

FORES NEWS

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Welcome to the Trinity 2017 edition of the FORES NEWS. Look inside to read news and information about life at Reformed Episcopal Seminary. Learn about ways that you can get involved in the life and support of our Seminary, and mark your calendar with upcoming events in the Seminary Year.

If you have items you would like to contribute to future editions, we welcome your input!

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Save the Date!

Next FORES
Meetings
11/13/2017

1/08/2018

All meetings
held at RES at
7:30 pm

Kuehner
Seminar
12/5/2017

St. Paul's REC
Oreland

10 AM

*RSVP to RES
office*

March for Life
1/19/2018

Annual Luncheon
5/5/2018

Commencement
6/2/2018



Annual Picnic

The Annual Picnic was held on the Seminary grounds in Blue Bell, PA, on Saturday, August 26. Nearly 60 current students, alumni, faculty, friends, and family members spent the afternoon enjoying burgers and hot dogs grilled by Dean Riches and the many delicious side dishes brought by the attendees.



The picnic tables, a gift of the Class of 2016, were put to good use as students, faculty, families, and friends enjoyed a time of food and fellowship on a beautiful summer day.



Student Profile

Kevin Fife

Kevin Fife, a Middler at RES, was baptized in the Presbyterian tradition in Orange County, California. The family later moved to a suburb of Charlotte, North Carolina. Kevin met his wife, Mary Willis, at Montreat College, where they became Anglican together through the friendship and invitation of Tyler (RES Senior) and Holly Phass. The Fife's fell in love with the Anglican tradition at their home parish, St. Matthew's Church in Weaverville, NC.

At RES, Kevin's favorite courses so far have been of the historical theology and philosophy variety: Creeds and Councils, Medieval and Reformation Theology and European and American Protestantism.

This past summer, Kevin and Mary Willis had the pleasure of spending three weeks in England and a week in Venice and Florence, Italy. The primary goal for their visit was to look at churches. Some of the highlights of their trip included St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, parish churches in London, college chapels in Oxford, Salisbury Cathedral, and Canterbury Cathedral. While in Venice, they were able to



visit St. Marks, "an astonishing work of architecture," as well as several baroque parish churches. Kevin reports that "the famous Duomo in Florence is a grand thing to behold. It's rose and green marble exterior and the interior of the Baptistry with its massive mosaic dome exude grandeur and majesty."

Kevin aspires to be ordained as a Deacon in the Diocese of the Eastern United States of the Anglican Province of America. Parish priesthood is his ultimate goal, and he asks for prayers for his preparation and training.

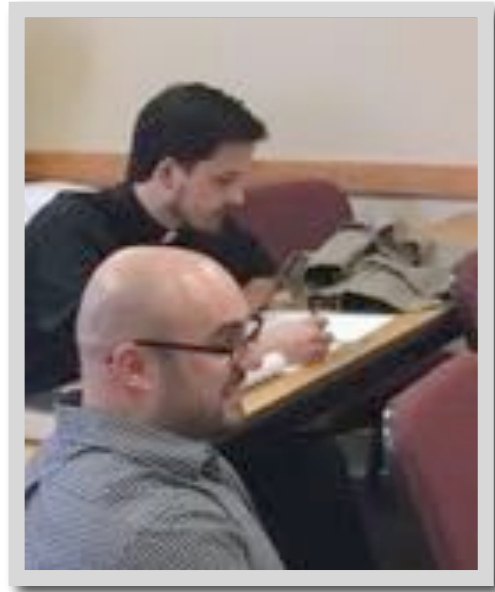
-Susan France



Supporting the Seminary

Care & Prayer

Finals for the first quarter will soon be here, and we want to support our students with care packages, containing sustenance. In the past, items such as hot chocolate, chips, nuts, cookies, and soups have been donated. There will be an opportunity to send non-perishable items to the seminary, or you may bring these



items to Diocesan Council on 11/2-11/3/2017 at Covenant Chapel. Collection boxes will be placed at both the seminary and at Covenant Chapel. The deadline for collection is 11/05/2017. Let us show our seminary students some love, and please continue to pray for them and their families.

Lynch Creek Farm

As you plan your Christmas decorating and gift-giving, consider using Lynch Creek Farm as your source for wreaths, roping, and centerpieces. A generous 20% of each sale goes to support RES. Last year's Seminary door wreath (pictured on right) was from Lynch Creek Farm.



Ordering Information

Follow this link:

<https://www.lcffundraising.com/c/110148>

to place your order, and support the Seminary

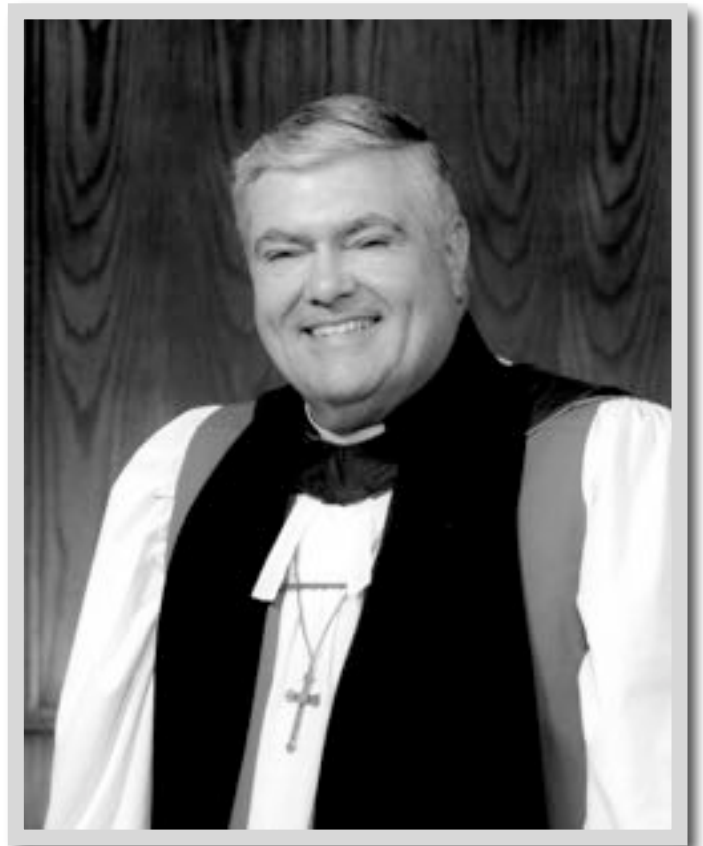
Alumni Profile

Bishop Leonard Riches

Forgetting that I would not see Bishop Leonard Riches in church the last couple of Sundays to speak to him in person, I caught up with him by telephone to check in with him and ask about his life after retirement. He said there is not a lot to say beyond the fact that he enjoys being retired.

While there are aspects of what he did that he misses, he notes that it was time to retire and turn things over to other men: “It is good after a long time, 51 years in the ministry, 50 years at RES, and 18 years as P[re]siding B[ishop]... it is good to lay those responsibilities aside and hand them off to well-qualified, capable successors.” That being said, he retains a keen interest in the Church and the Seminary and all that is going on in both. He chuckled adding that he “has a direct pipeline of information about the Seminary through his son [Dean Riches].”

But he is not just sitting around “petting his cats.” He served for about 15 months on the committee reviewing the new hymnal. They examined the



biblical text and context of the hymns and their congruence with our Anglican theology and formularies. He found this to be a spiritual exercise because so many of the lyrics are drawn from Scripture. He was happy to be a part of this process. The new hymnal will be published by Anglican House, but it really was a project of the REC.

Age gives him some grief, but he notes that is to be expected, and he has experienced nothing too debilitating so far.

He is pleased that students remember his classes fondly and ask about him when they have contact with the Seminary.

--David France