

The Black Church Studies Program

Director On the Road:

- May 27-28 Timothy Colloquium for Young Pastors in Elizabethtown KY
- June 7-11 The Hampton Minister's Conference in Hampton VA
- June 13 Joshua Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Louisville KY
- June 15-16 AME Louisville District Church School Convention in Franklin KY
- June 28-29 William Seymour College at Patton College in Laurel MD
- July 18 Trinity Presbyterian Church in Dayton OH
- July 22-25 National Hispanic Latino Conference PCUSA in San Antonio TX
- August 1 Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Louisville KY
- August 9 Tazewell County Impact Summit for Youth in Bluefield VA
- August 11-14 Communion of Covenant Ministries Annual Convocation in Waldorf MD

Fall Weekend Intensives:

- September 17-18** African American Worship- Dr. Claudio Carvalhaes, Assistant Professor of Worship and Preaching
- October 15-16** Child Advocacy and Christian Education in the Black Church- Dr. Dianne Reistroffer, Professor of Ministry, Director of Methodist Studies Interim Director of Field Education

Black Church Studies Consultation

On February 26, more than twenty dedicated leaders from several predominantly African American denominations and institutions met on the campus of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary for a Black Church Studies Consultation under the leadership of Rev. Lewis Brogdon (MDIV '05), Director of the Black Church Studies Program and Associate Director of Recruitment and Admissions. The day-long event, held in conjunction with the September launch of our new Black Church Studies (BCS) Program, sought to renew and cultivate partnerships between the Seminary and leading African American churches and institutions across the region. Academic and clergy leaders from the region, including the contiguous states of Ohio and Tennessee and as far away as Virginia, North Carolina, and Michigan, were present for discussions on "The State of the Black Church" and "The Role of Seminary in the Black Church" in an effort to help Louisville Seminary better prepare men and women for the leadership demands of the future church. The event also included conversations with the Seminary Administration, members of the BCS Program Faculty, and with African American students currently studying at LPTS.

Director Receives Ph. D.

On May 8, 2010, The Rev. Lewis Brogdon received his Ph. D. from Regent University in Virginia Beach, VA. A 2005 graduate from LPTS Dr. Brogdon's passion for learning inspired him to pursue PhD work in the areas of Biblical Interpretation, African American Religious History, and Global Pentecostalism leading to his Doctoral dissertation: *One-simus, Slavery, and Exclusionary Koinonia: an African American Interpretation of Paul's Letter to Philemon*.



Equipping men and women for leadership in the Black church was the focus of the February 26, consultation.

BCS Program Hosts Allan Boesak

On April 28, 2010, a few members of the LPTS community joined together with select local pastors and community organizers to dine with Allan Boesak before his return to South Africa. Boesak, (in town as part of the seminary's Festival of Theology and Reunion) was a major player in the Christian struggle against apartheid in his homeland of South Africa, is an internationally recognized leader in the church and world politics and a member of the Provincial Parliament in Cape Town with the Congress of the People Party (COPE). Informal conversations ranged from women's roles in the anti-apartheid struggle, effective organizing strategies, the role of the arts in resistance, race relations, current political situations, and living in a globalized world in a time of Empire. All present were incredibly grateful for this extra opportunity to listen to Boesak reflect on lessons learned in the anti-apartheid struggle and how we might work for change today.



Anti-apartheid leader, Allan Boesak