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The Classical Chinese Garden in Portland was the setting for the 25th-anniversary celebration of the Portland Campus. Nearly 100 guests representing alumni, trustees, students, faculty and staff from both campuses enjoyed authentic Chinese dim sum and visited with classmates, current students and faculty. President Thomas L. Helhi spoke of Linfield’s presence in Portland, as well as the excitement the future holds. David Gott, director of the Portland Campus, shared a snapshot history of the past 25 years, reflecting on the transition and growth of the School of Nursing, the history of liberal arts and the introduction of the health science major. Nursing Dean Bonnie Saucier introduced Marcella Gowan GSH ’77 (above), the recipient of the 2009 Lloydena Grimes Excellence in Nursing Award for her work in international nursing and nursing education. Gowan is a maternity nursing professor at George Fox University and is a volunteer nurse in Africa.