

COSSO Newsletter

Course of Study School of Ohio (COSSO)

2011

Fall

From the Director's Desk

Rev. Diane Turner-Sharazz



Greetings!

It is my hope and prayer that all is going well with you as summer is winding down. We have been busy here with summer weekend and summer intensive sessions. In addition, things are changing at the COSSO United campus. There is now a new Assistant Director of COSSO who is over the hybrid program at United – Dr. Peter Bellini. I would like to introduce him to you.



Dr. Peter Bellini

Dr. Bellini joined the United faculty and staff in July, 2011. In addition to his responsibilities with COS, Peter is Assistant Professor for the Practice of Missiology, Director of IAT and Urban and International Studies. He has previously served as Adjunct Professor in Philosophy and Religious Studies at Urbana University, as well as Adjunct Professor and Chairperson of Urban Center at United. He has pastored urban and rural churches, and continues in mission in Sicily, Italy, as evangelist and pastoral support. In living out his ministry, Dr. Bellini planted and was founder of Higher Ground UMC in Dayton, OH. This is an urban, multi-cultural, multi-generational congregation that has a strong discipleship and community focus. Through this ministry, multiple outreach programs and ministries were instituted. Dr. Bellini is concerned about the renewal of the church. In 2011 – 2012, he will teach Spiritual Formation, Directed Study in Missional Church, Foundations for Church Renewal, Urban Church Renewal, Intercultural Studies, and Evangelism.

We are very pleased to have Dr. Bellini joining the staff of Course of Study School of Ohio, and look forward to his leadership in the program.

Diane

If you are planning to graduate from the program within the next year, please let us know!

**The UPDATED
Course of Study Handbook
is now online**

at:

<http://www.courseofstudyschoolofohio.com/handbook.pdf>

MORE THAN PRAYER: Spiritual Formation-

From Rev. Rebeka Maples, Ph.D., Director of Spiritual Formation



Spiritual Formation & the Wesleyan Spirituality

Attending courses at COSSO is more than just reading and writing. It is a life changing experience for those who follow God's call into ministry. Course of Study students come from many different experiences and professions, and the course work is intended to provide awakenings both academically and spiritually. Worship is intended to reinforce these awakenings for spiritual transformation. So our time together in worship is more than getting ideas for planning worship services. It is time set aside for students to remember their call and to refresh their spirit.

This summer at the 2011 Summer Intensive, August 14-26, the theme was "Wesleyan Spirituality: A Praxis for Living." Each day we prayed and read from John, Charles and Susanna Wesley's journals, sermons, hymns, and poems. It was a transformative experience for me. I hesitated at first because I was not sure how worshipful this would be for ten days. However, once we started, the spirit of the Wesleys seemed to take command and led us through ten powerful days of praise, prayer and worship. I was probably more surprised than anyone at how these historical words leapt from the pages and spoke directly to us. This power and passion speaks of the compassion and love that John Wesley believed and lived, and he got it all from scripture, especially the life and ministry of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Even though I was leading worship, each day I went away amazed and with a sense of God's spirit moving among and through us.

(Read more on COSSO web page)

Words Words Words

From Margaret VanSickle, Writing Coach



All COSSO students are invited to attend the writing workshop on Friday, September 16, 2011 in the Centrum from 4:00-4:30 (Immediately after Spiritual Formation).

Topics for this weekend's writing workshop are "Avoiding Plagiarism" and "Frequent grammar errors in writing."

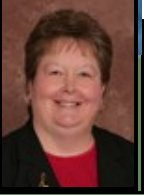
CHOIR MEMBERS ALWAYS NEEDED!

Even if you did not sign up to be part of the COSSO choir for worship, please feel free to come to rehearsal! Rehearsal will be held the **Friday of the each weekend (September 16 and October 14) at 2:30**. As most of you have found, there is strength in numbers; so don't hesitate to be part of the choir—even if you have not been offered a multi-million dollar recording contract for your singing.

All are welcome!

Views from the Coordinator

By Karen Gee



Greetings Students and welcome to Fall Term 2011!!! It seems like just yesterday we were finishing Summer Weekend and Summer Intensive terms!! I hope you had a great summer and you are looking forward to your Fall class. Here are a few reminders for future COS classes:

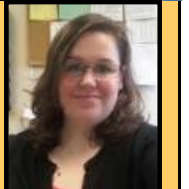
- The \$30.00 Registration Fee is non-refundable and non-transferable. Your registration fee for each class must accompany your signed registration form.
- Please be sure to check the COS Website Schedule for registration deadlines. We are suggesting that you allow one month to get signatures on your registration form and forward the registration form to our office. All three signatures – Student, District Superintendent and Local Pastor Registrar must be on the registration form. We no longer offer late registration for the courses so please plan ahead.

We hope your time with us will be meaningful and rewarding and may God continue to richly bless your Ministry. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me via e-mail (kgee@mtso.edu) or phone (740-362-3340); or if you have questions while you are on campus please stop by my office (Werner Hall room 219).

Blessings,
Karen Gee
COS Coordinator

Student Life

From Megan Coggins, COSSO Assistant



This Summer, COS celebrated graduation with 2 students...



Monica Huntsman

Ron Hutchinson

**Congratulations, Graduates!
May God continue to bless your journeys.**

FACULTY FOR 2011 FALL SESSION



Fulgence Nyengele

Fulgence Nyengele—
Teaching 113:
Pastoral Care for Spiritual
Formation

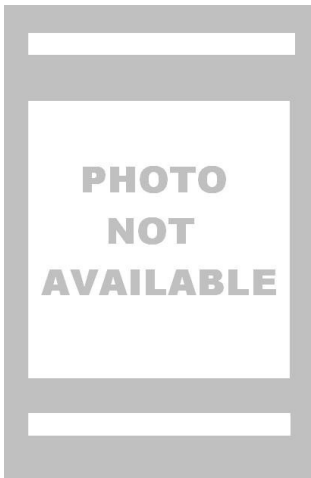
Rev. Dr. Fulgence
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M.Div., M.A.T.S., and
Ph.D. from the Claremont
School of Theology, and
is an elder in the Confer-
ence of Congo. He cur-
rently teaches at MTSO.



Timothy Van Meter

Timothy VanMeter—
Teaching 213:
Formation for Discipleship

Dr. Timothy VanMeter re-
ceived his M.Div. from
Candler School of Theol-
ogy and his Ph.D. from
Emory University. He cur-
rently teaches at MTSO.



Richard Morrison

Richard Morrison—
Teaching 314:
Pastoral Care and Coun-
seling

Rev. Dr. Richard Morri-
son received his M.Div
from MTSO and his
D.Min from Boston Uni-
versity. He currently
works with the formation
of an Ubuntu Gathering
Center at Africa Univer-
sity in Zimbabwe.



Yvonne Zimmerman

Yvonne Zimmerman—
Teaching 414:
Personal and Social Ethics

Dr. Yvonne Zimmerman
received her MTS from
Candler School of Theol-
ogy and her Ph.D. from Iliff
School of Theology and
University of Denver. She
currently teaches at
MTSO.



Tyron Inbody

Tyron Inbody—
Teaching 512:
Contemporary Theology

Dr. Inbody received his
M.Div from United Theo-
logical Seminary and his
MA and Ph.D. from the
University of Chicago.
He is currently teaching
“Sin and Grace” at MTSO
as a visiting professor.

MUSIC REQUESTS?

Do you have a favorite hymn that you never hear when you come to campus for Course of Study weekends? Is there a choir anthem that has been a blessing to you and your congregation? I am always looking for new hymns and anthems for use in worship and with the choir; so please let me know if you have requests! Thanks...

