Greetings from your colleagues in ministry at Gustavus Adolphus College! There is a new air of excitement on campus as preparations are beginning for the Sesquicentennial celebration, with the official kick-off event on September 30, 2011. In 2012, Gustavus will celebrate 150 years since its founding, and Christ Chapel will celebrate its 50th anniversary. Special events will be held over the period of a full year celebrating both the past and the future of the College, culminating at homecoming in 2012.

There is a new construction site just west of the campus library for a new academic building—a three-story learning center that will house the communication studies, economics/management, history, psychology, and sociology/anthropology departments. Scheduled opening of this facility will be fall 2011.

As your partner in ministry and seeking foundational ways to more fully live out our vocation as a college of the Church, we are excited to announce that in 2011 the Office of Church Relations will become the Gustavus Center for Servant-Leadership, fully joining the work of Church Relations with the Center for Vocational Reflection, Community Service and Career Center. The Center for Servant-Leadership has deep roots in the College’s mission and offers a strong expression of who we are and what we are called to be as a liberal arts, church-related college. This new Center will be the place where students, faculty, staff, alumni and the wider relational network of congregations, friends and community partners can turn for practical ways to develop the capacity for the alignment of the inner and outer life.

We are proud of our heritage as a College of the Lutheran Church. We will continue to provide countless resources to members of our Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations. This Association is important as the place where official governing boards of the College are elected each April. Within this Association, key relationships are formed that help us maintain and grow this connection. We continue to provide and offer an ever-expanding menu of resources to congregations. To access a full listing of resources we offer please visit www.gustavus.edu/churchrelations.

PLEASE MARK YOUR 2011 CALENDARS AND JOIN US FOR THESE SPECIAL EVENTS:

- **Trinity Institute ® 41st National Theological Conference—JANUARY 19-21, 2011** “Reading Scripture Through Other Eyes,” webcast live from the Trinity Institute, New York, with Walter Brueggemann among the featured presenters. The on-campus event will include on-line interaction and theological reflection groups.

- **Gustavus Association of Congregations 2011 Convention—APRIL 9, 2011**
  The theme for the 2011 gathering will be “A Year of Living Purposefully: Savoring Life Through Servant-Leadership.” Richard Leider of The Inventure Group, and Larry Spears of The Spears Center for Servant-Leadership, will bring the keynote address. Events include the grand opening of the Center for Servant-Leadership.

- **Student Leadership Day—also APRIL 9, 2011**, a separate event and a great opportunity for congregations to bring 3 to 5 key student leaders for this festive, fast-paced and special leadership development event. Tiger McLuen of Youth Leadership will bring the keynote address.

- **MAYDAY! Peace Conference—MAY 4, 2011** “Executing Justice: Debating the Death Penalty”

- **Official Sesquicentennial Celebration Kick-Off Event, Homecoming—SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

- **Annual Nobel Conference®—OCTOBER 4-5, 2011** “The Brain and Being Human”

- **Christmas in Christ Chapel—DECEMBER 2-4, 2011**

For more information about these events and the resources we offer congregations, please contact the Office of Church Relations (507-933-7001) or visit us on-line at www.gustavus.edu/churchrelations.

Thank you for your partnership and prayers!

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