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On the Cover
Andrew Young was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity in 1987 and gave an address on poverty at Hartford Seminary. In this photo, he greets Hartford Seminary faculty emeritus Moses Bailey and Carl Furniss, former president of the Board of Trustees. Ineke Bijlefeld, wife of former Dean Willem Bijlefeld, is in the background.

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It is my great pleasure to share with you our cover story on Ambassador Andrew Young ’55, who has such wonderful and vivid memories of his time at Hartford Seminary, and this collection of updates and recollections from members of the Hartford Seminary alumni/ae community. These pages are a testament to the breadth and depth of the skills, gifts and achievements of our graduates over the years.

As you know, Hartford Seminary’s commitment to and expertise in leadership development for a religiously diverse world is needed now more than ever—and you can help in that mission in several ways:

You can pray for the Seminary, its students, faculty and staff, and all those who have completed their studies and are out in the world leading, caring for others, teaching and making a difference. Our diverse work and commitments matter, and prayerful support makes a difference.

You can continue to send us your own updates. Community is created when we know how our classmates, friends and colleagues are faring, and your story is an important part of that larger fabric. Hartford Seminary graduates live full and faithful lives and we want to make that known. You can always provide updates in the Alumni section of the Seminary website (www.hartsem.edu), or send an email to alum@hartsem.edu

You can refer potential new students to the Seminary. You who are out in faith communities and organizations which need inspired leadership, expertise and commitment are in the best position to identify and nurture those for whom Hartford Seminary might be the best place to study and grow. Tina Demo (tdemo@hartsem.edu) is my point person for welcoming, orienting, and encouraging prospective students, and will welcome your referrals and suggestions.

You can participate in educational programs at the Seminary, of which there are many, from full courses at a discount to free lectures, workshops and events. Let Susan Schoenberger (sschoenberger@hartsem.edu) know you’d like to be kept up to date on upcoming opportunities.

It is an honor to serve as President of Hartford Seminary, and a privilege to represent a community of so many talented graduates, of which you are a vital part.

You can offer support financially to the Seminary through a gift to the Annual Fund, a contribution to support a program that is dear to you, or a scholarship gift that benefits the current generation of students. You can contribute in honor of a family member, colleague, or community. You can include the Seminary in your estate plan, and there are many options that benefit you, your family and the Seminary. Contact Michael Sandner at msandner@hartsem.edu, and he’ll be happy to help find that right way for you.
Andrew Jackson Young had no intention of going to Hartford Seminary. When he came to Connecticut in 1951 as a volunteer for the Christian Youth Movement, the Connecticut Council of Churches was supposed to provide housing but didn’t have a place for him to live. So the group called Hartford Seminary, then on the campus across Sherman Street that now houses the University of Connecticut Law School, and asked if Young could stay in a dormitory.

The New Orleans born-and-raised Young, 83, who reconnected with us by phone this spring, remembered those days vividly. He called that mix-up a “divine accident.”

“I really fell in love with the campus and the people almost immediately,” he said. “There were 60 or 70 different countries represented in the student body. It was like I was introduced to the world all in one week.”

After meeting some Seminary students, Young said, he asked to sit in on a class to learn more about the Bible, though his father wanted him to become a dentist.

Soon after, Dean Tertius Van Dyke offered Young a scholarship, if he would take three courses instead of one.

“[The scholarship] was an opportunity to give people like me a chance to study for a year,” he said. “I stayed on for the next three years and really had a wonderful experience.”

Young, who later became one of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s closest advisers during the Civil Rights Movement, has been in the news quite a bit this year as the nation recognized on March 7 the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday in Selma, Alabama, during which police savagely beat protestors marching for voting rights. Young was played by actor André Holland in the Oscar-nominated movie “Selma,” which chronicled Bloody Sunday and the other marches that led to the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Later on, Young served in Congress, as the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations under President Jimmy Carter, and as the mayor of Atlanta. An ordained minister of the United Church of Christ, he also established the Andrew J. Young Foundation and the International Leadership Awards.

According to Young, who graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity in 1955, all of those accomplishments had roots in the “divine accident” of his attendance at Hartford Seminary.

“I remember Hartford being a life-changing experience in almost every way,” he said.

Young was ordained in the United Church of Christ in 1957 and soon joined the National Council of the Churches of Christ in America as an associate director of the Youth Division of Christian Education. He got to know Martin Luther King Jr. during the late 1950s, in part because of his work, but also because Young’s wife Jean had gone to high school with King’s wife, Coretta. The young couples worked in the civil rights movement and socialized together.

Young brought his own perspective to the civil rights conversation, including an interest in Quakerism and a global view.
of religion, including Mahatma Gandhi’s philosophy of non-violence. Both had been introduced to him at Hartford Seminary.

“The concept of a more meditative spirituality was new to me,” he said. “At the same time, I was living in a dormitory with students from all over the world.”

The world had watched, Young said, as India became independent in 1947 in a remarkable “social transformation of a major country without violence.” He studied Gandhi’s movement along with theologians such as Reinhold Niebuhr and Paul Tillich, and found himself drawn into conversation with Indian students at Hartford Seminary who “insisted that we have curry once a month in the cafeteria.” In all, it was a heady time of learning and synthesizing all those influences.

“I took those views back with me to the South,” he said.

During the struggle for civil rights, Young was jailed in both Birmingham and Selma following demonstrations, but his commitment to non-violent protest remained unwavering. “We saw ourselves like Paul visiting churches that were in trouble and we tried to resolve that trouble without violence,” he said. “We saw ourselves having to break down the dividing wall between black and white.”

Young, who was with King in Memphis when he was assassinated in 1968, recalled what King used to say about the need for wholesale societal change: “I admire the good Samaritan but I don’t want to be one. We have to find a way to change the Jericho Road.”

After holding leading roles in the Civil Rights Movement, Young was elected to the House of Representatives in 1972, 1974 and 1976, becoming the first African American to be elected to Congress from the Deep South since Reconstruction.

In Congress, Young said, his thinking was often shaped by a course he took at Hartford Seminary. He describes it as the “highlight of my education.”

“We asked three professors to set up a seminar. It was my roommate from North Carolina, who was a Southern Baptist Quaker and white, a young man from South Africa, who was getting his Ph.D. and was African, a former lieutenant from the Japanese Navy getting a Master’s in Sacred Theology, and young men from Switzerland and England. We just talked about the world every Friday afternoon. … What it taught me was to be very critical and analytical of European thought. … It shaped my thinking when I got to Congress and the [United Nations].”

In 1977, President Jimmy Carter appointed Young to be the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, where he found himself calling upon former Hartford Seminary students for their insights and resources. One in particular, Graham Leonard, a linguist who specialized in Middle Eastern studies and still a good friend, helped him to analyze what was happening in that part of the world.

“Hartford was a perfect preparation for my work at the U.N.,” Young said. “I knew people from all over the world. … I learned about the world from my classmates’ experiences, which is better than reading about it in books.”

Young stepped down from his U.N. role in 1979. Just before President Carter left office, he awarded Young the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian honor.

Young returned to Atlanta and was soon persuaded to run for mayor. He led the city from 1981 to 1989, during which time he encouraged investment from international corporations and orchestrated a bid for the Olympics that brought the Games there in 1996. He can trace even that segment of his life to his experiences at Hartford Seminary.

“If he had it to do over again, Young said he wished he had “done more in Islamic Studies” while at the Seminary. “We had one of the best Islamic departments under Dr. Kenneth Cragg.”

Young said his time at Hartford Seminary “set my life course.” The professors, the students and the missionaries from different countries made it a unique place that shaped Young’s world view and influenced many of his choices.

“It made it possible to get a global education on that wonderful little campus,” he said.
The Rev. Dr. Francis Acquah, G.C. ’06, Ph.D. ’12. The Ph.D. from Hartford Seminary/University of Exeter helped him secure a full-time teaching position in Comparative Religion and Ethics at the Methodist University College in Accra, Ghana. He has found that the resource material made available through lectures, workshops and seminars at the Seminary have proven very useful in his current teaching role. His book, “The Impact of Indigenous African Religious Beliefs and Cultural Values: On Christian-Muslim Relations in Ghana from 1920 to 2011” is available on Amazon. Francis wrote to say that he misses the Hartford Seminary community. Methodist University College Ghana Religious Studies and Ethics Dept. PO Box DC 940 Dansoman, Accra, Ghana

The Rev. Phillip R. Agee, M.A. ’09, is a retired AME Methodist minister whose Seminary education is integral to what he does. He is married to Beverly Agee. 44 Alba Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06606

The Rev. Dr. Dean C. Ahlberg, D.Min. ’06, is Senior Minister of First Church of Christ, Congregational in Redding, CT. He has attended lectures at the Seminary and hosted visiting scholars at his church. Of his Hartford Seminary education he writes, “My doctoral project continues to be a living reality in our church...as both our church’s history and established/new international partnerships continue to form our congregation’s identity, shape our self-understanding and challenge us to see ourselves -- and our relationship to the world -- in new ways. Connections with the International Peacemakers Program, particularly visiting speakers at our church, has been deeply appreciated and very helpful. Those contacts both keep the Seminary visible, as well as help our parishioners to learn firsthand from peacemakers from varying corners of our world.” He is involved with Bright Stars of Bethlehem, and on the Community Advisory Board for WSHU (public radio).

The Rev. Diann H. Bailey, Coop M.Div. ’10, is newly ordained in the UCC, and was called to the First Church of Christ Congregational Church in Suffield, CT, as Associate Pastor for Youth and Intergenerational Ministries. Her memorable experiences at Hartford Seminary were those of developing friendships that continue today. They included travels to Biloxi, MS, to help in the rebuilding after Hurricane Katrina with International Peacemaking Program student Jacky Manuputty of Indonesia. She also fondly remembers Dr. Heidi Gehman’s classes.

Sarah Barr, M.A. ’10, is an educator at Amherst College and writes that “the educational experience prepared me well for work within an academic institution. My research, writing and critical thinking skills improved. The experience of attending an incredibly diverse school of age, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, ability, etc., prepared me incredibly well to work at a diverse college and lead the board at a local nonprofit. I am comfortable engaging people; I often draw on my experience at Hartford Seminary in my work with faculty, staff and students at Amherst College.” 30 West Pomeroy Lane Amherst, MA 01002

Linda Beher, WLI ’97, M.A. ’05, is retired from consulting for nonprofits, corporate marketing and humanitarian aid service. She is the author of Guided Imagery, lyrics for a song cycle by composer Dan Campolieta, issued as a CD (2012); “The Beauty and Courage of Sudan: Why a Dream of Peace Is Possible,” a United Methodist Women mission study resource for their 2009-2010 Schools of Christian Mission and has a blog at lindabeher@wordpress.com. Linda wrote that her degree in Religious Studies made her a more effective communicator and listener and deepened her sense of purpose. She stays connected to Hartford Seminary through outreach efforts. PO Box 522 Bondville, VT 05340

The Rev. Steven Benson, M.A. ’89, is a retired Lutheran (ELCA) pastor who was directly involved in Muslim-Christian Relations in Egypt, India and Minnesota. He has done, and continues to do, education programs on Islam in Montana and Idaho. These are publications he suggests: “Islam, Mysticism and Social Change in the writings of Ali Shariati” in the Muslim World Journal 1991, “Forgiveness from God Expressed in the Qur’an and as interpreted by Muslims” in the bulletin of the Henry Martyn Institute of Islamic Studies, Hyderabad 1993; and “Teaching Atonement Theory in Cross-Cultural Settings in the Asia Journal of Theology 1995. PO Box 442 536 Whitetail Meadow Road Fortine, MT 59918-0442
Shirley Nichols Berry, M.A. ’54, who has worked in administrative positions and for the Head Start program in South Dakota, said, “My Christian education training has been helpful in all of my jobs, whether paid or unpaid. When my husband Ray and I came to visit here in 2002, we met other folks from our time at Hartford. It was wonderful to meet with folks who had a similar background and could talk about what we did, who we knew, etc. It is a wonderful place to live. It is like a big family.” Her husband, the Rev. Raymond W. Berry, died in May 2006 but Shirley is involved in the UCC Church Uplands Village and Alzheimer’s meetings and activities.

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The Rev. Dr. Shelley Best, M.A. ’97, D. Min. ’11, is President and CEO of The Conference of Churches having been appointed in 2001. During her tenure with The Conference, Dr. Best has earned a national reputation for The Conference by leading the development of the FaithWorks Community Development Leadership Institute, which has so far expanded the outreach capacity of more than 70 non-profit organizations from across the nation. She is also a Corporator of Hartford Seminary and says her education is part of her core values, and has prepared her for this cutting edge, multi-faith, public policy leadership role.
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224 Farmington Avenue
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The Rev. Andrew J. Bierkan, MA ’74, M. Div. ’74, has served in ministry for 43 years, and was recently recognized by the UCC for 40 years of ordained ministry. He says that he “will try to retire for the fourth time in May 2015.”

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Mrs. Doreen Bottone, M.A. ’89, has served as a board certified chaplain at Midstate Medical Center in Meriden, CT, for the past 14 years. She is a deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of CT, and serves at St. Paul’s in Southington, CT. Of her time at Hartford Seminary, she says, “Studying with people of various faith traditions was truly a blessing, especially those of the Muslim religion.” She is also “enjoying the joys and blessings of being a grandmother to four grandchildren.

56 Edgewood Circle
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Jo Ann Bourquard, WLI ’97, M.A. ’05, has been involved with programs held by MT Winter, but says that working two full time jobs, as an educator in a public school and as a spiritual director, has not given her the time to be as involved as she’d like to be. Jo Ann says that “Hartford Seminary has given me the background and ability to apply for part-time positions on a college campus and as a guest preacher in an ecumenical church. I’ve conducted funeral services and have been available to school systems to provide programs. It has provided me the ability to discern issues related to current events and helped me in my former position as School Librarian to purchase quality material for diversity. I am grateful that I have had the opportunity to be educated at Hartford Seminary.” She has also attended the Spiritual Life Center in West Hartford, CT, and is involved in Spiritual Directors International.

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Mrs. Christy Braddock, WLI ’08, is currently doing advocacy work for racial equality and LGBTQ equality, and working with children. She says of her time at Hartford Seminary and the WLI “studying with such a diverse group of women (thoughtful and serious about their faiths) opened my mind, heart, and eyes to a world far beyond my limited borders. The prison visit was especially memorable.” She currently lives in Maryland with her pastor husband, Matthew, four amazing children, and her mom.

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Gregory Breault, M.A. ’98, is affiliated with St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Bantam, CT, and is developing a pastoral counseling ministry. He worked as a chaplain at the Gunnery in Washington, CT, then taught humanities at Woodhall School in Bethlehem. After other counseling work he went on to Andover-Newton to pursue an M. Div. degree.

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The Rev. Marisa Ludwig Brown, WLI ’06, M.Div., is the Associate Pastor at First Church of Christ in Longmeadow, MA. She is in contact with Hartford Seminary’s faculty and keeps track of events and trainings and would like to take part in future trainings. She finished her cooperative M. Div. at Andover Newton Theological School and
Bilal Ansari, who graduated from the Islamic Chaplaincy program in 2011, returned to Hartford Seminary for graduation this spring to watch his wife, Colleen Keyes, receive the Ph.D. she earned in the program that Hartford Seminary shares with the University of Exeter in the UK.

Bilal, who was a chaplain at Williams College from 2011 to 2014, is now the Dean of Students at Zaytuna College in California and Colleen is Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs. Bilal and Colleen are both members of the President’s senior staff at Zaytuna, which is the first Muslim liberal arts college in the U.S.

“My primary responsibility is developing and overseeing programs that enable students to realize their intellectual and personal potential, and for integrating student life experiences with the College’s educational mission,” he said in an online alumni update. “By working with and representing the interests of the student body, I work to ensure a mutually reinforcing relationship between the academic and non-academic areas of the College. As the Dean, I work to exemplify and facilitate a strong sense of community that unites students, faculty, and staff.”

When we sat down with Bilal, we asked him to talk about how his experience at Hartford Seminary has played out in his career.

“I think the majority of my work at Zaytuna is pastoral care,” he said. “The counseling courses I took here have been a tremendous help.”

Bilal said he works not only with students, but also with staff and faculty.

“I am the primary person on campus when they have any mental health issues,” he said, though he refers people out when the problem is “above my pay grade.”

Bilal singled out his Clinical Pastoral Experience (CPE) at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford as the most significant part of his education at Hartford Seminary. He also did his master’s thesis on pastoral care from an Islamic perspective and has started a Doctor of Ministry degree at Pacific School of Religion, studying the same topic in greater depth.

Fabulous opportunities and faculty!”

She is involved in the Interfaith Council of Western Mass, MACUCC Task Force on Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations. 12 Glendale Road Florence, MA 01062

The Rev. Dr. Bruce Bunker, B.D., M. Div. ’63, D.Min. ’89, served as a 2-year interim pastor in Jasper, IN, and retired to Pilgrim Place in California, where he worked at a hospital at Mt. San Antonio Garden. He moved once again to St. Louis to be close to his daughters and their families. He says “this continues to be a wonderful period of reflection, spiritual development, and growth for Marcie (wife) and myself.”

Dr. Robert and the Rev. La Donna Carey, ’66, are retired missionaries of the Methodist Church, who attended the Kennedy School of Missions in 1950 and then served in United Methodist mission schools in Liberia, West Africa. They are grateful for the six months of studies in African culture, phonetics and linguistics of African languages, the history of missions and an emphasis on staying healthy in tropical locales that Hartford Seminary provided. These helped them to serve 26 years in mission schools where they assisted in providing a sound education undergirded by the Christian faith on high school and college levels. They say that some of their former students are now leading the nation. Robert’s Ph.D. thesis at Stanford University was “Church Sponsored Education and Nation Building in Nigeria,” and he has also written “Freedom Ships,” a historical novel about the founding of Liberia. “While we were in Nigeria in 1965 for Robert’s research on that new nation’s church-sponsored education and the planning for nation building, we observed the British Methodist school for Christian pastors and Muslim imams at Ibadan, where they were helped to understand each other’s religious faith. It was a working model of interfaith search for God that Hartford Seminary exemplifies so well. We pray that it will keep leading us all.”
**Alice Carroll**, WLI ‘00, is the Wellness Manager for a Roman Catholic Religious Congregation Motherhouse and has drawn on her Hartford Seminary education in that role and in Spiritual Direction Ministry. Alice appreciates staying connected to Hartford Seminary through the website and emails.

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**The Rev. Betty Lou Carthon**, BMCP ‘06, serves as a minister at the Walls Clark Temple A.M.E. Zion Church in New London, CT, and serves at the Women’s Home and Overseas Missionary Society.

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Bloomfield, CT 06002

**The Rev. Dr. Mark S. Caruana**, D. Min. ’03, is the senior pastor at Tabernacle Baptist Church of Utica, NY, where he has served since 2003. Since graduation, he has returned to the Seminary to audit a course and has recommended HartSem’s programs to colleagues. He says that he has followed the Seminary with interest. “My D. Min. work provided me with many of the tools necessary to lead a traditional Euro-American congregation through significant change as it embraced and welcomed refugees from Burma. HartSem’s interfaith character and Abrahamic partnerships emphasis has helped me build relationships with colleagues of other religious traditions and engage in interfaith work in my community.”

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**Dr. Patrick Cate**, Ph.D. ’74, is a missionary and an Ambassador at Large for Christar along with his wife Mary Ann Cate. He is appreciative of what he learned during his time at Hartford Seminary and has worked with Muslims for 40 years, spending four years in Iran studying Farsi and five years in Cairo, Egypt, studying Arabic. He teaches in a variety of seminaries around the world and both he and his wife are active in their local church. He has often referred people to the Seminary’s Library.

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**The Rev. David Christensen**, M. Div. ’68, is a retired pastor of the Berlin Congregational Church with the UCC, and is now working through the Evangelical Presbyterian mission to bring American resources to Ghana. He has been living and working in Ghana since 2007 as part of the UCC Global Mission Partner.

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Mr. Malcolm Cochran, M.A. ’95, served as a volunteer alongside his wife at a residential program for children with disabilities on the Navajo Reservation. He then went on to serve as a full-time alcohol and drug abuse counselor for the Salvation Army in Massachusetts. He says one of his most memorable experiences at Hartford Seminary was as he was writing his thesis on the role of religion in recovery; he was able to have a very memorable internship with the Salvation Army in Hartford, for which he coincidentally later went on to work.

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**Joanne Coghill**, WLI ‘00, is a biomedical researcher and is married to John D. Coghill. She participated in WLI toy collections for the children of the women prisoners at Niantic Prison, the dedication of the WLI building at 76 Sherman Street, and attended the Novels course led by Donna Manocchio. She uses the leadership skills from her HartSem education in the church where she is a member. The organizations where she is involved include First Church in Windsor, Mandell Jewish Community Center, West Hartford, Greater Middletown Chorale, the CT Women’s Chorale and Hartford Association of the Connecticut Conference UCC.

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**Michelle Crean**, WLI and M.A. ’03, became a certified personal trainer in 2013 and started her own business called “Empowerment.” She offers in-home personal training for women of all ages and writes “too many women have poor self-images and I work to give them the tools to take charge of their fitness and overall health so that they can learn to see their inherent value and beauty. I credit my time at Hartford Seminary, especially the year I was enrolled in WLI, with starting me on this journey to find my calling.”

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Ms. Janet Davenport, WLI ’07, G.C. Spirituality ’09, is a certified professional life coach and communications expert in private practice. Following a successful tenure as the Communications Chief at Universal Health Care Foundation of CT, Janet started a private executive coaching practice, combining her Seminary training and professional solutions. Her practice, called Davenport Solutions, is a communications life coaching practice that helps change-makers heal their relationships with their callings. She also serves on the Board of Directors of The Conference of Churches. Some of Janet’s most memorable times at Hartford Seminary were her spiritual fellowship with believers and seekers of all faith traditions, and her especially meaningful journey with Dr. Miriam Therese Winter.

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Christine L. Davis, M.A. ’91, is an elementary school Teacher’s Assistant and has attended many events. She says that her Hartford Seminary education has deepened her faith and allows her easily to talk about it. She has taught adult education classes, too.

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Granby, CT 06035

Ms. Jeannette Davis, M.A. ’50, says she still keeps in touch with Reverend H.S. and they are still friends. She is living in a retirement community and stays healthy in retirement by enjoying outdoor activities like walking, cross country skiing, canoeing, and biking.

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The Rev. Carolyn H. Dixon, BMCP ’87, moved to Virginia in 1998 and taught a class on the Black Church in America. She was also a counselor in the student retention program and an academic advisor at Virginia Tech. For two and a half years, Carolyn co-pastored a United Methodist church in Christiansburg, VA, and moved to Columbia, SC, in 2011. She presently serves on the ministerial staff at Jones Memorial AME Zion church, where she also directs the children’s choir and drama ministry.

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Robert Ertl, M.A. ’54, is married to Jean Smith Ertl, whom he met at Hartford Seminary, and he writes, “The Church Social Service program started me in the practice of social work, first in field placements leading to employment at Family Service of Meriden, later with the Juvenile Court for the State of Connecticut. The orientation to consider ethical values and understand the sources of authority in decision making were most important. The respect for individuals and their dignity, such as taking children seriously and not wasting their time, helping develop talents of staff, had roots at Hartford. The friends and people we met at Hartford enrich us even today. The mix of foreign students was particularly notable. Many fine friends we treasure.”

27 Hunt Street
Fairfax, VT 05454

The Rev. Dr. Laurie Etter, D.Min. ’03, has retired to sunny Florida, and now facilitates a group for women in the county jail, and works with SPARCC, a group that helps women in violent domestic situations.

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Ms. Patricia Wasuck Ferrone, WLI ’02, entered the Women’s Leadership Institute at the age of 60, and she says: “It was a thrilling experience to be part of a serious, creative group of women dedicated to their own spiritual growth in order to bring their voice and presence to bear in a world reeling in pain. I consider it a pivotal point in my life. I have grown in wisdom, grace, and have grown more assured that God’s Holy Spirit requires that I offer my energy and gifts and voice to the conversation by promoting God’s unconditional love for all.” Patricia promotes peacemaking in her local community parish and is the current coordinator of Pax Christie. She organizes, writes, and is active in service.

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Needham, MA 02492

They are members of Spirit of Life Catholic Community (spiritoflifecom-munity.org).

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Mrs. Charlotte Ford, M.A. ’56, says her three sons benefited from her own learning experiences at Hartford Seminary in the way they were raised and one of her favorite memories from the Seminary was her teacher Miss Baxter. Charlotte still keeps in touch with her Seminary friends, especially Judy Moore whose book “Beyond the Narrow” relates stories of her mission life and work.

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Mrs. Lynn Fulkerson, M.A. ’93, is a retired educator. Upon graduation, Lynn was appointed by the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese to chair the newly created Committee on the Environment for the Diocese of Connecticut.
She continued this work for 10 years during which time she co-founded the Interreligious Eco-Justice Network with the Rev. Tom Carr. She has been actively involved in the ministry of the laity, leading bible studies, doing pastoral ministry, developing Earth Care Ministries and serving as a Deacon in the UCC church. In her involvement with Hartford Seminary, she served as co-chair of the Alumni Council and represented the Alumni on the Board of Directors and as co-chair of the Interreligious Eco-Justice Network and collaborated with the Seminary on events. She is also involved with the Northwest Conservation District, Litchfield Energy Task Force and Transition Litchfield.

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Dr. Geoffrey Garwick, M.A. ’70, went on to earn a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at the University of Minnesota, and married Mary Beth Nelson, Psych. D, in 1985. They have one child and one grandchild. He is currently the President of the MN chapter of The American Association on Mental Retardation. He served as a fellow of The American Association on Mental Retardation, and is the President of the MN Council for the Gifted and Talented. He has been a faculty member in the Psychology Department at Metropolitan University, in St. Paul, MN, for the past 17 years, while concurrently doing clinical psychology at Ramsey County Community Mental Health Center for 36 years. He is now in private practice, specializing in OCD, anxiety disorders, testing gifted children, and writing science fiction and professional literature. His most memorable experiences while studying at Hartford Seminary were the impromptu orchestral musicians at 3:00 a.m., working as a chaplain-in-training in a hospital downtown, having the Seminary picketed by the John Birch society when Cesar Chavez came to speak, and his summer stay in Mexico for five weeks while studying for the Seminary’s written French exam.

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The Rev. Canon Audrey Cady Scanlan

The Rev. Canon Audrey Cady Scanlan, a 2011 graduate of the Doctor of Ministry program at Hartford Seminary, was elected on March 14, 2015, as 11th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Canon Scanlan is now the Canon for Mission Collaboration and Congregational Life in the Diocese of Connecticut.

As reported by the Episcopal News Service, she has served the diocese in many ways, including “building leadership; addressing conflict; walking with parishes in all seasons of congregational life, as well as building networks and communities across a diocese of 168 parishes.”

She and her husband of 30 years, Glenn, have three children: Emma, 27, William, 25, and Harriet, 22.

“I am delighted to have been chosen to serve as the next bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. I look forward to a challenging and fruitful time working alongside the faithful people of the diocese to join in building God’s Kingdom. I am grateful to the Discernment and Transition Committees for their diligent work, and for the prayers and support of so many. God is good and there is much joy in store for us,” she told the Episcopal News Service.

The ordination and consecration is scheduled to take place Sept. 12, 2015 in Harrisburg, PA. The Rev. Canon Scanlan said her time at Hartford Seminary prepared her for this new role in many ways.

“I learned that God calls each of us to participate, with some specificity, in God’s mission of restoring wholeness to Creation. My own work has been to gather a portion of God’s children who live at the margins and to welcome them [back] to the Church where we are formed in community, are nurtured by the Sacraments and encounter the Holy Spirit,” she said.

“This ministry, lived out at Rhythms of Grace and supported in my work at Hartford Seminary, has taught me a great deal about the need for us to dissolve boundaries and to work creatively and tirelessly for unity and inclusion. As a leader, I have learned the value of openness, collegiality and collaboration.”

The Rev. Dr. David H. Graham, B.D. ’67, says “Hartford Seminary was the foundation for my whole ministry. There was so much there that if I could have, I would have stayed there for life.”

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Sun City, AZ 85351
Ms. Deborah Gravell, M.A. '00, is now a retired minister of Christian Education. Prior to retirement, she served the First Congregational Church in Cheshire, CT, as their Commissioned Minister of C.E. for 14 years. She is married with two children and two grandchildren. Since retirement she has been attending First Baptist Church of Wallingford, CT, and volunteers as the nursery coordinator and co-teaches the nursery Discipleship class. Of her time at Hartford Seminary, she says, “The professors were so knowledgeable and down to earth. I met so many students with differing faith views which grew my own faith.”

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Wallingford, CT 06492

The Rev. Dr. Charles Gross, M.Div ’67 and D.Min. ’79, is a retired UCC minister. “I am retired now and don’t engage in seminars and workshops as much as I used to. Continuing education was a vital part of my pastoral ministry. Kirkridge in eastern Pennsylvania, patterned after the Iona Community, was one of my favorite places for retreat and study. For 40+ years, my Seminary education was at the core of my pastoral work in three UCC churches, gave me the courage, direction and the needed skills to engage in my work. Following Hartford Seminary, I attended the Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies (Bossy). Before attending the Seminary, I did not know the meaning of ecumenical. With my exposure to different faith traditions, I embraced the spirit of ecumenism with my heart and soul. I want to share my continuing gratitude for classmates, professors, courses and field experience at Hartford Seminary. The Seminary was a turning point for my life and work with wonderful and lasting memories.”

32 Ledgewood Drive
Danvers, MA 01923

Ayseñur Gumstekin, WLI '06, M.A. '08, G.C. Islamic Chaplaincy '09 is an Adjunct Faculty member in the Philosophy and Religion Department at Bergen Community College in Paramus, NJ, and has two boys going to pre-school.

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Ruth Eleanor Ault Hadley, M.A. ’51, started out in day care centers and was a Christian Education director. She married a physician, and went to Kenya with Friends United Meeting (Quakers). She was in charge of the religious life of missionaries and training leaders of the church in the Friends Bible School, which is now Theological College. From 1983-2004, Ruth was pastor of small, rural Friends Meeting. She is involved in the Plainfield Friends Meeting in Plainfield, IN, where she lives. Ruth would be very happy to have contact from her classmates and others from the classes of 1949-1954.

1342 Almond Ct.
Plainfield, IN 46168

Donald Hall’s, BMCP ’95, memorable experiences at Hartford Seminary include his initial conversation with Dr. Thomas Hoyt, which was one of positivity and encouragement, the impact of Dr. Alvan Johnson and Dr. Barbara Headley, the fellowship and peer support among participants of the Black Ministries Program, and the comfortable and supportive setting of Hartford Seminary. In 1995, Donald married Shirley Kelly Hall and relocated to South Carolina in 1996. He enrolled in Columbia International University in Columbia, SC, and earned a Bachelor’s Degree in 2000 in Bible and Pastoral Ministry and completed graduate studies in Greek New Testament in 2004. Donald was Minister of Christian Education from 2000 to 2005 at New Ebenezer Church and became Pastor of Ridge Hill Baptist Church, Spring, SC, in 2005, a position he currently holds. He is also the current Moderator for the Association of 11 Baptist churches.

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Columbia, SC 29210

Mrs. Juanita Hart, M.A. ’53, worked at the Seminary with the dean for both her years of study. Then her church, FCC Wethersfield, approached her to work for them on a program called “Caring Ministries.” She worked there as an assistant director until she retired in July 2005. One of her most memorable times at Hartford Seminary was living with students from various countries, which was educational and stimulating for her. She has three sons and two grandchildren.

21 Porter Crossing
Wethersfield, CT 06109-1327

The Rev. Dr. Ivan Hawk, M.A. ’92, D.Min. ’92, and his wife reside in Burlington, VT. They have raised four children who have blessed them with 11 grandchildren. Ivan has been in ministry over thirty years providing services in nine dioceses and close to 100 parishes, plus ecumenical venues. He also holds a B.S. in Administrative Management and Psychology and an M.A. in Counseling. His M.A. in Religious Studies from Hartford Seminary had a focus on scripture and the focus of his D.Min. degree was on Family Spirituality and Scripture. The title of Ivan’s doctoral work was “Empowering Parents to Raise Christian Children.” He has done extensive research on effective models of family catechesis. His teaching experience includes current Instructor of Sacred Scripture in the Diocese of Burlington, VT, 1997; Instructor, M.A. program, St. Michael’s College, Colchester, VT, 1994-1996; Instructor of Sacred Scripture and Sacraments, Archdiocese of Hartford 1994-1995; Instructor of
Sacred Scripture, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT. Ivan has had a number of books and articles published, television experience in a weekly diocesan program, directed parish retreats and conducted conferences and workshops.  

81 Brook Drive  
Burlington, VT 05408

The Rev. Robert Hinson, M.A. ’70, served as the pastor of the Spring Valley Church of God from 1974 until 2012. He now serves as pastor emeritus. He went on to earn an M. Div. from Yale University in 1969. He has been married to Evelyn Harrison Hinson since 1969 and has three children and five grandchildren. Of his time at Hartford Seminary, he says his most memorable moments were “living in the original buildings of Hartford Seminary, gothic setting on a winter’s day after the snow had fallen.”

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Reading, PA 19601

The Rev. Allen Humes, B.D. ’59, served two separate 17-year-long pastoral terms, one in Deep River, CT, and the other in Kensington, CT. He is now a Pastor Emeritus, and has held several interim posts in New Hampshire. He also served as a cruise ship chaplain for 30 years, and has visited every continent, at least twice! He says his education at Hartford Seminary was excellent preparation for pastoral ministry, and he made and developed lifelong friendships during his time here.

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Winchester, NH 03470

Dr. Namduk Hwang, Ph.D. ’13, is in ministry at a local church and teaching at Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary as a lecturer in Korea.

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The Rev. Dr. Norman W. Jackson, M.Div. ’54, is a retired UCC minister whose education at Hartford Seminary provided a base in which for him to grow and be involved in a variety of ministries – parish, UCC Conference Ministry, teaching in two seminaries and head UCC’s American Indian ministry. He also teaches pastoral and lay leadership at Eagle Butte Learning Center on the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota, which exists for lay and clergy Lakota leaders. He has written and published several papers on American Indian issues: “The Doctrine of Discovery” provided the basis for a UCC General Synod resolution calling for the government and churches to repudiate this doctrine, and “The Washington Redskins and Other Atrocities.” He is now working on a paper called “Settler Colonialism.” Norm is interested in knowing what is happening with his 1954 classmates.

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The Rev. Bert A. Johnson, BMCP ’84, serves as Associate Pastor of Prayer and Visitation at Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Springfield, MA, and draws on his education at Hartford Seminary for his sermon preparation, bible study and counseling. “I am blessed for having studied at Hartford Seminary in the Black Ministries Certificate Program and the Cooperative M.Div. My prayer is that you will continue to make a difference in men’s lives.”

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Agawam, MA 01001-0104

Ms. Ethel Johnson, MRE ’54, served as the Director of Christian Education in three local churches, was the associate executive secretary of NY East Conference of Education for Methodist Churches, and taught Church Administration and Field Education at Methodist Theological School in Delaware, OH. Overseas, she trained pastors and lay...
THE REV. HENRY G. WYMAN, BD & M.DIV ’56

“One of the great experiences for me at Hartford Seminary was studying under Harvey K. McArthur and Alexander C. Purdy, both New Testament men. I found them exciting and informative. Harvey was part of my ordination and he became a personal friend. Later, I was honored to participate in his funeral.

“I turned 90 in November 2014 and celebrated my 66th wedding anniversary in August 2014. I have been married to Dr. Sona Averill Wyman since 1948. We have two children, the Rev. Susan Elizabeth Wyman and Stephen Henry Wyman, along with four grandchildren: Averill Elizabeth Blackburn, Steven James Wyman-Blackburn, Lindsay Ruth Wyman and Kylie Elizabeth Wyman.

“From 1992 to 1956 I was minister at Columbia, CT where Dartmouth College was founded. From 1956 to 1968 I was minister at North Olmstead Congregational Church in Ohio where we built a new parsonage, educational wing and church. After leaving this ministry, the church closed, which I felt was a great tragedy. From 1968 to 1990 I was minister at the Congregational Church of Patchogue, Long Island, NY. I was granted an honorary doctorate by Piedmont College in Demorest, GA.

“During the last years in Patchogue, along with my ministry, I was Director of Human Resources at Clare Rose, Inc., a food and beverage distribution company. The first thing that they said to me when I came on board was ‘If you succeed, we succeed’ which I thought was a great comment. I then retired after many years, but took an interim position in Riverpoint, RI, followed by one in New Hartford, CT.

“In ‘retirement’ we moved to Bangor, ME, where I again became an interim minister at Fort Fairfield Congregational Church, and then on to the Newport Congregational Church and the Brownville Congregational Church over five years. Following those positions I again became an interim minister in Lincoln, ME, and then finally in Dover-Foxcroft, ME.

“While at Patchogue, I wrote a book of sermons entitled When the Church Bell Rings, I Want to be There. The book was not for sale at the time, but given out freely. One of the reasons for its success is the Rev. Dr. Steven Blackburn, my son-in-law and currently Faculty Associate in Semitic Scriptures and Library Director at Hartford Seminary. Steven compiled it, reviewed it and typeset it. A copy was donated to Hartford Seminary’s Library, as well as Bangor Seminary, and the Congregational Library in Boston.

“I never dreamed I could accomplish all that I have done over the years.”

Columbus, OH 43215

Russell J. Jones, M.A. ’09, is retired from corporate finance but involved in the 1892 Club, Inc., the Hill-Stead Museum, Cedar Hill Cemetery, The Old Guard, and Asylum Hill Congregational Church in Hartford, CT. “There is hardly a day when the program at Hartford Seminary has not defined my perceptions.”

123 Keeney Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06107

Christine M. Joyner, WLI ’12, G.C. ’14, is a volunteer for interfaith and social justice and a health care activist. Christine has been involved with women friends and activities at 94 Sherman Street and is also active in CCUI and continues to serve her church the Unitarian Universalist/UCC. She has a Muslim network of friends in Indonesia, Thailand, Turkey and Oman. Earlier this year she participated in a conference and was able to speak about inclusive community to result in medical professionals respecting practices other than western. She states, “We need more interfaith and inter-cultural medical and nursing practitioners, and it would be helpful to send students into communities as visiting practitioners to see other cultures.”

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Ms. Hyun Mi Kang, M.A. ’12, is currently continuing her education as a student in the International Ph.D. program in the Seminary’s partnership with the University of Exeter in the United Kingdom, where she is working on her dissertation, entitled “Proposing an Eco-feminist Divine Model from Korean Perspectives.” Hyun Mi says earning her MA from Hartford Seminary was “a huge milestone and allowed me to pursue my goal of becoming a feminist theologian. Throughout my leaders in United Methodist Churches in Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, and Ghana, and taught Christian Education at Africa University in Zimbabwe. The Chair in Christian Education was named in her honor at Africa University. Ethel was one of 132 Christian Educators in North America highlighted in Christian Educators in the 20th Century. Ethel says she was one of four African-American students at Hartford Seminary when she enrolled in the 1950s, and she did not experience the racism that she had experienced in other institutions of higher education.

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time at Hartford Seminary, two mentors influenced me greatly and hold a special place in my heart. Dr. Miriam Therese Winter and Dr. Heidi Hadsell have been my advisors for both my Masters’ degree and in the Ph.D. program. Words cannot express their immense consideration, concerns and encouragement. I am able to continue studying in the Ph.D. program because of these wonderful individuals.” Hyun Mi and her husband plan to move back to South Korea in the next few years to be closer to family and friends.

40 Abrams Rd
Cheshire, CT 06410

The Rev. Michael Kasevich, BMP ’03, is the pastor at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Old Monroe, MO. He is married with four children and seven grandchildren. In his leisure time he rides his Harley and enjoys fishing and reading.

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Old Monroe, MO 63369

Gail Kinney, G.C. ’07, M.A. ’11, is a pastor at South Danbury, NH, United Church of Christ. Since graduation she has continued to audit courses whenever she can and would like to continue to do so when possible. She attended several lectures and programs. Gail said she would love to study for the D.Min. degree. “I use M.T. Winter in my church services often. Howard Thurman is an invaluable resource for me as a pastor. I go back to the teachings of Scott Thumma all the time as I live in the midst of the nexus between church and society. Overall, I use many of my coursework resources and texts regularly.” Her involvement includes AFL-CIO, United Auto as a Union Consultant and UCC’s Economic Justice Team.

321 Jones Hill Road
Canaan, NH 03741

Mrs. Beth Harrington Knight, M.A. ’59, was married to fellow Hartford Seminary graduate Roger Knight for almost 54 years. During their marriage they lived in Iowa, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio, and Georgia, due to Roger’s judicatory positions, finally retiring to Uplands Retirement Village in Pleasant Hill, TN. Roger passed away in 2013. Living at Uplands has allowed her to draw on her skills of leading recreational events, and arts and crafts. She sings at the United Church of Christ, serves as a volunteer in the local church and poverty-centered community and the elementary schools in the area. She says her greatest joys have been being a mom and grandma. Beth’s most memorable recollections from Hartford Seminary were “the wonderful friendships, fine dining, especially the evenings with white linen, where many of us country bumpkins learned a lot about good manners, and the outstanding field work experiences in local churches which dove-tailed with class lectures, or reading and one-on-one tutorials and weekly reporting to and guidance from professors.”

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Pleasant Hill, TN 38578

Dr. Charles Kraft, Ph.D. ’63, and Mrs. Marguerite Kraft M.A. ’63. Charles taught for 41 years in the School of Intercultural Studies at Fuller Seminary. Marguerite served as a teacher for 31 years at Biola University in California. Since retiring, Charles has completed his 33rd book, and Marguerite enjoys making quilts. They have 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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South Pasadena, CA 91030

The Rev. Dr. Paul Krampitz, D. Min. ’12, is the Senior Pastor at Bethany Lutheran Church in Cromwell, CT. Before being called to Bethany Lutheran Church, he served congregations in Connecticut and Rhode Island. Dr. Krampitz is a past Dean of the Southern CT and Central CT Conferences, served on the New England Synod Council, is a member of the New England Synod Candidacy Committee and serves as a Chaplain for the CT State Police. Trained in Natural Church Development and Church Coaching, he has served as a consultant and retreat facilitator for numerous congregations interested in redevelopment and visioning. In the past, he has been asked to speak to incoming D.Min. students at Hartford Seminary about the program of study.

50 Court Street
Cromwell, CT 06416

The Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Krasinski, D. Min. ’89, is the Rector at St. James Episcopal Church in Danbury, CT, and of his time at Hartford Seminary he says it “has been invaluable in my parish ministry as well as counseling.” He belongs to the Association of Religious Communities. He lives in Danbury, CT with his significant other, James R. Hughes.

St. James Episcopal Church
25 West St.
Danbury, CT 06810

The Rev. Dr. Ivan Kurtz, STM ’68, is retired but has served and/or been a member of interdenominational churches for 15 years. He was a Reserve US Army Chaplain for 42 years. Ivan writes that “all these scenes called on a strong ecumenical witness and I earned a STM degree at Hartford in ecumenical history. My professor was Dr. Robert Paul.” He attended the University of Toledo and earned a Ph.D. in Higher Education.

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Mary K. Lahaj, M.A. ’92, who received her degree in Islamic studies, is an Immigration Writer for a law firm, a Cultural Competency Consultant and an Islamic Speaker. She says Hartford Seminary “was the platform that launched my passion for interfaith dialogue. Building bridges has been my work ever since.” She has received Clinical Residency chaplaincy training at Saint Vincent Hospital, Worcester and Brigham & Women’s Hospital in Boston. Her interfaith work among many associations includes: Building Bridges: Jewish/Muslim Relations and scriptural studies; Center for Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations at Merrimack College, Trustee Executive Board; Neighbor to Neighbor, Women’s Group (Jewish and Muslim); National Conference of Christians and Jews; Muslim Liaison to the MA Dept. of Corrections, Volunteer recruiter, Clergy Association in Acton/Boxborough Scholarly project; Narration of History of the Islamic Center of New England, 50th Anniversary; and Convener/Producer: “Counterterrorism Event: Elevating the Voice of Muslim Americans,” Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center; Cultural Consultant: Simmons College; Islamic Scholar: Pluralism Project at Harvard University; Islamic Scholar: BBC Roger Hardy, 8 Part Radio Series; Islamic Scholar: WRKO, Talking Religion, Boston. She is involved in many Islamic and interfaith centers in New England. The link to Mary’s blog is: marylahaj@wordpress.com.

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Westford, MA 01886

Jacky Manuputy, G.C. and M.A. ’09, sends his warmest greetings from Maluku, Indonesia, and his prayers for the continued progress of Hartford Seminary which he calls “this beautiful oasis.” Jacky goes on to share his thoughts about his education: “It means a lot in my life and work. The seminary had equipped me with knowledge and practical skill to enrich an interfaith dialogue and relationship. Hartford Seminary provides a very valuable experience for me to live in the midst of diversity. I learned a lot to interact with people from different religious and cultural backgrounds. Theoretically, I learned to find a common ground in all Abrahamic religions text. It helps me to develop a pluralist perspective in my interaction with Muslim and Jewish people. Practically, I learned a lot to build relationships with many people beyond the limits of religious or ethnic differences. Wherever I go in the area of interfaith dialogue and relationship, I have enough stock in both theoretical and practical that I received from HartSem. It is enough now to receive updates and news of the Seminary, and if I have financial support then I will partake sometime in one of the summer courses.” Jacky is Director of Research and Development of the Protestant Church in Maluku and involved in the Maluku Interfaith Institution for Humanity, the Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding and the Indonesian Youth Dialogue.

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Ambon, 97211, INDONESIA

The Rev. Daniel K. Martin, B.D. ’59, has been married to Ruth W. Martin for 60+ years. He drew on Dr. Rockwell Harmon Potter’s stories often from his education at Hartford Seminary and feels “Hartford Seminary was, and may be still, the best Seminary in the land - even though my wife went to Andover-Newton.” After Hartford Seminary, he attended Queens College, Columbia, and Harvard.

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Surrey, ME 04684

Gretchen Mayne, M.A. ’05, since graduating, Gretchen has continued to work as a clinical care RN at Manchester Hospital. She retired in July 2012 but has continued to work on a per diem basis in the same unit. She continues to audit classes at Hartford Seminary. Some of her most memorable experiences at the Seminary were her courses in Hebrew Scripture, the five-day summer courses, and the class on Job and Jonah. Gretchen is married with two children and three grandchildren.

35 Brighton Road
Hebron, CT 06248

Mary Alice Medlicott, M.A. ’48, is a retired archivist at Franklin College Library. Since graduation she has had personal correspondence with fellow graduates. Of her education at Hartford Seminary, Mary Alice says “it has been a benefit as I continued (and still continue) to be active in the leadership of my American Baptist Church, and as I worked in the archives of Franklin College, a Christian institution founded by Baptists. It has also been a good example to my family and friends of my interest in deepening my Christian interests and knowledge. After I graduated from HSF I was on the staff of Hartford Central Baptist Church, and later held various offices in the American Baptist Churches of Indiana state organization, along with leadership offices in my local church. I did a lot of substitute teaching in public school as my two daughters grew up. I value the experiences I had at Hartford, including many nice friends I made there.”

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Franklin, IN 46131

Ms. Kathy Meyering, M.A. ’03, is a teacher at The Independent Day School in Middlefield, CT. She is also a writer with freelance writing projects, building inclusive curriculum in her school.
Christine Milner, WLI '06, G.C. in Spirituality '12, writes, “I am a wife of 40 years, a mother of three daughters and grandmother of five. I have been a teacher for 34 years that included leadership ministry as a Parish Director of Faith Formation. I am presently retired and serving as a member of the Leadership Team for the USA Region of Lay Associates of the Sisters of Assumption, with whom I have been a religious sister for seven years. I continued teaching until my retirement in 2014 and now devote my time to leadership duties in my lay associate community, helping with the care of my grandchildren. I am enrolled in Holy Cross College in a supervisory group for Spiritual Directors and have begun an attempt at writing a book on spirituality. I also facilitate retreats, a faith sharing circle, and morning and evening reflections in the Diocese of Worcester, MA.”

Mr. Thirman L. Milner, BMCP '89, was born in Hartford and his heritage derives from slaves in Middlesex County and the Native American Wongunk tribe, which is written about in his book “Up from Slavery.” He was elected mayor of Hartford, CT, on November 3, 1981, making him the first African-American mayor elected in New England. He served as mayor from 1981 to 1987. After leaving that office, he went on to become a state senator and also enrolled in Hartford Seminary’s Black Ministries Program. In addition, he continued to study at the AME Zion Church and became a preacher. He stepped down from pulpit ministry later due to an illness. He writes about Hartford Seminary, “The great leadership and personal, spiritually-led, inspiring teaching of Bishop Thomas Hoyt and the great down-to-earth teaching and understanding by Dr. Miriam Therese Winter made my time at the Seminary a spiritually uplifting one that I will never forget. I am still called by God to the ministry, although I am no longer part of my church’s ministerial staff. At 80 years old, I devote most of my time to the Hartford Public Thirman L. Milner School, named in my honor.”

Mrs. Jo Bennett Mitchell, '52, continues to have regular contact with five other couples who lived together in a Seminary campus house in 1952 when it was called “Williams Hall.” She would be delighted to have news of students who attended Hartford Seminary in the years 1950 through 1957 and says that “Hartford Seminary was a brief but significant time for me for growth and deepening.”

Tracy Mobley, BMP ’10, whose prior name was Tracy Wallace-Herbert, relocated to Charlotte, NC, in 2012 and has been licensed as a Minister at Nations Ford Community Church under Bishop Philip M. Davis. Tracy began pursuing a Master of Divinity at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in January 2015 and expects to graduate in 2018.

Dr. Kathleen Moody, G.C. ’13, in Ministry in Daily Life, is now progressing towards a master’s degree in Transformative Leadership and Spirituality along with a G.C. in Multi-faith Chaplaincy. She is involved in her church, Trinity Episcopal Church in Newtown, CT, and the Regional Hospice and Home Care of Western CT. She is married to Dr. J. Walter Street.

Norman Mundhenk, M.A. ’68, received his degree in Linguistics from the Kennedy School of Missions. He worked as a Transitions Consultant with the United States Bible Societies, serving in Thailand, Vietnam, Papua, New Guinea and Indonesia. He retired in 2008 and spends most of his time in Papua, New Guinea.
The Rev. Rose Amodeo Petronella, WLI '01, is an experienced Spiritual Director and Retreat Leader, who says that “WLI has been foundational, both in terms of putting myself forward and of affirming my gifts and life goals.” She has attended lectures and Muslim/Christian/Jewish events at the Seminary, with some connected to the Connecticut Council for Interreligious Understanding, an organization with which she is involved.

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David Phelps, M.A. '08, lives in Hamden with his wife, Margaret, and is a Business Effectiveness Consultant for NASCO. He teaches Sunday school and participates in discernment groups to assist those interested in pursuing ordained ministry. He is involved with Trinity Church on the Green in New Haven.

32 Leatherman Trail Hamden, CT 06518

The Rev. Richard Pierce, M.A. '67, is retired and currently serves as President of the Wintonbury Historical Society of Bloomfield, CT, and is active in First Baptist Church, West Hartford, CT.

14 Julie Lane Bloomfield, CT 06002

The Rev. Dr. Robert L. Polk, M. Div. '55, is a retired UCC pastor who says he has drawn on his Hartford Seminary education “in more ways than I can count in preaching, ecumenical and interfaith work, religious education, drawing people from diverse backgrounds together in faith, witness and fellowship and as an urban pastor and community organizer.” After Hartford Seminary he attended Union Seminary and Columbia University. He serves as a trustee of Community Partnership School in Philadelphia, PA. His memoir is entitled “Crossing Barriers and Building Bridges.”

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The Rev. John Post, M. Div. '52, has lived in the Covenant village of Cromwell for the past 12 years. His wife, Gloria, died in 2014. They were joyfully married for 66 years.

52 Missionary Rd. Ste. 1 Cromwell, CT 06416

The Rev. Dr. David Ray, D. Min. '82, served as the Pastor of the Congregational Church of Bristol, MD until June of 2013. He now works on short term ministry assignments, where he served most recently at the Community Church of San Miguel with Dr. Allendoe in Mexico.

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Amy Robinson, M.A. '99, recently completed nine years as a Hartford Seminary trustee, serving on the Executive Committee and chairing the Communications and Recruitment Committee. “During that time I continued to audit courses since there is so much to learn at HS and so many wonderful professors, and had I taken the courses for credit would just about have another M.A. degree. In 2009, I closed my marketing communications consulting business, The Robinson Graham Group, and now do occasional consulting with non-profit clients. This opens up opportunities for more time to travel, explore, read and volunteer. I sit on the Board of Trustees of The Conference of Churches and tutor adorable second graders at the local grammar school, which is a great source of joy and fulfillment, especially since I’m still not a grandmother despite my ardent desire to be one. My two sons apparently have minds of their own!”

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Ms. Cynthia Rose, WLI '98, found her education at Hartford Seminary “useful in her seminary training at Pacific School of Religion and United Theological Seminary as well as in various worship celebrations, events planning and political activism.” She also says that since she lives in California she would enjoy taking more courses and seminars via the web. Cynthia is a self-employed consultant, outreach and cultural curator and she is involved in numerous Bay Area art groups.

1550 Peters Street San Leandro, CA 94578

The Rev. Aida Santiago, PMH '04, co-pastors with her husband, the Rev. Benjamin Santiago, PMH '02, at New Dimension Christian Center which has served the Hartford community since 1993. Benjamin has a Bachelor's and Master's Degree from Latin University of Theology, where Aida too attended and earned a Master's Degree in Theology. Both Aida and Benjamin refer students to Hartford Seminary. Both are involved in Mustard Seed Outreach. Aida works at Hartford Hospital as a Performance Improvement Consultant.

PO Box 33068 West Hartford, CT 06133

The Rev. Harwood Schaffer, M. Div. '69, is a retired minister and on the faculty at the University of Tennessee as Research Assistant Professor, where he is working to make the connection among agricultural development, gender and religion, primarily Sufi Islam. From his education at Hartford Seminary, he says that the multicultural, open environment has shaped his work since then. He attended Tel Aviv University Institute of Archaeology and the University of Tennessee. He is the editor of
the Journal of Oromo Studies.
The University of Tennessee
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Knoxville, TN 37922

Mr. Nehal M. Shah, M.A. ’13, is the Executive Director of an online Islamic education website, the Alim Foundation Inc. The Alim is a social network site that provides tools for studying and understanding Islamic knowledge and offers communities the resources to discuss and share this. Nehal says that his education at Hartford Seminary supports his work.

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Laurel, MD 20707

The Rev. Withel Simpson, BMC ’86, M.A.R.S. ’92, went on to also complete an M. Div. at Andover Newton Theological School, and started work in a Doctoral program. He continues to engage in community activities and do pastoral work for the community.

17 Essex Lane
Bloomfield, CT 06002

The Rev. Robert Spalding, M. Div. ’65, spent 40 years in Pastoral Ministry in Minnesota, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. This includes seven years of very satisfying interim ministry in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. He is now retired and living in Barnstable, MA, building small boats.

196 Kettle Hole Road
W. Barnstable, MA 02668

Thomas Swain, M.A. ’71, finished six years of service as Clerk of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, and ended 25 years of service on the National Council of Churches, of which 20 of those years were spent on its Governing Board. He currently serves as Clerk of the PYM Nominating Committee. He was recently elected to President of Friends Historical Association and is also currently Associate Tutor at Woodbrooke Quaker Society Study Center in Woodbrooke, Birmingham, England.

42 Crosslands Drive
Kennett Square, PA 19348

The Rev. Dr. Luverne Tengbom, Ph.D., ’77, has served as a Parish Pastor in Calgary and Alberta. He also served as a missionary and a professor in Tanzania, a professor at the California Lutheran Bible Institute, and a professor at the Trinity Theological College and Singapore Bible College in Singapore. He has been married to Mildred Hassel for 61 years, and has four children and 12 grandchildren. He has been retired to Claremont, CA, since 1988. One of his most memorable experiences at Hartford Seminary was the friendship and excellent teachings of Dr. Harvey McArthur and Dr. Wayne Rollins.

627 Leyden Lane Unit 201
Claremont, CA 91711

The Rev. Donald S. Tingle, M.A. ‘85, is Executive Director of COMEN-SERV, a non-profit organization “bringing Christians and Muslims together on issues that matter to both.” He is involved in Christian-Muslim relations and works here in the United States and East Africa and is usually out of the US. Donald says that what he learned while earning his degree in Islam and Christian Muslim relations has formed the basis of his ministry since graduation. His wife died three years ago and he is engaged to Fadumo Mohamed. Of Hartford Seminary he says, “The school was a great blessing to me.”

2931 Lehman Road
Cincinnati, OH 45204

The Rev. Donald R.A. Toussaint, BMCP ’05, organized “God 1st Missionary Baptist Church (GFMBC) in Port Arthur, TX, and it consisted of ordained ministers, deacons, and other willing workers of various churches and denominations to serve the basic needs of the community. Over the past 22 years, the Rev. Toussaint has pastored several churches all over the United States, including churches in New Jersey, Texas, Connecticut, and Illinois. He was an active member of the Zebulun association and served as the assistant financial chairman for the Connecticut Missionary Baptist State Convention. He has held memberships on the executive board of Middlesex Central Baptist Association of New Jersey, the General Baptist Convention of New Jersey, the Grievance Board for the American Red Cross of Middletown, CT, and on the curriculum committee for the National Baptist Convention US, Inc. Currently, he is a member of the National Action Network Board of Directors and is a 33rd Degree Prince Hall Mason. He was also member of the Middletown NAACP, the Connecticut Coalition for Justice, and served as chief-of-staff for The New England Missionary Baptist Convention. Recently he was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board for the city of Port Arthur, Texas.

2555 95th Street #807
Port Arthur, TX 77640-1681

The Rev. Paul Varga, M. Div. ’54, served in a number of UCC churches in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Virginia. He served as moderator in several associations, and recruited and trained 400 volunteers for General Synod in 1991 in Norfolk, VA. He also participated in the “March on Montgomery.” He was a volunteer for the Portland Medical Center in Maine for 10 years. In 2014, Paul moved into an ecumenical retirement center originally started by the UCC.

149 East Side Drive 122
Concord, NH 03301
Ms. Elizabeth Velez, M.A. ’09, has recently returned from teaching in South Africa and is now a first-year law student at UNH Law School in Concord, NH. She has two children, Rigel, 7 and River, 8.
325 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

The Rev. Father Joseph E. Vujs, M. Div. ’87, is a retired Catholic priest who found the D.Min. studies at Hartford Seminary very helpful in seeing parishes and congregations from a sociological perspective. He has attended various lectures at the Seminary and is very interested in interfaith dialogue. Rev. Vujs belongs to the Newington Interfaith Clergy Association.
14 Hawley Street
Newington, CT 06111-2555

Dr. Ben F. Wade, Ph.D. ’66, is an ordained minister who has served as a minister, teacher and lecturer at several different churches across the country. He was the Vice President and Dean of the College at Florida Southern College, President of Westmar College in Iowa, Dean of the College at Brevard College in North Carolina, Professor of Religion and Philosophy at James Madison University and at Shenandoah University, and Professor of Theology and Administrator of the Library at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. He has since retired to the Bridgewater Retirement community in Virginia, and continues to teach church school classes.
210 Virginia Ave, Apt 201
Bridgewater, VA 22812

Ms. Kathleen Wheeler, M.A. ’06, moved to Utah several months after graduation. She preaches occasionally at a small church, the Hilltop United Methodist Church, and at an assisted living facility. She feels her education helped with her sermon preparation. She is also involved with the Alzheimer’s Association.
1243 E Cottonwood Hills Drive
Sandy, Utah 84094

Joanne T. White, M.A. ’97, is Spiritual Director and Supervisor of Interns at the Spiritual Life Center in West Hartford, CT. Joanne occasionally attends workshops and presentations at Hartford Seminary. Her education at the Seminary “helped me decide to return to the not-for-profit world and work at The Children’s Home of Cromwell with disadvantaged youth until I retired. I am occasionally asked to lead worship services, Taize, and lead retreats, and the education was part of my motivation to take a two-year internship in Spiritual Direction and become a Spiritual Director.” She is involved in First Church of Christ, West Hartford, CT; Congregational Church of North Barnstead, NH; Spiritual Life Center, West Hartford, CT; Holy Family Retreat and Conference Center, West Hartford, CT, and Berakah Retreat Center in Pittsfield, NH.
24 Sandhurst Drive
West Hartford, CT 06107

The Rev. Dr. Lawrence Whitlock, D. Min. ’89, has served at the Northville Baptist Church in New Milford, CT, the First Baptist Church in Mansfield, CT, New London, CT, and Westwood, MA. He retired in 2006 to live in Missouri, and enjoys amateur radio, restoring antique radios, and running Lionel trains. One of his most memorable experiences at Hartford Seminary was the trip that he and his colleagues took to the Holy Land, which he says was “transformative.”

Ms. Joy Kattner Wilson, M.A. ’47, served as the conference director of Children’s Work for the WV United Methodist Church, and a year later married one of the ministers. She taught in public schools in West Virginia and moved to Florida in 1969, and is now living in a retirement community there. One of her most memorable experiences at Hartford Seminary was meeting students from all over the world, and getting to know their cultures.
23033 Westchester Blvd D301
Port Charlotte, FL 33980

Dr. Jan Youga, M.A. ’13, writes, “Studying at Hartford Seminary revitalized my teaching career. I have been teaching English education courses and training college students to become high school teachers since 1983. While I love this work, my training in scripture allowed me to design and offer three new courses: Bible as Literature, Bible in Film, and History of Spiritual Autobiography. Last fall, I collaborated with a colleague who teaches Holocaust literature on a new version of my Bible course. During a casual conversation about our courses, she was lamenting the fact that her students seldom understood the biblical references in the Holocaust literature course she taught. We decided to take advantage of a two-semester advanced sequence required for English majors. I taught the first course in the sequence, focused on biblical stories, symbols, and themes that would occur in the second course on Holocaust literature taught by my colleague. It has been a wonderful collaboration for us and our students.”
41 Wilson Pond Road, #9
North Swanzey, NH 03431
Hartford Seminary conducted its Commencement Ceremony on May 15, 2015. We welcome all our new graduates to the ranks of the alumni/ae!

In Memoriam

The Rev. Donald J. Bosworth, M.A. ’53, of Fremont, NE passed away on February 3, 2014. Don was born in Melrose, MA and raised in Greenfield, MA. He served in the US Navy during World War II. He married Virginia Tilton Bosworth in 1944 in Springfield, MA. He attended and earned a B.S. degree from Springfield College in 1950 and a M.A. degree from Hartford Seminary in 1953. He began as a youth pastor in New York and then served as pastor in parishes in Buffalo, SD, Estelline, SD, Masse- na, NY, Winthrop, NY, Scribner, NE, Minier, IL and Inman, KS. He retired in 1990 and moved to Freemont, KS. Don is survived by his wife, their four children, nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The Rev. George Chasney, ’60 of New Port Richey, FL. Died on April 10, 2014. He was born in New Haven, CT and graduated from New Haven High School, Drury College in Springfield, MO and Hartford Seminary. The Rev. Chasney was ordained into the United Church of Christ in Letcher, SD in 1962. He subsequently served churches in South Dakota, Minnesota and New York. He was also a licensed drug and alcohol rehabilitation counselor, working on the Fond Du Lac Indian reservation outside of Duluth, MN and at Moose Lake State Hospital in Minnesota. Following his retirement from ministry in 1998 he and his wife Lorraine Gage Chasney travelled the country and volunteered at many National Wildlife Refuges and Forests in Vermont, South Carolina, Illinois, Nevada, Georgia and finally in Ocala, FL. He was a member of Community Congregational Church in New Port Richey, FL.

The Rev. Dr. Donald H. Ketcham, D.Min. ’86, passed away unexpectedly on January 22, 2015 in Unionville, CT. Donald was a graduate of Lafayette College in Easton, PA in 1964. He received a Master of Divinity from Andover Newton Theological School in 1967 and a Doctor of Ministry with Distinction from Hartford Seminary in 1988. He served as pastor of the First Congregational Church in Kent, CT from 1967 to 1972, and West Avon Congregational Church in Avon, CT for 32 years until his retirement in 2004. With his wife Carol, they raised their four children in Avon, CT. Donald worked as a youth soccer coach for 17 years, was a leader of the church Pilgrim Fellowship youth group and chaperone for several outreach service trips. He served as a chaplain at the UCONN Health Center and on the board of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ.

The Rev. Dr. Kenneth E. Knox, D.Min. ’84, died on July 31, 2014 after a short illness. He led the East Woodstock Congregational Church of Woodstock, CT from 1964 to 1972 and the Talcottville Congregational Church in Vernon, CT from 1972 to 1984. He led the Congregational Church of Auburn, MA from 1984 to 2008, from which he retired, but remained Minister Emeritus. He graduated from Boston University, Andover Newton Theological School and received his Doctorate from Hartford Seminary in 1984. He served on many Auburn town committees and also served as the Chaplain of the Auburn Fire Department for many years. He and his wife Jacqueline (Tooze) Knox were married for 52 years. They have four children and six grandchildren.

Charlotte Woods Beals Tasker, M.A. ’39 died June 5, 2014. Charlotte was born in Wai, India and attended Highclerc School in Kodai and then came to the United States to finish school because Highclerc went up to
MARY ELIZABETH JOHNSON

Sister Mary Elizabeth Johnson  
A longtime member of the Hartford Seminary community, Sister Mary Elizabeth Johnson, passed away on Thursday, May 8, 2014, not long after her 90th birthday.

ME, as she was known to many, had a Master’s in Religious Studies from the Seminary and worked on the administrative staff for many years. The Medical Mission Sister spent 17 years of her career serving hospitals in Pakistan. She and Prof. Miriam Therese Winter, also a Medical Mission Sister, supported each other both professionally and personally for more than 45 years.

A biography on the Medical Mission Sisters’ website tells this story:

“A native of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Sister Mary Elizabeth graduated from St. Margaret Academy and became a registered nurse at St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing in La Crosse, Wisconsin, before joining our Community in 1946.

“In 1949, Sister Mary Elizabeth began 17 years of ministry in Pakistan. She served at Holy Family Hospitals in Rawalpindi, Karachi, and Dacca, as a nurse, midwife, and administrator. She also was involved in education, setting and correcting the national nursing and midwifery exams.

“Sister Mary Elizabeth reflects, ‘This time of my life is set apart in my heart to remember always with a special glow, and many thanks for those Sisters I worked, played and prayed with, and for the Pakistani people I met, worked with, and helped to better health.’

“In 1966, after the Second Vatican Council, Sister was appointed to a five-member governing body for North American Medical Mission Sisters serving around the world. Two years later, she became administrator at our North American Headquarters in Philadelphia. From 1972 to 1974, she served on our “Ministry Team” that traveled extensively, leading workshops, facilitating prayer and giving concerts.

“Sister Mary Elizabeth then became business administrator for our music and liturgy publications, and also responded twice to the need for emergency relief work along the Cambodian border. She says, ‘We Medical Mission Sisters are called into relationships and areas of ministry that change: widening and narrowing in turn into new endeavors that continue to open our faith life for, and as a part of, God’s people.’

“In 1980, Sister Mary Elizabeth moved to Hartford, Connecticut, assuming administrative duties at the Hartford Seminary Foundation and its Educational Resources Center. She received her Master’s Degree in Religious Studies from Hartford Seminary. She continues to live in Hartford, and helps fill orders and answer permission requests for the use of our music and books.

“Sister Mary Elizabeth, who celebrated her 60th Jubilee in 2009, shares, ‘Mission for me means helping to make Christ present in the world. It is trying to witness Christ the healer in our daily life with others and with ourselves.’”

the equivalent of 9th grade. She returned to India in 1944 as a registered nurse, meeting her future husband, a British soldier aboard the ship travelling to India. They moved to Madurai where she taught at a men’s hospital. After World War II they moved back to England and emigrated to Canada two years later. They lived in Vancouver, British Columbia, and eventually moved to Tahsis on Vancouver Island where they lived for 37 years. Charlotte returned again to Kodai for a visit with several relatives in 2001 to celebrate the school’s centennial.
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