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Dear Arliss-

I want to thank you again for your patience in allowing me to complete the necessary research to answer the questions that you posed to me in my role as Executive Secretary of the Panel on Theological Education. I wanted to double check everything first and that took time. Nonetheless, this exercise was quite valuable. In talking with other members of the Panel, there was clear sentiment that the answers deserve a wider distribution which is why I have cced in Rebecca Parker, Lee Barker and Dudley Rose from Harvard Divinity School.

Do let me know if you have any further question, or desire any clarification.

Sincerely,

David Pettee
Executive Secretary
Panel on Theological Education

1. Current worth of 1983 Shelter Rock endowment?

Approximately \$13,000,000.

2. Amount from that endowment available for disbursement in FY08?

Excellence in Ministry:	60,000
Internship CC:	25,000
Panel Expenses:	8,000
UU Scholars:	52,472
Lay Theo. Ed.:	0
Renaissance Program:	10,000
SKSM:	225,000
M/L:	225,000
HDS:	30,000
<u>ANTS:</u>	<u>15,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$650,472

3. Does Harvard still receive money from the 1983 Shelter Rock grant for theological education?

Yes. The Panel has lately been engaged in conversation with HDS regarding alternative uses of Panel funds.

4. Percentage of seminary students (or those with candidate status) attending UU-related schools?

The last time I completed an analysis (Summer 2007) I determined that out of a total of 353 Aspirants and Candidates, 125 were students at either Starr King or Meadville Lombard. 228 attended non-UU schools. Harvard Divinity School does not identify itself as a UU theological school. For the purposes of this analysis, HDS was identified as a non-UU school.

In 2007, the percentage of students at UU schools was 35%, and the percentage of students at non-UU schools was 65%. This percentage has not significantly changed in least 27 years and perhaps longer.

5. Money given by the UUA for scholarships (Plandome grant and other UUA sources) to students going to UU and non-UU schools.

No Theological Trust funds are distributed by the Ministerial Credentialing Office or the UUA Scholarship Committee. The Panel does make recommendations to the UUA Board to distribute funds to scholars (those pursuing Ph. D work) that are determined by the UU Scholars

Committee.

The sources of scholarship funding to seminarians include: the Campaign for Unitarian Universalism, the Handing on the Future Capital Campaign, UUA Endowed Scholarship Funds, St. Lawrence Foundation Funds and Living Tradition Funds. There are several scholarships available only for Meadville Lombard and/or Starr King students that are determined by the UUA Scholarship Committee. Funds distributed for Internship Stipend Grants are also included, as seminarians receive the grants in the form of a stipend. A portion of these funds are used for Program Assistance Grants to offset the costs of required career assessments and for student subsidies, and this information is incorporated in the final figure.

A small portion of these funds are used to subsidize adjunct faculty at non-UU schools and is used for emergencies and contingencies, and this information is not included in the final figure.

In FY 2007, the Ministerial Credentialing Office and UUA Scholarship Committee distributed \$368,080. Of that amount, \$203,990 was granted to students attending UU schools, or about 55% of the total amount. Starr King students received \$120,295 or about 59%, and Meadville Lombard students received \$83,695 or 41% of the total.

The balance of \$164,090 was granted to students at non-UU schools or about 45% of the total amount.

Each UU school received \$250,000 from the Panel in 2007. When funding from the Panel is included with scholarships from the Ministerial Credentialing Office and the UUA Scholarship Committee, UU seminarians and UU schools received a total of \$703,990.

HDS received \$30,000 and Andover Newton received \$9,000 from the Panel in 2007. When funding from the Panel is included with scholarships from the Ministerial Credentialing Office and the UUA Scholarship Committee, non-UU seminarians and schools received \$203,090.

The grand total distributed was \$907,080.

Of this amount, the UU seminarians and schools received 78% of the total funds, and the non-UU seminarians and schools received 22% of the total funds.

6. Do you know the amount of scholarship money Harvard Divinity School has from the Plandome endowment money? (I understand that at least originally, their share was used for scholarship money for UU students and for archiving UU materials)

Harvard Divinity School reported to the Panel that \$282,779 was distributed from the Unitarian Universalist Studies Endowment Fund in 2007, supporting 21 HDS students preparing for an M.Div. Degree.

7. & 8. Percentage of seminary students (or those with Candidate status) going to UU and non-UU seminaries: who graduate, who receive preliminary fellowship and who receive final fellowship:

Due to confidentiality concerns, the Ministerial Credentialing Office can no longer request information from seminaries regarding who identifies as a UU student. Even when the MCO knows how many students a particular school believes are UU's, there is often a sizable differential between this information and the number of students who complete the paperwork process to become Aspirants. I also don't know how many students in Candidate status have never graduated from seminary, but I would suspect this number to be very low.

Aspirants and Candidates report attendance past or present at 72 different seminaries.

John Weston has developed a longitudinal study database. The database gathers information beginning in 1989 of all those ministers who have been awarded preliminary fellowship by year.

(This represents a slightly different number when compared to those who were awarded preliminary fellowship at the Service of the Living Tradition in any given year.) I have chosen to use the period from 1989 to 2001. After 2001, there is enough of a drop in the number of ministers who have been awarded final fellowship which reflects that ministers can take up to nine years to get through the renewal process. In other words, there are still a number of ministers actively working toward final fellowship.

From 1989 to 2001, there were 702 ministers awarded preliminary fellowship. Of this number, 232, or 33%, graduated from UU schools. Conversely, 470 ministers from non-UU schools were awarded preliminary fellowship, or 67% overall.

Of these ministers who had not received final fellowship by 2001, 54 out of 232, or 23% graduated from UU schools. From non-UU schools, there were 87 out of 470 ministers not awarded final fellowship, totaling 18% overall.

When breaking down the two UU schools, there were 131 Starr King students out of the 232 ministers. 35 of these ministers, or 26%, did not achieve final fellowship. Of the remaining 101 ministers who graduated from Meadville Lombard, 19 had not been awarded final fellowship by 2001, or 19% of the overall total.