Message from the Secretary
By Arie Leegwater, Secretary and Board Liaison to the Curriculum Committee

At the annual CALL Fall Retreat for all committee members held this past September 7, I provided a report detailing the curricular structure of CALL, particularly emphasizing elements of diversity. Mark Twain once commented that “figures often beguile me particularly when I have the arranging of them myself.” These numbers may appear as stark unadorned numbers, but they reflect the continued expansion of curricular offerings as well as the need to pay close attention to features of the CALL curriculum. As I read through the archives, I was able to review the statistics for the 16 semesters from Spring 2009 to Fall 2016. This time period represents the stellar work of Wally Bratt (2009-2013) and Uko Zylstra (2013-2016) as Curriculum Coordinators. I think CALL members can be extremely proud of their work and that of the Curriculum Committee.

Number of courses: 30 to 57 [high of 60 in Spring-2015/Fall-2015]
Number of course registrations: 851 to 1965 [a record in Fall-2016]
Affiliation of instructors—Calvin/Community: 18/12 to 25/35
Gender distribution of instructors—Male/Female: 18/11 to 41/19 [37/30 in Spring-2015]
A smattering of ethnic instructors [one or two per semester]
Diversity of off-campus venues beginning in Spring-2013
We do offer a tremendous diversity of courses; even a cursory glance at the present curriculum guide will make that point. The number of courses and course registrations have been on a steady increase through the years. Clearly some matters in our history need further attention: Improve the gender balance of instructors, increase the ethnic diversity of presenters, continue to attract community presenters, and explore new venues and styles of presentation.

Much more could be said about these details. Two examples in this fall’s curriculum help illustrate two points I wish to make.

Our desire to have courses that are intellectually stimulating and that teach difficult topics led this Committee to offer two courses with differing perspectives on same-sex marriage [#14 Forum on Same-Sex Relationships (49 registrants) and #45 Some Christians Support Same-Sex Marriage. Why? (74 registrants)].

Because of the number of courses and course registrations, the pressure to offer courses at different times (besides the usual Tuesday and Thursday afternoon slots) has increased. We have also created more off-campus venues. This fall, for example, Roy Anker and Eric Kuiper offered a film course Fridays at the Movies: The Best of the New (149 registrants at the Woodland Mall Celebration Cinema. This Indie series began with The Innocents, a movie set within the walls of a Polish convent in December 1945. After seeing this challenging film my wife commented to me: “Do they still make thought-provoking films like this?”

We look confidently forward to a new year and the 2017 Spring Curriculum Guide mailed in mid-January.
Passport to Adventure
by Henry Baron

Route 66, Exploring the Mother Road, Tuesday, February 7, 7:00 pm, with John Holod.

When Route 66 was commissioned in 1926, it soon became America’s “Main Street.” Now, replaced by interstates, it remains a nostalgic ribbon of mostly two-lane highway that reveals an America of yesteryear.

Join John Holod on this 2,000 mile RV journey as he explores classic drive-ins, gas stations and kitschy roadside attractions, all from the perspective of an RVer.

Accompany Holod as he visits museums along the way and explores this fascinating highway. Come with us for our third new and high definition film of the season and rediscover America’s unique treasure, Route 66. Read more about each of these films under the travel films tab of our website.

Tickets are $6 each online at www.calvin.edu/boxoffice or you can call the box office at 526-6282. Season tickets are no longer cost advantageous so only individual tickets are available for purchase, and all seats are reserved.

Noontime Series
by Henry Baron, Chair

Thursday, November 17, Renee Aupperlee, Donkey Carts and Starbucks: Raising Disciples in a Changing China

One generation ago Chinese families were loaded with children, but now they live in the land of one child, “the little emperor.” In 1997, university students had never actually touched a computer with their own hands. Now, China is overrun by iPads and iPhones.

This presentation tells about the challenges and humorous adventures of raising a family, held by the unrelenting presence of Christ, in a nation of unparalleled change, atheism, communism, and constant transition.

Aupperlee’s life in Asia started in a small town whose only western products were Oreos and Coca-Cola. Now, after 16 years living overseas, and in the city of 5 million where she currently lives, Renee continues to savor the journey to which God has called her. Join us as she shares her stories.

Visit the Noontime link online to watch the lectures you missed!
Announcements
by Sonja DeJong

Use Caution
The staff would like to remind students to use caution in traveling to campus if conditions are hazardous. Classes will remain as scheduled unless the Calvin College campus is closed. Watch your local news for closings or check the main web page from Calvin College at www.calvin.edu.

January CALL Class
In advance of spring courses, a special course is offered on Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17, and 24 in the Woodlawn Ministry Center from 2:30-3:45, located across the street from Calvin’s Burton Street entrance. Parking is recommended on Calvin’s campus in lot #1.

Come learn about the impact of the Bible from the time of the Reformation until today. How were Bibles produced in the Reformation era? Who read them? What role did images and illustrations play in making the Bible more accessible to readers? This class will look at Bibles from the Reformation era, the StatenBijbel, the King James Bible, and other major versions of Scripture, and will consider the work of Bible translators and publishers today who make the Scriptures available in a wide range of formats and a vast number of languages. The class will feature lecture, discussion, video clips, and viewing items in the Sola Scriptura exhibit featured in the Woodlawn Ministry Center.

The course leader is Karin Maag, one of CALL’s most popular instructors and Director of the Meeter Center and history professor at Calvin College. Signup online or use the form with check payment on page 8.

Spring Courses
Spring curriculum guides are scheduled for mailing in mid-January. If you reside at a different address at the time of the mailing, please email the office with the change in address as guides are not forwarded.

CALL does not publish a January newsletter. The February newsletter is published in late January.

Many new courses and instructors are joining the spring program. CALL will offer four new exercise courses, WWI and WWII, coloring photographs, apps for Apple products, Grand Rapids History, Herodotus, Opera, Being Mindful, Albert Einstein, Smart Investing, and so much more.

Many of you will recognize some of the instructors in our lineup who include: Dick Harms, Richard Whitekettle, Ken Bratt, Sharon Brown, Dan Miller, Karin Maag, Tim Trumper, Leonard VanderZee, and Father Joachim Lally, to name a few.

Membership fees on January 1
For the second year, CALL offers a ½ year membership beginning January 1, 2017, for the reduced price of $25, a $10 savings. Both the application online as of December 31 and the membership form in the spring curriculum guide will reflect the ½ year pricing.

January Series
CALL is proud to be a sponsor of the January Series. We support the series with a $2,500 donation and this year our sponsored lecture is The EU and Global Governance with Todd Huizinga on Friday, January 13.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the January Series. A list of the lectures is available at www.calvin.edu/january-series. See also the remote viewing locations and which lectures are available by webcast.
Member Events
by Shirley Lautenbach

January Series Brunch, Friday, January 13.

CALL members and friends are invited to the January Series Brunch featuring Todd Huizinga speaking on The European Union and Global Governance.

Todd Huizinga is a senior research fellow at the Paul B. Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity and Politics at Calvin College. As a U.S. diplomat from 1992-2012, he served as deputy chief of mission at the U.S. embassy in Luxembourg, political counselor at the U.S. mission to the European Union in Brussels, consul for political and economic affairs at the U.S. consulates in Hamburg and Munich, and consul for public affairs at the U.S. Consulate in Monterrey, Mexico. From 2014-2016 he was director of International Outreach for the Acton Institute. He is an author and speaks five languages.

Brunch will begin at 9:30 am at the Prince Center. Bus service is provided to and from the Covenant Fine Arts Center where we will enjoy reserved seating for Mr. Huizinga’s lecture.

Cost: $19.00, includes brunch, speaker, bus service and reserved seating.

Lincoln Legacy Trip, Springfield Illinois, Wednesday-Friday. April 5, 6, and 7.

We encourage CALL members who are interested in attending our Lincoln Legacy trip to complete the registration so we can ascertain the level of interest. This will be our fourth trip to Lincoln land. Those who have gone previously are very enthusiastic about the trip and its historic content.

When it comes to historic Lincoln sites, Springfield is clearly the epicenter. Here, Lincoln steps off his marble pedestal and sheds some of his mystical aura. Around town, his memory stays fresh, thanks to preservationists and interested townspeople. Roam around downtown, and it appears that Lincoln just closed his kitchen door, stepped away from his law office, or wrapped up a case in court.

In 1863, President Lincoln acknowledged this city when he wrote, “Springfield is my home, and there, more than elsewhere, are my life-long friends.” Local residents still take pride in their famous townsman and make visitors welcome, even the umpteenth tourist or busload of kids. The U.S. has a lot of places named for Lincoln, but only Lincoln, Illinois was named for him during his lifetime. At the 1853 christening, Lincoln saw no champagne on hand, so broke open a watermelon to do the deed – thus the crude watermelon sculpture by the tiny Amtrak station.

The places we will visit include: The Lincoln Museum, New Salem Village with Lincoln’s only home he owned, Lincoln tomb which features a 117-foot monument that serves as the final resting place for Lincoln, Mary, and three of their four sons, the railroad station where Lincoln gave his farewell speech, the Capitol Building and the church the Lincoln family attended. The three-day trip will begin Wednesday, April 5, at 6:30 am and will conclude on Friday, April 7, around 9:00 pm.

This trip is open to CALL members and their friends.

Cost: $399.00 per person (double occupancy). A $50 deposit is required at signup. Single room supplement $100.00 ($50 per night).

A payment of $200.00 is due January 1 with the balance due March 1.

Cost includes: deluxe bus, lodging (double occupancy), meals (one dinner on your own) and all admission fees.

Questions - Call Don Lautenbach - 901-2170.
Spring luncheon - Wednesday, March 29

Local artist and Art Prize participant, Pamela Alderman, will present her work as an artist including her Art Prize entries. Her talk will include an overview of her Art Prize work with the stories and amazing audience interaction as well as a section on "The Scarlet Cord." Her “Scarlet Cord” work has taken her to the Super Bowl, Washington D.C., and other interesting places. Her work is done for the glory of God as is very evident in her presentation.

Cost - $19.00.

Questions - Call Shirley 299-3584

"Pamela put together a powerful program at GVSU. Her exhibit was evocative and emotional, and the event she coordinated brought home the reality of sex trafficking with people who have experienced first-hand the terrible frequency in West Michigan. Overall, though, the message was one of hope. The hope that those trafficked can heal, the hope that our actions can mitigate the scourge, and the hope that humanity can triumph over evil."

- Dr. Jeff Chamberlain, Director, Frederik Meijer Honors College, Grand Valley State University

Coming in May, 2017...

Watch for future announcements on a three day trip in May to Cincinnati, Ohio, and visits to The Ark and The Creation Museum.

Member Events Registration

Two ways to register:

1. Online: [www.calvin.edu/CALL](http://www.calvin.edu/CALL) > Member Events

2. Complete this form (make checks payable to CALL) and send to CALL, Youngsma Center, 3201 Burton St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. Event fees are per person. CALL will notify you if an event has filled.

- Jan 13 January Series Brunch $19
- Apr 5-7 Lincoln Legacy payment deposit $50
- Apr 5-7 Lincoln Legacy payment due Jan 1 $200
- Mar 29 Spring Luncheon with Pamela Alderman $19

Name: ____________________________________________
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Email: Confirm by email? □ Yes □ No, I don’t use email

Contact Shirley with questions: 299-3584 or lautenshirley@gmail.com

The cancellation policy is posted on the CALL website
Extended Trips
by John Apol

Israel
Registration is expanding for our 2017 extended trip schedule. Israel is our first destination in March. Our registration number to date is two short of our goal. Explore the roots of your faith on this uplifting tour through Israel, where you’ll walk in the footsteps of spiritual leaders, explore ancient biblical sites, and stand in the places where history unfolded—all while accompanied by fellow believers and tour leaders dedicated to bringing these places to life. Registration ends March 1, 2017, or when the trip has filled.

Cuba
19 persons are registered for the May trip to Iceland with six spots remaining What makes Iceland vacations so unique and extra-ordinary? It's the eye pleasing landscapes, lush green surroundings, serene environs and crystal clear waterfalls that best describes Iceland. Words fail to portray the immense beauty of the astonishing natural wonders beautifully preserved in this territory. Spouting geysers, splendid glaciers, green fields can win over any heart.

Registrations are filtering in for the Cuba trip. This trip has seen high levels of interest prior to registration opening. Cuba is among the most exciting islands in the Caribbean. Whereas other islands have one or two major attractions: the beach and perhaps one or two historic monuments, Cuba has just about everything you could imagine.

There are dramatic mountainous landscapes, wild and unspoiled valleys, sweeping vistas of sugar cane, tobacco plantations glowing emerald green against the earth of the fields, seven exquisite cities dating from the mid-fifteenth century, an amazing variety of flora and fauna, some of the world’s most beautiful beaches and above all, Cuba’s greatest asset—her people.

American Southwest
The publication of this newsletter coincides with the opening of registration for two additional 2017 trips, American Southwest with John Apol and The Reformation with Karin Maag. Both trips are scheduled for departure in September. The first, American Southwest is a breathtaking 12-day exploration adventure. Immerse yourself in the Native American culture and the beauty of Canyon de Chelly National Monument and Monument Valley. Discover the uniqueness of Antelope Canyon and the stunning magnitude of the Grand Canyon. Experience hiking in the fascinating hoo doos of Bryce Canyon and take in the views at Zion National Park. (cont. pg. 8)

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Sightseeing Highlights:

- Rehoboath and Zuni Christian Schools
- Sky City Pueblo
- Canyon de Chelly
- 4 X 4 Tour
- Monument Valley – Navajo Country
- Antelope Canyon
- Grand Canyon
- Bryce Canyon
- Zion Canyon National Park
- Salt Lake City and Temple Square

We should note the tour pace is rated as moderate.

Long before some surveyor drew straight perpendicular lines to create Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah, the forces of time were busy carving and painting this desert into a much more amorphous pastiche of natural wonders. The region is home to a wonderful and vibrant mix of anglo, hispanic, and American Indian traditions making it one of the more diverse, interesting, and picturesque corners of America with regards to history, landscape and culture.

In the Footsteps of the Reformers
Participants on the September 12 trip to cities and sites in Germany and Switzerland will celebrate the 500th anniversary of The Reformation. The tour leaders are Karin Maag and Paul Fields.

Experience the fascinating history and modern-day significance of the German and Swiss Reformation while retracing the steps of Martin Luther, Ulrich Zwingli, and John Calvin. Tour highlights include Wittenberg, Erfurt, Heidelberg, Strasbourg, Zurich and Geneva. Lectures by Dr. Maag will add to our enjoyment and provide enlightening insights into the Reformation.

Sightseeing Highlights:

- Numerous evening lectures by Karin Maag
- Berlin and remnants of the Berlin Wall
- Heidelberg Castle and city center
- Strasbourg Parliament tour
- Ascending Uetliberg Mountain in Zurich
- A boat ride on Lake Zurich
- The preserved medieval city of Bern
- The Reformation Museum in Geneva
- And an evening cruise on Lake Geneva

Stratford Festival
Potential travelers may place their names on an interest list for the Stratford Festival 2017 trips not yet open for registration with the CALL office or the Calvin Alumni office at call@calvin.edu. See our website for more information.
### January CALL Course Registration Form

**$25 per participant - must be a CALL member**

*The Message of the Reformation* with Instructor Karin Maag

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Woodlawn Ministry Center
across the street from the Calvin Burton St. entrance.

Mail with check payment to:
3201 Burton St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Or sign up online at [www.calvin.edu/call](http://www.calvin.edu/call)