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forms servant leaders  
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## President's Corner with Dr. James R. Hart

Dear Alumni, Students, Faculty, Staff, Trustees and Friends of IWS,

The abundant blessing of God continues to be evident through the worldwide impact of the entire IWS community, and for that we are truly grateful. Over half a million people around the globe have been directly influenced by the ministries of IWS alumni, students, faculty, trustees and staff. 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.



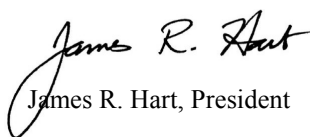
Speaking at IWS this June, Dr. Chris Hall, renowned author and Chancellor of Eastern University stated, "The Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies is a unique, beautiful model for theological education and spiritual formation. At the Institute, as the church fathers emphasized, all study begins and ends within the beauty of worship. Not only so, but the Institute provides an innovative curriculum and accessible delivery model that students will find highly attractive."

In 2011-12, IWS saw the strongest enrollment in its 13-year history. IWS' reach has extended into new countries of Myanmar, Indonesia, Korea, Poland, Russia, and this coming semester, Pakistan. Overall giving to IWS increased by more than 20%, and we ended the fiscal year with a budget reserve of 3%. Our intercessory prayer team has had the privilege of praying for hundreds in the IWS community, and the answered prayers continue to flood in. During June's graduation, 28 students received their diplomas and welcomed the charge to serve the Kingdom of God through renewed worship. God's grace and favor have truly been evident at IWS! Please take a moment to read in this annual report just a few stories of how IWS is having impact across the globe.

The ongoing fulfillment of our mission is truly a team effort, a team that must include 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, and we are deeply grateful. 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. Together let us all 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 IWS Family and Friends,

I am so grateful for your willingness to support IWS as we continue to build and strengthen this young institution. I know there are many, many other fine institutions that are vying for your attention these days—we appreciate that you are standing with IWS.

What a great mission we have—helping to theologically prepare worship leaders to do their jobs better for the rest of their careers. Our impact is large and worldwide!

So please continue to pray for us, to come back for special events sponsored by IWS, and to give as you are able. May God continue to richly bless you!

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John H. Lindsell".

John H. Lindsell, Ed.D.  
Chair, Board of Trustees

## Congratulations 2012 Graduates



## Legacy Giving

We encourage all those in the IWS community to employ long-term estate planning to maximize your legacy to your loved ones and to your charitable interests. We also strongly urge you to seriously consider IWS as one of your *priority* charitable interests. While the annual support of the IWS community is absolutely crucial to the fulfillment of our sustainable mission, deferred support like estate planning can leave a Kingdom legacy with an impact that spans multiple generations. This kind of gift is often the single most significant act of generosity toward God that most of us will ever perform.

Please contact Jim Hart at 800-282-2977 or at [President@iws.edu](mailto:President@iws.edu) for additional information on Legacy Giving.

## Why We Support IWS

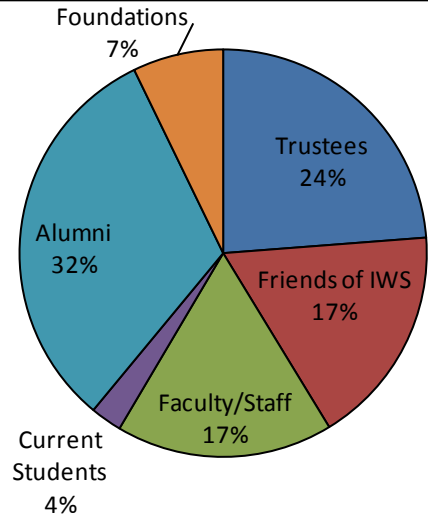
My wife and I chose to support IWS in our estate planning for several reasons, not the least of which being our belief in the school. My seminary education having been sorely lacking in worship studies, IWS offered exactly what I was looking for. And much more. The community, support, challenge and camaraderie have continued to bless me beyond my time as a student and we want to see that type of educational experience continue for generations to come. We encourage others to remember IWS in their estate planning.

The Rev'd Dr. Dyton Owen  
Pastor, First United Methodist Church  
Chanute, Kansas  
DWS Alumnus Kappa/2009



## 2011-2012 Donations Total: \$167,421.06

IWS Annual Fund: \$130,495.06  
 Scholarship Funds: \$36,866.00  
 Endowment Fund: \$30.00  
 Library Fund: \$30.00



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Alumni:	\$53,118.50
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Faculty/Staff:	\$28,959.91
Foundations:	\$12,100.00
Current Students:	\$4,189.00

## Launching the 2012 - 2013 IWS Fund

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

Robert E. Webber, God's chosen voice, visionary and founder of IWS, was an extremely gifted *servant leader*, whose enthusiasm permeates this unique **Institute for Worship Studies**. I had the privilege of meeting Dr. Webber as a colleague during a meeting of the *North American Academy of Liturgy*. This was the beginning of my endorsement and participation in the vision of IWS! I served first as a teacher in his first educational Institute, and continue now as an IWS financial supporter and Trustee.



Dr. Webber's vision continues in **The Institute for Worship Studies**. It also illumined a community of faith in Baltimore, MD in October, 2012, as one of our female graduates was graciously and unanimously received, and ordained by her denomination as their first official Liturgical and Music Leader in the denomination! She is among the many highly qualified IWS graduates, because of the fantastic leadership of our President, Jim Hart, and our highly qualified faculty, supported by the financial gifts that we receive throughout the year!

Similar events will occur as long as we can be assured of the continuing support of IWS with prayers and financial gifts. We encourage you to continue your support – or to join us in this endeavor as a new supporter!!

With Love and Gratitude,  
 Melva W. Costen, PhD  
 IWS Board of Trustees  
 Helmar Emil Nielsen, Professor *Emerita*, Interdenominational Theological Center

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## IWS Advancing the Kingdom Across the Globe

During 2011- 2012, IWS students represented over 31 different denominations with 80% of our students coming from the United States, 8% from Canada, 7% from Southeast Asia, and 3% 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 Frank Fortunato, D.W.S. Candidate, International Music Consultant, Operation Mobilization, Atlanta, GA

*My involvement at IWS has been one of the most life-changing experiences over the last forty years in ministry. Little did I realize how God would be reshaping my entire understanding. It feels like a makeover, like much of my spiritual DNA is being recoded.*



From Dr. Teresa Ho, D.W.S. Alumna, Professor at Alliance Bible Seminary, Hong Kong

*[Mainland] Chinese people eagerly thirst for God's word and treasure very much the opportunity to praise and worship. My prayer is that God will raise Christian leaders who have the zeal to serve in China through preaching, teaching, worship and church music, as I learned at IWS, and contextualize it in our own setting."*



From Jeff Vogan, D.W.S. Student, Director Of Worship and Music, Willow Creek Church, Winter Springs, FL

*I've been a worship leader for over twenty years now, but the things I've learned in the last two years at the Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies have really been life changing. One of the first major shifts in thinking about corporate worship has been to see it as a divine conversation between God and his covenant people. This shift in thinking from a program approach to a more dialogical understanding has led us to restructure our worship service to more closely follow the ancient fourfold pattern. Having seen what God has accomplished in just two years, I'm joyfully confident that he will continue to reform and renew worship at Willow Creek Church for his glory.*



From Blane Brazier, M.W.S. Alumnus, Chaplain, Odyssey Hospice, Dallas, TX

*My experience at IWS has formed me in many ways to be a person open to the mystery of the Spirit and the work of the Kingdom. I have the privilege of working in an ecumenical environment as a hospice pastor and IWS prepared me for this. I get to honor many stories within the Story as I provide meaningful ceremonies for mourners. This institution has great insight for all seeking a deeper inner life that turns outward as well as upward.*



From Dr. Daniel Longhin, D.W.S. Alumnus, Pastor of Worship, Calvary Church of Wayland, MI

*IWS has literally changed my life. Since I went through the doctoral program at IWS, my purpose for living became more heavenward and less earth bound. My main desire is to worship God and bring glory to His name in all that I do. I am able to teach the congregation every Sunday as I carefully plan and execute the worship service. It has been a thrilling experience to see people's positive reaction. The church in Latin America has a special place in our hearts, since my wife and I spent five years as missionaries in Argentina. It is a privilege to participate in the forming of the next generation of worship leaders and teachers in the Spanish speaking world.*

## The Year That Was 2011 - 2012

### SEPTEMBER 2011

-Dr. Jim Hart and Dr. John Lindsell attend ABHE Leadership Development Conference on Board Governance

### OCTOBER 2011

-Mr. Brad Layland of The FOCUS Group completes IWS Advancement Audit  
-IWS is named "Best of the Best" by *Worship Leader Magazine* for the second time. IWS is cited as being "the industry standard for excellence and theological foundation."

### NOVEMBER 2011

-Rev'd Dr. Tim Roberts rotates off of Board of Trustees

### DECEMBER 2011

-IWS Hosts 2nd Annual Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols Service at Orange Park Presbyterian Church  
-IWS receives Reinhold Foundation grant for Leadership Development Initiative

### JANUARY 2012

-Dr. Reggie Kidd delivers the sermon at Opening Convocation  
-Dr. Gerald Borchert and Mr. David Witt are welcomed as newest members of the IWS Board of Trustees  
-Dr. Chuck Fromm leads the January Worship Seminar  
-Rev'd Kurt and Mrs. Cathleen Dunkle welcome the IWS Board, Faculty and Staff to their home for a reception  
-President's Advisory Council for Excellence (PACE) holds joint meeting with IWS Board of Trustees during academic session  
-IWS Librarian Monica Watts is blessed with the birth of baby girl, Isabel Simone Watts

### FEBRUARY 2012

-IWS attends annual ABHE Annual Conference  
-IWS participates in Reinhold Foundation "Successful Fundraising and Development Program"  
-IWS bids farewell to retiring Administrative Support Specialist, Sydney Ashmead  
-IWS welcomes Dianna Andrews as the new Administrative Support Coordinator

### MARCH 2012

-IWS and Grace Episcopal Church host IWS alumnus Tony McNeill and the Appalachian State University Gospel Choir during their Spring Concert Tour  
-IWS bids farewell to Controller Lea Montgomery

### APRIL 2012

-IWS welcomes Tracie Harley as the new Controller  
-Longtime Staff Member Laura Ritter says goodbye to IWS to spend more time with family and friends



### MAY 2012

-Mark Murray is named IWS' first Director of Enrollment Management  
-Mark and Courtney Murray welcome their first child, Abraham David Murray  
-IWS welcomes Ken Polsley as Library Assistant  
-IWS holds 2nd Host Family Appreciation Dinner  
-Jim Hart travels to India and begins exploration of IWS expansion into South Asia  
-IWS welcomes Carol Sittema as the Interim Library Director

### JUNE 2012

-Dr. Eric Bolger delivers the sermon at Opening Convocation  
-IWS celebrates with 28 new graduates, bringing our total number of alumni to 331!  
-Dr. Chris Hall is the guest preacher for Commencement and leads the June Worship Seminar  
-IWS first graduating class celebrates 10 year reunion  
-IWS welcomes Keith Thompson to the on campus session technical/sound staff  
-IWS campus hosts 1st Annual Ancient Future Faith Network Gathering led by IWS alumnus Dr. Chris Alford  
-IWS Faculty holds Annual Retreat on campus  
-IWS holds Worship Retreat/Conference at Canterbury Retreat Center outside of Orlando, FL  
-IWS congratulates Director of Distance Learning, Rev'd Sam Horowitz, called as Senior Pastor of Christ our Lord Anglican Church in Woodbridge, VA. We are pleased that Sam remains on staff of IWS!

Thank You! 2012-2013 Annual Fund Chairs:

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## 2011-2012 Special Guests



Dr. Chuck Fromm, publisher of *Worship Leader Magazine*, *Song DIScovery*, and *The Worshiper Magazine*. led the January Worship Seminar on *Communication Theory and its Application for Worship in the Church*. "Dr. Fromm is a fascinating man who digs far below one's superficial understanding of how we communicate our faith in order to understand the impact of the various means of communication on the message and the importance of staying abreast of current trends in transmitting and sharing the story of God," commented one seminar attendee.



Dr. Chris Hall, Dean of Palmer Theological Seminary, Chancellor and Professor of Biblical and Theological Studies, Eastern University led the June Worship Seminar on *Worshiping with the Church Fathers*. One attendee said, "I appreciate the intimate learning atmosphere that Chris Hall created. He was able to open many insights into the Church Fathers, which was very helpful both for the information and for personal application." This was our largest worship seminar to date and Dr. Hall's presentation was enthusiastically received.



IWS was pleased to have Dr. Jimmie Abbington back with us during the June 2012 session, team teaching the Master of Worship Studies course *Cross-Cultural Perspectives in Christian Worship* with Paul Neely. Dr. Abbington is an Associate Professor of Church Music and Worship at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University and serves as executive editor of the African American Church Music Series by GIA Publications.



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