CALL and Holland Home
by Bruce Klanderman-Chair, CALL Finance Committee

Several years ago, CALL and retirement community Holland Home began working on a joint program that would be mutually beneficial and meet the best interests for both CALL and Holland Home. There is a large overlap with the age demographics for both organizations. Thus, having joint programs makes sense for both groups.

The most significant area of mutual interest is the curriculum course program. Many Holland Home residents have been CALL members over the years and have faithfully participated in CALL classes. Making the CALL courses more convenient and available for these CALL members as well as other residents of the Raybrook campus has been a goal of this partnership. The Holland Home Raybrook campus is located two blocks from Calvin College and provides convenient parking for CALL members not living at the Raybrook campus.

Four CALL classes are scheduled annually for the Raybrook campus, which offers a large room with capacity of 150, the Friendship Room. One of the favorite CALL instructors, Karin Maag, especially likes to teach in this setting. Her recent class, All About the Crusades, finished on November 7, and enjoyed a record enrollment of 116. Karin will return to Raybrook in January for her second CALL class of the current curriculum year. The topic for this class will be The Dutch Reformation, beginning Thursday, January 3, for three consecutive weeks, from 2:00 pm-3:15 pm.

Two additional courses are held annually at Raybrook’s campus which are especially designed to complement and join with the Holland Home REAL (Resident Enrichment Academy for Living) program. Not only are these courses especially convenient for the many CALL members at the Raybrook campus, but the CALL program partnership also makes it possible for Raybrook residents with declining health who can no longer attend classes on the Calvin campus an opportunity to attend. In the most recent course, A Presidential Temperament, taught by Robert Schoonelongen, the total enrollment was 117. Several of these attendees live in Assisted Living and many others who live in independent living are no longer able to attend classes at the Calvin Campus. Less frequently, CALL classes have also been taught at the Holland Home Breton campus.

The Calvin Academy for Lifelong Learning and Holland Home campuses also work collaboratively in other areas of our program. They show DVD’s of the CALL Noontime lectures as another facet of the REAL program. Additionally, they transport multiple busloads of residents from Holland Home Raybrook and Breton Woods campuses to attend the evening Passport Travelogue Films.

With shared interests and goals, we look forward to continued partnership with Holland Home for years to come. Details on how to register for The Dutch Reformation course in January can be found in the Announcement portion of this newsletter.
Public Events
Bob DeBruin, Chair

A special thanks to everyone who attended our October film by cinematographer Bill Behrenbruch, on the Old Spanish Trail. Your grace and appreciation of the film in light of his recent tragic death was touching and heartwarming, confirming once again what an amazing group of persons we have the pleasure of supporting in this program.

We look forward with great anticipation and excitement to the remaining three films in our schedule. Our third film is Cuba’s

Secret Side, on Wednesday, February 27, by Karin Muller. Some of you might remember when Karin joined us by skype in 2017 with a film on a Sudanese refugee camp. This second film we are showing by Karin demonstrates once again her fearless curiosity and adventurous spirit as she hitchhikes around Cuba for three months, living with fishermen, farmers, country doctors, and a Santeria priestess. She was arrested over a dozen times, but in the end, she managed to get beyond the propaganda and rhetoric to capture the true character of the Cuban people.

Viewers see the soul of Cuba, including life on the black market, hitchhiking protocol, slums, rock concerts, 50-year-old car repair, and a stunning end to an explosive festival. Cuba’s Secret Side is an authentic, insightful, and often humorous look at a side of Cuba that few foreigners are allowed to see. Karin will again be joining us that evening via skype.

The cost for single tickets is $6. Guests can order by calling the box office at 526-6282, after 10:30 am, Monday through Friday. You can also buy tickets the evening of the show. The box office opens at 6:00 pm. All seats are reserved. Attendance has remained strong with 700 attending our September film and 651 at our second in October.

We recommend parking across the Beltline and using the overhead walkway to cross the road. The distance is short and easier than you would expect.
Public Events,
Bob DeBruin, Chair

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The Noontime lectures are open to CALL members and the public and your friends are welcome to join us. The location is the Calvin Chapel, located just east of the Burton Street entrance to the campus. Parking is best in lot #2, just left of this entrance.

Mark your calendars for five presentations in our spring schedule on February 14 and 28, March 14 and 28, and April 11, 2019. Topics will include the biology and threats to the honey bee, preservation and reactivation of an ancient water delivery system in Jordan, and Holy Saturday: Insights from a Neglected Day in Holy Week.

Reuse of Ancient Technology for Quenching Modern Thirst

Because ancient Umm el-Jimal was in a semi-arid region of northern Jordan, its residents relied on an elaborate runoff water collection system for their survival. To reactivate this system for reuse by the modern community, Calvin’s Umm el-Jimal Archaeological Project has partnered with the Clean Water Institute of Calvin College staff and students to add state-of-the-art hydraulic engineering to the archaeological restoration. The description of this work will include a demonstration of the two-dimensional surface water flow model developed to predict the rain-fed flow of water supplying the system.

What’s buzzing all year is an overview lecture of a year in beekeeping. Did you know it’s getting more expensive and time-consuming to keep bees flourishing and producing honey and pollinating crops? We have all heard there is a crisis but have we learned the details of this global demise? In this lecture, we are educated on the equipment and the never-ending work of a beekeeper, honey bee biology, their role in our food supply, and the biggest threats to honey bees. Lastly, our lecture defines where our native bees fit in in all this.

Timely and relevant for Easter, Suzanne McDonald from Western Seminary, will present Holy Saturday: Insights from a Neglected Day in Holy Week on April 14.

In our journey through Holy Week, we often mark Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, but what about Holy Saturday? Some Christian traditions hold a vigil that anticipates the joy of the resurrection, and there are several interpretations of the meaning of the day in relation to Jesus and his saving work. But what might that first Holy Saturday have been like for the followers of Jesus? This lecture will focus mainly on what we can discern about how they experienced this day between cross and resurrection, and what we might learn from that for our own faith and discipleship.

Additional information will follow in our next newsletter available in late January.
Member Events
Amy Shellenbarger, Chair

January Series Brunch
Tuesday, January 8, 2019
Prince Conference Center
Doors open at 9:30 am

CALL members, Calvin Heritage Class, and guests are invited to a member event that includes a powerful and timely January Series lecture on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, in the Prince Conference Center with Kara Powell discussing ways to bring young people into the Church. We encourage you to invite members of your church to attend. There are no age restrictions.

GROWING YOUNG: HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE DISCOVER AND LOVE THE CHURCH

In the midst of the discouraging reports about the aging and decline of churches today, what steps do savvy churches take that help them best love and serve teenagers and young adults?

Kara Powell is the executive director of the Fuller Youth Institute and associate professor of youth and family ministry at Fuller Theological Seminary. She will be addressing this question and many like it in her talk. Named by Christianity Today as one of “50 Women to Watch,” she is the author or coauthor of several books, including Growing Young and Sticky Faith, and a regular speaker at national leadership and youth ministry conferences across the country.

According to The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers, “the majority of teenagers are incredibly inarticulate about their faith and its place in their lives. They believe the central goal of life is to be happy and to feel good about oneself; God does not need to be particularly involved in one’s life except when God is needed to resolve a problem; and good people go to heaven when they die.”

The Pew Research Center and USA Today report that 70-75% of Christian youth leave the church after high school.

More than half of all college professors view evangelical Christian students unfavorably and 25% of all college professors identify as atheists.

Come join us as Kara Powell shares her ground-breaking research into what will engage and hold fast our youth in the Church. Kara has shared these quotes in the past:

Every young person is on a journey. The journey toward identity, belonging, and purpose is more complicated now than it was a generation or two ago.

Grace is the center of our faith, and why we obey is not to make God like us or love us more, but because we are so full of gratitude.

The church should be the first place young people go to talk about their tough questions.

It is not doubt that is toxic to faith, it is silence that is toxic to faith.

Cost of $21 per person includes brunch, guest lectures, bus service both ways between the Prince Conference Center and the Covenant Fine Arts Center, and reserved seating at the January Series lecture.

Underwritten by Calvin Academy for Lifelong Learning.

Kara Powell
**Member Events Registration**

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Two ways to register:

1. **Online:** [www.calvin.edu/CALL](http://www.calvin.edu/CALL) > My Account> Semester drop-down tab> Event Registration-Fall and Spring 2018-2019

2. Complete this form (make checks payable to CALL) and send to CALL, Youngsma Center, 3201 Burton St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. Event fees are per person. CALL will notify you if an event has filled. A reminder is sent two weeks before the event. Registration is also available by phone at 526-8777.

- **Tuesday, January 8, 2019**  
  **January Series Brunch and Lecture**  
  **$21**  
  Check for:  
  - [ ] ham quiche,  
  - [ ] vegetarian quiche,  
  - [ ] or vegan quiche

Name(s):____________________________________________

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Confirm by email?  
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Last month, a group of CALL and Calvin Alumni returned from a trip to South Africa, led by Extended Trips Committee chair John Apol. One traveler shares the following insights of their experience on this adventure: *Thank you for the amazing trip. It was more than I ever expected. We could see God’s beauty in Kruger Park and Cape Town and loved it, but I most enjoyed getting into communities and meeting the variety of people. The history I read about came to life for me and I could see God working, healing, and growing in lives of people different from me.*

We thank John Apol, the Extended Trips committee members of Hank Aay, Ellen Monsma, Russ Slater, Frank Spies (Board liaison), Linda Stewart, and Mary Ann Walters, other tour leaders, the Calvin Alumni Office, and Witte Travel for their collaborative work in organizing this meaningful tour program for CALL. Below are just a few photos of the recent journey to South Africa.

*Tina Woltil, Jan Juarsma, Sue Biel, Carol Rottman*
Announcements
by Sonja DeJong, CALL Program Manager

**Last newsletter before January course and event.**
CALL publishes 10 monthly newsletters. Following this newsletter, the next publication is not sent until late January. **This is your last newsletter to register for the two January CALL activities: The January Series Brunch and The Dutch Reformation** course with Karin Maag.

We covered in detail the January Series Brunch event on page 4.

We also have one January course as described in the newsletter cover article. Karin Maag returns to our course schedule ahead of the regular spring courses with The Dutch Reformation. Knowing she spends the spring semester out of the area, we are grateful for her availability to offer this special January course. Her courses tend to draw large participation and her recent fall course, All About the Crusades, had 112 students. This course meets three Thursdays, January 3, 10, and 17, at the Holland Home Raybrook campus, Friendship Room, from 2:00 pm-3:15 pm. (We provide a map to all registered students before the course begins.) Spring courses remain at $30, and there are three options for registration:

You can sign in to your “My Account” at [www.calvin.edu/call](http://www.calvin.edu/call) with your username and password. (Choose “forgot password” if you don’t remember either.)

Select the drop-down menu on the left:
1st box- pick the student
2nd box- choose Spring 2019
Skip the other two boxes and click the red “Search” button. Follow the remaining steps by selecting the course and advancing to the payment page.

If you have difficulty signing up online for courses, you can mail a check or phone us in the office at 526-8777. We welcome the opportunity to help!

**A Video Tutorial**
If you had any difficulty purchasing membership or signing up for classes or events, we will have a video posted on our website by the end of this month for spring registrations. Two separate videos will provide step-by-step instructions to walk you through either membership purchase or course/event registration.

Despite some members experiencing initial difficulty navigating the new software during the summer months, we are expecting less problems through ensuing activity.

**MVP Price Increase- Dec. 1**
Don’t lapse membership! As long as persons who enjoy a reduced cost to MVP renew their CALL membership, they will continue to pay the same monthly dues at MVP. Lapsed members who rejoin and new CALL members will have a lower savings beginning December 1. If you know anyone considering joining one of the MVP Sports locations, please let them know they receive between $100-$170 additional savings per person annually if they join CALL before December 1.

**Grand Rapids Broadway**
All Grand Rapids Broadway 2018-2019 shows are available our website with pricing, with *Waitress* and *Anastasia* just added. We receive discounts on all shows except *Book Of Mormon* (rated R). Find all the shows and pricing on our website under “Partnerships.” The deadline to place a Holiday Order is December 17. Use your CALL id number on your membership card to receive the CALL discount.
Extended Trips
by John Apol

2019 Destinations
Southern Spain is scheduled for March 14-24, 2019, and open for registration. The deadline for registration is December 7. Travelers will journey with Calvin Spanish professor Cynthia Slagter to some of the best sites in Southern Spain. Because Professor Slagter visits Spain often more than once a year, this trip provides travelers with a well-organized and depthful itinerary.

Andalusia is a region of great cultural richness, with unique surroundings and remarkable landmarks where history and traditions blend. Much of the unique charm of this part of Spain comes from the long centuries of coexistence among the Christians, Jews, Muslims and Gypsies.

The trip includes visits to what is known as the “Cities of Light:” Granada, Cordoba & Sevilla. Granada is one of the pearls of Spain, most visited by tourists from all the world. Walk through beautiful gardens and charming narrow streets filled with flowers; sit down in one of those typical taverns to have some of that famous "Trevélez" ham and local wine; breathe in the centuries of history around you everywhere.

The ancient city of Cordoba boasts world-famous Moorish architecture, beautiful courtyard patio houses, and a revitalized riverside full of cafes. Here you will be fascinated by a visit to the Mosque-Cathedral, the attraction that everyone talks about. Built in the 10th century originally as a mosque, it later became a cathedral.

Sevilla is the capital of the Andalusia region of Spain. The Plaza de Espana was built in 1929 for the Ibero-American Exposition and boasts a complex system of mini-canals and bridges. Its Gothic architecture contributes to the Seville’s majestic skyline. The Alcázar palace, another hallmark of Seville's cityscape, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Seville is also known for flamenco, a rhythmic song and dance style dating back to the 9th century. Experience first-hand the unique culture and history of this remarkable region of Southern Spain.

Our second trip open for registration is Cultural Jewels of the United Kingdom, scheduled for July 25-August 8, 2019. Leading the trip is Calvin Communications professor Debra Freeberg, who last led an Extended Trip to Norway and Sweden.

Explore the rich cultural and literary history of Ireland, England, and Scotland. Walk the footsteps of famous writers, go behind the scenes at multiple theatres, and be a part of the audience in world-famous venues. Shop at Harrods Department Store, tour the Guinness factory, and visit London’s Parliament building.

The trip culminates with attendance at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo. This yearly event takes place at Edinburgh Castle Esplanade. Set with the castle as a backdrop, you’ll enjoy the music, performances and festivities. The Tattoo started in 1950 and has grown to be a worldwide event and has sold out the last eighteen years.

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(Cont.) Specific tour activities of this British Isles trip include:
- Premier seating at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo
- Two or three hand-selected theater performances
- Literary sightseeing, including a literary walk in Dublin
- Behind-the-scenes tour of the National Theater (London) and The Royal Shakespeare Company Theater (The Globe Theatre)
- Tour Westminster Palace

Full itinerary details are available on our website, or call us at 526-8777 to be mailed a brochure.

Watch for the Pacific Northwest trip and the Southwest Missions trip, both for fall 2019, to open next for registration.

Starford plays are also under discussion with Gary Schmidt.

Call or email us to join the interest list for any of these trips.