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Annual Report 2010-2011



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President's Corner with Dr. James R. Hart

Dear Alumni, Students, Faculty, Staff, Board Members and Friends of IWS,

In October's issue of Worship Leader Magazine's "Best of the Best" edition, the publication cited IWS as "the industry standard for excellence and theological foundation." This honor recognizes the hard work, dedication and impact of the students, alumni, faculty, board and staff of IWS, as well as Bob Webber's vision and rich legacy in worship education. I count it a deep privilege to be a part of this critical ministry of worship education, and I continue to marvel at the work of God manifested in the impact the IWS community is having in the church and the academy. God's Kingdom is advancing through our community's advocacy for biblically, theologically and historically informed worship practices enlivened and infused by God's Spirit. IWS stands committed to fulfilling our God-given mission to form leaders in worship renewal.



In spite of continued worldwide economic difficulties, IWS has flourished. Enrollment remains high. June saw our highest worship seminar attendance, with an attendance that exceeded previous seminars by over 50%. Alumni participation in giving doubled this year, and overall dollars donated to IWS increased by 27%! Our new intercessory prayer team has had the privilege of praying for many in the IWS community, and the answered prayers continue to flood in. We have kept a conservative budget and finished fiscal year 2011 with an increase in net assets. During June's graduation, 38 students received their diplomas and welcomed the charge to serve the Kingdom of God through renewed worship. God's grace and favor have been evident at IWS through the impact our graduates, faculty and students have in influencing worship renewal all over the world. Please take a moment to read in this annual report just a few alumni stories of how IWS is having impact across the globe.

The ongoing fulfillment of our mission is truly a team effort, a team that includes each of you. Many in the IWS community have taken their places in their support of our mission by investments of time, talent, treasure and prayer. We want to continue responding to the challenge of fulfilling God's purposes for IWS. Therefore, we are setting the 2011-2012 Annual Fund goal at \$100,000 and the Scholarship/Grant Fund goal at \$40,000. We are relying on your generosity toward God and your prayers to continue building the foundation we need for a secure future. Your gifts will be wisely invested in our students and the mission of our beloved institute.

My wife, Carol, and I would like to invite you to participate with us sacrificially and joyfully in this mission of spiritual transformation through renewed and enlivened worship. As Galatians 6:6 states: "One who is taught the Word must share all good things with the one who teaches." IWS is good ground into which you may sow your seed of spiritual and financial generosity toward God. Dr. Robert Stamps, the June 2011 Worship Seminar speaker at IWS, recently wrote, "To be part of this worshipping academic community is to witness first hand 'the human mind being taught to worship and the human heart being taught to think!' What a delight for my wife and I to be committed partners with this vital ministry to The Church of Jesus Christ!"

Please support the ongoing mission of IWS through your prayers and gifts. Our goal for this drive is to have full participation from the entire IWS family and friends. No gift is too small. It takes all of us to share in this great mission of God. Together let us thankfully, joyfully and generously support the Lord's work in and through IWS.

Grace and Peace to you,

James R. Hart, President

A Message from the Chairman of the Board, Dr. John Lindsell



Dear Friends of IWS,

Thank you for your gift support for the ministry of IWS! We truly appreciate that you stand shoulder to shoulder with us as we prepare our students to enlarge their ministry in the local church, serving Christ and His kingdom.

What a privilege to build on the foundation laid by Robert Webber and his powerful vision for a graduate program in worship studies! IWS is a truly unique graduate institution, combining academics with a vibrant sense of community. For two weeks each year, our students learn together, study together, pray together, eat and fellowship together, and worship together. The sense of community is palpable!

Giving this year was at an all-time high, with approximately \$140,000 donated. Our president and his staff are to be commended for their leadership in this important aspect of IWS.

Again, thank you for your support of IWS. Keep the school—the faculty, staff, and students—in your prayers. And keep partnering with us so that IWS can maintain this vital and vibrant educational ministry.

With thanksgiving,

John H. Lindsell
Chair, Board of Trustees

June 2011 Graduating Class



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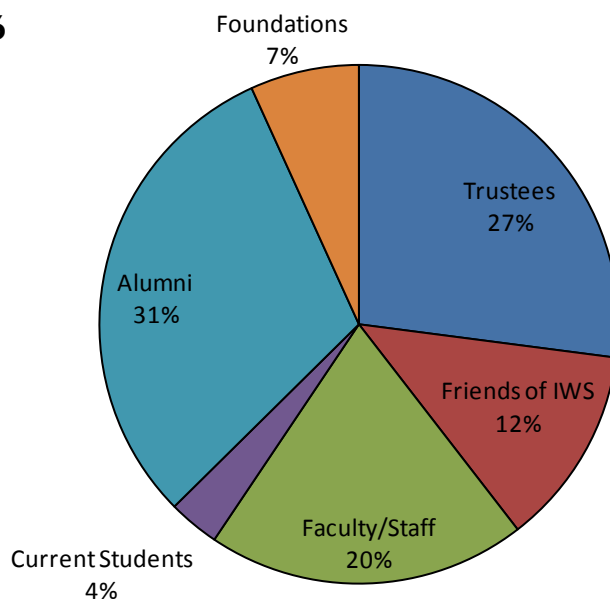
Endowment Fund: \$141.00

Scholarship Funds: \$32,109.00

Library Fund: \$25.00

2010 - 2011 Giving by Donor Groups

Trustees:	\$37,872.90
Friends of IWS:	\$17,445.00
Faculty/Staff:	\$27,839.18
Current Students:	\$4,462.82
Alumni:	\$42,852.56
Foundations:	\$9,500.00



Launching the 2011 - 2012 Annual Fund



Dear Board Members, Alumni, Students, and Friends of IWS:

The doctoral program at IWS was a life-changing process for me. IWS reframed my understanding and approach to worship of our Almighty God, and the memories of the joyful times at the IWS sessions will always be precious to me. I continue to be grateful for the vision and faith of Bob Webber in creating this institute as well as for the continuing leadership and commitment of the faculty and the staff. Consequently, I am honored to write this letter encouraging all of us not only to continue, but to increase our support for the Institute for Worship Studies. My time as a student at IWS was one of the most marvelous and meaningful, yet challenging, times in my life.

N. T. Wright in his book Surprised by Hope states that "One of the primary laws of human life is that you become like what you worship; what's more, you *reflect* what you worship not only back to the object itself but also outward to the world around." I believe that IWS teaches us to worship Christ more fully and in doing so enables us to better reach out in love to the world around us.

Please join me in supporting the Institute for Worship Studies by contributing to the Annual Fund for 2012.

Very truly yours,

Karen K. Carpenter, D.W.S.
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IWS Advancing the Kingdom Across the Globe

During 2010 - 2011, IWS students represented over 25 different denominations with 83% of our students coming from the United States, 8% from Canada, 6% from South East Asia, and less than 1% each from Russia, Australia and Europe. Here are a few comments we have received from our students and alumni from across the globe relating the impact IWS has had on their lives and their ministries:



From Connie Stella, current MWS student, Church of the Resurrection, Kansas City, Missouri

IWS has been transformative for me on multiple levels. The Master's Degree work at IWS has equipped me to do my job with real depth of understanding and knowledge. As a result, my colleagues and I have become much more focused on right worship. We have developed principles for worship, reshaped our worship planning process, and we are creating new ways to evaluate our worship. We are studying worship together, talking about what worship in our community should be, experiencing renewal in our ministry and in our own lives.

Nearly every aspect of our worship has been influenced in some way by IWS. Now I can't imagine serving in worship without having had the IWS experience. The impact of IWS extends beyond my own congregation. My church is a leader in our denomination, working to renew Methodist churches. As I speak and teach and talk with pastors and other worship leaders, their worship is shaped by IWS, too. Finally, my own journey with Christ, and I hope my very heart, is being transformed as I learn and grow in the amazing fellowship of faculty and students at IWS. I'm grateful every day to have the opportunity to be part of this extraordinary community, which has strengthened and nurtured me as a leader in worship, and as a worshipper of the risen Lord.



From Philip Chan, DWS 2005, Hong Kong Baptist Church, Hong Kong

I am now serving as pastor at a Baptist Church with an active congregation of 2600. One of my major responsibilities at church is planning and leading worship. **The DWS program not only equipped me to act as a pastor in worship, but also provided me a solid education to become one of the key persons in the area of music and worship among Chinese churches around the world.**



From Perry Chow, DWS 2007, ShauKeiWan Swatow Baptist Church, ShauKeiWan, Hong Kong

May of 2011, **five IWS alumni** (Philip Chan, Calvin Lam, Teresa Ho, Sylvia Ooi, Perry Chow) were involved in coordinating the International Worship Symposium with the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and the Alliance Bible Seminary. More than 650 people representing 110 denominations from USA, Canada, Indonesia, Singapore, China and Hong Kong gathered together to worship and learn. **The training from IWS has helped me to teach more effectively on worship. My church's worship service was re-shaped to become more Biblical and God-centered.** After returning to Hong Kong in 2008, God has given me the opportunity to teach on the theology of worship at the Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary each year.



From Janie Blough, MWS 2006, current DWS candidate, Mennonite Mission Network, Saint Maurice, France

I was ordained as worship minister in the Chatenay-Malabry Mennonite Church on October 2, 2011. It is interesting to note that such a position is unique, as this is the only Mennonite church in France with such a position. In fact, it is a first in that congregation, as well. **Such recognition reflects the mine of information, education and worship praxis to be found in the overreaching program of IWS.**



From Nancy Nethercott, DWS 2006, The Evangelical Alliance Mission, Tokyo, Japan

It has been a privilege to live and minister in Japan with my husband since 1987. The first 15 years I was involved in planning and leading worship services while planting several churches. Those years gave me great experience, **but IWS gave me the depth and breadth of understanding of worship and the tools I needed not only to make meaningful changes in what I did in ministry, but also to help others here in Japan.** Besides being a part of a local church's worship ministry through music and Scripture reading, my main ministry now is working with churches around Japan and parts of Asia through worship workshops with Japanese co-workers. **Having specialized training in the area of worship and a doctorate in that area has opened doors in churches representing more than 10 different denominations.** I LOVE what I do and am thrilled to see God work in the lives of Japanese people as they grow in their understanding of worship and meaningfully contextualize and apply Biblical principles of worship for the Glory of God and the renewal of His Church.

The Year That Was ~ 2010 - 2011

JULY 2010

- Although still teaching at IWS, Dr. Eric Bolger steps down as the Academic Dean.
- IWS warmly welcomes Dr. Andrew Hill as the Academic Dean.
- IWS warmly welcomes Sylvia Donaldson as the Assistant to the Controller.

AUGUST 2010

- IWS faculty member The Rev'd Dr. Greg Wilde is ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church.

OCTOBER 2010

- IWS Board Member Mrs. Janet Carlson passes away unexpectedly.
- IWS warmly welcomes Dr. Steve Huntley as the Director of Assessment and Planning.
- Dr. Jim and Mrs. Carol Hart begin monthly Community Intercessors Prayer Group at the IWS office.

NOVEMBER 2010

- IWS staff is selected to participate in the five-day Reinhold Foundation Non Profit Management Team Development Program.

DECEMBER 2010

- IWS hosts the first annual Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols Service at Orange Park Presbyterian Church.
- IWS says goodbye to Administrative Assistant for Advancement Sally Finn.

JANUARY 2011

- The Eleventh Anniversary Opening Convocation features Dr. Lester Ruth as the preacher.
- Dr. Don Davis is the featured speaker at the Worship/Alumni Seminar.
- President's Advisory Council for Excellence (PACE) has breakfast meeting.
- Board of Trustees elects Dr. David Neff to seat on the board.
- IWS warmly welcomes Paul Neeley, Ethnomusicologist, as visiting professor for MWS 504.

FEBRUARY 2011

- IWS staff participates in the five-day Reinhold Foundation Non Profit Management Team Development Program.
- IWS staff attends the annual ABHE conference and participates in the Certified Stewardship Program and the Certified Enrollment Professional Program.

APRIL 2011

- IWS Director of Distance Learning Technology Sam Horowitz and DWS alumnus Dr. Jay Wright are ordained to the Anglican priesthood.

JUNE 2011

- Drs. Jerry and Doris Borchert retire from faculty; IWS names them as Professors Emeriti.
- Dr. Luder Whitlock is names Justice Emeritus

- The Twelfth Anniversary Opening Convocation features Dr. Jack Van Marion as the preacher.

- Worship Seminar speaker Dr. Bob Stamps delivers the Commencement sermon.

- IWS celebrates 38 new graduates in the 9th annual Commencement, our second largest graduating class to date.

- President's Advisory Council for Excellence (PACE) and Board of Trustees convene for first joint meeting.

- IWS reaches its initial goal of 10,000 catalogued volumes in the library.

- Summer Worship/Alumni Seminar features Dr. Bob Stamps and Mrs. Ellen Stamps.

- Board of Trustees elects Mr. David Witt and Dr. Jerry Borchert to seats on the board.



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2010-2011 Special Guests



Dr. Don Davis led a phenomenal January 2011 Worship Seminar. He is the Founder and Director of World Impact's Urban Ministry Institute, a research and training center dedicated to equipping leadership for the urban church, especially among those most needy. Dr. Davis spoke on *Sacred Roots: Retrieving the Great Tradition in the Contemporary Church*.



Carl Park has joined the IWS faculty as a visiting professor in MWS 503, Spirituality in a Post-Modern World. Carl is a PhD candidate at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, a member of the Editorial Board of *Trinity Journal*, and on the pastoral staff at Calvary English Chapel. Carl is a tremendous addition to the MWS faculty and the IWS community.



IWS is pleased to have Paul Neeley as a visiting professor in MWS 504, Cross-Cultural Perspectives in Christian Worship. Paul is a respected ethnomusicologist and President of the International Council of Ethnodoxologists. In his two sessions with us, he has made a significant impact on the entire IWS community.



Dr. Bob and Mrs. Ellen Stamps led an outstanding June 2011 Worship Seminar. Bob is the Visiting Professor of Worship and Dean of the Chapel at Asbury Theological Seminary and Ellen was the longtime assistant to Corrie ten Boom. Bob and Ellen spoke on *A Sacramental Journey: Remembering Jesus Christ, Risen from the Dead*. This was our highest attendance to date at a seminar.

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