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# GCS NEWS

A Newsletter for Students and Alumni of Grace Communion Seminary

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## President's Letter



Dear GCS Students, Alumni and Donors,

This past weekend we celebrated the deepest mystery of our Christian faith—the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He died to reconcile us to himself and through himself to the Father and the Spirit. In him we were saved from eternal alienation from God. But more than that, he did not remain dead. In rising from the dead, never to die again, we are saved for a life of eternal fellowship and communion with our Creator and Redeemer, a life of worship, prayer and praise.

We celebrate on Easter what God in Christ has done for us; both what we are saved from and what we are saved for. Neither aspect of this great mystery of God's love should be neglected nor should they be separated. It is the one Jesus Christ who died and rose for us to bring us salvation. So it's good that Good Friday occurs together with Resurrection Sunday. That helps us see how what we're saved from (sin, eternal death and the power of evil) is joined to what we're saved for, a life of faith, hope and love in God our Savior.

And that is the message of the gospel in a nutshell that we want to proclaim to the world. But as you well know that is a great challenge. As fewer and fewer grow up, even knowing the Bible story, communicating it becomes more important. We can't assume, as we used to, that people are familiar with even the basics. We see how great the need is as anxiety, depression and hopelessness seem to be on the rise—often overwhelming people. So, we need resources, help and encouragement to find ways and opportunities to get the message of the gospel out—a message of truth, justice and

hope. And that is a message about a reality that secular society, goals and values cannot offer.

Grace Communion Seminary is here to inform, encourage and enable its students to offer a clear, accurate and in-depth communication of that gospel, which is just as relevant today as it was two thousand years ago. While many things have changed over time, the fundamental needs and deepest aspirations of people, created according to the image of God, remain the same. Human nature stands in the same need of reconciliation with God and hope in the renewal of all things by the grace of God.

And, of course, just as important as taking this gospel to our neighbors, communities and world is living by it, day by day. Living and sharing the gospel, both! And the Seminary is committed to strengthening and encouraging its students to contribute to our life together as members of the Body of Christ.

I thank all of you for sharing in the ministry of GCS, whether as faculty, students, alumni and/or donors. It is part of the renewing work of our gracious Triune God among us no matter what part we play. My prayer for you all is that no matter what challenges we may face in the coming days, that the truth and reality of what God accomplished for us in the life, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ that we celebrate on Easter does not fade away. But we'd find the Risen Lord by his Spirit accompanying us every day of the year, shedding light and renewing life each step of our way—in hope of his final renewal of all things.

Grace and Peace in Jesus Christ,  
*Gary Deddo, President*  
*Grace Communion Seminary*

**From the Dean...**

## Options for Biblical Greek



We created a Greek course, and six students signed up for the first semester. However, most of them said that they would not be likely to sign up for the second semester. We offered the first semester again, and it did not receive enough enrollments to

warrant going through with the course. We understand – Greek is a difficult subject, and you have to invest a lot of time in it before you start experiencing the benefits of knowing Greek.

So students who want to study Greek are welcome to take it online from Shiloh University, [www.shilohuniversity.edu](http://www.shilohuniversity.edu). We do not have

any special Trinitarian perspective on the Greek language, so we do not need to re-invent something that is already available. It's about the same price there as here. If you can get a Greek course at a national or regionally accredited seminary, we'll accept the credits here. The same is true for Hebrew.

## New Courses for Summer Semester

This summer we are offering a new course: Field Education (2 semester units). This is the first in a series of three field courses, designed for a (we hope) future degree program, but we

are offering it now as an elective for those who want to get started on the sequence. It may be used as a Christian ministry elective in the MPS program, but since it offers only 2 units instead

of the usual 3, it does not work well by itself. Field Ed will be a series of three courses, for a total of 6 units.

## More Books Available

The GCS library has more than 4500 books in it, and we are happy to let you borrow them (whether or not it's for a course). Just ask the Registrar, and we'll ship it to you. You can borrow it for a month, and then you ship it back to us.

There are also thousands of books available on the internet. Several libraries and Google have scanned them and made the PDFs available.

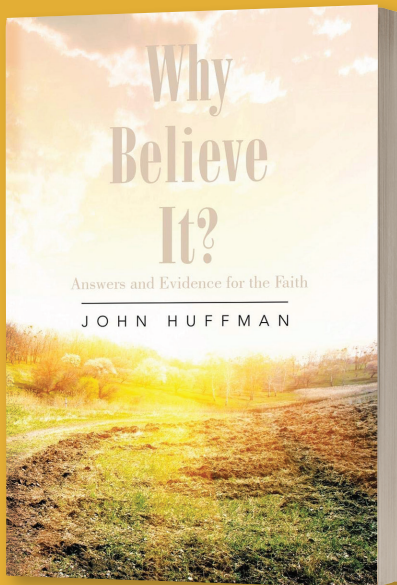
Most of these are older books on which the copyright has expired. We recently learned that someone has catalogued the religious books, and we have posted that catalog on our public information page, <http://bit.ly/GCSPublicInfo>. There are more than 20,000 books available. It's not quite as handy as having a printed book on your shelf, but the advantage is that you don't have to box up all those books the next time you move!

On the topic of public information: We have moved the You're Included interviews from the GCI website to the GCS website, page <http://bit.ly/GCS-YI>. We have also moved some of the more academic articles from [gci.org](http://gci.org) to a new page, <http://bit.ly/FreeGCSResources>.

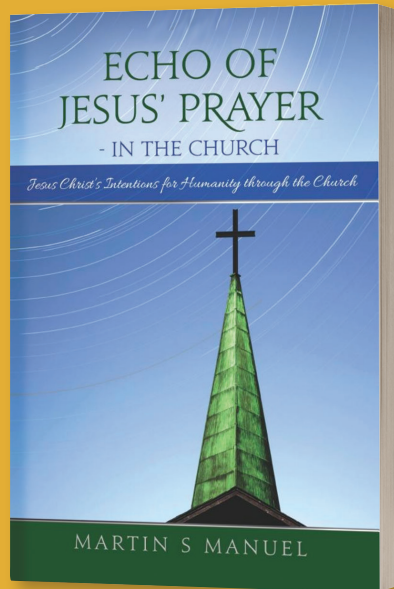


# BOOKS BY GCS GRADUATES

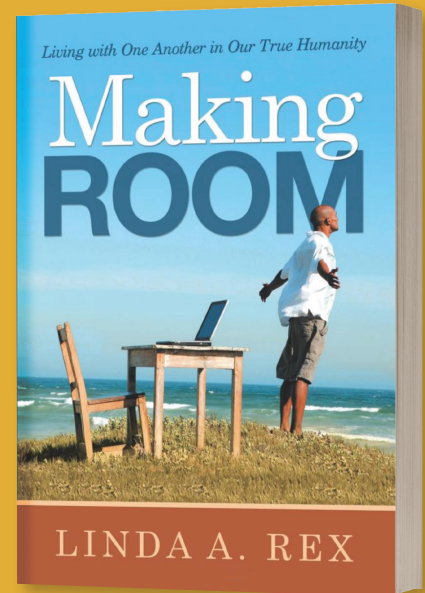
At least three GCS graduates have published printed books



**JOHN HUFFMAN**  
**Why Believe It?**  
*Reasons and Evidence  
for the Faith*



**MARTIN S. MANUEL**  
**Echo of Jesus'  
Prayer in the Church**  
*Jesus Christ's Intentions for  
Humanity Through the Church*



**LINDA A. REX**  
**Making Room**  
*Living with One Another  
in Our True Humanity*

At least two have published their dissertations as e-books:

**LLOYD ELWELL**

*Inclusion and Discipleship in the Church in View of the Developmentally Delayed:  
God Hears Us Through Red Headphones*

**LANCE M. MCKINNON**

*What Difference Does the World Tomorrow Make in the World Today?  
A Christ-Centered Eschatology*

If you are aware of any other books by GCS graduates, let us know!



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or donate online at [gcs.edu/donate](http://gcs.edu/donate).



# Summer 2019

## From the Registrar



Even though Summer won't officially begin here in the Northern Hemisphere for another 6 weeks, we are preparing for our Summer classes. Registration opens on Monday, April 29. We are offering a new class this semester, Field Education. (See the article from the Dean for more information about this course.)

— Georgia McKinnon, Registrar



## Schedule of Courses 2019

All schedules are tentative

**Summer 2019:** Registration begins April 29; lectures posted Mondays, May 13 to July 15. No assignments are due July 1-7. All work is to be completed by August 12.

BI512 (=BT502)	The Prophets	Tim Finlay
CM504	Practice of Ministry	Ted Johnston
CM505	Women and Men in Ministry	M. Morrison & C. Osborne
CM506	Trinitarian Youth Ministry <sup>1</sup>	G. Williams & J. Broadnax
CM508	Church Planting & Development	Randy Bloom
CM510	Polity of Grace Communion International	Greg Williams
TH502	Nature of Humans and Salvation	Russell Duke
FE501	Field Education 1	Randy Bloom

**Fall 2019:** Registration begins Aug. 26; lectures posted Mondays, Sept. 9 to Nov. 11. All work is to be completed by Dec. 2.

BI501*	Hermeneutics	Mike Morrison
BI524	Epistles of Paul	Mike Morrison
CH501*	Church History: The First Millennium	Neil Earle
CM507	Experiencing the Trinity	Larry Hinkle
CM511	Homiletics	Dan Rogers
TH503	The Spirit, the Church, and Eschatology	Gary Deddo

**Spring 2020:** Registration begins Jan. 2. The first lecture is posted Tuesday, January 14; subsequent lectures are posted Mondays, January 20 to March 17. (When Monday is a holiday, lectures are posted on Tuesday.) All work is to be completed by April 7.

BI522	The Gospels	Mike Morrison
CH502*	Church History: The Second Millennium	Neil Earle
CM503	Christian Counseling	Ted Johnston
CM506	Trinitarian Youth Ministry	G. Williams & J. Broadnax
TH501*	Nature of God and Jesus Christ	Russell Duke
TH508	Christology of T.F. Torrance	Gary Deddo

If fewer than five students register for a course, it may be cancelled, at the discretion of the instructor. TH519 and TM501 (capstone courses for the master's degrees) are offered in all semesters.

<sup>1</sup> Contact the Registrar before registering for this course.

\*Proctored final exam