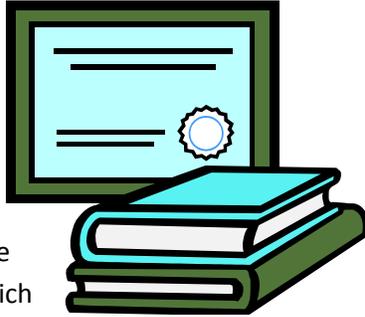


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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Interfaith education represents one of the great challenges facing the world today. As we attempt to move forward to solve many of the world's most pressing social, economic and humanitarian issues, GMU can play an important and constructive role in this important area of concern for all of humanity.

I have just returned from a meeting of the Gulen Institute at the University of Houston where I met with several of the scholars associated with the Institute. GMU hopes to become one of the leaders in global interfaith training and is in the process of incorporating some of these scholars into the GMU faculty to help us expand our offerings on Islam and interfaith dialogue with the Islamic faith. Some of our Master of Theology degree programs and our new certificate programs such as our Graduate Certificate in Peace Studies have courses developed by Muslim scholars as well as those from the Christian faith.

The Gulen Movement, one of the most dynamic movements in the Muslim world, has evolved out of Turkey in the past 25 years and recent events in the Middle East have made efforts to create a dialogue with the Muslim world all the more significant and important. The movement is led by the Turkish Imam and scholar, Fethullah Gulen, who began his professional career as an Imam (Muslim preacher) in the city of Izmir, Turkey, where he inspired a widespread movement among Turkish youth that included openness to philosophy and science, interfaith dialogue with Christianity and other world religions and engagement in socially beneficial projects in the areas of education, health care and

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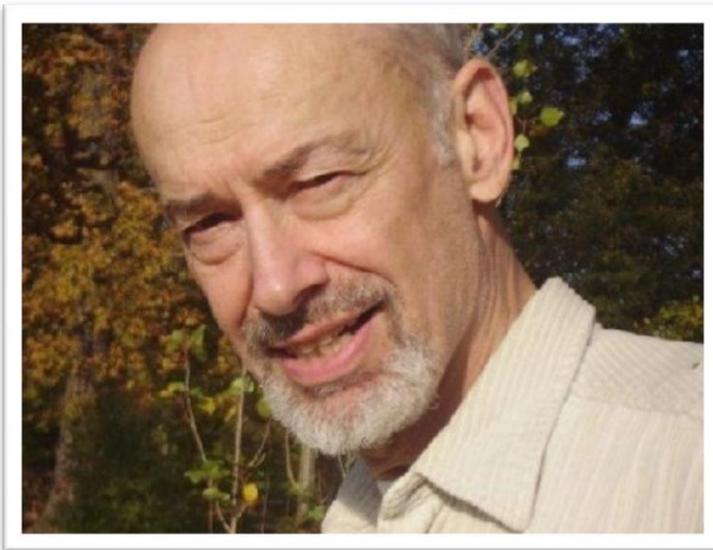
the social media.

Approximately ten years ago Gulen received permission to move to the US and now lives in Pennsylvania and his movement has now helped to create over 1000 schools, colleges and universities in over 100 countries.

Gerald Grudzen, Ph.D.

## MEET OUR FACULTY

**John Raymaker, Ph.D., one of the many competent instructors on the Global Ministries University staff, is proudly featured in this publication.**



John Raymaker, who teaches Interreligious Dialogue and Dynamics of a Faith Community for GMU resides in Homburg, Germany. He earned a PhD degree at Marquette University on the subject of a social ethics and spent 25 years in Japan, teaching linguistics, religion and cultural anthropology. John was on the staff of Oriens, a religious research organization in Tokyo, where he studied Buddhism and participated in small, communal efforts between Buddhist, Christian and Shinto believers. He has

studied and written on Buddhism and its possible interface with Christian spirituality. On this topic, he co-authored with Gerald Grudzen, president of Global Ministries University, *Steps toward Vatican III*, which examines some commonalities between Buddhist, Christian and Islamic spiritualities and ethics.

## STUDENT SHOWCASE

**Global Ministries University student body includes a variety of outstanding individuals with diverse and notable backgrounds and ministries.**

## **Cindy Yoshitomi is highlighted in this edition.**

Cindy is enrolled in the Doctor of Ministry degree program and is a Candidate in Discernment with Roman Catholic Women Priests. She holds two degrees from Arizona State University: a BA is in Leisure Studies with an emphasis in Special Populations and an MA is in Educational Administration. She also has done some Ph.D. work in Leisure Studies at the University of Oregon.

She states that she enrolled in GMU because of its highly regarded programs and faculty. This is her first time taking on-line classes, which she finds to be quite demanding yet so convenient in terms of her time. And even though she is aware that she has seven years to complete her program, her goal is to earn her doctoral degree in three years.

Cindy has worked for over eighteen years as a Campus Minister at Occidental College and the University of California Los Angeles and has served as a Human Relations specialist with the National Conference of Christians and Jews. She has also served on numerous committees for the City of Los Angeles, which included a committee related to AIDS Awareness in the 1980's, which 'got her in trouble with all the people that didn't get it' at that time. She is particularly proud of receiving the Lavender Award by the Gay and Lesbian and Trans-gendered students at UCLA.

She has been married to her husband, Jerry, for forty-three years and they have two adult sons, David and Joseph. Cindy and Jerry reside in Hueneme Beach, CA, where she opened up a small Tea Store called *Tea by the Sea* [ [www.tbythesea.com](http://www.tbythesea.com)]. Tea by the Sea is an International Tea Store that truly has become a ministry. Cindy has a T. Shirt that states, "Practice Peace, Drink Tea; which she asserts says so much to the Western World.



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