At its Fall Leadership Conference, your board and committee chairs and members (45 of us) met to discuss how we are doing to serve you. The topic for the day was how to develop a positive feedback culture.

We reviewed our mission to “enrich the lifelong spiritual, intellectual, cultural and social lives; and we try to “create an abiding partnership with Calvin and senior citizens in Greater Grand Rapids who wish to share knowledge, talents and experience.”

This year we will focus on a few key items, using as a benchmark Jesus’ leadership style which we all admire so much. For example . . .

**Jesus was the ultimate delegator.** He sent out the disciples with only a vision of the kingdom, a great commandment and a great commission—with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. There were no policy manuals, no instructions for who should do what, and certainly no micro-management of how the disciples should carry on. Yet the ministry is alive and well yet today. We learned that the wisdom of the crowds, not structures or policies, i.e., ideas from all of you, create and identify opportunities for CALL.

**Jesus handled distractions with grace.** He was often disrupted in his ministry, e.g., the woman who was bleeding for 12 years, whom he healed—and yet focused on the mission God had called Him to complete. We learned how to stay on course by focusing on mission.

**Jesus was into self-development, leadership and succession planning.** He very carefully prepared the disciples to take over His ministry. He pushed people beyond what they felt they were capable of doing. He constantly slipped away to spend time with God. We learned that good talents among CALL members be encouraged, rewarded and engaged.

**Jesus was the ultimate servant-leader.** He was willing to wash the feet of His followers. While washing feet was common, the conference reminded us that we can take what is familiar but continually innovate.

**Jesus celebrated His ministry.** He rewarded people generously who were faithful to Him and His cause. Does CALL celebrate a timely feedback culture by asking you, our members, for advice and participation? We learned better how to do this.

To improve both the quality and quantity of services to our members, we need your prayers and continual feedback.

Check out the wonderful array of courses, noon-time series lectures, member events and special trips—all sponsored and implemented by caring leaders for a grateful membership.

Let’s have another wonderful year!

*Ray Vander Weele
President

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**These 2nd Session CALL courses still have room:**

26. Gospel of Matthew
27. Designed for Dry Feet
31. Poetry of Belief
32. Civil Rights Movements
35. Future of the Church
38. Calligraphy
39. Mormonism
40. Israel/Palestine
42. Economic Issues Forum*

43. Robinson Crusoe
44. Climate Change
47. Dutch Culture in Films
48. Papacy and the Popes
49. Nazi Germany
50. *Hamlet*
51. Wide World of Drugs
53. Books & Authors “A”
54. Books & Authors “B”

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*Note the description of this special series of speakers on ECONOMIC ISSUES on Page 5

**Economic Issues – Trends, Challenges and Opportunities**

Four Thursdays 3:15 - 4:30 PM in the Chapel Undercroft, Calvin College

Special Speakers!! Sign up today!
Cuba Today: People and Society, March 4 - 12, 2014

- This all inclusive tour to Cuba has just been added to our list of alumni/CALL travel experiences. Delve into the rich history and heritage of Cuba by meeting with local leaders, residents, artists and intellectuals to discuss the Cuba of today and explore local attractions.

- Leaders: Kenneth Erffmeyer ’86, Vice President for Advancement, Calvin College, assisted by expert national and local Cuban guides.

- For more information about this unique travel experience, phone 616-526-6097 or e-mail cwolffis@calvin.edu.

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 the alumni or the CALL office.

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.

In June the Lincoln Legacy tour group had their picture taken with the Lincoln family. The popular trip was arranged by the Member Events Committee.
Monday, September 30, Art Prize Tour

We are planning our 3rd annual Art Prize tour of several venues in the Grand Rapids area. Our day will be from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with Holiday coach transportation to each venue. There will be a limited amount of walking. We will enjoy coffee and donuts in the morning and a lovely lunch. This trip is currently full, however we are taking names for a wait list should we have cancellations. Please call the office at 526-8777.

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.

Wednesday, October 30, Detroit Day Trip

Join CALL members for a day trip to the Detroit area. After enjoying a coffee and donut stop enroute we will travel to Grosse Points Shores for a tour of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford home including the Gate Lodge Garage displaying several antique cars.

Following our tour we will enjoy a nice dinner. In the afternoon we will visit the Holocaust Museum Memorial Center in Farmington Hills. Some survivors of the Holocaust will speak to us following our tour. Cost for the day: $92. Questions: Carl and Glenda Welmers 243-6431.

Saturday, November 9, 10:30 am

Lunch and the Opera

Join CALL members and their friends for the experience of seeing the opera “Tosca.” Professor Slenk, a retired Calvin music professor, will introduce us to opera, explain the story line and will introduce us to the characters in the opera. We will enjoy lunch and then travel on our own to Celebration North to enjoy the opera.

Cost $38 includes lecture, lunch and admission to the opera.

Friday, December 6,

A Night of Music

Join us for a trip to Shipshewana for an unforgettable Christmas Concert with the Collingsworths family - Phil, Kim and the family - Brooklyn, Courtney, Philip and Olivia. The Collingsworths always give an honest, inspirational and “real” look into their faith as they share both their talents and testimony. The entire family sings together in an ensemble, while Brooklyn and Courtney are amazing on their violins. Kim has a phenomenal mastery of the piano. Add a trumpet solo from Phil and you will understand why the Collingsworth Family has won numerous awards from their fans in gospel music.

We will be blessed as we begin the Christmas season with the inspirational Christmas music from this very talented family. We will begin with a complete Amish dinner at 4:30 pm and the concert at 7:00 pm.

Cost $95.00. Includes deluxe motor coach, Amish dinner and the Collingsworth Family Christmas Concert (with front section seating.)

RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY OCT. 22

Monday, January 27, 2014

January Series Brunch
Prince Conference Center

Is the Arab Spring the Arab Christian’s Fall?

Anna Zaki will share what life is like in Egypt for Middle Eastern Christians and share with us where she finds her hope. Anna is a competent and articulate speaker. She is a resource development specialist for global and multi-cultural in the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship living with her husband and four sons in Cairo, Egypt. Anna received her bachelor’s degree from Calvin College in Psychology and Sociology in 1999, her Master’s degree from the American University in Cairo in the field of Social Psychology in 2002 and her Master’s of Divinity from Calvin Seminary in 2009. Anna, who was born in Egypt, and her husband, Naji Umran, pastored two churches in Michigan and British Columbia but always planned to return one day to Egypt to live and serve. In September, 2011, two months after the events of the Arab Spring, they felt called to make the move. This will be a very timely and informative presentation.

Cost $16.00 includes brunch, reserved seating in the Covenant Fine Arts Center and bus transportation to and from the Fine Arts Center.

April, 2014 - Coming Events

A trip to see the presentation of Moses, at the Millennium Theater, a trip to Gettysburg battle field and more. Watch for further announcements.

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 inaugurals. 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!
Fall 2013

Noontime Series

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, 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 singing will cure our selective memory! Dipping into hymnals of days gone by, we find anthems of temperance, tunes to learn to tell time, ballads of death, songs of new technology (the phone), and hymns that are lost in translation. Greg Scheer will lead us through hymns that time forgot.

You can watch and listen to Nicholas Wolterstorff’s Noontime lecture, Learning from the Oppressed, by going to the CALL Noontime Series website page:

www.calvin.edu/academic/call/

Passport to Adventure

Join us for the 48th Annual Passport to Adventure Film Series. Tickets can be purchased through the Calvin College Box Office at 526-6282 ($6 adult, $3 student). Season tickets are still available for $25. A great savings. View the brochure at: http://www.calvin.edu/academic/call/passtick.htm

- Thursday, September 26, 2013 at 7:00 PM
  
  In the Steps of Marco Polo with Denis Belliveau and Francis O’Donnell

Many people have big dreams, but only a few bold adventurers live them. Denis Belliveau and Francis O’Donnell took a wild idea—retrace Marco Polo’s entire 25,000-mile, land and sea route from Venice to China and back—and spent two incredible years of their lives making their dream a reality. This film chronicles the journey of two ordinary men—one a wedding photographer, and the other an artist and former Marine—as they set out to follow Polo’s historic route. Equal parts travelogue, adventure story, history trek and buddy movie, the 90-minute film weaves footage from the duo’s often perilous voyage with Marco Polo’s descriptions and experiences.

- Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 7:00 PM
  
  Yellowstone’s Trails and Tales with Sandy Mortimer

Michigan native Sandy Mortimer’s exploration of Yellowstone National Park using river otters as guides is a delightful and educational experience sure to be enjoyed by all ages. This film captures intimate and humorous scenes of otters and many other animals—bison, coyotes, wolves, bears, moose, fox, mountain sheep and elk—on a remarkable journey through all four seasons in a region that contains hundreds of unusual geologic features that sustain an immense variety of wildlife. Do not miss this incredible chance to see newly discovered ancient spires at the bottom of Yellowstone Lake, and hear the sounds of Yellowstone in the dead of winter.

- Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 7:00 PM
  
  Sahel: A West African Journey with Sid and Mary Lee Nolan

- Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 2:00 PM
  
  Lure of Alaska with Dale Johnson

- Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 7:00 PM
  
  Rediscovering Ancient America with Gray Warriner

- Monday, March 3, 2014 at 7:00 PM
  
  The Soul of India with Rick Ray
Thursday, October 31, 2013

Medical: Update From the Hill – The Financial Impact the Van Andel Institute has had on the Grand Rapids and Global Communities

Speaker – David Van Andel, CEO of the Van Andel Institute

David will discuss such questions as: How does the Institute impact medical science and education? What’s new in biomedical research into cancer and Parkinson diseases? How does the VAI strengthen science education and prepare and motivate individuals to pursue science and science-related professions? How does the VAI translate basic science into products?

Thursday, November 7, 2013

Community: Update from the Mayor’s Office – How are we Building and Sustaining a Path to Prosperity?

Speaker – George Heartwell, Mayor of the City of Grand Rapids

Mayor Heartwell will discuss such questions as: How does a city like Grand Rapids define prosperity? What are the key benchmarks of a prosperous city? How is prosperity measured in the eyes of the world? What has Grand Rapids done to build and sustain prosperity? What are the key goals and strategies for Grand Rapids in the next five years?

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Time: Learning Lessons from Time and Experience

Speaker – John M. Kutz, Director, Legg Mason Global Asset Management

John will answer such questions as: What can history teach us about economics and current problems? How are economic issues we face today similar to the ones faced years ago? What has happened during the past 40 years that affected economic trends, challenges and opportunities? How does Time magazine provide perspectives on the current economic landscape?

Thursday, November 21, 2013

Energy: Our Energy Future -- understanding complex trends, challenges, and opportunities

Speaker – T. Arnold Boezaart, Director, Michigan Alternative and Renewable Energy Center

Arn will answer such questions as: What developments in the energy sector are impacting our lives today? Can we really get by without coal? What’s happening nationally and globally with energy technology? What are the policy options for societies to consider? Who should define and choose the correct policy options--market forces? Governments? Cartels? People by vote? What are the implications currently and for future generations of the policy options we choose today?

Member Events / Interest Group Registration

Two ways to register:
1. Online - www.calvin.edu/CALL >Member Events
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   CALL Youngema Center, 3201 Burton St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Event fees are per person

☐ Oct 16-17 [Wed-Thu] Retreat at "The Shack" $85 (double occupancy)
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☐ Dec 6 [Fri] A Night of Music $95
☐ May 13, 2014 [Tues] Purdue Varsity Glee Club $95 ($30 deposit)

Name(s) ___________________________ ___________________________ ___________________________
Phone ___________________________ ___________________________ ___________________________
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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):
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