

seminary in the whole of the United Kingdom and the Institute is one of only a few places that offer fellowship, education and development.

In the wider world: if you are distressed by a declining knowledge of the Christian faith in the United Kingdom at large, if you have noticed a continuing downward drift in numbers attending church worship, if you have felt a general downheartedness and lack of spirit among the well-established Churches, above all if you have experienced what Orthodoxy has to offer and want to make it available more widely, then your hopes and ours coincide.

### FUNDING THE WORK

The Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies can fulfil its mission if ordinary Christians decide that it should. Your Directors have engaged (for the first time) a professional fundraiser. We are organizing an International Appeal, with three Archbishops as joint patrons: Archbishop Gregorios of Thyateira and Great Britain, Dr Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor. We have approached all our hierarchs to encourage an annual 'Education Sunday' collection in their churches on behalf of the Institute.

But 'one-off' collections and even generous single donations don't keep the Institute financially stable. Archbishop Gregorios suggests that institutions like ours are maintained by an army of small contributors: by a 'widow's mite' from ordinary people who may feel they are 'little and of no account' (to quote St Paul) but who in his day spread Christianity throughout the known world.

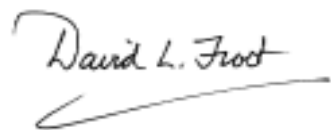
If you make or were to make a standing order to your bank in favour of the Institute of, say, £25 a month (the equivalent of 12 cups of coffee out or 10 ready-made sandwiches) *we could do the work*. If you already donate, you might give us a 'cost of new living' increase. But even better would be to enlist the help of a couple of friends: *'You think the Institute should survive? Then I'll tell you just how to do it!'*

**IF WE HAD 200 STANDING ORDERS FOR £25 A MONTH, OUR INCOME WOULD BE A STAGGERING £60,000 A YEAR.**

**IF ALL DONORS COMPLETED A 'GIFT AID' FORM, WE COULD CLAIM FROM THE GOVERNMENT A FURTHER 28% - £16,800 - MAKING £76,800 IN ALL.**

**THAT IS ALMOST HALF OF OUR PROJECTED EXPENDITURE FOR 2007-8!**

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### ***CHRIST HAS ARISEN - AND WE SHALL ARISE!***



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## WHERE WE ARE NOW

It is over two years since the last Newsletter - simply because the cost of printing and distribution was beyond our straitened circumstances. Meanwhile, there have been upheavals, major staff changes, financial challenges - but also some signal successes.

## WHAT HAS BEEN DONE

Here we are still - admittedly 'on a wing and a prayer' - in our eighth remarkable year, despite no government finance, minimal support from organizations, yet buoyed up by a few generous individuals, a brace of trusts - and chiefly by yourselves, our friends and supporters.

We are the only body in the whole of Western Europe teaching the Orthodox Christian faith in English, at all adult levels and in a university setting. We are a full member of the Cambridge Theological Federation, in a major centre of influence, one of the world's premier universities. With the blessing of the various hierarchs who have responsibilities in this country, we are an important force for pan-Orthodox unity in an otherwise fragmented Church.

In the past few years, our Board of Directors has been re-vamped: with eleven new Directors who have wide experience in the Church, in academe, in business and in finance. Last year saw the re-ordering of our administrative and financial systems. Our much-valued Bishop Kallistos retired as Chairman (though not as a Director) and his place was filled by the then Vice-Chairman, James Heywood. This year we have a new Principal, Professor David Frost, who has twenty-two years' experience of university governance.

In 2005 we made our first move out of our Cambridge base, teaching the Certificate course to a new and talented group of students in London. Our introductory course to the Orthodox faith, THE WAY, has been offered to large and enthusiastic audiences at the Greek and Russian Cathedrals in London, at the Antiochian Cathedral in Sydney, to a just-founded church in Singapore, and this year at churches in Cambridge and Manchester. Currently, church groups in Cardiff, Lincoln, Melbourne and Romania are planning to run the course for themselves.

This year, while maintaining our Diploma course in Cambridge, we have also markedly expanded our postgraduate intake, with students for our MA in Pastoral Theology from Belarus, Ethiopia, Macedonia and Romania. Our former Graduate Assistant, Razvan Porumb, has completed his thesis for the degree with distinction and encouragement from the examiners to publish his work; our current Graduate Assistant, Tamar Gogvadze, has submitted her thesis and awaits the result. At the highest level, our Academic Director, Dr Marcus Plested, has brought reputation to the Institute by publishing his book on *The Macarian Legacy* with Oxford University Press.

## HIGHLIGHTS

Our Summer Schools continue to be a noted feature: an excellent set of lectures on 'Orthodoxy and the Arts' in 2005; and a conference in 2006 on 'Orthodoxy and the World Religions' that numbered among our speakers a practising Jew, a reformist Muslim, and a former Brahmin (now a convert to Orthodoxy) who spoke about Buddhism and the Hindu faith. In 2007, we have 'The Orthodox Approach to the Bible' (see the accompanying brochure), and speakers include Metropolitan Kallistos, Father Thomas Hopko from the States, Father Nikolai Sakharov of the Monastery of St John the Baptist, Essex, Archmandrite Jack Khalil from the Seminary of St John of Damascus at Balamand in the Lebanon, and (we hope) a distinguished New Testament scholar from Greece.

## WHERE NEXT?

The Institute and the body that has awarded our Certificates and Diplomas, the Cambridge University Institute of Continuing Education, have, after six years, agreed on 'an amicable divorce'. Cambridge continue to praise our courses and our tutors - and how could they not, seeing we draw on a faculty of lecturers from around the country that any university department of theology would be proud to have? But government and university demands on ICE and our own needs for our students grew increasingly incompatible. We require for our students courses that can lead to a degree of the awarding body, we need understanding of the slow completion rates incident to mature students, we would like the possibility of 'distance learning', and we want church people other than those seeking qualifications to attend our courses. All these things we shall be negotiating with a new university sponsor. Meanwhile, we will offer Certificates and Diplomas in 2007-8 under our own name.

## A MAJOR RE-CONSIDERATION

Our Board of Directors has taken the opportunity to re-consider how best we can serve the Orthodox Church. If you have ideas on what the Institute should be doing, please contact the chairman of the group that is looking at future directions, Father Michael Harry. Write to him at the Institute (address at our masthead) or e-mail him at: mharry@beeb.net.

## THE MISSION OF THE INSTITUTE

This Palm Sunday, your Principal was invited to give an hour's lecture/meditation in the quire of Canterbury Cathedral on the Orthodox approach to Lent and Easter. Not just our own people but also other Christians are keen to know what the Orthodox Church has to offer.

We need to educate our own young people - well-disposed men and women who are drifting away from their ethnic churches toward other denominations and even to cults because they want to learn the faith and to worship in English. We need also to support and refresh our clergy, for there is no fully functioning



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