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Sept. 10–11, 2010 **Martin Marty** – University of Chicago – *A Short History of Christianity.*

Dr. Marty is the Fairfax M. Cone Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus at the University of Chicago Divinity School, where he taught for 35 years and where the Martin Marty Center has since been founded to promote “public religion” endeavors. He is the author of over fifty books including the three volume Modern American Religion; The One and the Many: America’s Search for the Common Good; Religion and the Common Good; and Righteous Empire, which won the National Book Award. His honors, directorships and presidencies are too numerous to include. He also writes regularly for columns and is editor of Context. Dr. Marty was born in West Point, Nebraska in 1928, and was ordained into ministry in 1952. He joined the University of Chicago faculty in 1963. He and his wife live in Illinois.

Oct. 8–9, 2010 **Kurt Hendel** – LSTC – *Reforming the Church*

Kurt K. Hendel is the first Bernard, Fischer, Westberg Distinguished Ministry Professor of Reformation History at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. The author of numerous articles on Reformation and church history, several of his essays have been published in Currents in Theology and Mission. He is currently engaged in a lengthy research project on the sixteenth-century reformer, Johannes Bugenhagen. Hendel received a BA from Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Ind., MDiv., Concordia Seminary, and MA, and PhD from Ohio State University, Columbus. Hendel was born in Germany but was educated primarily in the United States. He is an ordained clergyman of the ELCA and has taught at Concordia Seminary, Christ Seminary—Seminech, and the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Hendel is married and enjoys sports, music and the beauties of nature.

Nov. 12–13, 2010 **Phil Krey** – LTSP – *Church in Times of Crisis*

Phil Krey received his BA from the University of Massachusetts/Boston, MDiv, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, MA, Catholic University of America, Fulbright Fellow at the University of Munich, 1989; PhD, The University of Chicago. He loves to write and converse about the history of the interpretation of the Bible in the early and medieval church; he is a member and co-founder of the Society for the Study of the Bible in the Middle Ages and has a special fascination for the history of the interpretation of the Book of Revelation. He has written and translated a medieval Franciscan’s Revelation Commentary, Luther’s Spirituality and is the co-editor of “Sources of Medieval Christian Thought.” Dr. Krey is dedicated by God’s grace, to

rebuilding and renovating urban churches. He is one of the co-founders of the Inner City Minister's Guild, which meets four times a year for prayer, continuing education, accountability and recruitment of urban pastors. In his spare time, he is the president of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

Dec. 10–11, 2010 Guy Erwin – California Lutheran University –
Sex, Marriage, Men and Women

Dr. Guy Erwin, who joined the CLU in the summer of 2000, is the first full-time holder of the Gerhard and Olga J. Belgum Chair of Lutheran Confessional Theology. He also serves as Director of the Segerhammar Center for Faith and Culture and is active on several other committees. Erwin teaches a survey course in the history of Christianity, seminar courses on topics in medieval, Reformation, and early modern history and theology, seminars on the life and thought of Martin Luther and St. Augustine's City of God. He also teaches Modern German History and Scandinavian History, offers instruction on liturgy and worship, and occasionally teaches ecclesiastical Latin as a tutorial. Erwin is a native of Oklahoma and an active member of the Osage Tribe of Indians. He is a member of a number of scholarly societies, and enjoys book collecting, the study of genealogy, opera, letterpress printing, and his Jardine's parrot. He is very active in Lutheran circles locally, nationally, and internationally

Jan. 7–8, 2011 Kit Kleinhans – Wartburg College –
The Development of Doctrine

An ordained pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Dr. Kathryn A. Kleinhans has taught at Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa, since 1993. She currently serves as Professor of Religion in the Department of Religion and Philosophy, which she chaired from 1999-2010, and has recently been appointed program director for the Discovering and Claiming Our Callings initiative, Wartburg's Lilly Endowment-funded Program for the Theological Exploration of Vocation. Dr. Kleinhans describes herself as having one foot firmly planted in the 16th century and the other firmly planted in the 21st century. In addition to her scholarly publications, she is eager to make Lutheran theology relevant for Christians today through popular articles and devotional writings. Her 2006 article "Lutheranism 101" remains the most frequently requested reprint in the history of *The Lutheran* magazine.

Feb. 11–12, 2011 Darrell Jodock – Gustavus Adolphus College –
Transforming Society

Professor Jodock's teaching interests include Lutheran Studies, Christian-Jewish Relations, History of Christian Thought, and Nineteenth Century Theology. He is the recipient numerous fellowships and awards. He has written many books and contributed articles to many journals. Jodock came to Gustavus from Muhlenberg College (Allentown, PA). There he was a Professor of Religion and from 1978 to 1992 the Head of Muhlenberg's Religion Department. Prior to 1978, Jodock taught for seven years at Luther Theological Seminary (St. Paul, MN) and served for two years as a parish pastor

on the staff of Grace Lutheran Church in Washington, DC. Dr. Jodock has been at Gustavus since 1999. Many Lay School students will remember him from previous classes!

**March 11–12, 2011 Mark Tranvik – Augsburg College –
*Peace and War***

My interest in being a teacher at a college of the church was sparked in my undergraduate days at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. I was originally an accounting major with big plans to lead audits of major corporations. And then I took an introductory course in religion and was hooked. Debits and credits could simply not compete with debates about the Pauline authorship of Ephesians or the Social Gospel movement of Walter Rauschenbusch. I attended Yale Divinity School, received my Master of Divinity in 1982, and became pastor to Cross of Glory Lutheran Church in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota for nine years. As a preacher and teacher (I was in charge of Christian education) I was also given permission to think long and hard about the Bible and the Christian tradition and see if I could relate the message in those texts to the lives of my parishioners. I pursued a doctorate in theology from Luther Seminary. Following a stint as Director of Admissions at Luther Seminary, I was called to teach in Augsburg's religion department in 1995. Since 2002, I have also worn another hat as director of the college's Lilly Endowment grant on vocation. On the personal side, I have been married to Ann Dwyer Tranvik since 1979. We have two sons, Isak and David. I love baseball and hockey. and coached the former at the youth level for 15 years.

**April 8–9, 2011 Mark Wilhelm – Vocation and Education
Unit/ELCA –
*Unifying the Church***

Mark N. Wilhelm is a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, currently under call to the staff of the Vocation and Education unit at the ELCA's churchwide offices in Chicago. He serves as Associate Executive Director for Educational Partnerships, overseeing churchwide ministries with seminaries, colleges and universities, schools and early childhood education centers, lifelong learning centers and programs, and the Book of Faith Initiative. Prior to accepting the call to the churchwide organization, Mark was Associate Director of the Center for the Study of Theological Education at Auburn Theological Seminary in New York City. He has served pastorates in Maryland and New York City. He holds a BA from St. Olaf College, an MDiv from Luther Seminary, and a PhD in American Church History from Union Theological Seminary. Mark is married, with two grown sons. He lives in Chicago with his wife, Laura.

**May 13–14, 2011 Samuel Torvand – Pacific Lutheran University –
*Missionary Outreach***

Samuel Torvend teaches courses in the history of Christianity and historical courses on specific topics. In all of these courses, his early interest in the relationship between Christian insights and practices with a culture's social, economic, and political systems continues to engage students with the power of religion to shape public life. He also teaches an introductory course in the International Honors Program and offers a course

on early or medieval Christianity in Rome where students travel to Assisi, Orvieto, and Ostia Antica. His current research focuses on the origins of social welfare in the sixteenth century and the use of the visual arts to promote reform. He holds a B.A., History, Pacific Lutheran University, 1973. MDiv., Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, 1978, M.A., Theology, Aquinas Institute of Theology, Dubuque, Iowa, 1980, Ph.D., Historical Theology, St. Louis University, St. Louis, 1990.