

# MARQUAND READER

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A newsletter furthering the educational mission of Ecumenical Daily Worship at YDS.

## THIS WEEK IN MARQUAND

*Services begin at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome!*

**Monday, January 17:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day – **no class/no worship**

**Tuesday, January 18:** *One Body, Many Gifts:* led by members of the 1 Corinthians class

**Wednesday, January 19:** *Sung Morning Prayer:* in the African-American Tradition

**Thursday, January 20:** *Word and Worship:* Graduating student Caleb Lines preaching

**Friday, January 21:** *Community Eucharist:* Rev. Greta Getlein, Interim Director of Anglican Studies & Formation, preaching and presiding

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: January 18-25

By James deBoer

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a time for Christians of all persuasions to make space for giving thanks for the visible unity that we have attained, and to pray for the unity to which we believe Jesus Christ points us. The week is celebrated here in North America from January 18<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>, though the dates are different in other places; in Jerusalem, it



will be the 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>, to accommodate the Armenian Orthodox Feast of the Epiphany, and in areas where January is a vacation month, the Week is celebrated during Pentecost.<sup>1</sup>

The week began as the Prayer Octave for Unity, offered by Catholics and Anglo-Catholics at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The dates of the 18<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup> of January were chosen because they are bookended by the feast days of Sts. Peter and Paul. In 1926 the Faith and Order Movement incorporated the week into its recommended practices, and in 1966, the Catholic Church and the World Council of Churches for the first time collaborated on preparations for the week.<sup>2</sup>

Each year, a different region is chosen and the churches in that region are invited to select a scripture passage that will serve as a guiding theme for that year's week. This year, the passage Acts 2:42-7 was selected by the churches of Jerusalem: and they have especially lifted up the communal orientation implicit in the four activities of teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayers.

The week is celebrated in different ways in different places. In Jerusalem, a church of each denomination will host ecumenical worship for each day. The Episcopal Church USA and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will celebrate the tenth anniversary of their full communion in the context of this week.<sup>3</sup> The Catholic Bishops of South Korea will pray for Christian Unity, in the hopes that through unity with each other, Christians can become better agents of peace worldwide: "We can be the true salt and light of the world realizing the peace of the Christ in this land if we first make peace with each other and live in unity."<sup>4</sup>

In the United States, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity falls just two days after Religious Freedom Day, January 16<sup>th</sup>. This day commemorates the 1786 Virginia Assembly statute prohibiting state involvement with religious establishment.<sup>5</sup> Rather than viewing the two observances as opposites, Marquand Chapel celebrates the diversity of ways in which people find meaningful community with one another. It is our hope that in ecumenical worship here at YDS, we may together draw closer through shared experience and through prayer; and that we may more fully live into Christ's calling as disciples and partners.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://globalministries.org/news/mee/churches-of-the-holy-land.html>

<sup>2</sup> "Resources for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" <http://www.oikoumene.org/fileadmin/files/wcc-main/documents/p2/2010/WOP2011eng.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.episcopalchurch.org/documents/BI\\_011611\\_half.pdf](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/documents/BI_011611_half.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> Msgr. Hyginus Kim Hee-joong, Archbishop of Kwangju, <http://www.speroforum.com/site/article.asp?id=46509&t=South+Korea%3A+++Korean+bishops%3A+promote+felowship+and+prayer+for+Christian+unity>

<sup>5</sup> January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Presidential Proclamation: Religious Freedom Day, <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/presidential-proclamation-religious-freedom-day>.

## Get Involved: Volunteer Opportunities for Marquand Chapel

Are you feeling a bit more settled in your routine here at YDS? Have you been thinking you might like to get more involved in the worship life of the community? If so, let us hear from you! If you have experience in instrumental leadership in other worshipping communities and would like to share your talents in worship at Marquand, please contact Colin Britt ([colin.britt@yale.edu](mailto:colin.britt@yale.edu)). If you are interested in getting involved in other ways, as a reader, communion server, bread baker, linen washer, visual artist, dancer, or another capacity, please contact Christa Swenson ([christa.swenson@yale.edu](mailto:christa.swenson@yale.edu)).

*The Marquand Reader* is edited by the chapel staff and issued every Monday when classes are in session. It highlights the week's services and other special opportunities and events. Additional articles by the Chapel Staff and the faculty in Liturgical Studies will explore historical, liturgical, and denominational topics, in order to further the educational goals of Marquand Chapel. Contact one of the chapel staff if you have any suggestions, comments, or questions.

### *The Marquand Chapel Team:*

Adele Crawford, *Interim Dean of Chapel* \* Colin Britt, *Acting Director of Chapel Music*

Christa Swenson, *Liturgical Coordinator*

Kyle Brooks, Christian Brost, James deBoer, Alex Peterson, *Chapel Ministers*

Mark Miller, *Gospel Choir Director* \* Sara Marks and Michael Sansoni, *Chapel Choir Directors*

Nat Gumbs, Benjamin Straley, Noah Wynne-Morton, *Organists*