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Biennial Features:

- Saturday Tours:
 - Heritage and Horizons
 - Black Heritage Trail
 - Freedom Trail
- Diverse Immersion Options
- New Innovation: Special "track" for Field Supervisors
- Best seafood in the world
- See website for details: www.atfe.org

Still Time to Register for Biennial Consultation in Boston

Act quickly and you can still register for the 26th ATFE Biennial Consultation to be held January 17-21, 2001. Site of the Consultation is the Royal Sonesta Hotel in Cambridge, MA. **Information about the Consultation, a full listing of events, and Registration materials can be found on the ATFE website (www.atfe.org).**

Keynote speakers are Rebecca Chopp and Harvey Cox. They will each address the consultation theme, "Revolution: Changing Church and Theological Education," and engage in a dialogue with one another. Dr. Chopp is Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at Emory University. Dr. Cox is Thomas Professor of Divinity at Harvard University.



Historic/contemporary Boston

A variety of clinics, seminars, workshops, working groups, and immersion experiences will appeal to seasoned and entering field educators.

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Wabash Center Grant to ATFE for Manuscript

The Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion awarded ATFE a grant for a manuscript, *Teaching from a Community Context: the Role of the Field Educator in Theological Education*, to publish the findings of the Wabash Center funded consultation, "Teaching and Learning in Theological Field Education: the Role of the Field Educator," held in Nashville in January 2000.

The consultation inspired a rich scholarly discussion of teaching and learning in theological field education. When as field educators we begin to see ourselves primarily as teachers, rather than as administrators, then we place our-

selves centrally in the purpose, flow and rhythm of theological education. We begin to see ourselves as part of the contextual education, and its distinctive pedagogy, that is part of the entire curriculum of theological education. The creation of this manuscript, to be coauthored by Bob O'Gorman and Kathy Talvacchia, broadens this significant conversation about teaching and learning to theological education as a whole.

The manuscript will focus on the following areas:

1. Identity of the Field Educator: Teacher/Director
2. The Field Educator as a teaching colleague on the theological faculty and Field

Education's role in the curriculum

3. What Field Educators do to earn their place on the faculty – a proposal on how to do research as a Field Educator
4. Identifying teaching method and methods in Field Education
5. Field Education as a career in theological education

An internal publication to the membership of ATFE (from ATFE publication grant funds) will be proposed. ATFE will work with ATS for broader publication for ATS support of an initiative in contextualization in theological education.

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Proposed Changes in ATFE Dues

At the upcoming 2001 ATFE Biennial Consultation, the Steering Committee will propose billing members for dues on a yearly rather than biennial basis. The Committee also proposes a dues increase with an adjustment for Canadian membership (which recognizes the significant differential in monetary exchange rates).

Increase institutional membership to:

- Institutional (3 members): \$100/year U.S.D. (\$80/year U.S.D. for Canadians)
- Individual: \$75/year U.S.D. (\$65/year U.S.D. for Canadians)
- Emeritus: \$25/year U.S.D. (\$20/year U.S.D. for Canadians)

Rationale for change to yearly billing of dues:

- Membership income is essential to sustain ATFE.

- Yearly dues easier for institutions to budget.
- Proposed dues are a reasonable figure to support a critical element in theological education.
- Expense budget (available at the Biennial Consultation in Boston) is kept low through volunteer leadership of members.
- Yearly billing will make it easier to track changes in membership.
- Institutional membership includes three members per institution.
- ATFE's professional meetings are modestly priced.
- Services to members are increasing (such as improved ATFE web site, PATFE legal issues report distributed to all members, consultations supported by grants from foundations such as Wabash Institute for Teaching and Learning in Religion and Theology, and improved ATFE web site).

Theology Position Opening

The Department of Theology at the University of Notre Dame announces a full time faculty position in **pastoral theology**, beginning August, 2001. Primary responsibility is the instruction of M. Div. students, both seminarians and lay ministry students, in field education. Expertise in any of the following areas will be an advantage: pastoral counseling, formation for ministry, faith development and religious education, spirituality, parish ministry, multicultural ministry, pastoral administration, social justice ministries, youth ministry. Rank is open. Doctorate required. Conditions of appointment will be suited to credentials. Candidate must be Roman Catholic. Reviewing of applications will begin on **January 15, 2001**, and continue until the position is filled. Please send complete dossier, including c.v., transcripts, three letters of recommendation and any publications or writing samples to Professor John Cavadini, Chair, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556.



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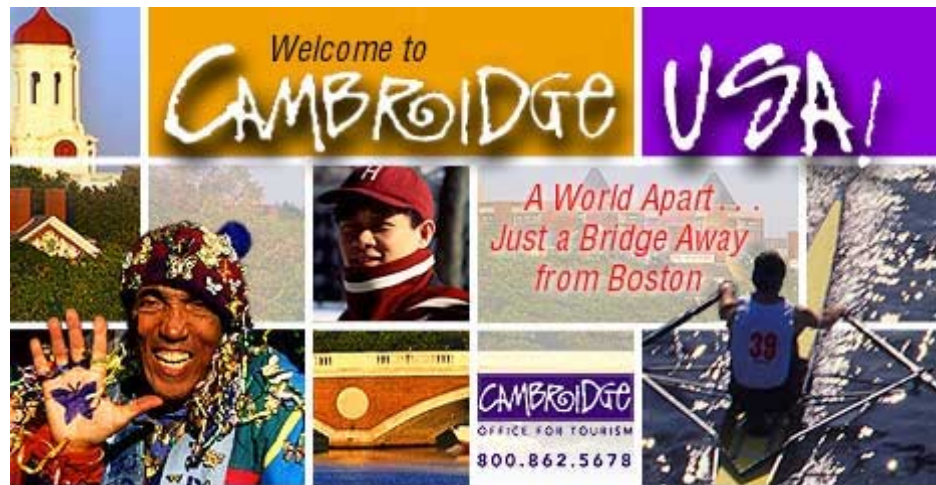
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Biennial Setting Offers Multiple Options

Cambridge, Massachusetts, is the site of the 2001 ATFE Biennial Consultation. Just across the Charles River from Boston, it is a gateway to the regions many historical, cultural, dining, and educational attractions. Check out the ATFE website (www.atfe.org) for details.

The Royal Sonesta Hotel, located on the Charles River, will be ATFE's host for the Consultation. It is not too late to register or reserve a room. Directions, forms, and links can be found on the ATFE website.



Special Issue of *Journal of Supervision and Training in Ministry:* Sexuality in the Student/Teacher Relationship

Journal of Supervision and Training in Ministry, Volume 21, 2001 will feature a symposium on "Sexuality in the Student-Supervisor/Teacher Relationship.

Co-editors for the volume are George Fitchett, Kathy Turner and Jean Stairs. Pastoral theologians, ethicists, clinical supervisors and field educators are among the featured writers, including three field educators.

Ray Whitehead co-authored an article with a colleague from the Faculty of Theology at the University of Winnipeg. "Teaching about Sexuality" is written in the form of a dialogue and focuses on some of the specific pedagogical issues involved for theological educators

teaching about sexuality. They emphasize the importance of providing a safe space in which students can explore their history and assumptions about sexuality.

Donna Duensing, Interim Director of Contextual Studies at SFTS, wrote a field education case study, "A Dinner Conversation Hard to Swallow: Food for Thought." She reminds us that a supervisor's erotic advances may not always be welcomed by the student. She describes the case of a secondary student on internship who experiences the unwanted advances of her former teaching parish pastor.

Connie Kleingartner, Director of Field Education at Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, provided one of three responses to Donna's case. These responses emphasize what

can be done to help prevent such situations and what should be done after they arise.

Integrating our sexuality into supervision and teaching can be a challenging task. Rigid denial of our sexuality can make our relationships dry and distant. Acting out our sexual feelings with our students can cause intense trauma. This symposium is intended to provide a candid exploration of the subject of sexuality in the student-supervisor/teacher relationship from a number of different perspectives. In the end, we hope that this symposium of the journal will help supervisors and teachers model growth toward spiritual and emotional wholeness by holding themselves to ethical and professional standards, by holding the interests of students above their own immediate sexual interests, and by learning to experience their own strong sexual feelings as precious gifts.

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NOMINEES FOR 2001-2003 BIENNIAL

Sample Ballot

Voting for ATFE officers occurs at the Biennial Consultation. This sample ballot is provided for information only.
Names of persons nominated from the floor (who have agreed to their nomination) may be added in the space provided.

	<i>YES</i>	<i>NO</i>
Chairperson		
Sue Zabel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Vice Chairperson		
Dudley C. Rose	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Secretary		
Kathleen T. Talvacchia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Treasurer		
Richard G. Cunningham	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Members-at-Large (<i>Elect two persons</i>)		
Abigail Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ira V. Frazier	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Local Arrangements Chairperson _____		
(<i>determined by site presentation and vote</i>)		

APPOINTED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE (printed for information only)

*Communications Coordinator

W. Michael Smith

(*denotes that Communications Coordinator serves as a member of the Steering Committee)

Research Committee (*for a four-year term*)

Barbara Mutch 2003
 Robert Lassalle-Klein 2003
 Charlotte McDaniel 2007
 Michael P. Green 2007

Editorial Board (*for a four-year term*)

Brid Long 2003
 Arnold Weigel 2003
 Bob O'Gorman 2007



Caucus News



Anglican/Episcopal field educators will have an organizing meeting during the Biennial at 4pm on Wednesday, January 17.

Canadian Caucus will meet for breakfast during the 2001 Biennial on Thursday, January 18.

CATFE will hold a reception with beverages and snacks at 4pm on Wednesday, January 17 during the Biennial. They will hold a conference January 17-20, 2002 in New Orleans.

Disciples of Christ caucus will meet during the Biennial at 4pm on Wednesday, January 17. Al Sager, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, will lead a workshop on "Formation for Transformational Leadership" on January 10, 2001 for staff and supervisors at Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis.

Caucus Meetings

EATFE meets on Wednesday, January 17 at 4pm during the Biennial.

Lutheran Field Educators will meet in Chicago on December 16. Those involved in the Horizon Internship Program met in Chicago on August 21-22 to discuss national and international internships. During the 2001 Biennial, there will be two meetings: all Lutheran Field Educators will meet for supper on Friday, January 19, 5-7pm; those from Chicago will meet for supper on Thursday, January 18, 5-7pm.

MAFEA (Mid-Atlantic Field Educators) will meet over breakfast at 7:30am on Thursday, January 18.

PTFE meets during the Biennial at 4pm, Wednesday, January 17. The group will continue to meet Sunday-

Tuesday, January 21-22 (concluding by 6pm). **PTFE** met in Chicago in October to continue their work on legal issues in field ed. A written summary of this work will be distributed to all Biennial Consultation registrants. A seminar on "Legal Issues in Field Education" will occur on Saturday morning, January 20.

United Methodist Caucus will meet during the 2001 Biennial at 4pm on Wednesday, January 17.

United Theological Seminary and The Methodist Theological School in Ohio are working together with East and West Ohio Annual Conferences to develop a student urban network. This network entails contextual training in urban areas throughout the state of Ohio, with supervision in small groups located near sites. There is the potential for drawing more partners into this cooperative venture as planning progresses.

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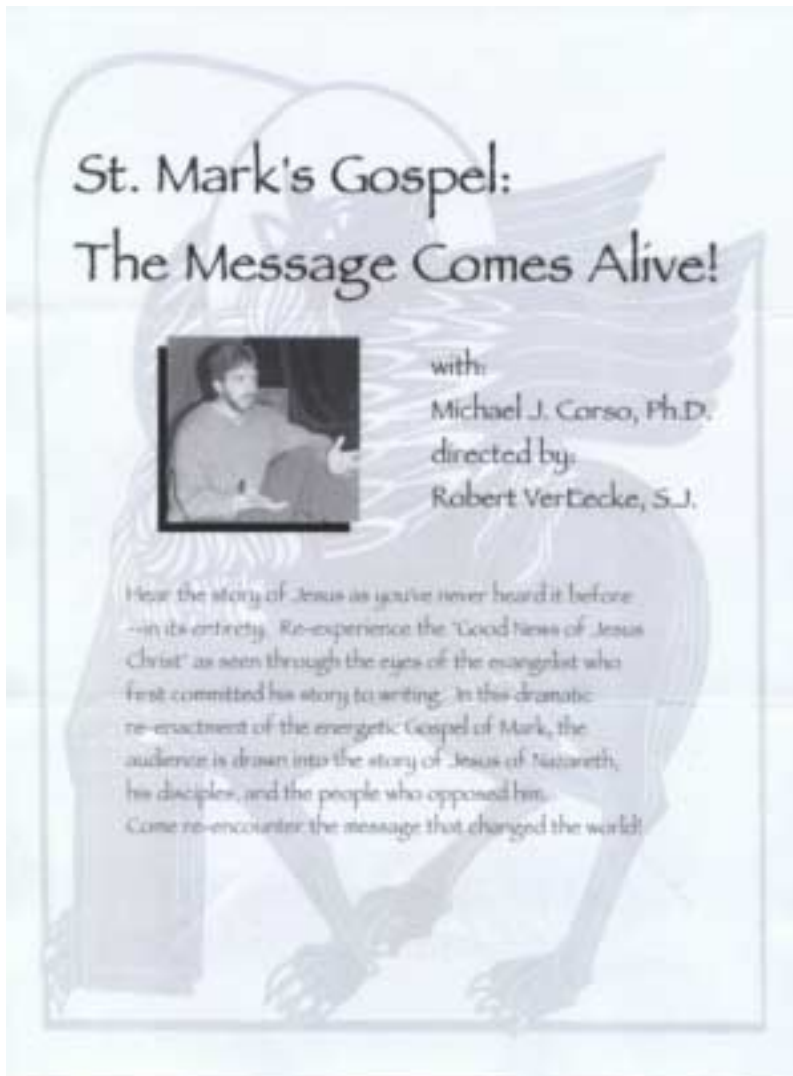
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Case Study Institute

The Case Method approach to teaching and learning will be taught at the **30th Annual Case Study Institute June 24-29, 2001**. Sponsored by the Association for Case Teaching, the event will be jointly hosted in the northern San Francisco Bay Area by Golden Gate Baptist Seminary and San Francisco Theological Seminary. Participants will be trained in the teaching and writing of cases for a variety of contexts including classroom, parish and community.

Brochures are available through Association member, Dr. Sue Zabel or contacting Dr. Rick Durst at **Golden Gate Seminary, 201 Seminary Dr., Mill Valley, CA 94941**. Phone 415.380.1506 or email rickdurst@ggbs.edu. For alumni of previous Case Study Institutes, an **Advanced Case Study Workshop** will be held at the same Mill Valley site of Golden Gate Friday June 29 noon to Sunday July 1 noon. The Advanced Workshop will offer advanced teaching or writing tracks and a symposium on specialized adaptations of the case method to specific constituencies.



We're on the Web:
www.atfe.org

St. Mark's Gospel is a Friday-night option at the ATFE Biennial in Boston. Don't Miss it!