

# LVPCA Special Projects

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## Training Students

Last weekend was wonderful! I joined the Mid-Atlantic campus ministers for the fall training conference. Four tracks were offered, and I taught *Knowing and Growing in Grace* – the foundation of our faith.

Campus ministries have resumed meeting in-person, but it's been a challenging semester. After a year trying to stay in touch by video, there is a feeling of starting over. And for leadership development, we essentially lost a year. So it was great to see over 50 students come to this conference, and to resume vital aspects of student ministry.



Mid-Atlantic Student Training Conference

## Serving in Church

This fall I have been busy with several projects in our church. I have been teaching the adult Sunday School class about worship. My text is Hebrews 12:24-25:

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

I've enjoyed studying and teaching what it means to gather on the Lord's Day with the angels and saints – and Jesus!

I have been leading a Bible study in Daniel. As we have been watching the battle between Yahweh and the gods of Babylon, we have been asking, "Who are the true enemies of God here?"

Several less visible, but time-consuming projects for the church have filled out the year. A big one was creating a method of liturgy booklet production which anyone can use on any computer. Another large project was creating a lectionary for scripture readings on the Lord's Day for each week of the year.

After preaching on the importance of reading the scripture daily, I created some devotional guides to help those who have trouble knowing how to use personal devotional time productively. You can find them at [www.cdavidgreen.org/devotional/](http://www.cdavidgreen.org/devotional/)

## Training Campus Ministers?

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Ruth and I have been asked to help train campus ministers at an overseas location. This year we have been considering numerous ministry positions, including several church positions, but this seems the best fit for our abilities, skills, and experiences. Since June we have been exploring this possibility by email, phone calls, Zoom video, and in-person meetings. We have engaged in a very extensive application process. We are willing to do whatever God calls us to do, but so far this seems like the most likely possibility. So we are pursuing this while trying to be open to divine course correction.

COVID has made this process more difficult. Ordinarily we would have visited this place in the summer, but it is still locked down. We hope to visit after Christmas to get a better sense of our suitability for this work.

## Stay Connected to our Ministry!

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God is continuing to care for us and to provide for our needs in this transition time. Thank you for your gifts and prayers for us as we identify our next call! We hope to have a definite vocational destination by early next year!

We would be very grateful if you would consider including us in your year-end giving. You may contribute to our ministry online at <http://bit.ly/3vx9A19>. Put “**Special Projects**” in the note box.

You may also contribute by making a check to “**LVPC.**” Include a note that it is for “**Special Projects**” and mail it to:

LVPCA Special Projects  
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My blog, sermons, newsletters, and ministry materials are on my new website: [www.cdavidgreen.org](http://www.cdavidgreen.org).

## Advent Reflections

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Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded,  
For with blessing in His hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth  
Our full homage to demand.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way,  
As the Light of light descendeth  
From the realms of endless day,  
That the powers of hell may vanish  
As the darkness clears away.

— *Liturgy of St. James*



It’s dark outside. Darkness settles quickly over the world at this time of year. But it’s not as dark as the world of the Roman Empire. Saint Athanasius remembered that demons had ruled the world and held men in their power — until Christ came. “Or when did the deceitfulness and madness of demons fall under contempt, save when the Word, the Power of God, the Master of all these as well, condescended on account of the weakness of mankind and appeared on earth?” (*On the Incarnation of the Word*)

In this Advent season we remember the long wait for salvation while the world grew darker and darker and we wait for the full brightness of eternal light. Meanwhile we celebrate the Light of Christ who has overcome the powers of darkness and is clearing them away from every corner of the world. And on the Lord’s Day we join the angels and the saints who went before us and bask in the glorious brightness of heaven — a taste of that eternal light!

May you have a hopeful Advent and a bright Christmas as we celebrate the triumph of Light over darkness!

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