We hope and pray you are having a wonderful Michigan summer.

CALL is committed to helping you enrich your spiritual, intellectual, cultural and social lives. The Board acknowledges that we need lots of volunteers to serve each other to make this happen. We recognized three individuals at the annual meeting for their efforts, but we all know that many more of you have made, and will continue to make CALL a top-quality organization.

At the June meeting, your Board . . .
- welcomed new board members Daniel Bos and Agnes Kroese.
- reviewed the annual meeting at which 218 attended.
- congratulated Sally Vander Ploeg for being appointed Vice President for Administration and Finance. Sally served as a CALL board member for many years.
- reviewed the list of courses and concerts offered this summer, and the proposed list for the fall. Fall curriculum guides will be mailed to all member’s home addresses in early August. Note that non-profit-rate mail will not be forwarded to a summer address; let the CALL office know about any address changes before August 1.
- saw the new CALL portfolio bags with the new logo! Looks great! Those who have the existing maroon and gold one--you may buy a new one this fall for only $5.00. New members continue to get a free bag when they join CALL.
- was impressed with the line-up of public and member events scheduled for this fall.
- discussed at length CALL’s relationship with MVP and expressed appreciation for CALL Treasurer Bruce Klanderman’s careful and patient work on this matter. See MVP information on page 6.
- elected the following officers for the 2013-2014 year:
  Ray Vander Weele  
  President  
  Corrine Kass  
  Vice President

If your membership expires at the end of August, 2013, anticipate either an email or a letter in July asking you to renew your CALL membership. Please wait for that notification. If you are enjoying a multiple-year membership, and your membership extends into the next year, a new 2013-2014 name badge will be mailed to your home in August along with an updated parking permit. Keep an eye on your inbox or your mail box in July and August!

CALL’s membership year runs from September 1 through August 31. We anticipate you will renew your membership with CALL and that you’ll continue to tell your friends about all CALL has to offer!

Ray Vander Weele  
President

PARKING ON CALVIN CAMPUS
CALL members will receive a new 2013-2014 parking permit before September. CALL members are considered students, so please refrain from parking in lots designated for visitors when you are here for your classes. The bright yellow parking permit allows CALL students to park in any of the numbered lots. The small visitor parking lot near the Spoelhof Center and other designated visitor spaces in other lots must remain open for visitors. Thank you CALL STUDENTS!
CALL membership continues to grow! Can you believe you are among 1,659 CALL members? We hope you’re planning to stay with us. In July, many of you will be asked to renew your membership for next year which begins September 1, 2013. Look for the membership renewal forms this summer in your mailbox. For those of you who have indicated you prefer an email reminder regarding membership, keep an eye on your inbox.

If you prefer an email reminder regarding membership renewal that points you to the online form using your credit card, let the CALL office staff know soon. You’ll help us reduce our postage costs. Email call@calvin.edu with the subject line, Email Reminder to Renew.

**Membership Drive: July**

From Membership Assistant Marjo Jordan

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### Extended Trips Committee

**Looking ahead to 2014**, a repeat of the trip to Israel, **A Pilgrimage to Israel – In the Light of Jesus**, is scheduled for March 17-29. This tour sold out in a mere 10 days! We are working on plans for another pilgrimage; stay tuned.

A trip to Europe, **Northern European Art Tour**, led by Calvin Professor Henry Luttikhuizen, is scheduled for June 16-27, 2014. This tour will explore the great cities of London, Paris, Bruges and Amsterdam. In addition to visiting the British Museum in London, the Musee de Louvre in Paris and the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, there will be opportunities to visit Gothic cathedrals and other architectural gems.

**Exploring Hungary and its Reformed Heritage**, led by Calvin political science professor emeritus Corwin Smidt, is scheduled for Sept. 24-Oct. 7, 2014. This tour seeks to combine visits to popular sites with a deepening understanding of the breadth of the reformed heritage in Europe. Budapest, one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, and other Hungarian cities will be visited.

More information regarding these trips can be found on the CALL website, the Calvin alumni website, or by calling either of these offices.

**Advance notice**: A June, 2014 literature based tour of New England, led by Professor Gary Schmidt, is in the planning stages. More information regarding these trips can be found at the CALL and Calvin alumni websites, or by calling the alumni office at 616-526-6142.

### Interest Groups

**We need a volunteer coordinator for a new Interest Group!!**

Have any of your grandchildren participated in *Odyssey of the Mind*? A new program in West Michigan is similar to this, but engages seniors in cognition, decision-making, creativity, collaboration and evaluation of ideas and competition.

Check out [www.seniorodyssey.org](http://www.seniorodyssey.org), and if you are interested, talk with me about what’s involved and let’s get an Interest Group started. . . . Ray Vander Weele - rayvweele@gmail.com
We are again planning an engaging and thought provoking lineup of Noontime lectures.

Mark your calendars now and share these dates and topics with others.

The Noontime Series are held from 12-1 PM in the Chapel on Calvin’s campus and are free and open to all.

Thursday, September 5:  *Learning from the Oppressed* presented by Nicholas Wolterstorff
Most of us are not aware of coming across seriously oppressed people in our daily lives. When we do come across them, and don’t just ignore them, we ask what we can do for them. Professor Wolterstorff will consider, instead, what we who are Christians can learn from the oppressed, and how what we learn should shape our lives.

Thursday, September 19:  *Cracks in the Wall* presented by Marlin & Sally Vis
“We keep knocking our heads against this wall of hatred until we put little cracks in it.” This from Rami Elhanan, a Jewish Israeli who lost his 14-year-old daughter to two suicide bombers on the eve of Yom Kippur. Rev. Vis, former RCA representative in Jerusalem and current tour leader to the Holy Land, will give us flesh and blood reasons to hope for a day when Israelis and Palestinians live in peace.

Thursday, October 3:  *A Ram in the Thicket* - presented by Catherine Frerichs
Catherine grew up as a missionary kid and went to boarding schools in Papua, New Guinea and Australia. Her parents believed they were honoring God with their service while still meeting their children’s needs. For many years Catherine saw only how she and her siblings were sacrificed. But teaching at a university there during 2011-12 enabled her to experience the country and its people on her own terms, bringing the grace of a “ram in the thicket.”

Rabbi and Dr. Shirley K. Lewis lived with and studied under Father Henri Nouwen during their sabbatical semesters. Nouwen was the most influential and significant adult male in Rabbi Lewis’s middle age. Nouwen’s sense of “brokenness” and God’s unconditional acceptance spoke directly to the souls and hearts of Albert and Shirley Lewis.

Thursday, October 31:  *Michigan’s Shameful Treatment of Prisoners* presented by Doug Tjapkes
The president of HfP (Humanity for Prisoners) has stories to tell of his long fight for appropriate medical care, proper treatment of the mentally ill, compassionate care for dying inmates, and authoritative advice for those claiming wrongful conviction.

Thursday, November 14:  *Hymns that Time Forgot* presented by Greg Scheer
We are often led to believe that new congregational songs are all chaff and old hymns were all wheat. This hymn sing will cure our selective memory!
Wednesday, August 14, Elkhart Highlights
Join CALL members and friends for a relaxing and fun filled day in Elkhart, IN. Our trip includes a visit to “Ruthmere” Historic House. This elaborate mansion of Albert Beardsley is a time capsule of lifestyle in 1910 and is filled with a collection of fine art, including sculptures and Tiffany leaded glass. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon aboard the Elkhart River Queen, a 65-foot riverboat, cruising the Saint Joseph River. Hear a bit of area history while gliding past some of the area’s most beautiful riverside homes. After our cruise we will visit the Elkhart Museum of American Art. Norman Rockwell, Grant Wood and Thomas Sully are but a few of the noteworthy artists. We will enjoy a talk on the works of Norman Rockwell. Before we head for dinner and home, we will visit the Wellfield Botanical Gardens.

Cost - $105 Includes motor coach, coffee and rolls, river cruise, lunch and dinner and all admission fees.

Friday, September 6, A Day Near Home
Learn about life on a large, modern, family farm right in our own back yard. Swisslane is milking 1300 cows with a herd total of 2,700 cattle. Enjoy the farm, the new state-of-the-art facility where cows are milked by “Robots” and the “Goin Green” hayride. We will enjoy lunch in the fully restored barn.

In the afternoon we experience the Boulder Creek Wild Animal Park, which has 80 acres of exotic animals. Boulder Creek has many rare and endangered animals hard to find anywhere else in the United States. Boulder Creek is a unique, hands on experience. The park boasts a distinct collection of exotic animals and reptiles. The variety and dynamic atmosphere makes Boulder Creek anything but your average zoo.

Cost - $49 includes motor coach, lunch and admission fees.

Wednesday, September 25, The Dutch in West Michigan
On this very informative trip led by Dick Harms, our narrator for the day, we will travel around our area looking at the Dutch influence in our community. A few of the places Dick will highlight are: Pillar Church in Holland, VanRaalte cemetery, highlight tours of Holland, early villages, the Settler’s monument (Zeeland) Graafschap CR church and museum and the Grand Rapids Dutch neighborhoods.

This trip will complement the class Dick Harms will be teaching this fall on “The Dutch in West Michigan.” It will cover points of interest he will discuss in his class.

Cost - $69 Includes motor coach, lunch and all admission costs.

Wednesday and Thursday, October 16 and 17, Retreat at “The Shack”
“The Shack” a country bed and breakfast nestled in 100 acres of woods on the banks of the lovely Robinson Lake will be the location of our CALL mini-retreat. Our special speaker will be Rev. Ren Broekhuizen, a noted seminar speaker. Opportunity will be given for great fellowship, good food, games, hiking, sitting on a covered porch or relaxing by the lake. At night we will enjoy the famous “Banana Splits” served at “The Shack.”
Cost - $85 (double occupancy) Includes speaker, lodging, dinner, breakfast, lunch and all activities.

BACK by POPULAR DEMAND
Tuesday, May 13, 2014
Purdue Varsity Men’s Glee Club
This event was so well received this year and many people have asked us to include the Purdue Varsity men’s Glee Club in our events for 2014.

The Glee Club is a widely acclaimed musical group that has inspired audiences on nine European tours and has performed at five presidential inaugurations. This dynamic musical troupe employs a versatile repertoire including gospel, classical choir selections, familiar opera choruses and much more. They utilize small groups and outstanding soloists to further enhance their performance. We will have lunch at the center, where a glee club member(s) will be at each table to talk about the history and rules of the glee club.

Plan now to attend this outstanding musical performance. The cost is $95.00 and includes deluxe motor coach, coffee and rolls, lunch and the concert. A $30.00 deposit will confirm your reservation. Balance of $65.00 is due April 1, 2014.

This is a musical favorite. Make your reservation today!
CALLsummer office hours
Monday & Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m
Tuesday & Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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ONLINE REGISTRATIONS

Many CALL members choose to register online at the CALL web site, www.calvin.edu/CALL. Within the past year, 451 registered online for membership, 264 for spring classes, 62 for the annual luncheon meeting, 48 for member events, and 97 for summer classes and concerts. Way to go! Often these transactions include a spouse or a friend, so the totals are even higher. We’re glad this feature works well for some of you.

Tip: Favor the mouse or the tab key when filling out the form, as the enter key sometimes submits a form prematurely. Anticipate receiving an immediate confirmation for your credit card transaction.

Receiving registrations and your check through the mail also works well. When possible, we confirm receipt of your check by email. For those who do not use email, we confirm receipt of your check with a postcard.

Member Events / Interest Group Registration

Two ways to register:

1. Online - www.calvin.edu/CALL >Member Events
2. Complete this form, make check payable to CALL and send to:
   CALL Youngsma Center, 3201 Burton St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Event fees are per person:

- August 14 [Wed] Elkhart Highlights $105
- September 6 [Fri] A Day Near Home $49
- September 25 [Wed] The Dutch in West Mich. $69
- Oct 16-17 [Wed-Thu] Retreat at “The Shack” $85 (double occupancy)
- May 13, 2014 [Tues] Purdue Varsity Glee Club $95 ($30 deposit)

Name(s) _____________________________________________________________

Phone ___________________________ email ______________________________

May we confirm this registration by email? _____ Yes _____ No, I don’t use email.

If an event has filled, we will notify you.

I would like to join an interest group (no charge):

☐ Senior Odyssey  ☐ Knitting  ☐ Birding  ☐ Brass Ensemble

Advance Notice

CALL 2013 Fall Conference
for Board and Committee members
Wednesday, September 4, 2013
8:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Calvin Chapel Undercroft
UPDATE ON MVP SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP FOR CALL MEMBERS

Membership at MVP Sportsplex has been a valued benefit of CALL membership. This relationship between CALL and MVP was established about eight years ago at the time the MVP Sportsplex building was built at Burton and East Paris while the new sports facilities were being built on the Calvin College campus. An arrangement was agreed upon whereby CALL members could take advantage of the new facilities at the MVP Sportsplex whereas the new facilities on the Calvin College campus would be dedicated to college students and staff and retired Calvin college employees. Currently, MVP management has been reviewing the CALL – MVP agreements and has contacted us to negotiate a few changes. The following official agreements comprise our updated terms with MVP. These terms also reflect the fact that a significant number of CALL members joined MVP and have not continued to keep up their CALL memberships. This obviously has not been fair to CALL nor is it truly ethical.

The new terms are laid out in the updated MVP flyer and basically comprise the following elements:

1. All current CALL-MVP members are grand-fathered at the current rate of $35/month.
2. New CALL-MVP members 60 and older will have $35/month monthly fees.
3. New CALL-MVP members 50 – 59 will have $45/month fees.
4. All CALL-MVP members will be given one-year memberships which can be renewed each year at the appropriate fee level upon showing the updated valid CALL membership badge the next year.
5. Current delinquent MVP members who are not currently CALL members will have to pay by September 1, 2013 the 2012-2013 CALL membership fee and the 2013-2014 membership fee to be able to continue their MVP membership at the $35/month level beyond September 1, 2013. A break in MVP membership after that will require valid CALL membership and the $45/month MVP fee.
6. Spouses of CALL members continue to qualify for the $30/month fee.
7. Zero enrollment fees will continue for new CALL members.

Current MVP fees for non-CALL members are $82/month for members younger than 60 and $45 month for members 60 and older. Enrollment fees are $75 per member. It is therefore obvious that we have a very favorable membership arrangement between CALL and MVP. We are pleased that we could negotiate this official documented arrangement.

MVP Membership for CALL Members
Bruce Klanderman, CALL Treasurer