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To: SLM Cornell Class of 2013

From: Barb Mann, Registrar

Re: March 9-11, 2012 Session

Topic: Church History

Faculty: Pastor Jon Gaul, St. Luke's UMC in Dubuque IA
Dr. Bruce Forbes, Professor of Religious Studies at Morningside College

Assignment:

Prior to class, please acquire, read and be prepared to discuss: The Christians: An Illustrated History by Tim Dowley, Lion Press, 2008. This book has two ISBN numbers. If you order from Cokesbury, please refer to ISBN #978-0-7459-5225-3. If you order from someplace else, you may need to also refer to ISBN #978-0-8254-6256-6. The book sells for \$24.99 at Cokesbury. This beautifully illustrated book is so attractive that you might want to put it on your coffee table, but it also summarizes the whole history of Christianity in 170 pages. That's not easy! We tried to find a book for you that is both brief and interesting and we hope you will like it.

In addition, you might want to know that Bruce Forbes, one of your two instructors, published a book for general readers called Christmas: A Candid History, by the University of California Press, ISBN #978-0-520-25104-5 \$29.95 hardcover; ISBN #978-0-520-25802-0 \$16.95 paperback. **This book is NOT a requirement for the course** but you might find it interesting and we will talk about the topic during our weekend. Neither of these books qualify for the discount.

Books are available from Cokesbury in Des Moines at 1-877-231-1594. Mention you are a student with the SLM and you will receive a 20% discount (if applicable) plus free shipping. To cut down on the cost of these books, be sure to check with your pastor, SLM graduates, Barnes & Noble or other bookstores, seminary libraries, public libraries, Amazon.com, etc.

Worship Leaders: Friday evening: **Allison Scheer**
Saturday evening: **Rita Shank**

Student-led worship is held at the end of the Friday and Saturday sessions. Plan to devote about 10 minutes to a favorite Bible passage, a Bible story, a personal experience and/or your own faith journey. Feel free to bring items along to help you create the ambience you want: boom box, cassettes, CD's, props. If you are unable to lead devotions on your specified evening or if you have not yet had the opportunity to lead, please find another class member to trade with.

Bring: Please bring: a) your favorite translation of the Bible, b) a hymnal and The Faith We Sing songbook if easily available and c) a journal or notebook for writing during reflective times.

Where: Cornell College, 600 First Street SW in the Commons/Student Center using Stockholm Berlin and Paris classrooms. You can check Cornell's website at www.cornellcollege.edu or www.mapquest.com for the location of the specific addresses if you are not acquainted with the Mt. Vernon area. A campus map is also posted on the SLM website.

Details: Registration is from 5 - 7 p.m. with a meal together on campus at 5:30 p.m. We close about 9:00 p.m. with worship. Sunday's final session will include communion during worship and you will be heading home by 11 am.

Money Matters: Tuition is \$120 per class for all students and covers the cost of speakers, facilities, handouts, Friday and Saturday dinners and Saturday lunch. You are responsible for costs associated with travel, lodging, books and breakfasts. *Make checks payable to the "Iowa Annual Conference"* and please pay when you register for your classes on Friday evenings.

Emergency: In case of emergency, a call may be placed to the Cornell Switchboard at 319-895-4499. Identify the School and indicate you are in the Student Center. They will get a message to the Dean for you. You may also want to leave information at your hotel.

Lodging: **Sleep Inn:** 310 Virgil Avenue / 319-895-0055. We have negotiated special student rates with Sleep Inn at \$76.55 per night for one king or two queens with a Continental breakfast. Please identify yourself as being with the School for Lay Ministry to receive this rate.

Palisades Road B&B: 902A Palisades Road, Mt. Vernon (1 block north of Hwy. 30) / 319-895-6155 (Joyce). Family room with walk out basement into yard; large bedroom with a double bed, single bed and pull out couch; breakfast each morning \$55/night for 2 people (adjusted for more).

Blyth Cottage Inn: 108 Bryant Court, Mt. Vernon (2 blocks from the western edge of Cornell) / 877-895-0188. Continental breakfast. Check out website for photos and information <http://www.pollyanns.com/indexinn.html>.

Bracket House B&B: 418 2nd St NW, Mt. Vernon / 319-895-4425. Different sized rooms with Cornell affiliated rates from \$62/night to \$77/night depending on number of people. Continental breakfast; closed in porches, sitting room, fire pit. <http://www.cornellcollege.edu/brackett-house/index.shtml>

Engelbrecht B&B: 117 7th Avenue NW, Mt. Vernon / 319-895-8895 Jackie/John. Located approx. 2 blocks from Cornell's Admissions Office (Wade House). 1 Q. room \$57.50; 3rd floor suite can sleep 3-4 people, \$67.50 for 2, \$7.50 each additional. Continental breakfast, parlor with TV, screened-in wrap around porch.

Mt. Vernon Motel: 353 Hwy. 30 SW, Mt. Vernon / 319-895-4039. \$55 for the first person, \$5 extra for each additional person (new rate). Check out their website for photos and Senior/Military discounts <http://www.mountvernonmotel.com/>. No continental breakfast; coffee shop with pastries next door.

****Be sure to double check the rates as they may have changed without our knowledge.**

We look forward to seeing you at our next session. Please contact Lynn or Barb if you have any questions.