



# The Global Notebook

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## The Stars Shine at GMU in 2018

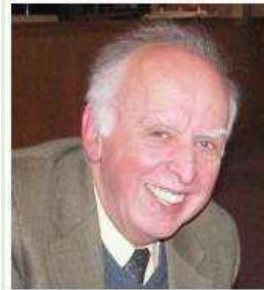


### GMU Partners with The People's Catholic Seminary

Global Ministries University has just entered into a partnership with The People's Catholic Seminary to offer a Master of Pastoral Ministry degree completion program. The PCS is headed by Founders Dr. Bridget Mary Meehan, who is Bishop of the Association of Roman Catholic Women Priests and Dr. Mary Theresa Streck, who is also associated with ARCWP. The purpose of this program is to offer specific training for ordination of women into the priesthood at a reasonable cost, allowing more women to answer their calling to become a priest. However, this program is also open to both women and men who would like to prepare for pastoral ministry.

The People's Catholic Seminary will use their own curriculum and facilitate the courses. For more information about this degree program, [go to their web site](#) or email [peoplescatholicseminary@gmail.com](mailto:peoplescatholicseminary@gmail.com).

Students will enroll in the program through Global Ministries University and GMU will grant the degree. For information regarding the application procedure,



### President's Column

Today is the feast of the Epiphany in most of the Christian community throughout the world. It is a key event in the history of Christianity for it represents the expansion of the mystery of Christ to the Gentile world and the role of Christianity in world history. Over the course of the centuries, Christianity has become a global religion with much of its growth taking place in Latin America, Africa and South Asia. Here in San Jose, the majority of Catholics and Protestants are from the minority communities of Hispanics, Vietnamese and those from South Asia such as the Philippines. Christianity has become embedded here in the popular culture and this is evidenced by the local Children's Discovery Museum sponsorship over the past twenty years of the Feast of the Three Kings or **El Día de Tres Reyes**. Our local paper did a major article on the event since it attracts thousands of Latino families to it.

email [info@globalministriesuniversity.org](mailto:info@globalministriesuniversity.org). To apply, [submit application and application fee of \\$25.](#)



## GMU Plans to Livestream Graduation Ceremony This Year

The University has held a ceremony for its graduates at the Federation of Christian Ministries Assembly since we honored our first graduate years ago. However, most graduates are not able to attend the graduation because of the cost and time element involved in travel. This year we are hoping to-- not only conduct the ceremony at the FCM Assembly -- but to also livestream the event and invite graduates to participate in the ceremony online. All graduates will be contacted and those who have not had the opportunity to be honored as a graduate of Global Ministries University will have the opportunity to do so. The graduation is scheduled to take place at the FCM Assembly in Philadelphia on Saturday, July 21, 2018. We will offer more information about this exciting new endeavor in the next publication of *The Global Notebook*.



### Meet GMU's Media Specialist

Global Ministries University has an outstanding Media Specialist, Mary Aktay, who does most of the graphics for GMU, sets up our newsletter, The Global Notebook, creates ads and offers posts on Facebook on a regular basis. Her career has always been in religious communications and she has experience in print, electronic and video production, as well as public and media relations and development. She also sets up and maintains the Facebook page of another organization and is the organizer of a MeetUp group which goal is to bring both believers and non-believers together to

The future of Christianity according to many studies may lie with the Global South. According to the Pew Research Center by 2050 4 out of 10 Christians will live in sub-Saharan Africa. There are now over 30 million people who identify as Hispanic Catholics in the US with the majority residing the southwestern United States. There is a growing decline of the white Christian population in the United States as evidenced in the recent publication of the book by Robert B. Jones, **The End of White Christian America**, a publication of the Public Research Religious Institute. The secularization of western life is not a paradigm which fits in with the cultures of the Global South where religion and culture are closely aligned. By the year 2050 Christianity and Islam will represent about 50% of the world's population and most of this population will lie outside of Europe and North America. Global Ministries University will seek to expand our mission to meet the needs of this larger framework for the future of Christianity in the United States, Africa and Latin America. We have been involved in Africa for the past six years through our interfaith training program in Kenya. We also can envision new programs which serve the needs of those involved in Hispanic ministries here in the USA. We look forward to expanding our offerings so that we are relevant for the Church of the future.

Gerald Grudzen, Ph.D.



### GMU Student Pursues D.Th. to Address Pastoral Care in an Era of Ecological Collapse

John Jeffrey is a CPE Supervisor and enrolled in our Doctor of Theology degree program. His goal is to create a foundation upon which the established profession of Clinical Pastor Education can integrate an awareness of how global ecological collapse influences the delivery of pastoral care and spiritual direction to clients. He does not see this important and relevant topic being addressed anywhere and *"would like to*

discuss shared values and common concerns. You are invited to check out our [Facebook page](#) and see the quality of communications Mary brings to GMU. You are also invited to [like GMU](#) on Facebook if you haven't already done so.

*explore this matter in a personal and reflective voice that integrates sound science, seasoned clinical pastoral experience, broad theological and spiritual inclusiveness and of course, ethics.” He is currently in a course entitled *Green Spirit: A New Consciousness*. If you would like to read this 15-page essay assignment, Pastoral Care in an Era of Ecological Collapse, [click here](#). We are very proud of our students and the caliber of coursework they produce.*