

A DEDICATION SERVICE ON FEBRUARY 19, 2007, marked the completion and opening of an indoor painted labyrinth created in the upper rotunda of the Krauth Memorial Library on the LTSP campus. The labyrinth offers students, faculty, staff and campus visitors the opportunity to walk the labyrinth as a spiritual tool and practice.

Guided by a faculty, staff and student committee including seminary chaplains the **Rev. Dr. Melinda Quivik** and the **Rev. Dr. Dirk Lange**, seminary musician **Mark Mummert**, Krauth Memorial Library director **Dr. Karl Krueger**, staff members the **Rev. Marcia Bell** and **The Rev. Dr. Eloise Scott**, and students **Drew Goodson** (MDiv, 2009), **Flora Hartford** (MDiv, 2009), **Carol Rowehl** (MAR, 2008) and **Joan Testin** (MDiv, 2010), and with approval of the faculty, the labyrinth became reality during winter break this year. The labyrinth is a replica of the Medieval eleven-circuit labyrinth found today at Chartres Cathedral in France. Testin created a chalk pattern on the rotunda carpet, followed by a detailed layout in tape by Rowehl, who was joined by

Krueger in painting the final pattern.

In her book *Shared Wisdom*, professor of Pastoral Theology the **Rev. Dr. Pamela Cooper-White** describes the labyrinth as a “powerful image for the journey into the heart,” and the walk as following “the winding path to the center, to rest awhile in the heart of God.”

Labyrinths are currently used worldwide as a way to quiet the mind, find balance, and encourage contemplation, insight and celebration, and are open to all people as an ecumenical, cross-cultural tool of well-being.

Open during Krauth library hours, members of and visitors to the LTSP community are welcome to walk the labyrinth. Individuals and groups can often be found using the labyrinth as a tool for prayer, reflection, meditation, and a deeper knowledge of the self, and the labyrinth is being used as part of this spring’s formation groups.

The LTSP Labyrinth is listed in the Worldwide Labyrinth Locator: www.veriditas.labyrinthsociety.org.

See more images of the LTSP labyrinth and the dedication: www.Ltsp.edu/labyrinth

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