

# THE ROBERT E. WEBBER INSTITUTE FOR WORSHIP STUDIES

## Annual Report 2006-2007



### IWS Mission Statement:

*The Institute for Worship Studies forms servant leaders in Christian worship renewal and education through graduate academic praxis, grounded in biblical, historical, theological, cultural, and missiological reflection in community.*

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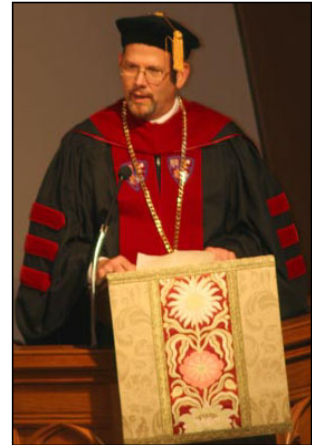
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### A Word from President Dr. James R. Hart

Dear Students, Alumni, Faculty, Staff, Board Members and Friends of IWS,

Because of your prayerful support of the Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies and your commitment to our mission of forming servant leaders in worship renewal, IWS continues to thrive and grow. Enrollment remains high and our graduates, faculty and students are impacting worship renewal and education around the globe. During our June session, we hosted an affirming visit from an accreditation team with the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE) in response to our candidacy application. The Commission for Accreditation meets in February and will communicate their decision at that time. This spring, through generous donations of books, shelving and funds, we expanded our library from 200 to 8,000 volumes and added a part-time library staff. The Board of Directors has been expanded with the addition of Dr. Melva Costen, Ms. Janet Carlson, Dr. Tim Roberts, and Ms. Joanne Webber. It is exciting to be part of the fulfillment of the vision of IWS!



**Inauguration ceremony for new  
IWS President, Dr. James Hart**

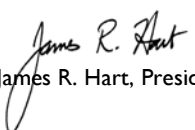
IWS remains committed to its mission of promoting worship renewal and education through academic praxis, grounded in biblical, historical, theological, cultural, and missiological reflection. We fully understand that the ongoing fulfillment of our mission is truly a team effort. That team includes you, the students, alumni, faculty, staff, board members and friends of IWS.

With the illness and subsequent death of our dearly loved founding president this past year, IWS has been propelled into a new phase of ministry and leadership. Many within our family have assumed a significantly increased role in supporting and promoting our mission by investing time, talent and treasure into our school's future. Last year we established the Annual Fund, raising close to \$50,000. Additional gifts have been designated for scholarships, the library, the Alumni Fund and the Robert E. Webber Endowment Fund. As the school has grown and matured, related operational expenses have also grown. New areas of expense include our accreditation pursuit, library resource expansion, technology upgrades, and activities related to development and recruitment. We want to continue responding to the challenges of entering a new era without our founder and faithfully fulfilling God's mission for IWS. Therefore, we are launching the 2007-8 Annual Fund, chaired by alumna Karen Carpenter, with a goal of raising \$75,000 to bridge the gap between tuition revenue and true operating costs. We are relying on your generosity to help build the financial muscle we need for a secure future. Our students will greatly benefit from the gifts received, and the mission of our beloved institute will continue to be fulfilled.

We have already received over 8% toward our target for this year's Annual Fund, with additional funds pledged. **No gift is too small.** This year IWS has been given a generous matching grant of \$20,000 from a Michigan foundation, a matching gift of \$15,000 from an alumna, as well as matching donations from board members. That means every dollar you donate to IWS will be doubled! Because of our emphasis on worship renewal in light of the *missio Dei* (mission of God), we also request that IWS be considered in the mission budgets of your churches.

Thank you for your support of the Lord's work in and through IWS.

Grace and peace to you,

  
James R. Hart, President

## Launching the 2007-08 Annual Fund



Chapel service at the IWS campus in Orange Park, FL

Dear Friends, Students, and Alumni of IWS:



I am honored to write this letter encouraging all of us not only to continue, but also to increase our support for the Institute for Worship Studies. My time at IWS has been one of the most marvelous, yet challenging, times in my life. The Institute has provided the framework for the experience of worship in my life as defined by Harold Best, “. . . the continuous outpouring of all that I am, all that I do and all that I can ever become in light of a chosen or

choosing god.” (Unceasing Worship: Biblical Perspectives on Worship and the Arts) Dr. Webber’s vision for the Institute has provided that opportunity for all its students, alumni, faculty, staff and any others who have experienced life at IWS. Furthermore, the Institute is equipping these representatives to carry the message of a joyful and continuous outpouring back to their congregations and academic institutions in the form of worship renewal and education.

The Institute for Worship Studies is poised to lead a radical worship renewal

throughout evangelical churches in the United States as well as around the world. We need to keep the vision and provide support for the spreading of the vision through prayer, service, and financial gifts. Dr. Jim Hart, President, the Board of Directors, faculty and staff are committed to fulfilling the mission of the Institute. Let’s provide the support they and the faculty need to lead the way.

Very truly yours,

Karen K. Carpenter, D.W.S.  
Delta Class

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John Lindsell



## A message from the Chairman of the Board

This has been a seismic year in the life of the Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies. Our beloved founder and leader, Bob Webber, was stricken with cancer that quickly took him to his Father’s house. The Institute was Bob’s dream and now it is an ongoing legacy.

God, in His wisdom, has provided us with an able leader in Jim Hart. Jim is doing a superb job of marshalling the IWS

community during our time of sorrow and change, and as we look to a bright future. We have always known this school is not our school—it is God’s school, and it is for His purposes. As this report makes plain, God has blessed IWS with many generous gifts, providing us with a strong foundation upon which we can build for the future.

So, I thank you for your gift support this year and

encourage you to continue supporting this school each and every year. If we are to continue serving God in worship studies, then we will need your help.

In His service,

John Lindsell,  
Chair, Board of Trustees

## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2007-08

- Leader: \$10,000 & Up**
- Benefactor: \$5,000 - \$9,999**
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- Investor: \$1,000 - \$2,499**
- Supporter: \$500 - \$999**
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- Donor: Up to \$99**

- Annual Fund**
- Robert E. Webber Endowment**
- Scholarship Funds**
- Library Fund**
- Alumni Fund**

# Financial Report

## 2006-07 Cash Donations TOTAL: \$59,475

Annual Fund: \$47,523 79.9%

Endowment: \$5,625 9.5%

Scholarships: \$6,327 10.6%

### 2007-08 Donations to Date:

Annual Fund: \$5,630

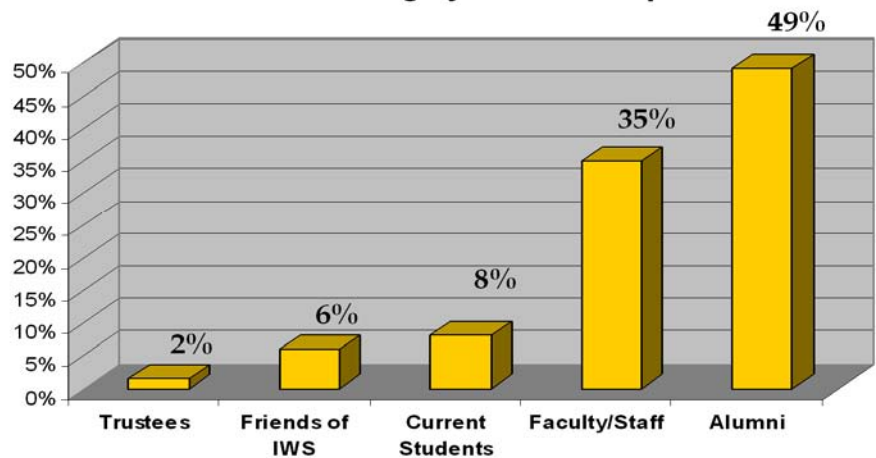
Endowment: \$4,145

Scholarships: \$20

Library Fund: \$1,250

**TOTAL: \$11,045**

2006-07 Giving by Donor Groups



## 2006-07 Annual Fund Donors {We Thank You}

### \$0 - \$99

Jean and Robert Bolinder  
 Dr. Virginia Cameron  
 Matt and Sandra Dinkins  
 Dr. James and Mrs. Audrey Erikson  
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 Dr. Jack Van Marion

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### \$5,000 - \$9,999

Dr. Robert George  
 Dr. Julie Gibson  
 Dr. James and Mrs. Carol Hart  
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 Dr. Jeff Hager

### \$10,000 and up

Dr. Karen Carpenter



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Grace Episcopal Church	The Rev'd Dr. Wayne Stacy
Bill Harkey	Dr. Robert & Mrs. Joanne Webber
Larry Johnson	The Rev'd Dr. Luder G. Whitlock
The Rev'd Joe R. Molina	

## The Year That Was {2006-07}

### **AUGUST 2006**

Robert E. Webber, President and Founder of IWS, is diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

### **OCTOBER 2006**

IWS moves into its very first administrative building with space for student lounge and library on the grounds of the IWS campus at Grace Episcopal Church in Orange Park, FL. IWS' application for accreditation candidacy is submitted.

### **NOVEMBER 2006**

The Annual Fund is established.

### **DECEMBER 2006**

IWS co-sponsors, the Ancient-Evangelical Future Call Conference, held at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary.

### **JANUARY 2007**

IWS officially changes its name to The Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies, in honor of

Robert E. Webber, President and Founder. Dr. Eric Bolger is welcomed as the third Academic Dean of IWS.

### **FEBRUARY 2007**

Alongside twenty-two other seminaries, IWS attends the Allelon Missional Schools Project Conference to kick-off a long-term project funded by the Allelon Foundation.

### **MARCH 2007**

IWS begins development of its on-campus library; the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (SPCK) donates approximately 2,700 books.

### **APRIL 2007**

The IWS community mourns the death of Bob Webber as he enters his eternal reward. IWS welcomes new Librarian, Monica Lopez.

### **MAY 2007**

The IWS library receives a donation of approximately 1,200 books from Board Member, Dr. Wayne Stacy.

### **JUNE 2007**

An accreditation team from ABHE visits the IWS campus. During the June session, IWS hosts a memorial service for Bob Webber and celebrates its largest commencement to date of forty-one students.



Former Provost, Dr. James R. Hart, is inaugurated as new IWS President. Brian McLaren leads the Fourth Annual Alumni Seminar. IWS library boasts a fiscal year end total of 8,000 donated books, including additional donations of 3,000 books from the Robert E. Webber Library, 300 from alumnus Dr. Robert George, and others from faculty, staff, and alumni.