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### **Episcopal and Lutheran Seminaries Offer Second Annual Joint Summer Session**

**Berkeley, CA** – In an extraordinary partnership, Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP) and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (PLTS) are again collaborating to offer the second annual Summer Session, July 14 – August 8, 2008, in Berkeley.

“Church leaders find themselves facing enormous challenges... In our joint Summer Session, people come together because they want to strengthen their ministries. They take risks together, test and support each other, and learn and train with the finest theological educators. In courses covering a wide variety of topics and skills, they discover together new ways to nurture their spirits, challenge their minds, and engage the world,” said David Gortner, Director of the Center for Learning & Leadership (CALL) at CDSP, and Herbert Anderson, Research Professor in Practical Theology, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, in a joint statement.

Throughout July and early August, a variety of timely and enriching theological education courses will be offered each week.

One of the highlights will be the *Godly Play Summer Conference: Souls Young and Old at Play and in Story: Godly Play, Youth Formation, and Lifelong Christian Development*, featuring a variety of dynamic international speakers, religious educators, and creative topics, July 14 – 18. These include such renowned speakers as **Rebecca Nye**, on *Development of a Child's Reflective Soul*; Nye is a child psychologist, author, and Reader in the Faculty of Education at Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge & Chelmsford, England. The plenary session, *Including the Different, Embracing the New Vision*, will be led by **Wolfhard Schweiker**, Lutheran pastor in Germany, Godly Play Trainer, author, and Master in Pedagogy at the Theological-Pedagogical Center in Stuttgart, Germany; and **Sally Mancini**, Christian

education consultant for the Episcopal Diocese of California and a Godly Play Trainer, will provide Godly Play Teachers Accreditation Training. Upon completion of this training, participants will be awarded a certificate of accreditation as a Godly Play Teacher from the Center for the Theology of Childhood.

Additional Summer Session classes include:

- *Genesis 1-11 and Evolution*, taught by Steed V. Davidson, Assistant Professor of Old Testament, PLTS, July 21 – 25
- *The Church and Ecological Responsibility*, taught by Mark Brocker, Lecturer in Theology and Ethics, PLTS, July 28 – Aug. 1
- *Preaching and Politics*, taught by Micah Jackson, Lecturer in Homiletics, Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, July 28 – Aug. 1
- *Scripture in Two Traditions -- Lutheran and Anglican*, co-taught by L. William Countryman, Sherman E. Johnson Professor Emeritus in Biblical Studies, CDSP, and David Fredrickson, Professor of Old Testament, Luther Seminary, Aug. 4 – 8

Online continuing education courses will also be available this summer, including:

- *Between the Testaments*, taught by Bob Kramish, Ph.D. student in biblical studies at the Graduate Theological Union, June 2 – July 27
- *Holy/Wholly Poetry: Articulating the Sacred in Poetic Form*, taught by Hoang-Anh Tran, M.F.A. in poetry, University of North Carolina, July 7 – August 24

“With the enthusiastic response from our first joint Summer Session last year, we at CDSP and PLTS have made a commitment going forward to offer jointly-sponsored programs and courses each year providing innovative and vital theological education for Lutherans and Episcopalians alike,” said Gortner.

CDSP awards two Continuing Education Units per course. No academic credit is awarded for CALL Summer Session classes. For a list of summer courses offered for academic credit, contact the registrar’s office at each seminary.

For a complete list of 2008 Summer Session courses, and registration information, contact CALL at 510-204-0720, or visit [www.cdsp.edu/call](http://www.cdsp.edu/call). Summer housing for students is available on both the CDSP and PLTS campuses.

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary is a seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a founding member of the Graduate Theological Union, and a partner with Luther Seminary in the Western Mission Cluster. For more information, visit [www.plts.edu](http://www.plts.edu).

Established in 1893, Church Divinity School of the Pacific's mission is to provide the highest quality Christian theological education in an environment of scholarship, reflection and worship, rooted in the Anglican tradition. CDSP is a founding member of the Graduate Theological Union, an ecumenical and interfaith consortium based in Berkeley, Calif. To learn more, see [www.cdsp.edu](http://www.cdsp.edu).

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