SUMMER 2015
TRAVEL MEMORANDUM

TO: Faculty, Master’s-Level Students
FROM: David Jensen
Academic Dean
DATE: November 2014

During the Summer 2015 term Austin Seminary will offer, for academic credit, one travel seminar. This memorandum provides information about this opportunity. The cost listed is in addition to Seminary tuition. Students graduating in May 2015 who have never used Gunther Scholarship funds can participate in this trip as auditors (i.e., non-credit, no tuition) and apply for Gunther funds. This exception to Gunther scholarship rules for May 2015 graduates applies only to this travel seminar. Students are allowed to take one Travel Seminar (indicated as such in this memo and categorized as such in the Catalogue) for academic credit. These seminars offer an extraordinary opportunity to expand horizons and to gain a deeper understanding of our faith and the world around us. The Gunther scholarships provide support to make it possible to take advantage of these opportunities.

Gunther Scholarships

The Elma Gunther Scholarship for International Study provides a one-time grant for each master’s-level student involved in an approved cross-cultural or international educational experience. The travel seminar to New Haven does qualify for the grant; the Seminarians Interacting Program does not. In the past, the seminary has provided grants covering up to half of the cost of the seminar, up to a maximum of $1,400. Funds are distributed based on the number of grants requested, i.e., the more grants requested, the less each person receives.

A student desiring this grant must apply in writing. The application form is available from Alison Riemersma in the Academic Dean’s office. The application is due in October for January seminars and March for summer seminars.

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Travel Methodist Heritage
Dr. David White and Prof. Melissa Wiginton

This seminar offers the opportunity to study in some of the sites that proved pivotal to the birth and development of the Methodist movement. Focusing particularly on the work of John and Charles Wesley, the pilgrimage takes students to Epworth, the Wesleys' birthplace; Oxford, where John & Charles Wesley led the Holy Club; Bristol, the home of the Methodist societies and class meetings; London, where both Wesley brothers experienced assurance of salvation and where John Wesley built the center of British Methodism; and Salisbury, home to a vital Methodist congregation once served by Francis Asbury. Site visits, lectures by local experts, and exposure to contemporary Methodism in England are included in the seminar.

Cost: Approx. $4100
Dates: May 25 - June 3, 2015