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NEW BOARD HOLDS FIRST MEETING

The first meeting of the newly constituted Board of Trustees for both theological seminaries was held on September 18-20. Gathered together at the Ramada Inn by the convener, General Synod President Harold J. Schuit, the twenty-seven men gathered for several days of initial consideration of the duties before them.

Elected to positions of responsibility were the Rev. Arie Brouwer who will serve as chairman, the Rev. Vernon Dethmers who was elected vice-chairman, the Rev. Arnold Pun was named secretary, while Mr. Willard Wichers will serve as treasurer. In addition, the Rev. Raymond Beckering, the Rev. Louis Benes, the Rev. Daniel Brink, Dr. Lars Granberg, Dr. James Harvey, and Dr. Sylvio Scorza will serve with the named officers as part of a ten-man executive committee. The purpose of this executive committee is to run the affairs of both theological seminaries and also act for the Board of Trustees in the interim between meetings.

A Constitution committee was also set up with the Rev. Robert Marsh as chairman. Mr. John Damon, the Rev. Raymond Van Heukelom, the Rev. Martin Punt, and Dr. Roger Murray were named as members on the committee.

Much of the time during the two days was used to discuss the purposes of the Board of Trustees and how best to move into the future. Extensive thought was given to the possibilities before it and how best to capture the available resources for accomplishing what needs to be done for the Reformed Church in terms of the training of its ministers.

The next full meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on January 23-25 at Bloomfield Hills, Michigan at the Institute for Advanced Pastoral Studies. Meeting there under the leadership of Dr. Reuel Howe of the Institute and Dr. Jesse Zieglar of the American Association of Theological Schools, the Board will further inform itself relative to the prospects and problems of its peculiar situation in order that it may plan more wisely for the future.

Little specific attention was given to the immediate problems of the two seminaries relating to site or sites or to the matter of a joined faculty. Rather, the bulk of attention was given to the over-all needs of the church as well as those of the theological seminaries as the future was examined with care and diligence.

The membership of the new Board of Trustees is comprised of twenty-seven men. Six of these were supplied by the former Board of Trustees of each of the seminaries while another twelve were supplied by the particular synods, and the General Synod named three to round out the figure to twenty-seven.

Those named by the New Brunswick Theological Seminary as its nominees, who were later elected by General Synod, were the following: Rev. Arie R. Brouwer of Passaic, New Jersey; Rev. Daniel Y. Brink of Hackensack, New Jersey; Rev. Robert T. Marsh of Oakland, New Jersey; Dr. Roger F. Murray II, of New York, New York; Rev. Martin A. Punt of Brunswick, New York; and Mr. Willard C. Wichers of Holland, Michigan.

Western Seminary named Dr. Sylvio Scorza of Orange City, Iowa; Dr. Raymond E. Beckering of Garden Grove, California; the Rev. Louis H. Benes of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Mr. John E. Damon of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Dr. Raymond Van Heukelom of Orange City, Iowa; and Mr. William Heyns of Grand Rapids, Michigan.


Those named as members at large by General Synod were Dr. Robert De Haan of Holland, Michigan, Dr. Lars Granberg of Orange City, Iowa, and the Rev. David C. Van Sickle of Wayne, New Jersey.

TRAVEL SEMINAR RATED TOP SUCCESS

During his three year ministry to the French exiles in Strasbourg's Church of St. Nicholas, Calvin's concept of liturgy received lasting formulation. Taking cognizance of this fact in his Western Christendom Travel Seminar research paper, "Strasbourg, Reformation, Pulpit, Refuge and Meditation," Robert A. White, midrider student at Western, included as a part of that paper a service of worship which followed Calvin's liturgy and included one of his sermons. At the request of Mr. White, Dr.

Herman J. Ridder led this service of worship in St. Nicholas for the members of the Western Christendom Travel Seminar.

President Herman J. Ridder leading a service of worship in Calvin's pulpit at the Church of St. Nicholas, Strasbourg, France.

The seminar, organized and directed by Dr. Donald J. Bruggink, was the first of its kind to be conducted by Western, and on the basis of its success it is intended to make this type of educational experience a permanent part of the curriculum. The objectives of the seminar were to increase the appreciation of the student for the history of the Church and to provide contact with the Church as it exists today in Western Europe. Considerable success was achieved in both areas.

Each student assumed responsibility for one of the historical areas to be visited on the seminar and spent the winter researching the subject and writing a paper for presentation, as well as gathering original source readings pertinent to his subject. These projects were conducted with such enthusiasm that the student presentations delivered during the six weeks of the seminar were the equivalent of 380 classroom hours (i.e., 4/5 of a total 10 week term program at the seminary). In addition to this, time was spent on readings and in examination of the historical sites.

Contact was also provided with the Church in Europe in a variety of experiences. In Rome the group lived with a group of Dutch Sisters, the Ladies of Bethany, and were the recipients of their gracious hospitality and able assistance.

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From the President’s Desk

Church and Seminary

We have just finished celebrating our centennial year. One of our chief emphases during the course of the year was the significant tie that has always existed between the seminary and the church. As a school we may be seen in many different relationships, but we are first and foremost a school of the Reformed Church in America. We have direct and specified responsibilities toward her. This is particularly evident in the current discussions relative to the future of theological education in our church. We have repeatedly said that we want only that which is good for the church that we serve. Outside of that relationship, we have no continuing purpose as a school.

This does not mean that there must never be tension in the relationship. If there is no tension, it is doubtful that any thing constructive is going on in either area. One can think of few places in which there is less tension than in a cemetery. The task of the seminary is to train men for a meaningful ministry. This involves creative change and the encouragement to find new and better ways to communicate the good news of Jesus Christ. Any such dynamic program is bound to bring tension since the church feels itself threatened by change and does not always want creative reconstruction. And sometimes, it must be admitted, the change is not constructive. On other occasions, a change is suggested without having been thought through. Ramifications involved or the preparation of the people most affected by the change are not taken into consideration. And there are still other instances when the church is simply not ready for change in the form the seminary thinks it ought to take no matter how right the change may appear to be in the eyes of its proponents.

The church needs to listen in order that it may judge from a vantage point wider than its precise moment in history. The larger aspects of Christian life and witness—both past and future—must be taken into account and proposals must be measured against this standard. So often we are impaled by words or phrases and these are used as our standard. We experienced this recently when one of our interns introduced a “jazz workshop” on a college campus. The response of the church ranged from that of outrage to mild approval. One could say that it was a meaningless response because the church must allow whatever creative means it has at its disposal for the propagation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Or one could say that it was a “fuddy duddy” reaction on the part of the church. Still again, one might make the judgment that the church was in this case absolutely right in its attitude. But one could hardly say that the church in a response like this was not concerned.

In situations like this, it is crucially important for the seminary and the church to listen to each other. It is not simply a matter of defending a procedure or winning an argument or gathering more data to convince one’s opponent. Rather, it is trying to learn from what is being said. It is easy to assume that the other party is in the wrong and therefore can be ignored. Even if they are in the wrong, they must be listened to! How much wiser it is to listen to one’s critics in the sincere hope that one may learn from them. Our critics have the uncanny ability to locate our weak spot. Their identification of it may be imprecise and the way they state their case may leave much to be desired in terms of Christian attitudes and methods. But no matter how illegitimate their approach may be or how outlandish their charges are, there is almost always a grain of truth in it somewhere that the wise listener sorts out for himself and for which he thanks his benefactors. E. Stanley Jones has said, “My critics are the unpaid watchmen of my soul.”

Western is anxious to live in creative tension with the church it serves. May it always have the courage to speak what the church needs to hear and the wisdom to listen for the truth that the church wants heard.

Sincerely,

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“CITY” TO BE SUBJECT OF EDUCATION-FOR-MISSION CONFERENCE

The annual Education-for-Mission Conference held on the campus of Western Seminary for the faculty and students will be focused on the “city” this year. Presented by the denominational boards responsible for the program work of the church, the conference is slated for November 28. New in the format of the conference this year will be an all-day emphasis on the city, running from approximately 8:30 in the morning until 4 o’clock in the afternoon. In addition, the conference will be held off the campus in a nearby setting to enable full concentration on the subject under discussion. Previously the conference ran into the evenings of two days and was somewhat fragmented in the process. The attempt currently is to hold an intensive conference running the length of an entire day and dismissing classes for that particular day.

Conference leaders as yet have not been named, but it is hoped that stimulating leaders who are involved in ministry in the city in one way or another will be present to guide the thinking of the group.

Travel Seminar

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There was the opportunity to discuss Catholicism both with the Sisters and with Canon Purdy of Curia.

In Geneva the Seminar had an opportunity to spend an entire evening with Dr. Paul Tournier, the Evangelical man of medicine whose books are so well known in this country. For this meeting the group was privileged to meet in the room of the Consistory of the Reformed Church in Geneva.

Through the graciousness of Dr. and Mrs. Max Freiwerk of Basel, the members of the Seminar were able to dine with the members of the Theological Faculty of the University of Basel, and to spend an evening with them at the home of the Freiwers.

In the Netherlands the Seminar spent four evenings at the Seminary of the Hervormde Kerk at Driebergen, and were able to discuss several aspects of Theological education, ministry, church architecture and church life with Dr. de Lieffer and Dr. H. R. Blankenstein of the Hervormde Kerk.

Of the thirty-two students who committed themselves in 1906 to the Seminar, each one began and completed the seminar in June and July of 1967.

Both Dr. Bruggink and Dr. Ridder have expressed their enthusiasm for this type of educational experience, and their appreciation for the high level of achievement on the part of the seminar participants.
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$15,000 GIFT CREATES
LENA KOLKMAN FUND

Mr. William M. Kolkman, a lifetime member of the Ninth Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan, gave Western Seminary a gift of $15,000 to establish the LENA KOLKMAN MEMORIAL FUND, in memory of his sister who was a devoted Sunday School teacher and lifetime proponent of the foreign missionary program of her congregation and denomination.

Dr. Elton J. Bruins, Seminary Archivist, left, examines with Mr. William M. Kolkman, the donor of a $15,000 gift to Western Seminary, a professional certificate of the Rev. John H. Karsten from the class of Holland, dated June 26, 1864, and signed by Rev. Cornelius Vander Meulen, President of the class and also by the Rev. Adrian Zwemer, Clerk of the class. Mr. Vander Meulen was the founder of the city of Zeeland, Michigan and Mr. Zwemer was the father of Dr. Samuel Zwemer, apostle to Islam, and the Rev. James Zwemer for whom Zwemer Hall Dormitory was named.

The principal sum of the gift becomes a restricted account in the Endowment Funds of the seminary, and at a later date will be renamed the WILLIAM M. AND LENA KOLKMAN MEMORIAL FUND.

The annual earnings of the fund will be used to underwrite the newly begun archival program at Beardsley Library. Dr. Elton J. Bruins, the seminary's Archivist, has begun a program of collecting, organizing and storing important papers, manuscripts, correspondence and historical materials relating both to the history of the Reformed Church in general, to the particular history of the Western Theological Seminary, and including important correspondence related to denominational affairs of the past.

Western Seminary urges its readers to search out from families in the congregations important materials which might be considered suitable for permanent storage in the archives of Western Seminary. In this case you are urged to correspond with Dr. Elton J. Bruins or Miss Mildred Schuppert.

Stimulated by the year of Centennial Celebration for Western Seminary, the sense of history not only impels us to look to the future with confidence, but also to the past with gratitude, so that the development of the history of the past is an important part of the ongoing program of work here at Western Seminary.

WOLFERT CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR CAMP MANITOQUA

"Church Vocation in the Space Age" is the topic of the Wolfert Conference on Church Vocation scheduled for Camp Manitou on Saturday, October 21. Recognizing that the grandparents of the young people attending were born into a horse and buggy era, and in their twilight years astronauts are probing outer space, the conference is designed to show that church vocation is changing to keep pace with the times.

After opening registration and refreshments at 8:40, the address will be given by President Ridder entitled, "The Ministry Among Vocations." At 10:30 to 11:30 there will be special interest seminars. The seminar on "Emerging Opportunities in Christian Education" will be led by the Rev. Gordon Timmerman of the Board of Education. "What Will Be Different about the Parish Ministry" will be led by the Rev. Paul Fries, minister of the Homewood Reformed Church, Homewood, Illinois. "The Changing Nature of Overseas Mission" will be led by the Rev. George Magee, missionary on furlough currently studying at McCormick Theological Seminary. "New Concepts of Chaplaincy" will be led by Professor Robert A. Nykamp, while "Theological Training for Other Professions" will be led by President Ridder.

After a noon luncheon, the special interest seminars will be repeated. At 2:45 the film entitled, "Inner City" will be shown with concluding dialogue with conference leaders and a bon voyage at 4:15.

The Wolfert Conference is made possible by Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Wolfert of Benton Harbor, Michigan. Western's current increase in enrollment is due at least in part to the long-range cumulative effect of previous Wolfert Conferences throughout the various areas of the Reformed Church.

TOTAL ENROLLMENT UP TWENTY PERCENT

Enrollment at Western is 20% above that of last year’s third quarter. Included in the student body this year are 31 juniors, 29 middlers and 20 seniors for a total of 80 B.D. candidates; there are 7 new juniors in the M.C.E. program; 3 seniors and 10 part-time candidates, for a total of 20 in the Master of Christian Education Department; 18 students are matriculated for the Th.M. degree; and 13 interns serving coast to coast, for a total enrollment of 131.

The revised curriculum is in effect for all the classes this year and the faculty and students are enthusiastic about the potential it offers for meaningful preparation for the gospel ministry.

Opening day activities included the fall faculty reception, and an orientation tea on the lawn of the president’s house. English placement exams were scheduled by Dr. Brownson, and psychological testing was conducted by Dr. William Kooistra for all new and transfer students.

During the absence of Dr. Piet for a sabbatical leave, the Rev. Garret A. Wiltendorf, pastor of the Midland Reformed Church, is teaching the Bible courses normally taught by Dr. Piet.

The video tape recorder and audio tapes are being taken for each student class sermon again this year, with constructive criticism of class sermons given in theology by the professors in the practical department and in speech execution by Prof. George Ralph of the Speech Department of Hope College.

Zwemer Front Leased To Hope For Three Years

Western Seminary has just completed final arrangements and consummated a three-year lease with Hope College for the north or front section of Zwemer Hall, single men's dormitory. Until now the college rented room space in that section of Zwemer Hall on a year-by-year basis, as their varying needs indicated. For the next three years, however, the lease will insure that the north section of Zwemer Hall is fully utilized for housing Hope College men students.

A newly organized men's fraternity on the Hope College campus named the "Centurians" will be housed in part of the leased space this year. Extensive renovation of the basement area in Zwemer dorm was undertaken during the past summer so that the facilities available would be comparable to those used by the other fraternities at Hope College. A large, unused area in the basement was converted into an attractive lounge-study area, to serve as a social headquarters for the Centurians. Mr. Russell Kemper, a Holland contractor, was responsible for the project.

In commenting on the lease arrangement, President Ridder said, "We are pleased that Western Seminary has a firm arrangement with its sister institution, Hope College, for dormitory housing for men students. While retaining the south section of Zwemer Hall for seminary students, we can share the north section of the dormitory to insure full utilization of this facility. The lease will permit us to plan intelligently for Zwemer Hall use during the next three-year period."
Five Overseas Students Enrolled at Western

Mr. L. V. Azariah and his wife, Deva Krupa Azariah, from South India, have entered Western Seminary as candidates for the Master of Christian Education degree program.

A graduate of the United Theological College in Bangalore, South India, with the B.D. degree, Mr. Azariah will work for the Th.M. degree, while his wife will work in the Master of Christian Education degree program.

Mr. Azariah comes to Western from the pastorate of the Madanapalle Congregation of the Church of South India, located in the Chittoor district. Prior to that time he had served as a science teacher in the Hope High School at Madanapalle and later held parish posts in the Church of South India. Mrs. Azariah had been serving as a teacher at Hope High School in Madanapalle prior to their undertaking work here at Western Seminary.

Sponsored jointly by the Board of World Missions and the Western Theological Seminary, the Azariahs are living at 13 East 21st Street in Holland.

Mr. Andrew Hsieh from Taiwan, entered Western this fall as a candidate for the Master of Christian Education degree. He leaves a wife and two-year-old child in Taiwan, living in Taichung City. Mrs. Hsieh is a graduate of the Christian Education Department of Tainan Theological College in Taichung City.

Mr. Hsieh was graduated from the Tainan Theological College with the Bachelor of Theology degree in 1966, majoring in theology with a minor in Christian Education. The influence of the Rev. Carl Schroeder of the Tunghai University in Taiwan was helpful to Mr. Hsieh in making the decision to enter upon graduate work in the States here at Western. The Rev. William Burke, a graduate of Western Seminary and on a first furlough after working on student campuses in Taiwan, was present on Western's campus during the first days of Mr. Hsieh's presence in Holland.

Mr. K. C. Daniel from Kerala, India, has entered the midwinter year at Western Seminary in the B.D. program. He is a graduate of Northwestern College and completed his junior year at Western last year.

Father T. M. George, also from Kerala, India, is completing his academic work for the Master of Theology degree at Western. Father George spent the past academic year on the campus as a graduate student. Father George was the recipient of the first Miriam Vander Broek Memorial Fund scholarship.

The presence of students from the overseas churches on Western's campus is a stimulus to understanding of the Christian ministry in foreign lands, and is an enriching experience for faculty and students alike. The Board of World Missions, B.C.A., through scholarship funds available from Reformed Church World Service collaborates with the Student Assistance Fund of Western Seminary to make it possible for students from the overseas churches to pursue studies at Western.

Faculty Schedules Two Day Confab With Consulting Psychologist

The faculty will be spending a two day seminar with Dr. William Kooistra, consulting psychologist of the seminary. The experience is to be a workshop in pastoral care of the type given to seminary students. The dates of the workshop are November 3 and 4.

The group will get together on Friday evening for an extended presentation on the basic methods of pastoral care advocated by the leading schools of thought today. Wives will also attend this session which will be held at the Holiday Inn. On Saturday, the faculty will work on specific problems and do so under the direction and supervision of Dr. Kooistra. An attempt will be made to recognize and employ methods and procedures suggested on the previous evening.

Recognizing that the faculty is frequently called upon to exercise pastoral care in the lives of the students, this workshop is intended to prepare the faculty further for the work it is called upon to do. With the availability of the faculty at Western, they are frequently sought out for various purposes in the total development of the theological student. Although the seminar of late has relied on regular psychological assistance from professional sources, it is hoped that this program will further enable the faculty to be more competent in the areas in which they are called upon to function.

This is one of the projects that the faculty will be involved in this year in lieu of the earlier planned experience with Beul Howe. It was hoped at the time that the faculty might spend five days with Dr. Howe at the Institute for Advanced Pastoral Studies. Because it was necessary for him to cancel the projected program, alternate experiences are being sought during the course of this year which will have the effect of increasing faculty efficiency and awareness in various areas that relate to its work.

The faculty development fund is made possible through the contribution of members of the Midland Reformed Church employed by Dow Chemical whose gifts to the fund are matched by Dow. Previously, the faculty has been at the Institute for Advanced Pastoral Studies for a week late in the summer. Last year the retreat was held on the University of Michigan Campus with leading figures in the schools of psychology and education.
WESTERN BEGINS FOCAL POINTS

Western Seminary is inaugurating a new venture in the training of laymen and ministers by means of its Western FOCAL Points. These FOCAL Points are Forums on Christianity and Life designed to deal with specific problems that relate to areas of ministry.

Specifically, the program will be a one-day Saturday seminar in which consistory men and other interested laymen, together with their minister, will come to the seminary for an all-day session relating to a specific problem. Three such Focal Points have been set for the year 1967-68.

On December 9 from 9:30 A.M. until 4 P.M., the Forum will consider the subject, "The Changing Ministry to the Family." In a time when there is real misunderstanding or lack of information as to the purpose of traditional family visitation, what is being suggested to make such experiences a meaningful ministry in the lives of ministers and their calling teams?

On Saturday, February 10, 1968, the Focal Point will be "Dealing with Conflict in the Congregation." This Focal Point will center on the whole matter of controversy within a local congregation. Efforts will be made to understand it and to learn more about it in order that it may be dealt with creatively. Once again, the leadership of the entire church is invited to participate. The seminary is hopeful that both men and women leaders in the church will take part in these seminars.

The final Forum on April 6, 1968 will deal with the subject, "Meeting the Needs of the Physically Ill." Many laymen as well as ministers are called upon to visit the physically ill. What specifically is the purpose? What are the goals that are being pursued? How should one proceed to achieve those goals? These and related problems will be dealt with by a competent staff as well as the group itself.

A descriptive brochure covering this program will be mailed to each minister in the area surrounding the seminary along with registration forms which he may use to list laymen from the congregation. The cost to each participant will be $3.00 per seminar, which includes two coffee breaks and a noon meal.

Conference leaders are the following: December 9, Professor Robert A. Nykamp; February 10, the Rev. Charles A. Dailey; April 6, Dr. Granger Westberg.

It is hoped that this new program will assist the church in its total effort to equip its ministry. In addition, it is hoped that ministers and laymen will be enabled and encouraged to work together in more adequately preparing themselves for the work they are called to do. It is also the hope of the seminary personnel that cooperative leadership with the leadership in the local church will bring a stimulating climate of dialogue and creative trust.

In order to stimulate participation and provide for a learning experience, small discussion groups, visual aid presentations, role playing, and panel discussions will augment the formal presentations of the conference leaders to insure a full day of rich and stimulating learning experience by all those who participate.

COSBY FEATURED AT FALL RETREAT

The Second Annual Student Fall Retreat was held on September 14 and 15 at Sleepy Hollow in South Haven, Michigan.

The Rev. Gordon Cosby, pastor of the Church of the Savior in Washington, D.C., gave three addresses during the course of the retreat. The nature of the Church of the Savior and the character of its work and witness has been reported in a widely read book by Elizabeth O'Connor entitled "A Call to Commitment." Jim Esther, a midddler student, led a worship service on Friday morning and a faculty-student panel discussed the Church of the Savior and its program in an afternoon period. 164 members of the seminary family attended the Thursday evening dinner, which was followed by the lecture, a discussion period, and a series of small group discussions to complete the evening.

Left to right: Professor Koops, Cosby, Nykamp, Brownson and President Ridder.

Financial support from the Reformed Laymen's Publicity Committee last year enabled Western to inaugurate this dynamic new program which proved to be stimulating and most helpful to the entire student body and faculty as they prepared themselves for the new academic year.

LECTURE PROGRAM ADDS DRAMA PRESENTATION

To begin the lecture series for this academic year, an innovation was introduced by Western Seminary. On Friday, September 22, the Pacific Repertoire Company, a group of five professional actors from Santa Monica, California, on tour in the States, presented a chamber drama in the Mulder Memorial Chapel.

Rostand's classic Cyrano de Bergerac was presented in an adaptation suitable for churches and other organizations. Enacted without scenery, the five-member group gave a presentation of the classic which was excellent beyond expectation. The chapel was filled to overflow with a receptive, expectant audience which was thrilled with the excellence of the drama, which speaks to the predicament of man in its classic forms.

On November 22 members of the seminary family will travel to Grand Rapids to visit the opening night production Waiting for Godot, the tragicomedy of Samuel Beckett. Although the seats will be complimentary to the students and faculty, each participant is required to buy the text of the play and participate in a group discussion relative to the play prior to the attendance. These discussion groups will meet on November 10.

On October 12 and 13, the Rev. Donald H. De Young of the Elmenedorf Reformed Church in New York City gave a series of three lectures on the general subject, "A Tale of Two Cities."

On January 18 and 19, Dr. Donald G. Miller, President of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, will be the guest lecturer. Other lecturers in this series will be announced as final arrangements are made.

Cook, Brownson Installation to Highlight Reformation Day

Final plans have been made for the installation service for Dr. William C. Brownson and Dr. James I. Cook into the office of Professor of Theology at Western.

On Reformation Day, October 31, 1967, on the 450th anniversary of the Reformation, the formal installation service will be held at 9:30 A.M. in Mulder Memorial Chapel. The Rev. Harold Schut, President of General Synod, and Dr. Marion De Velder, Stated Clerk of the Reformed Church in America, will participate in the installation service. Dr. Cook will give an inaugural address, followed by a brief recess, after which a worship service will be held at 11:00 A.M. in the Mulder Chapel at which time Dr. Brownson will deliver a sermon. Events will conclude with an installation luncheon at 12:30 noon in Phelps Hall for program participants.

Invitations have been sent to the member schools of the American Association of Theological Schools, also to the three colleges of the Reformed Church and a colorful academic procession will feature the first installation service.

Dr. Brownson will be inducted as Professor of Preaching and Dr. Cook will be installed as Professor of Biblical Languages and Literature.
Insulation, Painting Done In Building

The main seminary building underwent maintenance improvements during the summer months.

The building was completely insulated with a six-inch blanket of fire-proof fluff insulation, in order to prevent continuing and expensive ice damage to the slate roof of the building.

All the large classrooms received their first coat of paint on walls and ceilings since the building was dedicated in 1955. The main entrance foyer ceiling was also painted, and the main corridor of the building will be done during the Christmas recess.

These main building improvements together with the projects completed at Zwemer Hall this past summer, were under the supervision of a newly hired part-time member of Western’s staff, Mr. Frank Gunneman, a member of the New Reformed Church in Coopersville, Michigan and a former employee of the General Motors Corporation.

Mr. Gunneman undertook his duties as “Supervisor of physical facilities” beginning June 19, 1967 and is scheduled to spend two days each week at the seminary in this capacity. In addition to overseeing the maintenance, repair, and upkeep of the main building and the dormitory, he will manage the operation of the seven rental houses owned by the seminary, as well as the president’s home. Mr. Gunneman has undertaken his new duties with enthusiasm and is a very helpful addition to the seminary staff.

Class of ’57 Holds Tenth Anniversary

From north and south, from east and west, the members of the ’57 class of Western Seminary converged upon Holland, Michigan, in response to the homecoming call of Charles Vander Beek.

Those present were: Charles Vander Beek, Donald Jansma, Kenneth Vermeer, Gilbert Visser, James Brinkhuis, Thurman Runyan, Nevin Webster, Eugene De Hoogh, Richard Bouwkamp, Raymond Tensink, Harold Opperman, Norman Menning, Robert Dykstra, and an assortment of wives and children.