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Dr. and Mrs. James A. Wayer, long-time friends of the seminary and faithful servants of the church of Jesus Christ, have left an estate, one fourth of which was given to Western Seminary. The Board of Trustees at its January meeting voted to use the interest earned by this estate to establish the Wayer Presidential Scholarship Fund. The value of the seminary share of the estate amounted to approximately $56,000.

Estimates on the earnings of the fund indicate that it will provide about $2,700 annually. These earnings will be used by the president of the seminary to provide scholarships to young men and women who have done exceptional work in either college or seminary. Until now, the scholarship program of the seminary has been almost exclusively operated for demonstrated need on the part of the students. Currently some $16,000 a year is given just for this program. The Wayer Presidential Scholarships will be used additionally as a discretionary fund by the president in his recruitment program to reward students of unusual academic and personal ability.

In commenting on the unusually fine bequest, President Ridder said, "This gift is typical of the dedication with which Dr. and Mrs. James Wayer approached their ministry together. They were both fully-committed Christians. Using their bequest in this fashion will constantly remind us of the nature of the minister we seek to produce and will help us to center our thoughts on the best forms of ministry that have come to us out of past years. We deeply appreciate this wonderful gift and will use it wisely in the development of a ministry which will serve the needs of the church as they are presently understood."

FAITH ZEELAND SHARES IN CARE FOR OVERSEAS STUDENT

The Missionary Committee of the Faith Reformed Church of Zeeland proposed to the seminary that the Faith Church share in the financial support of Mr. Andrew Hsieh, a Master of Christian Education candidate at Western Seminary and enter into a pastoral relationship with him during his time of study at the seminary.

Mr. Bruce De Pree, a member of the Missionary Committee, and the committee chairman, Mr. Henry Lokers, together with the Rev. John Hains, pastor of the Faith Reformed Church, met with President Ridder and Andrew Hsieh to begin this new undertaking. Various groups and organizations of the church have indicated an interest in helping Mr. Hsieh in a variety of ways, over and above the restricted arrangements of the seminary and the Board of World Missions, R.C.A., under which he has entered the seminary.

Mr. Hsieh graduated from Tainan Theological College in Taiwan with the Bachelor of Theology degree in 1966, majoring in Theology with a minor in Christian Education. The Rev. Carl Schroeder of Tunghai University in Taiwan was formative in helping Mr. Hsieh make the decision to enter the graduate work in Christian Education in the States here at Western Seminary. The Rev. Wm. Burke, a graduate of Western's class of 1964, was also influential in this way.

Andrew Hsieh will spend this academic year and the first quarter of the next academic year completing his studies. He is making regularly scheduled visits to the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana and to the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing as a student evangelist working with overseas students attending these great universities.

This pastoral relationship between a local Reformed church and an overseas student is patterned after that which already prevails in the case of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Azariah from Madanapalle in South India, now enjoying the pastoral care of the Trinity Reformed Church of Holland, whose pastor is the Rev. Gordon Van Oostenburg.

TRUSTEES MEET AT BLOOMFIELD HILLS

The second full meeting of the Board of Trustees recently constituted by the General Synod met at Bloomfield Hills, January 23 to 25. Mostly a deliberative session at which the Board members listened to presentations by recognized experts in the field of theological education, the session was of a more consultative one as opposed to a specific planning or proposing session. During the period, one full day was spent with Dr. Reuel L. Howe of the Institute for Advanced Pastoral Studies. Dr. Howe spoke from his rich experience in the seminary teaching field as well as his work at the Institute where he has met some three thousand ministers in continuing education programs. The principal aspect of Dr. Howe's presentation was a review of what he has noticed in the ministers who come back to the Institute after having been trained in the seminaries of America.

Dr. Jesse Ziegler, executive secretary of the American Association of Theological Schools, also spent more than a full day with the trustees discussing some of the experiments that are currently being carried on in theological education, plus a review of the work the AATS "dream team" has done in the preparation of a curriculum for the seventies.

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In addition, the Board sat to transact business relative to each of the two seminars. With reference to Western, there were several decisions made. The budget prepared for presentation to the General Synod Executive Committee was approved. The principal policy factors involved in the budget were an increase in tuition from $100 to $125 per quarter with a corresponding increase in non-RCA tuition rates. Dormitory rent for single men was raised from $75 to $100 per quarter. Summer Greek was raised to $75. Also, the Th.M. and M.C.E. courses were increased by $2 per credit hour.

In addition, the Board approved the request of Dr. Richard C. Oudersluys for a sabbatical year. At present, Dr. Oudersluys plans to spend this year in England. As a partial replacement for Dr. Oudersluys, Professor Masaichi Takemori of the Tokyo Union Theological Seminary of Tokyo, Japan, will be invited to the Western campus for the fall quarter. Dr. Takemori is a noted New Testament professor in Japan. He is the leading interpreter of Calvin and heads the John Calvin Translation Society. In addition, he is pastor of the largest church in Tokyo. Professor and Mrs. Takemori will be in Holland during the first quarter of the 1968-69 year.

The Board voted to consider the possibility of having a united publication for both seminars which would involve the Reformed Review, the Theolog and the New Brunswick Newsletter. Since then, a committee has been appointed to study this matter with Dr. Sylvio Scorza as the chairman of the committee.

With reference to bequests that come to the seminary, the Board established a general policy to the effect that sums under $2,000 will be used for the regular operation of the school and will be deposited in the general fund. Those sums received between $2,000 and $10,000 will be deposited in the development fund for some specific future development program of the seminary. Sums over $10,000 will be added to the permanent endowment fund of the seminary and may be named according to the wishes of the donor.

All in all, the meeting provided additional data for the Board members as they seek to meet their responsibilities with reference to the direction of the two seminars. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Board voted to set up a three-point program for the next step of its work. The first point will be a survey of the needs of the church with reference to theological education. The second will be a study of the resources that we have in both of our seminaries in terms of students, faculty, libraries, and finances. The third phase will be to work with a consultant who has demonstrated wide proficiency in understanding the current problems of theological education and has been involved in some of the most recent thinking on the matter. Working with the consultant will be a committee probably comprised of Board personnel as well as faculty representatives in the development of a single, unified program according to the direction of the General Synod of 1967.

Introduction of Foot-washing in RCA Churches?

Kindergarten children from Hope Reformed Church in Holland, Michigan, patiently wait their turn while Ruth Kleinheksel fastens a turban, and David Grissen washes the feet of a small boy who has just come home after a dusty journey to “visit Jesus of Nazareth.” When the children have entered the Jewish home they helped build, Ruth and Dave will retell the old story of Jesus blessing little children.

In the background Stephen Tamminga operates the television camera and videotape recorder which will be used Monday morning in evaluating the work of the student teachers. All midder students at the seminary are involved in the teaching workshop, with observation and teaching responsibilities for kindergarten, first grade, and fourth grade children at two Holland churches.

President, Business Manager Attend Management Conference

The Graduate School of Business Administration of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Michigan runs a series of business management conferences throughout each year. Named “Management by Objectives,” these conferences are designed to train middle and top management in skills needed in today’s complex business world. Under the direction of Dr. George Osborne and his staff, thirty managers meet for a two-day seminar on the Campus of the University. The most up-to-date teaching methods are used to guide the participants in understanding and applying Management by Objectives.

Although it is somewhat unusual for educational institutions to participate in conferences such as this, President Ridder and Business Manager Henry Kleinheksel attended the conference on January 11 and 12. They were greatly stimulated and helped to analyze their management function, with a view toward improved overall operation of Western Seminary.

Wiers Memorial Gift Is World Globe

The Western Class of 1967 made its gift to the school in the form of a memorial for their classmate, Mr. John L. Wiers of Wyoming, Michigan, who passed away on December 21, 1966.

Gifts from church groups and friends of Mr. Wiers were merged with gifts from the seniors, and the combined fund was used to purchase a 24-inch world globe mounted in a birch frame to match the present furniture of Beardslee Library.

Miss Mildred Schuppert, Librarian, and Len Reynolds, Student Council President, examine the gift of the Western Class of 1967, a 24-inch world globe, as a memorial to their classmate, Mr. John L. Wiers.

SUMMER GREEK SET FOR JULY 8 - AUGUST 30

Dr. James L. Cook, professor of biblical languages and literature, will teach the eight-week summer Greek courses at Western Seminary this year. The first class is scheduled to begin on July 8 with classes held each morning and afternoon each week throughout the summer, concluding on August 30.

Fee for the summer Greek course this year will be $75.00, and dormitory housing will be provided for those single men students who require it. Those interested in this program should correspond promptly with Dr. James L. Cook at the seminary.
Lecture Program Announced For Third Quarter

Special faculty lecturer for the second academic quarter was Prof. Robert A. Nykamp, whose subject was “Supervision in Ministry.” For the third quarter, Prof. Hugh A. Koops will lecture on some aspect of Christian Education.

Future lecturers will include Granger Westberg, Edgar Jackson, Arthur J. DeJong, and John Beardslee III. The Commencement speaker will be Dr. John H. Kromminga, president of Calvin Theological Seminary, with commencement scheduled for Monday, May 20, 1968 at 8:00 p.m.

CONFERENCE ON THE MINISTRY ATTRA行动 PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

A three-day conference on prospective ministry was held on Western's campus January 26-28. A fourteen-student delegation from Northwestern College at Orange City attended under the sponsorship of Dr. Sylvio Scorza, with a 12-student group from Central College in Pella, who arrived with Mr. Dick Bennink, intern associate college pastor at Central for this year. There were also a number of Hope students plus several from non-RCA colleges.

Friday morning was spent in optional attendance at regular seminary classes and the regular worship service at the mid-morning chapel. Dr. Bruggink presented a slide film story of the Western Christendom Travel Seminar held in 1967, and the noon lunch included all the visiting members of the conference in the seminary commons.

Departmental presentations were given in the afternoon, including the biblical field's presentation: “How the Biblical Materials Are Taught”: the practical department presented off-campus learning experiences which included internships, clinical pastoral training, and summer field education. Following a group fellowship dinner, the delegates joined the seminary family for a swimming party at the West Ottawa High School pool.

Saturday morning the theological field presented material on the organizing principle and method of the field's participation in the new seminary curriculum. Following a coffee break, the Christian ministry field presented "How Do We Relate the Gospel to the World, Using Our Geographical Area as Well as Our Classroom?"

Following a fellowship noon lunch, the afternoon was left free for skiing at Carousel Mountain with the evening spent at the Hope College-Wooster basketball game at Holland Civic Center.

The conference concluded with a worship service held in Mulder Chapel in conjunction with the Hope College church, with Hope Chaplain, the Rev. William Hillegardts (WTS '51) conducting the service and giving the sermon.

The entire experience fulfilled the theme of the conference, "Ministry—the Way It Really Is," and gave the prospective students a realistic basis for an appraisal of their possible entrance into Western's student body in the future.

The Rev. Eugene M. Burke, CSP (Congregation of St. Paul), Professor of Systematic Theology at the Catholic University, Washington, D.C., lectured at Western Seminary on November 9 on the subjects: "The History of American Roman Catholic Theology in the Last Fifty Years" and in the afternoon on "The Modern Development of the Idea of the People of God in the Understanding of the Church." One of America's foremost Roman Catholic theologians and interpreters of contemporary theological developments in his church, the Rev. Mr. Burke and his conference, the Paulist Fathers, have been active in the current renewal of theology in the Roman Catholic Church.

Father T. M. George of Kerala, India, was granted the Th.M. degree and diploma at a special convocation of the seminary faculty on November 22, 1967. Left to right: Dr. Herman J. Piider, President is examining the Th.M. diploma with Fr. George, while Dr. E. M. Eerenburg, Academic Dean, looks on approvingly. Father George left to join his family in Kerala, after which he will be assigned to a Syrian Orthodox church parish in Bangalore, South India.

URBAN MINISTRIES CONFERENCE HELD

A one day conference on urban ministries was held on Western's campus on Nov. 28. Arranged by the Rev. James P. Ebbers of the Board of World Missions RCA and President Ridder, the conference featured the presence of the Rev. George W. Webber, Ph.D., director of the Metropolitan Urban Service Training Center in New York City, who gave the keynote presentation at the morning session. Other presentations were made by the Rev. Letty Russell, a staff member of the East Harlem Protestant Parish in New York City; the Rev. Levin D. West, Pastor of the Grace Chapel in Newark, New Jersey; the Rev. Herbert V. DuMont, ministering in the Robert Taylor Homes, a Chicago all-negro housing project; also, the Rev. Roland B. Ratmeyer, a pastor associated with the Julia Lathrop Homes, an ecumenical ministry in Chicago.

Reformed Church executives participating were Dr. Russell J. Redeker of the Board of North American Missions RCA and the Rev. James P. Ebbers in his capacity as chairman of the Interstaff Education for Mission Committee.

Western students and their wives were given a variety of opportunities to discuss the material presented by the panel and individual lecturers, fulfilling the purpose of the conference, to sensitize the Western...
Seminary students to the problems and possibilities of urban ministries; also to challenge the total church to its responsibility for urban ministries, and to inform the students of resources available within and outside the church to help carry on effective ministry in inner-city and urban areas.

Western Fields Basketball Team

A student group from Western went on a trip to Northwestern College in Orange City and Central College in Pella. The basketball team played the Northwestern College junior varsity on January 21 and the Central College J.V. team on the next night.

Chapel worship services were conducted at each college by Richard Detrich, graduating senior.

The following students made up the ball team: John Schoon, Jim Schoon, Vera Stark, Howard Hoekstra, Dave Vanderwel, Bruce Menning, and Dennis Veskull.

Western's team had a successful season, participating in Hope College's inter-fraternity league this year. During the touch football season, Western won the inter-fraternity league championship.

Bible Lands Travel Seminar Slated For June 9 - 30

The Near East will be the scene of Western Seminary's 1968 travel-study program under the direction of Dr. Lester J. Kuyper and Dr. James I. Cook. The Bible Lands Travel Seminar is scheduled to leave Detroit for Tel Aviv, Israel on June 9, but participation in the Seminar will begin with the spring academic quarter on February 26. This participation involves the completion of required reading and the preparation of a research paper dealing with the biblical and archaeological importance of such significant sites as Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jericho, Qumran, Samaria, Megiddo, Masada, Corinth, and Rome. These papers will be presented to the group at the respective sites. On June 24 the Seminar will leave Tel Aviv for a five-day tour of Athens, Corinth, and Rome, returning to Detroit on June 30.

The price of $535 includes the cost of round-trip air travel from Detroit, and all land transportation, lodging, and meals in the countries visited. Alumni who are interested in participating in this study program are invited to address inquiries at once to Dr. James I. Cook at the Seminary.

Dr. and Mrs. John H. Piet on a Sabbatical year in Madras, South India attended the second Tamil World Congress in Madras. Dr. Piet addressed over 30,000 delegates in the Tamil language, and is shown here with (left) Kamaraj Nardar, former President of the All-India Congress Party, and (center) C. N. Annadurai, Chief Minister of Madras and leader of the D.M.K. Party now in power in Madras. The Pies also attended the centenary celebration of the church in Kapiadi, South India. In connection with the Tamil World Congress, Dr. and Mrs. Piet met Zahir Hussain, the President of India. Their present address is "Sunny side," Meston Training College, Royapettah, Madras 14, South India.
FOCAL POINTS
ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED

The first two Focal Points conferences held at the seminary have been enthusiastically endorsed by the participants. Two Forums on Christianity and Life have been held to date, the first on December 9 dealing with the changing ministry to the family with a registration total of 110. The second one, held on Saturday, February 10, included a total of 190 registrants and participants.

The subject, "Dealing with Conflict in the Congregation" was developed by Dr. Douglas Blockma, consulting psychologist from Grand Rapids, Michigan, who gave the keynote opening address on the subject. "The Dynamics of Conflict." Reactors to this material included Mr. Max De Pre, an elder of the Faith Reformed Church in Zeeland and vice president of Herman Miller, Incorporated, the Rev. John Nordstrom, pastor of the Second Reformed Church of Zeeland, and Dr. Carlos Page of the Methodist Church supervising the western Michigan district of 74 churches. A film "How to Handle Conflict" was also presented.

This academic year's last scheduled Focal Points Conference will be held all day Saturday, April 6, on the general theme, "Meeting the Needs of the Physically Ill." A direct mailing including data for this conference will be made to each church in the particular synods of Michigan and Chicago.

Dr. Bruggink will serve as special consulting editor for the March/April 1968 issue of YOUR CHURCH, the leading Protestant periodical of church building, equipment, administration, and finance. The theme of the issue will be "Space for Worship." In addition to an introductory article by Dr. Bruggink, there will be evaluative articles by two Western alumni, the Rev. Lawrence Hodge, and the Rev. Norman K. Kansfield.

Dr. Richard C. Oudersluys, professor of New Testament language and literature, will spend the 1968-1969 academic year on a sabbatical leave. Full details of this planned experience will be published in the next issue of THE THEOLOG.

Lectures on "Art, Liturgy and Architecture" were given by Dr. Donald J. Bruggink for the Art Department of Calvin College at the Franklin Street Campus in November, and in January at the Fine Arts Building at the Koolcreek Campus.

Dr. Lester J. Kuyper, Professor of Old Testament, spoke at a pre-Lenten Retreat for Lutheran Church ministers at Ludington, Michigan on Feb. 19-20. He presented a series of studies on the Servant of God as portrayed in Isaiah.

Dr. Lester J. Kuyper and Dr. James L. (continued on page 6)
Cook attended the 103rd meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature at Union Seminary in New York City on Dec. 27-29. Highlights of the three-day session included illustrated reports of archaeological work being carried on under the direction of the American Schools of Oriental Research and an evening symposium on “Apocalyptic Literature and Thought.”

Dr. M. E. Osterhaven, Professor of Systematic Theology, gave a paper at the Theological Commission of the Alliance of Reformed Churches in January on “The Teaching of the Holy Spirit in Christian Social Responsibility.” On Feb. 26 he addressed the annual banquet honoring the eighty boys who became Eagle Scouts within the Grand Valley Council, a seven-county area. This year’s class is named after Dr. Osterhaven, long-time scoutmaster, member of the Executive Committee of the Grand Valley Council, and holder of the Silver Beaver Award. The banquet was held at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Professors Cook, Osterhaven and Wilterdink attended the semi-annual meeting of the Theological Commission, R.C.A. at New Brunswick Seminary on Feb. 21-23. The major item on the agenda was a paper produced by these professors on “The Office of the Minister of the Word.” This paper evaluated the present role of ministers in our society and made a number of suggestions for substantial changes. Professor Wilterdink is teaching the courses in English Bible during the sabbatical leave of Dr. John H. Piet.

INSTITUTES SET FOR PELLA, HOLLAND, DENVER

Three PAR Institutes are scheduled to be conducted by Western Seminary during the summer of 1968. The first institute will be held at the campus of Central College in Pella, Iowa from July 8 to 12, the second institute will be held on Western’s campus from July 30 to August 8, a third is scheduled for Denver, Aug. 21-30. Details of the conference leaders and study program will be announced by means of a direct mailing at a later date. Those pastors who have had the privilege of attendance at a former PAR Institute are enthusiastic in their response to its great value, both in their personal development and as stimulation for their pastoral work.