Memo #3

Class of 2012

May 4 Senior Banquet (Adults only)
6:00 p.m.
Peabody Marriott
Look for an invitation in early April.
No Charge

May 11 Baccalaureate Buffet
5:00-6:30 p.m.
The Dining Hall, Kerr Building
Gordon-Conwell Seminary
This dinner, preceding the Baccalaureate, is for you and your family. Due to the limited seating capacity of the Dining Hall there are a limited number of tickets available. Tickets are $12.00 per person (children 7-12, $7; 6 and under free), and may be purchased at the Cashier’s window beginning March 12. Out of town graduates may call the Cashier, 978-646-4046, to reserve tickets, followed by payment.

May 11 Baccalaureate (Worship Svc)
8:00 p.m.
A.J. Gordon Memorial Chapel
Gordon College*
Professor Dean Borgman, speaker
Three graduates: TBA
Graduates must arrive at 7:00 p.m.
Graduates must wear academic regalia.

May 12 Commencement
10:00 a.m.
The Bennett Center
Gordon College*
Elizabeth “Libby” Little, speaker
Graduates must arrive at 7:45 a.m.
Graduates must wear academic regalia.

Directions to Gordon College
Graduates are advised to take Exit 18 to come to Gordon College to avoid traffic jam at Bennett Center and long lines on Rt. 128. At Exit 18, turn LEFT onto Route 22. When at the fork on the road (approx. 1.5 mile), veer to LEFT to continue on RT 22 until you come perpendicular to GRAPEVINE Road (@ stop sign); turn RIGHT and continue on to Gordon College.)

Due to limited parking at Gordon College, graduates and families living on campus will be transported to Gordon College in buses, except those families with children in car seats. Information regarding procedures will be given in a later memo.

COMMENCEMENT: An Event for Graduates and Family Members: All are welcome. There is no limit to the number of family members and friends invited; however, we kindly request that graduates who currently serve a church limit their guests to an appropriate number of church members. We want to ensure that we can accommodate family members of all graduates.

Celebration with Respect
We gather to celebrate each graduate’s accomplishment as they receive her/his diploma, so we are calling upon each graduate to please ask your family and friends to respect each of the graduates by holding their cheers and applause to a minimum so that each graduate’s name can be heard clearly.

Procession from the Ken Olsen Science Center to Gordon Chapel for Baccalaureate
The walk from the Ken Olsen Science Center to the Chapel is about 2½ blocks. (See attached Gordon College campus map.)

Procession from the A. J. Gordon Memorial Chapel to the Bennett Center for Commencement
The walk from the chapel where the graduates will robe for Commencement is ¼ mile to the Bennett Center (see attached Gordon College map). It is recommended that women wear low heel shoes for comfort.

Graduates not able to walk the distance should contact Lita Schlueter (litas@gcts.edu) ASAP to arrange for assistance.

In case of rain, plastic covers will be available.

Procession from the Bennett Center to the Chapel and Diploma Pickup
Graduates will exit through the side door of the Bennett Center and walk directly back to the chapel to pick up their diplomas (graduates will receive empty folders on stage).

Tell family members and friends to meet you on the Chapel lawn – opportunity to take photos with friends/faculty/president.

DVDs of Baccalaureate Service & Commencement may be pre-ordered at http://store.gordonconwell.edu by clicking on the “Commencement 2012” category in the left column. You may also purchase the DVDs at Commencement from a GCTS store table in the Bennett Center. (Videos should be available approximately 4 weeks after Commencement.)

Live Commencement Video Stream will be available for guests who are unable to attend in person. Go to www.gordonconwell.edu/live on Saturday, May 12. The live stream will begin at 9:45am.

Student Loan Borrowers
Students who received loan funds while at Gordon-Conwell are required by the Federal government to complete an online exit counseling session. Please note that this is a prerequisite to receiving your diploma. If you had Stafford loans only, please go to http://mappingyourfuture.org/oslc/counseling/index.cfm?act:Intro&OslcTypeID=2.
Or, if you had both a Stafford and Perkins loans any time while at GCTS, please go to http://mappingyourfuture.org/oslc/counseling/index.cfm?act=Intro&OslcTypeID=18.

Mapping your future notifies GCTS after each student completes the tutorial. Deadline is April 30th.