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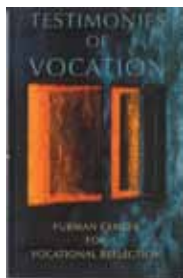
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Testimonies features first-person narratives



THE CENTER FOR VOCATIONAL REFLECTION (Lilly Center) has published its second collection of essays, *Testimonies of Vocation*, which includes six “personal explorations and discoveries on the vocation of being human.”

Edited by William

Rogers, Bennette E. Geer Professor Emeritus of Literature, the book features essays adapted from talks delivered at Furman by James Crenshaw '56, retired professor of Old Testament at Duke University; John Crabtree, retired English professor and former vice president for academic affairs and dean at Furman; and current Furman professors Carmela Epright (philosophy), Paula Gabbert (associate academic dean), David Gandolfo (philosophy) and David Rutledge (religion).

The book's preface states that the title was chosen “with the idea of reclaiming a powerful concept — that of a public ‘testimony’ to a personal truth. A testimony is a first-person narrative that speaks of a significant life experience with which others can strongly identify. The life experience, while authentic and obviously unique to the individual who narrates the story, is often also emblematic of a larger set of social, economic, and/or political issues. A testimonial writer thus engages the reader's sense of ethics and justice by telling a representative story that generally reflects concerns of a larger society. This understanding of testimony inevitably bridges many domains of thoughtful exploration.”

The book sells for \$9, which covers printing, mailing and handling. To order, send a check (payable to Furman University) and mailing instructions to Rolyn Rollins, Furman Center for Vocational Reflection, Furman University, 3300 Poinsett Highway, Greenville, S.C. 29613.

The Center for Vocational Reflection is sponsoring its fourth “What’s Calling You Now?” Alumni Retreat July 19–22. Visit www.furmanlilly.com or contact rolyn.rollins@furman.edu.



JEREMY FLEMING

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IN A MOVE THAT PRESIDENT ROD SMOLLA describes as “reflecting the central place of Furman’s commitment to the spiritual and moral growth of our students and members of our community,” Vaughn CroweTipton, university chaplain since 2003, has been appointed associate vice president for spiritual life and university chaplain. Maria Swearingen, who has worked in the chaplains’ office as an intern since 2010, has been named assistant chaplain. She holds a Master of Divinity degree from Duke University.

CroweTipton, who earned his Ph.D. at Baylor University, immediately takes charge of three new strategic initiatives: developing space and opportunities for multi-faith groups to flourish on campus, working with the music department to institute a Baccalaureate service at Commencement (beginning this year), and spearheading the university’s commitment, announced by Smolla at Fall Convocation, to become involved in service efforts for the people of Haiti.