

*Annual Statistical Report
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2013 Highlights: Publication of John Book; 20K increase in weekly ipod listenership to Marsh service; Guest speaking doubles to 41; Marathon Bombing and 13 student deaths; Choir singing in NYC and with Rolling Stones; RAH honors at Morehouse College (MLK Minister) and Nottingham High School (Wall of Fame); Addition of International Students' Chaplain; Travel.

A. Dean of Marsh Chapel: Preacher

1. Sunday Sermons and Services, both Marsh and elsewhere: 51 ([bu.edu/chapel: deanhill.blogspot.com](http://bu.edu/chapel/deanhill.blogspot.com)); Marsh Chapel Sunday worship services are broadcast in New England on NPR to 50K-80K; in addition, 25K (up from 4K a year ago) listen by ipod, Sunday or midweek; the services are streamed on the BU website, for all 300K living BU alumni and others around the globe (weekly listeners in, for example, Paris, Beijing, Sao Paulo, Juno); the service is provided for the 40K resident BU faculty\students\administration and staff; 1,000 in attendance for Easter services; 230 weekly avg. school year attendance.

2. Special Services: 21

(ML King Observance, BU Baccalaureate\Commencement, BU Matriculation, BU Alumni Weekend, This I Believe, BU Vigils for Marathon victims, Marsh Matriculation Service, Lessons & Carols (2x), Blue Christmas, Annual Spring Term Ten (10) Prayers\Invocations)

3. Guest Speaking Events: 41 (double usual)

(BU Core Curriculum, Asbury Grove, Union Chapel N Hampton NH, NEACUMF workshop, Lemoyne College, Dean's Table, Montreal Mission Class, Nottingham High Syracuse NY, Morehouse College Atlanta, AFUMC Rochester, BU\STH, Marshfield MA (W), Osterville UMC, Union Chapel Martha's Vineyard, Tower Marathon Memorial Run, Lu Lingzi Memorial, 4 Boston Marathon Services, BU Senior Breakfast, Basketball Luncheon, University of Rochester, UNYUMC, Fayetteville NY UMC, MLK video BU, BU Crisis Panel, 3 BU Today, Garrett Chicago: Presidential Retirement, BU Summer Session, BU Trauma, Humphrey Scholars BU, 4 Special Christmas)

4. Meetings: 631

(Regular 12: Marsh Staff, Marsh Advisory Board, Faculty BUSTH, Faculty Area A and Area D BUSTH, Worship BUSTH, Dean's Council, University Council, University Leadership Group, University Council Student Life Committee, Religious Life Council, BU Chaplains, New England Annual Conference Foundation Board, New England AC Development Committee, Harvard Board of Ministry, Harvard Memorial Church Board of Visitors, Learning Project Board of Visitors)

5. Visits: 723 (office, home, hospital, other)
6. New Chapter Members Received: 8
7. Program Initiatives: 24; a. Marsh semester program expansion (*see term book on website, bu.eu/chapel*); b. Sunday Groups: Adult Study, International Study, Thurman Choir (non-audition), Advent\Lent Lectionary Sunday Study, Student Ministry expansion; c. Expansion of Marsh Staff (Rev. Dr. Olson part-time Chapel Associate for Campus Ministry, International Chaplain Rev. Brittany Longsdorf, other); d. Ministry\L Whitney Initiatives (goal 200 students in weekly worship in process); e. Music\S Jarrett Initiatives (10 ensembles: Chapel Choir, Chapel Collegium, Inner Strength, Summer Choir, CFA Choir, Seminary Singers, Mustard Seed, Anne Howard Jones Choir, Thurman Choir); Bach Experience; Choir sings with Rolling Stones and at NYC Trinity Church f. R Bouchard\Hospitality Initiatives (goal 250 worship attendance September to May in process (all but one Fall Term Sunday over 200, 1/3 over 300, 2 over 400 (Matriculation and Parents' Weekend)); g. Reliance on Strategic Plan; h. Motives Magazine (Marsh Annual Theological Journal); i. 7 Hill Receptions and Open Houses at 'Deanery' (96 Bay State Road #10); j. Subgroup Focus: Friends of Music, Newlyweds, Radio Congregation, Weekly Visitors, Religious Life Council, 200 Students; k. Long term projects partners (Loizeaux, Berger, Schol, Burgay, Halfond, Progressive, Quigley); l. Revival of weekly 'Dean's Choice'; m. Expanded Parents' Weekend and Alumni Weekend offerings; n. Addition of \$129,000 to Deanship endowment (total now close to \$1M of \$5M needed); o. Significant building enhancement in process (elevator, Thurman Room, Kitchen); p. Fall Term rugged week by week special needs and events; q. added 9am Easter Service (total 1K in attendance at 4 Easter Services); r. Christmas Eve grows to 2 services and to about 250 attendance.
8. Baptisms: 6
9. Weddings: 13
10. Funerals and Memorials 11 (not including students (below))
11. BU Student Deaths April 2012 to May 2013: 13 (Brown, Rao, Lekhno, Beaty, Brashera, Digregorio, Yang, Rocheleau, Wiegel, Barksdale, Schefer, Lingzi (killed in Boston Marathon Bombing), Lee)

B. *Professor of New Testament and Pastoral Theology: Tenured Full Professor*

1. Worship Service Wednesdays 11:15am
2. STH monthly faculty meeting
3. Annual Faculty Retreat
4. 2013 RAH Publications (8) : 1. Sunday Sermons, BU website; 2/3. One Book: *The Courageous Gospel: Resources for Teachers, Students, and Preachers of the Fourth Gospel* (this book was nearly 30 years in composition and completion, and will have been my primary contribution to Johannine Scholarship after my dissertation); 4. Autumn Sermon Series on Luke; 5. Summer Sermon Series: Leading Northeastern U. Methodist Pulpits (7) 6. Dean Hill's Blog (blogspot.com); 7. Weekly 2K communication (eg Huffington Post, GBHEM, Guaranteed Appointment Sermon, Book Reviews, Boston Globe, other) 8.

- Weekly sermons: At 2500 words a sermon, the collection for 2013 would be 125,000 words, or two 300 page books.
5. Courses 2013 (2): Parish Preaching Spring 2013; The Gospel of John: BU Summer 2013 and Fall 2013, and Lemoyne College June 2013
 6. Reception, Dinners and Open House for BUSTH students and faculty at Hill Residence
 7. Doctoral Defense Committees
 8. Library Committee
 9. Areas A and D Monthly meetings
 10. ***One*** Ph.D. student: Kathleen Troost-Cramer, writing on the Gospel of John

C. Chaplain to the University and Dean of Religious Life: Pastor

1. Daily conversations, noon-time walks, informal discussions (about ***12-15*** personal interactions, of some substance, every day: not counted in ‘visits’ above)
2. BU Today Articles, other Religious Life Articles and Interviews: (see Marsh Website, ‘In the News’): Three primary this year: In support of ordination of gay clergy in U. Methodism; Review of *The Courageous Gospel*; POV article on the history of Methodism at Boston University
3. BU Matriculation, Alumni Awards, Senior Breakfast, Retiree Luncheon, Commencement, Multi-faith Dinner, and Baccalaureate prayers: 10 every spring
4. ***48*** (mostly part-time) paid staff at Marsh Chapel
5. Marsh Board of Advisors (***29 persons***), May and September
6. Pastoral Counseling: ***121*** (sacramental and personal moments, part of total visits above). Significant increase since 2007 in memorials and funerals from 2\year to 2\month.
8. Open Houses\Receptions\Dinners in 96 Bay State Residence: ***9*** (Staff, Parent’s Weekend, Christmas Sunday Open House, October BSR 96, Christmas Party, Valentines, Patriot’s Day Brunch, Appetizer Group November, Bookclub, other)
9. Student Deaths 2012/3: ***13*** (see above)
10. Oversight of 7 University Chaplains and 25 Campus Ministers (see sign board). Most Difficult 2013: Hillel Transition Hours (about 200 hours). (As of 1/13 all BU chaplains are new since my arrival).
11. Books read (authors listed): ***22***; Proust, Hillerman, Hillerman, Clinch, Verhase, Rich, Jacobin, Darr, Schmidt, Philbrick, Loizeaux, Lehrer, Theoharis, Rogers, Roberts, Carter, McBride, Kee, Browning, Gaiman, Millard, Corrin.
12. December Christmas\Holiday events attended BU: ***27*** (fascinating community pattern)
13. Dinner Guests: ***78***
14. Tithes: Donated Marsh\BU expenses: (summer use of residence, various lunch guests, birthday celebrations, lake house use for travel lodging, etc); value of (donated) 2 STH courses. (Totals provided on request).
15. Christmas Pastoral Phone Calls: ***51***
16. 2013 Trips: ***37***; Syracuse, Dallas Visitors, Miami, Vermont, Rochester Visitors, San Diego, Yale New Haven, Albany, Atlanta, Montreal, Washington DC, Syracuse,

UTS NYC, Bradley Brook, Washington DC, OWU Boston, Wenham Portsmouth, Albany, Martha's Vineyard, Maine\NH, Spain Mallorca, NYC UTS, Cape Cod, Salem MA, Weston BC, Bradley Brook, Morehouse, Massena NY, Syracuse\Utica\Rochester, Chicago, NYC Trinity Choir, Stockbridge, Baltimore, Syracuse, Hamilton Thanksgiving, Utica, North Shore.

17. **10** Continuing Education Events\Retreats Annually: 2 UMC, 2 SBL, 2 NHTDG, 2 BU, 2 Marsh.

18. 2014 Goals. A. 250+ attendance; 2K\wk publication; 2 books; 2 issues (fracking and Methodism); 3x (Miami, Geneva, Tokyo) travel; 25 visits\wk.; May 22 Methodism meeting.