



President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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Good morning. On Friday, we welcomed the Augsburg Corporation Governing Board, comprised of representatives from ELCA congregations in the corporation's four synods. This annual meeting is a time when we can share conversations about Augsburg's vocation and about how we as a college can serve the needs of our congregational partners. This year, especially, we were pleased to share with the board the vision and programs of our Center for Faith and Learning as well as to introduce Marty Stortz, the new Bernhard Christensen Professor of Religion and Vocation.

One of the important annual duties of the Governing Board is to elect members of Augsburg's Board of Regents. This year the board elected four new members and re-elected three members to second terms.

Elected for first, four-year terms are:

- **Cynthia Jones '81**, Senior Advisor for Nuclear Security, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- **Toby Piper LaBelle '96**, Senior Vice President, Northland Securities
- **LaJune Thomas Lange '68**, Judge (retired), Fourth Judicial District of Minnesota
- **Rev. David Tiede**, Bernhard M. Christensen Professor Emeritus of Religion and Vocation; President Emeritus, Luther Seminary; Interim President, Wartburg Theological Seminary

Elected to second, four-year terms are:

- **Richard C. Hartnack**, Vice Chairman, Consumer Banking, U.S. Bancorp
- **André Lewis '73**, President (retired), RBC Dain Rauscher Foundation
- **Rev. Norman Wahl '75**, Executive Pastor, Bethel Lutheran Church, Rochester, Minn.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

G. Jeffrey MacDonald to speak in chapel on Wednesday

An award-winning journalist and ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, G. Jeffrey MacDonald is author of a new book, *Thieves in the Temple: The Christian Church and the Selling of the American Soul*, which he will present in chapel on Wednesday. The book addresses the growing orientation of the church towards consumerism; however, MacDonald sees Augsburg College as a sign of hope that Christian organizations can be market-sensitive and also challenge people to new levels of faith and social commitment. Augsburg is featured in this new book.

Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15–October 15 is celebrated as Hispanic Heritage Month. Last Thursday, Hispanic students and others joined the community celebration at Mercado Central to mark the bicentennial of Mexico's independence.

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KUDOS

Congratulations to the **new Scholastic Connections scholars** in 2010–11, who were introduced at the gala and dinner on Friday evening:

Daniela Bonilla, sophomore, social work

Rebecca Dickinson, sophomore, undecided

Kathy Forliti, sophomore, computer science and American Indian studies

Nicholas Hallberg, senior, marketing

Issei Kashima, sophomore, international relations

Ryan Norman, sophomore, undecided

Michael Orange, sophomore, accounting and business administration

Mai Choua (MC) Thao, junior, economics

Ana Vergara, sophomore, international relations

Kudos to **Patrice Salmeri** in StepUP, and their community partners for hosting the Spirituality Breakfast on Thursday as part of Recovery Month activities.

Kudos to **Janine Borchardt** and **Tom Carlton**, Public Safety, for the preparation and organization that made the sale of parking permits a smooth process this year, including filling all current car pool spaces.

Kudos to Professor **Ngoh-Tiong Tan**, Social Work (on leave), who was named a recipient of the Distinguished Leadership Award for Internationals by the University of Minnesota Office of International Programs, which recognizes alumni, former students, and friends of the University who have distinguished themselves as leaders in their professional careers.

Kudos to the four physics students who traveled with professors **Kevin Landmark** and **Ben Stottrup** to the Fourth Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium at North Dakota State University: **Nick Ward**, **Lance Kifer**, **Nathan Ly**, and **Trevor Rodriguez-Sotelo**. They all presented the results of their summer research on topics ranging from granular material and cockroaches to lipid membranes. Kevin Landmark gave a featured talk, "Iron Oxide Nanoparticles: Synthesis, Properties, and Biomedical Applications."

NOTABLE EVENTS for the week—for a complete listing of Augsburg events, go to the Calendar on Inside Augsburg at <http://inside.augsburg.edu>

Wednesday, Sept. 22

G. Jeffrey MacDonald, author of *Thieves in the Temple: The Christian Church and the Selling of the American Soul*

10:20–10:40 a.m., Hoversten Chapel

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Friday–Sunday, Sept. 24–26
WEC, graduate program classes

DAILY CHAPEL

M,W,F–10:20-10:40 a.m., Community Time following; T,Th–11:20-11:40 a.m.; Wed–9:09 p.m., Communion; Sat. (when weekend classes meet)—First Word Community Gathering, 7:30-7:50 a.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 21—Campus Ministry Commissioners

Wednesday, Sept. 22—G. Jeffrey MacDonald, author of *Thieves in the Temples: The Christian Church and the Selling of the American Soul*

Wednesday evening, 9:09 p.m.—Songs and communion, with Patricia Lull, affiliated pastor

Thursday, Sept. 23—Blessing of roommates and etc.

Friday, Sept. 24—Thelma Buckner and family, Gospel Praise

Saturday, Sept. 25—First Word Gathering, Judy Johnson, Assistant Director of Admissions, “Faith as Everyday Practice,” inspired by author Barbara Brown Taylor

Monday, Sept. 27—Mayor R.T. Rybak and the blessing of the bikes

Sports results and schedule—<http://athletics.augsburg.edu>

Have a great week!