



THE ROBERT E. WEBBER INSTITUTE FOR WORSHIP STUDIES

Annual Report 2013

IWS MISSION STATEMENT

*The Institute for
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forms servant leaders
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renewal and
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President's Corner with Dr. James R. Hart

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

I am thrilled to report that during this past fiscal year IWS has reached new pinnacles in worldwide impact through expanded outreach, record enrollment and the strongest giving levels in history. Thanks be to God for his abundant blessing made evident throughout the entire IWS community. As I wrote last year, over half a million people around the globe are being directly influenced weekly by the ministries of IWS alumni, students, faculty, trustees and staff. The reputation of IWS is steadily growing worldwide while remaining rooted in the theological perspectives, relational sensibilities and pedagogical philosophy of its founder, Bob Webber. I count it a deep privilege to be a part of this critical ministry of worship education. I continue to marvel at the work of God manifested in the impact the IWS community is having in both the church and the academy. IWS stands committed to fulfilling our mission to form servant leaders in worship renewal.



Dinelle Frankland, IWS alumna and Academic Dean at Lincoln Christian Seminary, recently wrote, "The excellent education I received at IWS, coupled with the spiritually formative nature of the sessions, continues to impact my life every day. I am grateful for the wisdom and accessibility of the professors as well as the invaluable lessons I learned from fellow students. My ability to teach and to mentor students is a direct result of being stretched in my own understanding of worship by my IWS experience."

In 2012-13, IWS enjoyed the strongest enrollment in its 14-year history. IWS' reach has extended into new countries of Pakistan, Norway and Mexico. Overall giving to IWS increased by more than 11%, and we ended the fiscal year with a modest budget reserve. During June's graduation, 40 students received their diplomas and embraced the commission 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 how IWS alumni are having an 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, 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 are 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
James R. Hart, President

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

Dear IWS Family and Friends,

Thanks be to God for the many friends He has provided who have come alongside IWS as the Institute continues to serve His church. Each session that I am on campus I am again reminded of the wonderful work God is doing here in the lives of our students. Bob Webber's vision of a school focused on the theology of worship, embedded in a local church and in community, is palpable. It is particularly evident as we gather together for common meals, engaging one another and fellowshiping together, or when we join together in worship each morning in the sanctuary.



So once again I thank each of you who have supported our ministry here at IWS. Your gifts are having a worldwide impact as worship leaders are sent back to their home churches, applying what they have learned. IWS is truly having an impact on the lives of thousands of God's children around the globe and you make that possible. Again, thanks be to God.



In His service,

John H. Lindsell, Ed.D.
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- Automatic Monthly Giving
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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 call the IWS office at 800-282-2977 for more information on any of these ways to support IWS, or mail your gift to: IWS, 151 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073.

2012-2013 Total Donations: \$186,391

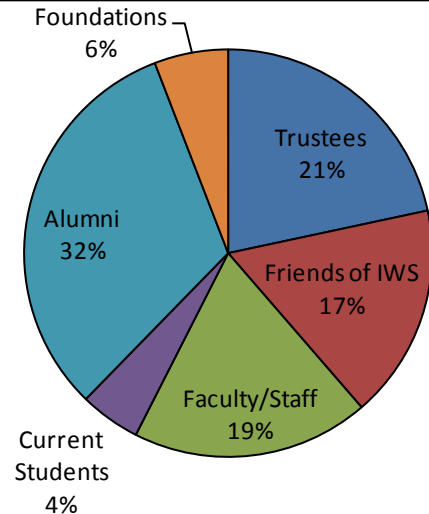
IWS Annual Fund: \$133,685

Restricted Funds*: \$52,706

(* includes Scholarship, Endowment, Library Funds)

2012 - 2013 Cash Gifts by Major Donor Groups

Alumni:	\$57,318.00
Trustees:	\$39,050.00
Faculty/Staff:	\$34,066.00
Friends of IWS:	\$30,567.00
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Current Students:	\$8,690.00



Launching the 2013 - 2014 IWS Fund

Dear Alumni, Students, Friends, Faculty, Administration and Fellow Trustees:

I have been thinking about The Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies (IWS) and reflecting on our task. The task before us has always been immense and the fact that the school is *really* making an impact in our world is one of the miracles of God.

By human reasoning, the dream of Robert Webber that initiated this school should not work. Yet it continues to drive all of us. It is also the reason that God has brought to this school students from such great variety of Christian families of faith and why God makes it possible for this school to thrive.

IWS is in a no-man's land as far as a specific constituency is concerned. It is not high church, nor low-church, although there are pressures both ways within it. It is not a denominational school, nor can one identify it by its denominational orientation. When you look at the faculty and the student body, it is difficult to discern who we are, except that we are Christian from a large scattering of faith families. We may be functioning in several church facilities, but a very high percentage of our students are from other denominations such as Baptist and historically free-church traditions. We are Christian and our basic statement is the Apostle's Creed. That Confession is simply Christian. But in a Western world that thinks not holistically but by differentiation, the simple unifying idea of Christian is not very popular. Yet to be Christian is what most of us actually desire as followers of Jesus. It may be simple, but it is the dream and the real goal of Christianity.

How does one raise money for a school on that basis? Why would a potential donor want to give to IWS? Here is a very real question!

A brochure can hardly represent this school called The Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies. But bring a person to an IWS session and then that person can understand the dream and may be willing to provide support. IWS needs to be experienced, not described, in order to discover its uniqueness and its authenticity. IWS really works as a school and it is a marvelous example of what a Christian Learning Community can be like.

That is the reason I, as a former faculty member and now a member of the Board, am willing to give to IWS. Please join me in giving to IWS as we celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the school which fills many of my deepest expectations. It is not perfect, but it comes closest to my dream of what I would hope a Christian school of higher education would represent.

Cordially in Christ,
Gerald L. Borchert, PhD.



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In Memoriam

S. Bryan Jennings, Jr. 1921-2013

Long time IWS Host Home family member Bryan Jennings passed away on July 1, 2013. Mr. Jennings and his wife Marty began hosting IWS students in the quaint cottage on their river front property in 2002. Even after Marty's passing in 2005, Bryan continued to welcome students to his cottage every January and June session, frequently stocking the refrigerator with essentials and taking students out to dinner. An Air Force war hero, Mr. Jennings was a longtime member of Grace Episcopal Church and an active member of the Clay County community, particularly involved with the Orange Park Rotary Club, the Salvation Army, and the Personal Energy Transportation Project (www.petflorida.org). He will be deeply missed by IWS and the Orange Park community.



IWS Advancing the Kingdom Across the Globe

During 2012-2013, IWS students represented over 40 different denominations with 128 of our students coming from the United States, 10 from Canada, 16 from Southeast Asia, 3 from Europe, 2 from Australia and 1 from Pakistan. Here are a few stories of the impact IWS has had on the lives and ministries of our students and alumni around the world.



Kenny Wallace, DWS Student

Director, Kingdom Reflections Multi-Ethnic Worship Ministries, Winston Salem, NC

"Through God's blessing, my wife Achlāi and I started a worship ministry several years ago called Kingdom Reflections Multi-Ethnic Worship Ministries. We teach, train, and model what it means to reflect the kingdom of God here on earth as we worship with all tribes, tongues, and nations. This year God has opened many doors of opportunity for us to serve as Kingdom Reflections around the world. The week of Easter, we were invited to serve with the People's Church of God Ministries in L'Artibonite, Haiti. We sang, preached, and even baptized (my first as an ordained pastor) in that beautiful country. Not a month later we were serving World Harvest Mission in Islantilla, Spain alongside World Music Mission. We blessed their missionaries from around the world by leading musical worship in English, their heart language. Currently, my wife and I are serving in Montreal, Quebec. So far we have preached the word, led musical worship, and soon will be training young leaders. All said and done, I feel that as I have been faithful in pursuing education toward renewed worship, God has blessed our ministry extremely to carry it out in so many different contexts. I look forward to the next stage of this journey with IWS."

Dr. KaiTon Chau, DWS '11

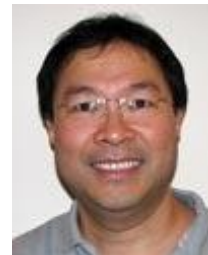
Kuyper College, Grand Rapids, MI

Dr. Khiet Lin, DWS '13

Newmarket Chinese Alliance Church, Newmarket, Ontario

Mr. Michael Wong, MWS '13

Mississauga Chinese Alliance Church, Mississauga, Ontario



This past summer three IWS alumni participated in a Worship Conference in Toronto, Canada, presented by Christian Communications (Canada), a Chinese Christian publisher and a multifaceted, worldwide community outreach organization. The event was attended by around 120 enthusiastic participants from a wide spectrum of denominations. Michael Wong was the main worship leader for the two worship services, and he and his wife Maggie led one of the workshops on *The Meaning of Worship Liturgy*. Khiet Lin led a workshop on *The Role of Music in Worship* and was the accompanist for the worship services. Kai Ton Chau presented the keynote address on "Worthy is the Lamb" and led a discussion workshop on *The Foundations of Christian Worship*. They were encouraged by the response as many commented that they started to understand worship and wanted to learn more. So it is quite possible that there will be similar events in the future -- and possibly conducted in Mandarin Chinese. KaiTon commented, "IWS played an important part in our own growth in the understanding and practice of worship. We are glad that we can be the Lord's instrument in sharing our vision and learning."



Dr. Ouida Harding, DWS '13

Instructor, New York Theological Seminary, New York, NY; Minister for Music of Worship, Greater Harvest Baptist Church Baltimore, MD

"I was invited to lecture at the prestigious Hampton University Ministers' Conference for their 99th annual gathering in the Church Development and Leadership Academy (CDLA). This is the largest gathering of African American ministers in the United States. This year's theme, *Revisiting the Call*, gave me the opportunity to share my views to remedy problems associated with the minister of music position, especially in the Black Baptist Church, during my lecture *The Minister of Music: Authentication for Leadership in the 21st Century*." Ouida is also excited to be sharing her message and ministry with the people of Korea during an upcoming trip.

Dr. Michael Dennis, DWS '12

Assistant Professor of Church Music at Indiana Wesleyan University

"The rich intellectual development, personal growth, and the graciousness of the excellent faculty at IWS have made an eternal impression on me. Consequently, those to whom I minister have been impacted and the renewal in worship continues to capture more hearts in the wonder of Jesus. Praise God for Dr. Webber's vision in worship education and for the lasting impact of IWS for the sake of the Kingdom." Michael recently transitioned from Worship Pastor of Christ Wesleyan Church in Milton, PA, to Assistant Professor of Church Music at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, IN.



The Year That Was 2012 - 2013

JULY 2012

- Frank Fortunato named Missional Relations Coordinator
- Jim Hart and DWS student David Suum recruit at National Worship Leaders Conference in Kansas City

SEPTEMBER 2012

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

NOVEMBER 2012

- IWS recruits at ACNA Synod at Church of the Redeemer, Jacksonville, FL

DECEMBER 2012

- IWS hosts 3rd Annual Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols Service at Orange Park Presbyterian Church
- IWS receives Reinhold Foundation grant for Leadership Development Initiative

JANUARY 2013

- Dr. Keith Ray delivers the sermon at Opening Convocation
- Dr. Gordon Smith leads the January Worship Seminar
- IWS recruits Calvin Symposium on Worship, Grand Rapids, MI

- President's Advisory Council for Excellence (PACE) holds joint meeting with IWS Board of Trustees during academic session

FEBRUARY 2013

- IWS attends annual ABHE Annual Conference, Orlando, FL
- IWS staff participate in Reinhold Foundation funded Professional Development courses

MARCH 2013

- IWS Alumnus Dr. Mike Wiebe (Delta '04) passes away

APRIL 2013

- Jim Hart attends and leads worship for Council for Christian Colleges & Universities Conference, Asheville, NC
- Jim Hart speaks at Johnson University Chapel, Knoxville, TN
- IWS receives grant from Chapel by the Sea, Mayport, FL
- IWS receives grant from Religious Offering Fund, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, FL
- DWS Professor Carla Waterman resigns faculty position to devote more time to other ministries

- Jim Hart, Frank Fortunato and PACE Members Alicia Ford-Burse and Dennis Andrews lead classes and a panel discussion at Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Conference, Jacksonville, FL

MAY 2013

- Frank Fortunato represents IWS at Lausanne/World Evangelical Alliance Conference, Dallas, TX

JUNE 2013

- IWS hosts Global Consultant and Missionary Care Leader Dr. Rajendran Krishnasamy
- Dr. Vaughn CroweTipton delivers the sermon at Opening Convocation
- IWS celebrates with 40 new graduates, bringing our total number of alumni to 371!
- Bishop John Howe delivers the Commencement address
- IWS hosts *Koinonia*, an Evening of Fellowship
- Dr. Len Sweet leads June Worship Seminar
- AFFN holds annual conference in PA in conjunction with the Robert E. Webber Center for an Ancient Evangelical Future, Trinity School for Ministry, Ambridge, PA
- IWS Faculty holds Annual Retreat on campus
- Dr. Andrew Hill completes 3 year term as Academic Dean
- Dr. Eric Ohlmann returns to IWS as new Academic Dean effective July 2013

IWS 1999-2014 ~ Advancing the Legacy

Join us as we celebrate our 15th Anniversary!

- ◆ 15th Anniversary Kickoff Event~ Worship in the Round, January 12, 2014
- ◆ Worship Seminar with Dr. John Witvliet, January 13-14, 2014
"Ever and Always a Teacher: Worship Ministry, Christian Formation, and Everyday Discipleship" Registration now open at www.iws.edu.
- ◆ 15th Anniversary Celebration and Concert, June 14, 2014
- ◆ 13th Commencement Service, June 15, 2014
- ◆ Worship Seminar with Dr. Michael Hawn, June 16-17, 2014
- ◆ Ancient Future Faith Network Annual Conference, June 16-19, 2014

Information and details on each event will be forthcoming at www.iws.edu.



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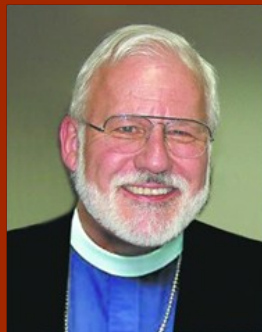
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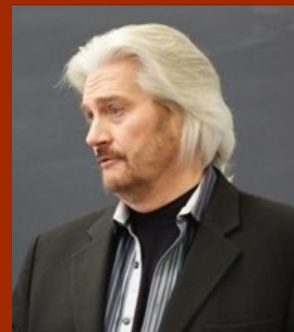
2012-2013 Special Guests



The January 2013 Worship Seminar was led by Dr. Gordon Smith, President of Ambrose University College and Seminary. Dr. Smith taught on *Worship and Sacramental Spirituality* which was rich in content and at the same time inspirational. DWS Alumnus ('07) Bill Davis said of his experience, "What a blessing to sit at the feet of Dr. Gordon Smith for two days and soak in his teaching on the Lord's Supper."



IWS was honored to have The Right Rev'd Dr. John W. Howe, Retired Bishop of the Diocese of Central Florida deliver the homily, *To See Thee More Clearly*, at the 2013 Commencement Service on June 16, 2013. IWS welcomed 40 new graduates to its ranks, 25 DWS, 13 MWS, and 2 Advanced Graduate Certificates, bringing the total to 371.



Professor and Author Dr. Leonard Sweet joined us for the June 2013 Worship Seminar where he spoke on *Worship in a Karaoke Culture*. Dr. Sweet is the E. Stanley Jones Professor of Evangelism at Drew University, Madison, NJ, and a Visiting Distinguished Professor at George Fox University, Portland, Oregon. One attendee remarked, "Very engaging and thought-provoking. I appreciated the way Len challenged us with the importance of getting people involved in the story, and the left brain/right brain implications for worship."

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