaches*, ed., by Thomas Kane (New York: Paulist Press, 2012).

“The Apocalyptic Luther – Exegesis and Self-Identification,” in *The Myth of the Reformation*, ed. by Peter Opitz (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck und Ruprecht, 2012).

Introductions to Williams, *Divinings: History of Religion at Harvard*. Volume 1: First Light (Chapters 1-5). The Formation of Harvard College in 1636 and Evolution of a Republic of Letters in Cambridge. Volume 2: The “Augustan Age” (Chapters 6 – 9). Religion in the University, the Foundations of a Learned Ministry and the Development of the Divinity School. Volume 3: *Calm Rising Through Change and Through Storm* (Chapters 10-12, Bibliography and Indices). The Contours of Religion and Commitment in an Age of Upheaval and Globalization.

### **VII. Second and Third Quarters - 2012 Initial Overview Projected BTI Focal Events**

#### **January**

Church Historians meet with Monica Toft of the Kennedy School  
BTI Trustees’ Retreat

#### **February**

200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ABCFM & Judson

#### **March**

(? Religion at Harvard & 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary); Women and theological education

#### **April**

10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Human Genome (provisional); (? possible launch certificate in bioethics)

#### **May**

BUSTh Interfaith Peace-builders Conference; BTI Annual Workshop (with GCTS)

**June**

Consortia Directors & ATS – Inter-religious theological education; Hispanic Summer Program

## Appendix A

### BTI Academic Deans Meeting Minutes December 5, 2011 (12–10m)

Held at: Andover Newton Theological School: Green Room  
(Minutes recorded by Marian Gh. Simion)

**PRESENT:** Present: Sarah Drummond (ANTS), Jennifer Bader (BC STM), Catherine Cornille (BC TD), Larry Wills (EDS), Sharon Cohen Anisfeld (HC), Brian Mayer (HC), Rodney L. Petersen (BTI), Marian Gh. Simion (BTI)

**REGRETS:** Bryan P. Stone (BUSTh), Carol Kaminski (GCTS), Jane I. Smith (HDS), Thomas Fitzgerald (HC/GOST), Stephen E. Salocks (SJS)

Topic	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
	Meeting was called to order at 12:10pm with informal introduction over lunch, and then Petersen shared the agenda.	
<b>Course with Counter-Intuitive Narratives in Interfaith Relations</b>	The academic deans had lengthy discussions on how cross-teaching is organized at the inter-school level, vis-à-vis internal school policies. In light of the cross-teaching being widely practiced in the past, Wills strongly encouraged the continuation of such collegial collaboration. As Cornille inquired about the remuneration procedure, Petersen indicated that such decisions were often bi-lateral in nature but that that in the past the BTI also had funding to promote the guest faculty (a very modest budget exists for this at the moment). Petersen also pointed out that this fall he is teaching such a course EDS with guest faculties, expressing his wish that the BTI could provide more resources for stipends. In terms of technicalities for cross-listing, Drummond recommended the ANTS–Hebrew College model of a shared practice of registering a course in each school, as part of each school’s offering. She also pointed out that the scheduling was arranged on academic calendars and holidays of each school and religious tradition. Cornille commented that such practice can open up doors, and it is a matter of will to continue, recommending that this be discussed with the faculty members.	<i>The deans will encourage their faculties to explore such possibilities!</i>
<b>Coordinating Doctoral Seminars through the consortium</b>	Each school which offers doctoral programs had experienced various challenges with the coordination of the doctoral seminars. Therefore, the deans expressed their interest in learning more about how other schools manage such challenges. (The doctoral programs include PhD, ThD, STD and DMin.) Drummond expressed her interest in ANTS tapping into BTI resources, because ANTS is increasingly keen on such offerings. Wills suggested more discussion as to distinguish between DMin, PhD, ThD courses. Bader reported that at BC STM most of the courses for STD follow strict pontifical guidelines, and they are classified as 800-level seminars. Details about the PhD/ ThD seminars led to the conclusion that these were very similar if not identical; pointing out that ThD titling is gradually abandoned in the favor of the PhD, mainly for marketing reasons. Discussions were shared about the configuration of programs in each school. As a first step, Simion suggested that the BTI Course Catalogue will add an extra-category which will exclusively list doctoral seminars and courses. This category will be called: “IX. Doctoral Classes” All were in favor of taking such a first step.	<p><i>1) EDS and ANTS will discuss further their common interest in the DMin program</i></p> <p><i>2) Wills will report this discussion to his faculty.</i></p> <p><i>3) Simion will collect course information (with the assistance of the deans) and will create a new category for doctoral courses on the BTI Course Catalogue.</i></p>
<b>Highlighting Hispanic Literature in Scripture and</b>	Petersen reported that there is a strong interest from a Hispanic Group to advocate the use of educational materials on Hispanic literature by the BTI faculties in their classroom assignments. Ideas were shared whether the deans should have a representative from the Hispanic group working with the BTI	<i>1) Petersen will report back to the Hispanic group encouraging them to work directly with Hispanic</i>

<b>Theology</b>	Deans, or should the group work directly with Hispanic faculty members in the BTI. The consensus was that the Hispanic group would work directly with Hispanic faculty members in the BTI schools. Cornille suggested that the BTI could invite a Hispanic scholar to give the annual BTI Lecture.	<i>faculty members.</i>  <b>2) Petersen will also report to the Trustees Cornille's suggestion to have a Hispanic speaker at one of the future annual BTI Lecture &amp; Dinner events.</b>
<b>REFO500</b>	Petersen briefly explained that the REFO500 program is a European (and some American) network of programs and seminars of major international stature, pointing out that the BTI has been invited to participate in this series of events being planned for the next 5-10 years. He also noted that there is a \$5,000 membership fee if applying as a group through the BTI (otherwise per school), and that the benefits (networking, lectureships, publications, etc.) are available to each member schools. This network now includes institutions like the universities of Leuven, Oslo, Zurich, Warsaw, Strasbourg, Tübingen and the Humboldt but also commercial enterprises like the publishers Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht and Lufthansa as one of their sponsors. (See <a href="http://www.refo500.nl">www.refo500.nl</a> ) BTI will be able to set up a series of academic, ecumenical and interfaith events together with partners in Europe and USA. Petersen also reported that several BTI faculties and trustees are interested in the program such as Mark Massa (BC STM Dean) and Frank James (GCTS, Provost), trying to involve historians specialized in the 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> centuries Church history. Several names were put forward as contacted and interested, including: Mark Heim (ANTS), Raymond G. Helmick, SJ (BCTD), Mark Massa (BC STM), Frank James (GCTS), Christopher Brown (BUSTh), Gwenfair Adams (GCTS), Patrick Chung (EDS). Gordon Isaacs (GCTS), Monica Toft (Harvard University) and others. Additional names were given to Petersen to contact.	<b>1) Petersen was encouraged to continue to solicit faculty interest as the Academic Deans were also aware of the depleted state of historical studies in BTI schools in general.</b>
<b>Other Topics</b>	Because the time allocated for the meeting was spent on the above items, Petersen briefly reported on the rest of the scheduled agenda item, such as <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Human Genome Project</li> <li>2. Library – Discussion about joining GlobeTheoLib (online theological resources) and eBooks (EBSCO product)</li> <li>3. BTI Certificates: Are we doing the right thing? Right Areas? Building Support....</li> <li>4. Hispanic Summer Program Initiative</li> <li>5. Maryknoll Mission (100<sup>th</sup> anniversary)</li> <li>6. Costas Consultation in Global Mission, February 5-20</li> <li>7. Spring event: Gathering Stories from Israel-Palestine (at least three groups going in January and March)</li> <li>8. Seminar-workshops: Israel-Palestine, China, “Silk Road”</li> <li>9. Sabbath-Sunday – Sharing the Liturgies of our traditions – of strong interest with Hebrew College;</li> <li>10. Question of “Feature” article for E-Newsletter</li> <li>11. Faculty Colloquia – still looking for the rebirth of the NT colloquium</li> </ol> <p><b>Wish List</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Course information on time</li> <li>• E-Newsletter Distribution</li> <li>• Advertizing the certificate programs</li> </ul>	
<p><i>Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm</i></p>		

## **Appendix B**

Boston Theological Institute  
Deans of Students and Community Life  
Andover Newton Theological Seminary  
Green Room (second floor, Dabney Hall)  
(Directions: <http://www.ants.edu/ants-difference/map/>)  
Friday, 9 December 2011  
Noon – 1:30 PM

Present

The Grace  
Agenda

Introductions and Discussion (BTI Annual Dinner and thoughts about 2012)

### **Points for Discussion**

12. Student Health and Wellness (Raised initially by Miriam Gelfer, EDS; see response from Lita Schlueter, GCTS)
13. Support for International Students, especially those with ESL challenges (Pamela Lightsey, BUSTh)
14. Event for African students (John “Kapyra” Kaoma, EDS)
15. BTI Certificates: Are we doing the right thing? Right Areas? Building Support....
16. Other

### **Informational Points**

2. Hebrew College – Hellenic College Event: Thursday, December 15
3. Hispanic Summer Program Initiative
4. Maryknoll Mission (100<sup>th</sup> anniversary)
5. Costas Consultation in Global Mission, February 5-20
6. Spring event: Gathering Stories from Israel-Palestine (at least three groups going in January and March)
7. Seminar-workshops: Israel-Palestine, China, “Silk Road”
8. Sabbath-Sunday – Sharing the Liturgies of our traditions
9. Question of “Feature” article for E-Newsletter
10. BUSTH – RCT – interfaith peace-building, 5/21-23

### **Wish List**

- E-Newsletter Distribution
- Advertizing the certificate programs

*Setting a Date and Agenda for the Spring*

**Response by Lita Schlueter (GCTS) to Miriam Gelfer (EDS)**

We do not have a health and wellness program for our students on campus; however, Gordon College which is located 5 minutes from our campus provides discount rates to use their state of the art athletic center: The Bennett Center at Gordon College is available to the Gordon-Conwell community at a reasonable membership fee. Gordon-Conwell students, faculty and staff and their immediate families may purchase a membership for one month, three months, six months or one year. Membership includes use of the facilities during posted open hours (cardio room, weight room, swimming pool, racquetball courts, walking track, gymnasium, locker rooms and sauna). The Bennett Center offers group fitness classes and use of the rock gym for an additional fee. Gordon-Conwell users must show proof of current enrollment (staff/faculty ID, student ID card) when registering at the Bennett front desk. For more information, contact Student Life Services. During warm days, as well as summer months, students gather to play organized soccer and Frisbee on the seminary campus.

**(From Miriam Gelfer) Thank you, Lita.** Our students also have access to gyms at Harvard and Lesley. I'm looking for more than that. Calvin College has a program called "Healthy Habits." See below:

**Our Mission Statement:** The mission of Healthy Habits is to promote healthy living and well-being through a comprehensive wellness program that includes mental, social, spiritual, physical, emotional and environmental health, as part of the overall mission of Calvin.

**Our Goals:**

1. To provide Calvin College employees programs and opportunities that promote personal health well-being.
2. To create a supportive community atmosphere for the pursuit of wellness goals.
3. To encourage participants to treat their bodies as God's creation for lifelong Christian service.

This is the kind of thing I'm looking for and wondering if other seminaries have similar programs. I particularly like their 3rd goal and feel strongly that this should be a part of our programs in seminaries as we form people for ministry.

Calvin College is planning a "Pilgrim Walk" across Spain to Compostela in the spring of 2012. What a wonderful way to weave faith, spirituality and health altogether!

## Appendix C

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### **Boston Theological Institute Jul - Nov 11**

#### **Income**

##### **Unrestricted Income**

4000-00 · **Unclassified Deposits** 1,305.08  
4000-15 · **Unrestricted Gifts** 4,437.71  
4040-15 · **Membership Dues** 143,962.00  
4050-15 · **Sales & Royalties** 743.44  
4065-15 · **Dividend Income** 508.97  
4075-15 · **Gain/Loss on Sale of Asset** 1,037.95  
4076-15 · **Unrealized Gain/Loss on Sale** -4,628.49

**Total Unrestricted Income** 147,366.66

##### **Restricted Income**

4630-20 · **Church & Cold War** 3,400.83

**Total Restricted Income** 3,400.83

**Total Income** 150,767.49

#### **Expense**

##### **General & Administrative**

7000-01 · **Salary - Executive Director** 43,860.00  
7000-05 · **Salary - Assistant Director** 31,264.50  
7020-01 · **Travel - Executive Director** 1,755.39  
7050-01 · **Medical - Executive Director** 738.00  
7060-01 · **Pension - Executive Director** 5,315.04  
7125-15 · **Health Insurance** 19,217.80  
7126-15 · **Health Deductible - Director** 1,868.14  
7127-15 · **Health Deductible - Asst. Dir.** 1,113.72  
7160-15 · **FICA ER Expense** 6,500.48  
**Total General & Administrative** 111,633.07

##### **Office Expenses**

7110-15 · **Rent** 6,775.00  
7130-15 · **Phone & Internet** 6,268.38  
7140-15 · **Copier** 7,265.32  
7150-15 · **Supplies & Postage** 6,286.93  
7175-15 · **Bookkeeping** 1,135.00  
7181-15 · **Books & Software** 20.00

**7195-15 · Bank Service Charges** 2,037.34  
**Total Office Expenses** 29,787.97

**Inter-School General Expenses**

**7020-20 · Travel/Hosp - Intersch.** 225.80  
**7199-20 · Inter-School Services** -18,975.33  
**7210-20 · Campus Mail Courier** 2,617.50  
**7211-20 · Courier Expense - InterSchool** 106.52  
**7246-20 · Other Publications** 3,028.00  
**Total Inter-School General Expenses** -12,997.51

**Int. Missions & Ecumenism**

**7000-30 · Int. Missions & Ecumenism** 2,000.00  
**7420-30 · Conferences - IMEC** 1,573.00  
**7430-30 · Honoraria - IMEC** 512.00  
**Total Int. Missions & Ecumenism** 4,085.00  
**8999-00 · Temporary Distributions** 820.00

**Total Expense** 133,328.53

**Net Income** 17,438.96

## Appendix D

### **American Culture and the Missionary Enterprise: Acknowledging the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Judson Mission and the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Mission, February 2012**

*(Events are independently hosted; General information can be found at [www.bostontheological.org](http://www.bostontheological.org))*

- Sunday, February 5 – Judson Ordination and Commissioning Commemoration**  
Tabernacle UCC Church, Salem: <http://www.tabernaclechurch.org/>  
10:00 AM Commemorative Service with Liz Walker preaching  
1:00 – 3:00 PM Commemorative Judson Program
- Monday, February 6 Mission Agencies Event: New Mission Entity**  
3:00 – 5:00 PM Tabernacle UCC Church; <http://www.gcts.edu/>  
Picking up the heritage of the ABCFM: A celebration of the merging of Cross Global Link (faith mission) and The Mission Exchange (denominational mission) into a new mission body;  
Address by Todd Johnson, “From Judson to Global Christianity”  
6:30 Dinner/Panel Park Street Church, Boston  
[http://www.crossglobalink.org/MissionsBicentennial?utm\\_source=MadMimi&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=Invitation++Missions+Bicentennial&utm\\_campaign=Invitation++Missions+Bicentennial&utm\\_term=details](http://www.crossglobalink.org/MissionsBicentennial?utm_source=MadMimi&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Invitation++Missions+Bicentennial&utm_campaign=Invitation++Missions+Bicentennial&utm_term=details)
- Tuesday, February 7 Mission in the Classroom and Seminary**  
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
- Wednesday, February 8 Costas #1: “Perspectives on Mission in a Multi-faith World”:** [www.ants.edu](http://www.ants.edu)  
2:30 – 8:30 Andover Newton Theological School, Wilson Chapel
- Todd Johnson: “Mapping the Religious World”
  - Multi-Perspective Student Panel and Dialogue
  - Awarding of the Judson Award by President Nick Carter, Andover Newton Theological School
  - An Address by Mark Heim, “Mission Studies in a Day of Religious Pluralism”
- Thursday, February 9 “Mission in the World of 1812: Trade, War and Religion”**  
5:00 – 6:30 PM Braun Room, Harvard Divinity School  
Margaret Bendroth, Director, Congregational Library, Boston  
Harvard Divinity School
- Friday, February 17 Costas #2: “Mission in 1812 and Today”**  
1:00 – 8:00 PM Tabernacle Church, Salem  
1:00 – 3:00 PM Welcome and Remarks: Todd Johnson (Gordon-Conwell)
- “The World of 1812,” Margaret Bendroth, Congregational Library
  - “The ABCFM,” Cliff Putney, Bentley College
  - Mission Executives on Mission Today

- 3:30 – 5:00 PM Old Salem Town Hall: Reception and Virtual Spiritual Heritages Tour (Garth Rosell)
- 5:00 – 6:30 PM Students: “How I see the Future of Mission”  
Faculty Response
- 6:30 – 7:30 PM Dinner and Program
- Allen Yeh: “Mission after Costas”
  - “Commissioning for Mission” (a representative group of persons organized by Petersen around the Judson bench)
- 8:00 Depart with Prayer

**Saturday, February 18 – Judson Heritage Tour**

- 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Organized by the Judson Association; tour will leave First Baptist Church, Malden, and return to the same; visiting Judson sites in Malden, Wenham, Andover, Haverhill, Newton, and Salem.
- 5:00-6:30 PM Dinner at First Baptist, Malden
- 7:00 PM Service organized by Burmese churches

**Sunday, February 19 - Commemorative Service Events**

- 10:30 AM A. Roy Medley, General Secretary, ABC-USA  
First Baptist, Salem
- 9:30 AM Combined service for all Burmese hosted by First Baptist & Karin Baptist Churches of Lynn
- 2:00 PM Reception at First Baptist, Wakefield
- 7:00 PM Dr. Rosalie Hunt, author of [\*Bless God and Take Courage: The Judson History and Legacy\*](#)

**Monday, February 20 - Harbor “Sending” Reenactment**

- 2:00 PM Rev. Dr. Anthony "Tony" Pappas, Executive Minister, The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts Reenactment - "Judson Sailing" Salem Harbor  
(December 2013 Burmese [Myanmar] Judson Arrival Celebration)

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM) was the first [American Christian](#) foreign mission agency. It was proposed in 1810 by recent graduates of [Andover](#) Theological Seminary and Williams College and officially chartered in 1812. In 1961 it merged with other societies to form the [United Church Board for World Ministries](#). Other organizations that draw inspiration from the ABCFM include the Student Volunteer Movement, World Student Christian Federation, and the [International Fellowship of Evangelical Students](#).

Books referenced include: Paul Burlin and Clifford Putney, eds., *The Role of the American Board in the World: Reflections on the Country’s First Sponsor of Overseas Christian Missions* (2011); Todd Johnson, Rodney Petersen, Gina Bellofatto and Travis Myers, eds., *The Changing Contours of World Mission and Christianity* (2011); Garth Rosell, *Spiritual Heritages Through New England* (2011); and Rosalie Hall Hunt, [\*Bless God and Take Courage: The Judson History and Legacy\*](#) (2005).

Additional Features:

- > Commemorative Booklet Available Inclusive of all Boston area ABCFM-Judson events
- > Congregational Library Display on location at selected sites.
- > Peabody Essex Museum Exhibition
- > Mission Project - Support for the PWO KAYIN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY in Myanmar