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WESTERN BEGINS CENTENNIAL YEAR

WESTERN ANNOUNCES CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship of $2,500 to be known as “The Western Theological Seminary Centennial Scholarship” is being offered to a minister of the Reformed Church in America. The scholarship, to be used by a full-time student working on a Master of Theology or a Master of Christian Education degree, is offered for the purpose of stimulating continuing education for the benefit of the Reformed Church. During his residency, the recipient will be known as the “Centennial Scholar.”

The announcement of the scholarship by President Ridder adds another facet to the celebration of the Centennial which begins with the meeting of General Synod on our campus this spring.

Commenting on the scholarship, President Ridder said, “This scholarship shows the deep gratitude of Western Seminary for its close relationship to the Reformed Church in America, its continuing appreciation for the alumni who have been its faithful supporters and advocates across the years, as well as its own determination to prepare a ministry adequate to the growing needs of today. We count this announcement as one of the most significant events to be noted during our Centennial celebration.”

Any ordained minister of the Reformed Church in America is eligible to make application. The criteria on which the faculty will award the Centennial Scholarship are: 1) promise of usefulness to the church; 2) prior academic record; and 3) ability to secure freedom from ministerial obligations in order to pursue a full-time program of studies for the academic year. The Centennial Scholarship will be given only if these criteria are met satisfactorily.

Application for the scholarship is to be made by writing the president, Dr. Herman J. Ridder, giving the following information: 1) degree for which applicant would like to study; 2) area of specific concern; 3) reasons for pursuing this study; and 4) projection of its value to applicant and the church.

Each applicant is to give five names as references and have sent to the seminary president transcripts of all college, seminary, and post-graduate work (if any).

Final date for the receipt of applications and transcripts is August 1, 1966. The Centennial Scholar winner will be notified August 10, 1966.

Dr. Herman J. Ridder, Western Seminary President, left, examines the historical marker with Dr. Donald J. Bruggink, chairman of the faculty committee planning the dedication of the marker. The dedication service was held in connection with the General Synod on Sunday afternoon, June 12, at 3:30 o’clock. In addition to President Ridder and Dr. Bruggink, other participants were General Synod president, Dr. Donner B. Atwood; the Rev. Gradus A. Aalberts of the Board of Trustees of the seminary whose memorial gifts made the historical marker possible; along with Dr. Raymond E. Beckering, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Western Seminary.

SEMINARY ERECTS HISTORICAL MARKER

As part of its celebration during the Centennial Year, Western is erecting an historical marker provided by the Michigan Historical Commission. The marker will be erected and dedicated during the time of the meeting of General Synod on the campus of Western and Hope College. The service of dedication will take place on Sunday, June 12, at 3:30 p.m.

Some of the participants will be the General Synod president, Dr. Donner B. Atwood; Dr. Donald J. Bruggink, chairman of the committee on the historical marker; President Herman J. Ridder; the Rev. Gradus A. Aalberts of the Board of Trustees of the seminary, as well as the chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Raymond E. Beckering.

The historical marker, with appropriate and descriptive text, is the result of a gift to the seminary in memory of Mrs. Gradus A. Aalberts. Mrs. Aalberts, wife of Trustee Gradus A. Aalberts of DeMotte, Indiana, passed away this past year after a lingering illness. Memorial funds given in memory of her have been divided equally between the seminary and the Board of World Missions.

The dedication service, coming in an auspicious time of the life of the church and seminary, officially marks the beginning of the celebration of the Centennial Year. The year will run through the commencement exercises to be held next May.

BOARD MEETING PROVES EVENTFUL

On May 24 and 25, the Board of Trustees of the seminary held its annual meeting on the campus. This proved to be a very eventful meeting in the decisions made and the direction taken.

Perhaps the most significant and tangible evidence of the movement of the Board of Trustees was the decision to purchase a 39-acre parcel of land in the Graafschap area and near the 196 expressway. The Board purchased this property with long-range planning in mind but with no decision to relocate any of its facilities there at this time. It was thought that with the growing pressure for additional space and the continuing uncertainty of the future location and operation of the school, the purchase of this site would be valuable in the event that the decision was made to continue the seminary here as either a merged institution or at such time when further development of program and facilities demanded a larger campus.

The purchase will be made out of resources currently available in the development fund. The land was purchased at $1,500 an acre and the total cost will be in the neighborhood of $58,500.

The Board also authorized the Executive Committee to act favorably on any fair offer made by the Board of Trustees of Hope College for the Zwemer Hall property. For (continued on page 2)
The Land Purchase

For some time we have been in a quandary as to know what to do relative to future expansion of the school. There are problems of merger relating both to the denomination at large and also to the continuing existence of the two theological seminaries under its aegis. For that reason, we recently suggested to the Executive Committee a policy which has been subsequently passed by the Board of Trustees at its annual meeting. The policy grew out of the increasing anxiety that merger discussions which might or might not materialize were indeed paralyzing our development efforts. Witness, for example, the fact that we determined to withdraw from the capital funds drive largely because we thought that this was not the time to be building new buildings or adding additional facilities. In the meantime, things were happening around us that needed to be dealt with and we had no clear policy to follow. As a result, I suggested a three-phase policy to the Board of Trustees which consists of the following items:

A New Policy

The first phase of this policy is that we buy properties in the immediate area of the seminary only at fair market value. In other words, that we would simply buy them for investment purposes in part but we would not buy them regardless of price simply because we needed them. The thought being that if we should not use them for development later, they could be resold to other buyers since they would continue to be a prime target for development by a group such as Hope College. In addition, by buying them at fair market value we could sell them to other buyers in the event Hope College was no longer interested in purchasing them from us. As a result, we turned down an offer recently which we felt was not in accordance with this particular policy.

The second phase of this policy was to ask Hope College to make a sale proposal to us relative to Zwemer Hall. It is quite unlikely that the time will ever come again that we will be able to fill the dormitory with unmarried students. It would seem that the trend toward married students is a permanent one. Therefore, it was thought that there would be no better time to sell the dormitory to the college than at the present moment when they are desperately in need of additional dormitory facilities. Our average occupancy at the dormitory is between 15 and 20 students. For these few students, we maintain a very large operation and it is questionable whether we ought to continue this. For that reason, I am gratified by the decision of the Board of Trustees to authorize sale by the Executive Committee in event of a fair sale proposal made by the College. Single students presently housed in the dormitory will be placed in properties owned by the seminary in the block to the south of the present facilities.

Graafschap Site

The third phase of the adopted policy was that we purchase an alternate site of property in the Graafschap area. The decision of the Board of Trustees to purchase this site at a price of $58,500 (39 acres) gives us an additional site for the further development of the campus. For example, any building of married student housing, (which is always a possibility for us), would require a parcel of land larger than any presently available to the seminary. It would be difficult to put housing up to take care of the needs of a hundred student families on any property that we presently have. And to purchase more at the prices we presently have to buy would be almost equal to the total cost of the proposed purchase. In the one case, we would be getting a quarter of a block and, in the other case, we would be getting 39 acres—for roughly the same amount of money.

Also, there is a continuing possibility of a merged seminary and it would seem that both present seminary sites would be under consideration in the event of such a merger. I don't believe that either of the two seminary properties ought to be ruled out simply because they are not neutral sites. In the event Holland were chosen, it might well be that we would want additional property for the building of faculty homes, a president's house, student housing as well as the eventual transfer of the educational program to the new property. This transfer of educational facilities to the new property would come at a time when we felt the need for expansion and Hope College felt the need for additional facilities in its program of education. However, in the event that none of these options are exercised by the future, there remains for us in this purchase an excellent investment since it is the general conviction of businessmen in this area that the site which we purchased represents the heart of any continuing residential growth on the part of Holland. The location of a new Christian High School very near to our site, plus the continuing building in the area, as well as the location of new churches in that region, suggest that our investment of $1,500 an acre could be easily realized and probably increased significantly in the next few years should it be necessary to liquidate the property.

Property As Investment

Let it be thoroughly understood that the decision of the Board of Trustees was merely to purchase a property site as an investment. This is quite comparable to other real estate holdings that the seminary has. At this point, no decision has been made which commits the Board of Trustees to an eventual transfer of the present facilities to the new property. But from where I sit, the decision to buy the property has relieved increasing anxiety with reference to the future. Now we have available options before us so that we will be able to move in various directions, depending on the outcome of the future which we believe is clearly in the hands of God.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Board Meeting

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some time, Hope College has rented the major part of this dormitory and it was thought that perhaps it might be better to have Hope College own it if this was their desire. Currently negotiations are underway to achieve a sale of the property to the college on a long-term basis. If such a sale should materialize, single students would probably be housed in houses owned by the seminary until such time that a properly designated and executed facility would be thought feasible.

Both of the above items were contained in the president's report as recommendations to the Board. In addition, they appeared before the Board as recommendations of the Executive Committee.

The Board also approved the appointment of a two-year term on the faculty for the Rev. Hugh A. Koops. News relative to this appointment appears elsewhere in the Theolog.

The Board voted to nominate Professor Bruggink to the General Synod for the office of professor of theology. This story also appears elsewhere in the Theolog.

In a far-reaching decision, the Board approved the new curriculum as it was presented by the faculty through its academic dean, Dr. Eenigenburg, and the Instruction
committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Jerome De Jong. Describing the new curriculum as being "radical," Dr. Eenigenburg went on to emphasize that the purpose of the new curriculum is to integrate more carefully the students' learning and to institute new methods of teaching in which team teaching is a principal factor as well as other new procedures in education being widely practiced today.

During the election held at the beginning of the Board meeting, the Rev. Raymond E. Beckering became the chairman of the Board in place of retiring chairman John E. Damon who leaves the Board this spring. The Rev. Gordon Van Oostenburg is vice-chairman of the Board. The Rev. Henry A. Mow is the secretary of the Board and Mr. Benjamin Lemmen continues as the treasurer. Elected to the executive committee were the Revs. Beckering, Mow, Van Oostenburg, De Jong, Louis Benes, along with the ex-officio members, the treasurer and the president of the seminary.

The Board of Trustees also accepted the report of its sub-committee on student interviews in which it was recommended that the procedure of interviewing students prior to admission, promotion, and graduation be discontinued. Also discontinued will be the practice of listening to senior preaching as it has been carried out for many years. However, the Board of Trustees was anxious to continue a contact with the students and arrangements are being made to institute a new form of relationship in which Board members may come to know students, their concerns and general attitudes.

There was general enthusiasm among the Board members and the staff with reference to the annual meeting. It was thought to be one of the most productive meetings in recent history.

HUGH KOOPS
JOINS FACULTY

At its annual meeting, the Board of Trustees confirmed the earlier action of the Executive Committee in inviting the Rev. Hugh A. Koops to be Assistant Professor in Christian Education. The Rev. Mr. Koops will begin his work August 1.

Having served as a sabbatical replacement in the 1964-65 school year, the announcement of Mr. Koops' appointment to the post of Christian Education professor has been met with wide approval among faculty, students, and board members who are aware of his competency as a teacher.

Currently writing his doctoral dissertation at the University of Chicago, Mr. Koops will spend the balance of the time between now and August 1 in finishing this dissertation with the hope that his degree will be granted soon thereafter.

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Dr. Cook to Spend Summer in Palestine

Dr. James I. Cook, Assistant Professor of Biblical Languages, will spend the summer in Palestine as a participant in the Near Eastern Archaeological Seminar sponsored by the Institute for Mediterranean Studies. The departure from Holland will be July 1 and he will return to New York on August 28. The program is designed for students of history, archaeology, anthropology, and theology.

Dr. Cook will be taking courses in the archaeology of Palestine and its history. Academic class room work will be at the Hebrew University and will be combined with actual participation in archaeological diggings as field experience and travel through historical countries for study of ancient sites. Members of the seminar will be digging at Tell Zeror which is a few miles inland from the Mediterranean, halfway between Tel Aviv and Haifa. The expedition excavating Tell Zeror is sponsored by the Society for Near Eastern Studies in Japan and is under the direction of Professor Kiyoji Ohata of the University of Tokyo. The field archaeologist is Mr. Moshe Kochavi of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Professor Emanuel Ben Dor of the Institute for Mediterranean Studies has remarked that this will be the first time in history that Americans, Israelis, and Japanese will have joined hands in a scientific endeavor.

The stratification of the Tell runs from Middle Bronze (c. 1800 B.C.) to Roman (c. 100 A.D.). City walls and defenses of the Middle Bronze Age have been found as well as evidence of Israelite settlement in the beginning of the Iron Age, fortified during the time of Solomon and continuing until the time of the Babylonian Exile when layers of ash and debris sealed the last Israelites.

The itinerary for the group includes travel in Israel, Cyprus, Lebanon, Jordan and Greece.

Dr. Cook's participation in the seminar was made possible by the new faculty development fund which granted a scholarship for this purpose. In this instance, a special friend of the school underwrote the expenses of the seminar.

Brownson to Study at Michigan State

Dr. William C. Brownson, Jr., professor of homiletics will be doing post-doctoral studies at the Michigan State University this summer from June 20 to July 27.

During the course of the term, Dr. Brownson will be taking a concentrated course in the college of communication arts. Included will be a course in communication theory and process, and two seminars in the field of rhetoric and public address. One of the seminars will deal with the dynamics of opinion and attitude change.
Faculty to Visit University of Michigan

Through the funds provided by the Midland Faculty Scholarship Fund, the faculty has arranged to spend five days on the University of Michigan campus under the direction of Dr. William Jellena of the University. The purpose of the stay will be an intensive investigation of educational methods and current practices in the forefront of education today.

Last summer the faculty spent five days with Beuel Howe at Bloomfield Hills as a "first" in theological education. This experience has subsequently been written up in "Theological Education," the magazine of the American Association of Theological Schools. Out of that experience, as well as other factors, has come the plan for a new curriculum at Western which will be instituted in the fall.

The five days at the University will be spent with leaders in education who will talk with the faculty relative to learning theory, methods of testing, and other matters of educational concern. Dr. William Jellena, a graduate of this institution, will arrange for the intensive dialogue. Dr. Robert De Haan, head of the education department at Hope College and Reformed Church elder, will serve as "bridgegman" between the world of education and theology.

The Midland Faculty Scholarship Fund has been made possible by the members of the Midland Reformed Church of Midland, Michigan. Last year, their contributions placed Western Seminary tenth among institutions receiving matching grants from the Dow Chemical Company in Midland.

NOTRE DAME AND VATICAN II

Dr. M. Eugene Osterhaven and Donald J. Bruggink were invited guests at an international conference on Theological Issues of Vatican II at the Center for Continuing Education, the University of Notre Dame, March 20-26, 1966. The seventy formal participants included some of the most noted theological luminaries of the Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant churches (e.g., Walter J. Burghardt, Abbot Christopher Butler, Yves M. J. Congar, Henri de Lubac, Godfrey L. Diekmann, John Courtney Murray, Albert Outler, Karl Rahner, Alexander Schmemann, Joseph Sitlter, Louis Bouyer, Robert McAfee Brown, and Martin Marty). In addition to the formal participants there were some two hundred invited guests.

The conference consisted of between six and eight speeches per day for seven days on the various schema of Vatican II. The speeches were followed by discussion among the formal participants. In the intervening time—over meals and coffee cups—the invited guests engaged in a great deal of informal participation in discussing a full gamut of matters of faith and practice. It was also the happy experience of our invited guests to find that these discussions were always within context of a common loyalty to Christ.

While both of Western's invited guests had kept abreast of the developments of Vatican II, neither was prepared to find that not only young radicals within the Roman Catholic fold, but many of the solid "top brass" Catholic theologians had already moved well forward of Vatican II. Another startling fact was the large-scale abandonment of scholastic categories in a movement toward biblical and personalistic terms for the formulation of theology. The result was that many statements of scholastic theology which presented insuperable difficulties for Protestants were relegated to the theological scrap heap by Roman Catholics in their search for a more biblical expression of the life and mission of the Church.

Western's invited guests came away from Notre Dame with the conviction that all they knew of the Roman Church prior to Vatican II was useful, for the teaching of history (including Dr. Osterhaven's memorization of the decrees of Trent—in Latin!), but that anyone who fails to take cognizance of the decrees of Vatican II, and their continuing impact, is simply not speaking of the leadership of the Roman Catholic Church today.

MUSKEGON LAYMEN VISIT WESTERN

The Rev. John Staat, president of the Board of Education, R.C.A. and Agent of Education for the Muskegon Classis, arranged for a fellowship dinner in the seminary commons in March. Seventy-six laymen and pastors of churches from the Classis Muskegon met for a fellowship dinner. President Ridder discussed recent trends in theological education as they are being applied in the life and work of Western Seminary. Tours of the seminary campus were conducted following the formal evening meeting.

Other Classes within driving distance of Western are cordially invited to arrange similar affairs.

Centennial Issue of Reformed Review Appears

The special issue of the Reformed Review which has in it a series of articles relative to the Centennial has now been mailed to subscribers throughout the church.

Containing articles of historical interest, as well as current activity, the special issue has been produced in triple the usual number of copies. It is hoped that the Reformed Review will be read by increasing numbers of laymen throughout the Reformed Church. Ministers already receive it by virtue of their work.

In a recent issue of The Church Herald, a gift subscription was offered to the Reformed Review for those who made a contribution to the seminary during its Centennial Year. It is our hope that many will take advantage of this opportunity, not simply for the gifts that they may give, but also that they may henceforth be regular subscribers to the Reformed Review. We feel that the Reformed Review is an excellent tool to help us provide leadership for the church at large of which we are a part.

It is expected that some of the issues next fall will deal with problems that confront the church, denominationally and ecumenically.

WESTERN PLANS

GREEK SUMMER SESSION

Because of the demands of the new curriculum and the requirement relative to Biblical language usage, Western has decided to go to a "crash" summer Greek program for those who have had little or no preparation in Greek. All incoming students whose preparation in Greek has been adjudged to be inadequate by the Biblical department will have to attend the sessions.

The class will be taught by Dr. Oosterhuyse and will run from July 5 through August 30. The class will be taught three hours a day for five days a week.

Present indications are that there will be at least a dozen students in the class this coming summer.

Studies have revealed that this kind of intensive study program is frequently comparable to a year's language study over a more relaxed schedule.

ALUMNI GIFT APPROACHES $1,000

An alumni association gift approaching $1,000 was presented to the seminary at the annual meeting.

This year's meeting was a noon luncheon held on Wednesday, May 25. Presiding was the Rev. Albert Mansen, vice-president of the association, in the absence of President David Ter Beest. One hundred twenty-five alumni, wives, and graduating seniors were present for the occasion. President Ridder reported on new developments at Western and Dean TenClay presented the graduating class.

At the business meeting following the luncheon, Albert Mansen was named president; Ralph Menning, vice-president; John Klaaren, executive secretary; with Dr. Elton J. Bruins elected secretary-treasurer. Dr. Bruins will enter the Bible Department of Hope College this fall.

The association undertook as its project for next year the underwriting of a centennial alce in the main seminary building, in commemoration of the centennial of the school. The group also endorsed the proposal that trustees of Western's Board in outlying areas serve as alumni area representatives for the seminary.
WESTERN RECEIVES DECORATIVE PANEL

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald J. Rocks of Holland, Michigan gave the seminary a rosewood panel in bas-relief, depicting a South Indian scene. It is the product of over two hundred hours of handwork by artisans of the Katpadi Industrial Arts Institute of Katpadi, India. Acquired during the World Tour conducted by Dr. John H. Piet in 1964, the panel graces the wall of the periodicals reading room in Beardslee Library. The panel symbolizes the influence of Western graduates in South India and will hopefully inspire future graduates to prepare themselves for similar significant ministry.

PROGRAM SET FOR PAR INSTITUTES

The programs for the two PAR Institutes being conducted by the faculty this summer are set and have been announced. The PAR to be held at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa will be scheduled from July 6-15. The faculty members attending will be Dr. Lester Kuyper, Dr. M. Eugene Osterhaven, and Mr. Robert Nykamp.

Dr. Kuyper will deal with the subject of the interpretation of the Old Testament and its relevancy for preaching. During the course of the time, he will spend some effort in the problem of hemesneutics as it relates to the Old Testament Scriptures and as it faces the parish minister today. Dr. Osterhaven will be conducting a class on recent developments in Roman Catholic theology. This will be slanted toward the parish ministry with the hope of keeping men in the parish informed as to what the Roman Church today officially believes and what are some of the current aspects of this interpretation.

In addition, Mr. Nykamp will be teaching a course in group dynamics. So much of what a minister does is involved in the matter of what's going on in a group and how a group functions. Therefore, this course would be of interest to the parish minister who spends a good deal of his life in groups and is concerned with the action of groups.

In the Chicago PAR, which is to be held July 18-27, Dr. John Piet will be conducting a class entitled "Interpreting the Bible Today." He will be dealing with the problems facing the minister as he works with the issue of interpreting the Bible as the Word of God.

Mr. Eenigenburg will be conducting a laboratory in which the ethical problems facing the minister today will be the prime source materials. Situation ethics, plus the inadequate training most of us have had in the area of ethics, makes this a "must" for any pastor seeking to steer a course between the shibboleths of a Dutch culture no longer extant and a wide open love-is-the-only-law attitude prevailing in much of American church life.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald J. Rocks of Holland present to President Ridder a decorative rosewood panel from Katpadi, South India.

Drs. Ridder and Bruggink will team up for the third course entitled "Reaching 'Christian America' with the Gospel." The objective of the course is to help us become more aware of the "religious perspective" of the Protestant laymen with a view toward helping the minister to a more effective outreach to those outside of the church as well as those who are already a part of his "Bible-Heidelberg-Dort believing congregation."

Registrations are still being accepted for both PABs. Send them to President Herman J. Ridder at the seminary.

PROFESSOR BRUGGINK NOMINATED TO GENERAL SYNOD

Dr. Donald J. Bruggink, professor of Church History, has been nominated by the Board of Trustees to the Permanent Committee on Theological Education for election by General Synod to the office of Professor of Theology. The Board of Trustees also raised Dr. Bruggink's rank to that of Associate Professor at the annual Board meeting in May.

Dr. Bruggink is the first member of the faculty to be so nominated since the graded faculty scale has gone into effect at Western Seminary. Previous to this time, faculty members were normally appointed to a two-year lectorship after which they were nominated to the office of Professor of Theology. Under current procedures, the new faculty rank system is used and the procedure for the appointment to the office of Professor of Theology has been decelerated so that the candidate for the office may be better prepared for that office and receive additional counsel and opportunity for further development of his skills prior to such election.

Upon a favorable vote by General Synod on the recommendation of the Permanent Committee on Theological Education, Professor Bruggink will be installed as the James A. H. Cornell Professor of Church History at Western Theological Seminary.

Having served as sabbatical replacement for Dr. Osterhaven in the 1962-63 academic year, Professor Bruggink has now served three years as Professor of Church History during which time he has won high acclaim from his students and peers. Having served on a number of denominational committees and belonging to various professional societies, Dr. Bruggink has also authored the volume GUILT, GRACE, AND GRATITUDE, a commentary by Reformed theologians on the Heidelberg Catechism. In addition, last year marked the publishing of a major work entitled CHRIST AND ARCHITECTURE which promises to be a key factor in the architectural appearance of Reformed churches in the decades ahead.

Soon an announcement will be made relative to a service of installation for Professor Bruggink during the Centennial Year.

Dr. Donald J. Bruggink
List of Churches Contributing Top Dollar Amounts

Just recently a study was made of the churches contributing the most in terms of dollar amounts in the year 1965 to Western Theological Seminary.

There were thirteen churches that gave $1,500 a year or more to the seminary, in designated gifts. The amounts that they gave are as follows:

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Thus, these thirteen churches gave about 25.5% of the total receipts received from Reformed Churches to operate Western Seminary during the fiscal year of 1965 ($117,018).

This is not to suggest that these churches alone have given sacrificially in behalf of Western Seminary since a far smaller church may have given more from the point of view of sacrifice. But it is to suggest that the cause of Western Seminary has been significantly underwritten by the contribution of this small group of churches.