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Catalog
for the Academic Year
1984-85
Theological Perspective

A SEMINARY CATHOLIC, EVANGELICAL, AND REFORMED

CATHOLIC

Western Theological Seminary is catholic in that it seeks to express the one, holy, apostolic faith of the whole Christian church. Catholicity signifies the wholeness or fullness of the Christian faith, the attempt to declare "the whole counsel of God." Western Seminary is not sectarian but is self-consciously a part of the great Christian tradition. We represent a particular heritage and tradition, but we acknowledge and treasure our oneness with Christians of all communions in all ages and are concerned to manifest the unity we have with them in Christ.

The geographical dimension of this catholicity is Western's long and notable involvement in the world mission of the church. The world is our parish as we send out ambassadors for Christ to the ends of the world. Increasingly this is a two-way street as we receive students and visiting professors from overseas churches.

These servants of Christ not only remind us of the catholicity of the church. They also help us as we seek to "attain to the unity inherent in our faith and our knowledge of the Son of God—to mature manhood, measured by nothing less than the full stature of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13, N.E.B.).

EVANGELICAL

Western Seminary is evangelical in that it exists for the sake of making known by word and by deed the good news that God's free grace in Jesus Christ is the only answer for a sinful, lost mankind. The heart of our gospel is that "In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself" (2 Corinthians 5:19).

We affirm the great Reformation slogans—by Scripture alone, by grace alone, and by faith alone, as well as the classic evangelical emphases. Ours is a progressive evangelicalism which holds to the fundamentals of the faith, but looks forward instead of backward. In the joy and freedom of the Spirit we strive to magnify Christ in all that we do.

Evangelical means for us not simply a faithfulness to the gospel of Christ, but also a living-out of that gospel. Pure doctrine must be confirmed by holy living, and both should be united in an urgent concern to share "the unsearchable riches of Christ." The good news must be proclaimed to individuals and also be brought to bear on society as a whole. In Christ we seek to demonstrate "faith working through love."

REFORMED

Western Seminary is reformed in that it recognizes its responsibility to be ever reforming itself according to the Word of God. Semper reformanda! Always reforming—this is the true Reformation spirit.

We cherish and promote our Reformed heritage and tradition, especially as mediated to us through the Belgic Confession, the Canons of Dort, and the Heidelberg Catechism. But we also lay claim to the wider Reformed tradition. In the last analysis, however, we recognize no
authority other than the Bible, our infallible rule of faith and practice.

The word "Reformed" connotes for us such emphases as the sovereignty and glory of God and his gracious election, the sinfulness of man, and the Lordship of Christ over all of life. We take seriously the whole of Scripture and are convinced that a high view of the authority and inspiration of the Scriptures must be matched by an adequate hermeneutic that does justice to the one covenant of grace in both of the Testaments.

With the Genevan Reformer, John Calvin, we try to maintain a correlation of the Word and the Spirit. For the Word without the Spirit produces a barren orthodoxy. The Spirit apart from the Word results in bizarre excesses and schism. There should be no tension here, for the Spirit is the Spirit of truth (John 16:13; 1 John 5:7).

These three great concepts are not mutually exclusive, but correlative and interdependent. As Western Seminary strives to be ever more catholic, it will also develop as a school which is increasingly more evangelical and reformed—and conversely. In short, our goal is to assist in the training of ministers who will bring the whole gospel to the whole world—to the glory of God.

I. John Hesselink
President
STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

Western Theological Seminary exists to train and equip men and women for ministries in the church of Jesus Christ. The seminary offers four degree programs, one leading to the ordained ministry, the second to professional leadership in Christian education, the third for advanced study in ministry and the fourth for specialized theological research for overseas graduate students. The seminary also provides foundational training for and encourages students toward specialized ministries such as missions, evangelism, education, counseling, social service, chaplaincy and theological research.

Western Seminary is committed to the continuing education and professional development of ministers, and to the training of lay people. Toward this end the seminary offers seminars, conferences, and workshops to foster and facilitate personal growth, theological awareness, and professional development.

The seminary serves the church at large by cooperating with and sharing in denominational and ecumenical programs. It makes available its personnel and resources to the church as it engages in mission and witnesses to the coming of the Kingdom of God.

Western Seminary seeks to fulfill these purposes by furnishing its students with a solid foundation in the Bible. To that end it requires a working knowledge of the Hebrew and Greek languages in the Master of Divinity degree program. Students become familiar with the basic message of the Bible and secure an understanding of the principles of interpretation. On this foundation they are instructed in the history and traditions of the Christian church and its mission in the world, and in Christian doctrine. Thus students are equipped for their ministries to work and think in a biblical and theological way.

The seminary brings all this training to focus in the preaching and teaching of the Word, the administration of the sacraments, and in the service of God in the world. To that end it stresses such skills as worship through Word and sacrament, witness in word and deed, pastoral care and counseling, use of the principles and practice of Christian education, and in the exercise of managerial and administrative abilities. These skills are developed and tested through supervised ministry assignments during the school year in local churches, in summer and intern experiences in various forms of ministry, and in clinical pastoral education.
A BRIEF HISTORY

As America surged westward almost every denomination developed a "western" seminary in response to the need for geographical proximity and cultural affinity. That need was a significant one in the Reformed Church in America, for the nineteenth century had witnessed the drama of Dutch immigration to the Midwest, begun in 1847 by Albertus C. Van Raalte and his orthodox, pietist seceders from the state church of the Netherlands. Their Dutch language and their specific theological concerns as well as the great difficulty of traveling long distances to secure a theological education, dictated need for a "western" seminary.

In 1866, nineteen years after Van Raalte's arrival to settle his colony in Holland, Michigan, seven members of the senior class of Hope College petitioned the Reformed Church for theological education in the West. The General Synod of the Reformed Church voted that "leave be granted to pursue their theological studies at Hope College, provided no measures shall be instituted by which additional expenses shall be thrown upon Synod or the Board of Education..." (To their credit, it should be noted that all seven completed their theological education and entered the ministry. The only other member of the class became a professor.)

Even these humble beginnings in 1866 as the theological department of Hope College could not be sustained. The disastrous fire which destroyed Holland in 1871, and the national depression in 1873, caused the General Synod to suspend theological education at Hope College in 1877. By that time twenty-nine students had graduated.

After a six-year suspension, theological instruction was resumed in 1884, and in 1885 Western Theological Seminary began an existence entirely separate from Hope College. Professor Albertus Pieters left a trenchant description of Western during his student days (1888-91): "grounds, none; recitation hall, none; maps, none; library, none; periodicals, none. This is a complete and accurate inventory of the equipment of the Western Theological Seminary at that time."

The first seminary buildings were Semelink Family Hall (classrooms) in 1895, Beardslee Library in 1913, and Zwemer Hall (dormitory) in 1913 and 1928. The former two were replaced by a new building in 1954. In the spring of 1981, an additional facility, the Cook Center for Theological Research, was dedicated. This Center houses the Beardslee Library with its 85,000 books and 800 periodicals as well as a new media center, four seminar rooms, three special research offices, and a conference center which also houses the seminary's rare book collection.

In the main building are classrooms, a large multipurpose lecture hall, the Mulder Memorial Chapel, a large fellowship area—the Commons, and the faculty and administrative offices.

One of the real strengths of Western in those early years, as now, lay in her faculty. Its quality may be judged by the fact that in the early years, of her first thirteen professors, five were called to teach in other seminaries. With the advancing decades of the twentieth century, the emphasis has been not only upon "Godly and gifted" men and women, but also upon academic training within their fields of expertise.
In view of the emerging role of women in the church, it may be noted that Western's first woman professor, Elaine Lubbers, began teaching in 1962. The first woman to enter the ministry, Elsie Law, graduated in 1963, and the first woman M.C.E. candidate graduated in 1968. That tradition is being continued through Professor Sonja Stewart, and through women candidates for the M.R.E., M.Div. and D.Min. degrees.

For more than a century of service Western has continued her emphasis upon an understanding of the biblical languages as a solid foundation for the interpretation of the Scriptures, together with a thorough study of both systematic and historical theology. Western has also stood in the forefront of seminaries concerned with preparation for the pastoral tasks of ministry—preaching, teaching, counseling, and administration—as well as training for missionary service at home and abroad.

ACCREDITATION

Western Theological Seminary, an institution of the Reformed Church in America, is an accredited member of the Association of Theological Schools. Its degree programs are authorized by the Department of Education of the State of Michigan. The Seminary is operated and controlled by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America through its Board of Theological Education.

The Seminary is approved for veteran's education under the provisions of the Veterans Administration.

SEMINARY CONSORTIUM FOR URBAN PASTORAL EDUCATION (SCUPE)

The Seminary is a member of this Chicago-based consortium. Students may take their second year of study in the SCUPE Program as part of the WTS curriculum. Arrangements can be made for a SCUPE internship.
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The seminary presently offers four degree programs, the Master of Divinity (M.Div.), the Master of Religious Education (M.R.E.), the Master of Theology (Th.M.), and the Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.). The Master of Divinity program requires three years (four if the student takes a supervised internship after the second year), leading normally to the ordained ministry. The Master of Religious Education program has two tracks: a two-year residency program and an In-Ministry program which is three years in length. Only students from outside of North America are admitted to the Master of Theology (Th.M.) program at the present time. Three Fields—the Biblical, the Theological (systematic theology, church history and historical theology, and Christian ethics), and Christian Ministry (worship, preaching, Christian education, pastoral counseling, evangelism, mission, and church government and administration) provide direction for studies in several programs. The Doctor of Ministry program is described on page 14.

**Master of Divinity Program**

The Master of Divinity program has a requirement of 144 term hours. The M.Div. curriculum is structured so as to enable each student to lay a foundation in theological education by studying required courses, building on that foundation by choosing additional courses in each major area, and developing depth in at least one aspect of theological education by completing an individual concentration.

Courses numbered 410-499 are required of all students. Students are also required to complete one four-hour course in each field area as follows:

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Each student is required to complete one senior seminar. The numbering system is as follows:

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Each student shall also fulfill a concentration of 12-20 hours in one of the fields according to rules formulated by the fields.
Master of Religious Education Program

Director—Dr. Sonja M. Stewart

The In-Residence Master of Religious Education program has a requirement of 90 term hours.

The following courses are required:
EM410 and EM420;

In the biblical field, BF417, BF418 and eight additional hours.

In the theological field, TF411 and eight additional hours.

In addition, five hours of Supervised Ministry: SM541 and SM542.

The In-Ministry Master of Religious Education program is for students already engaged in a ministry setting. The three-year program requires a one-week intensive seminar in August, and a one-day each week residency on Thursdays. The program of 90 hours includes biblical and theological foundations, equipping for shared ministry instruction, the development of ministerial units, and shared praxis discussions of work in the ministerial setting. For further information, write to the Director of the MRE program, Dr. Sonja M. Stewart. See p. 23 for course description of MRE courses.

Doctor of Ministry Program

Director—Dr. Stanley A. Rock

The Doctor of Ministry degree program is designed to assist persons in ministry to enhance and integrate biblical-theological knowledge with ministerial disciplines and pastoral skills. The program builds on previous academic foundations laid in M.Div. work and on years of experience in a professional ministry. The D.Min. program aims at the integration of knowledge and experience in such a way as to develop high levels of competency in the following four aspects of ministry: (1) Ministry as pastoral and educational; (2) Ministry as collegial; (3) Ministry as enabling; (4) Ministry as God’s servant role in the world.

The D.Min. is a self-designed program of study with two learning units and one elective in each of two years and an in-ministry project the third year. Three intensive seminars, one each year of the program, constitute the residency requirements. Each student granted full admission is related to a faculty supervisory team of two faculty members. For further information, write to the director of the D.Min. program, Dr. Stanley A. Rock.
All courses receive four credit hours, except where otherwise indicated in the course descriptions.

In addition to the courses listed, the seminary makes available "Independent Study" courses on an individual basis to qualified students. Such courses receive a 690 series number in the appropriate field and are approved by the dean on the advice of the appropriate faculty member.

Courses without notation are offered annually. Dates following indicate the year it is anticipated these courses will be taught.

BIBLICAL FIELD

BF410 REVIEW GREEK/Schutter
A survey of difficult elements in New Testament Greek, vocabulary growth, and Greek reading. Designed especially for the student who has taken summer Greek, but open to anyone.

BF411 INTRODUCTION TO EXEGESIS/Cook, Cruz
Introduction to principles and tools of exegesis and the development of an exegetical method.

BF412 ADVANCED EXEGESIS/Cook
A workshop approach to exegetical practice based on the gospel by Mark.

BF414 HEBREW I/Coughenour
An inductive study of the fundamentals of biblical Hebrew grammar and reading.

BF415 HEBREW II/Schutter
A continuation of biblical Hebrew grammar and reading and an introduction to exegetical methodology.

BF418 BIBLICAL HISTORY AND INTRODUCTION II/
  Coughenour
Foundational introductory material of New Testament study including canon, text, recent trends in hermeneutical and historical issues.

BF510 SEMINAR IN THE STUDY OF THE PENTATEUCH/
  Dannemiller
An historical and exegetical study of selected portions of the Pentateuch..(1984-85)

BF512 SEMINAR IN MAJOR PROPHETS/Coughenour
An historical and exegetical study of selected portions of the Major Prophets. (1985-86)

BF514 SEMINAR IN PSALMS/Dannemiller
An historical and exegetical study of selected Psalms of the Hebrew Bible. (1984-85)

BF530 EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS/Cook
Introduction and overview of the letter together with exegetical study of selected portions.

BF532 THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN/Schutter
The Fourth Gospel is approached under the categories of history, theology, and evangelism in terms of its central theme: Jesus, the Giver of Life. Special attention is given to the author's christology and pneumatology.

BF550 NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY/Cook

BF556 OLD TESTAMENT THEOLOGY/Coughenour
A study of content and method in Old Testament theologies with an emphasis on theological themes of the Old Testament. (1985-86)

BF590 BIBLICAL THEOLOGY IN MINISTRY/Cook
A senior seminar integrating themes of biblical theology to the practice of ministry. (1984-85)
BF610 BIBLICAL ARAMAIC/Coughenour and Schutter
A study of the grammar and vocabulary of biblical Aramaic from
the Old Testament and other documents, including the Qumran
scrolls and the Targums. (On request)

BF612 SYRIAC/Schutter and Coughenour
Syriac grammar is studied. Selected passages are translated in-
cluding Syriac New Testament reading. (On request)

BF614 STUDIES IN DANIEL/Cruz
Introductory material combined with an understanding of the
entire book and the exegesis of selected passages. Two hours.
(1985-86)

BF624 INTER-TESTAMENTAL HISTORY AND LITERATURE/
Schutter
An introduction to the Jewish backgrounds of the New Testa-
ment. The richness and diversity of Jewish life and thought from
the conquest of Alexander to the Bar-Cochbah revolt will be studied
with special emphasis upon the emergence of the earliest Chris-
tian communities. (1985-86)

BF630 STUDIES IN ACTS/Cook
Introductory material combined with an understanding of the
entire book and the exegesis of selected passages. (1984-85)

BF631 STUDIES IN LUKE/Cruz
Introductory material combined with an understanding of the
entire book and the exegesis of selected passages. (1984-85)

BF632 PAUL'S CORINTHIAN CORRESPONDENCE/Cook
A study of Paul's relations with the church at Corinth, together with
an exegetical study of First Corinthians. (1985-86)

BF634 EPHESIANS/Cook
An exegetical treatment of major themes which enable partici-
pants to formulate their own theological understanding of
Ephesians. (1985-86)

BF636 THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS/Schutter
Introduction to and exegetical study of the letter with special
emphasis upon the author's Christology. A seminar format will be
used. (1985-86)

BF638 SEMINAR IN GENERAL EPISTLES/Schutter
An introduction to the exegesis of the letters of James, I and II
Peter, and Jude. (1985-86)

BF640 APOCALYPTIC LITERATURE/Schutter
A study of apocalyptic literature in general, Daniel, and Revela-
tion in particular. The class traces the influence of prophetic and
wisdom traditions upon apocalyptic thought. Greek preferred.
(1985-86)

BF642 WISDOM LITERATURE OF THE BIBLE/Coughenour
A study of the forms, vocabulary and concepts of wisdom in the
Bible, emphasizing Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes. (1985-86)

BF644 MINOR PROPHETS TODAY/Dannemiller
An exegetical study of selected texts from the minor prophets.
(1984-85)

BF652 ORIGINS OF CHRISTOLOGY/Schutter
A reconstruction of the history of the growth of christology in the
early church as reflected in the New Testament. Beginning with
Jewish messianic expectations, the course outlines the revolution
in christological thought brought by the person and work of Jesus.
Special attention is given to the main christological titles and to the
foundations of incarnational theology. (1984-85)

BF654 EARLY CHRISTIAN HOMILETICS/Schutter
A study of homiletic midrash in the New Testament and the aims,
methods, and materials of early Christian preaching. Special at-
tention is given to the use of the Old Testament in the New to
Jewish hermeneutics, Hellenistic rhetoric, and to an evaluation of
ancient practice in the light of modern preaching. (1985-86)

BF670 TOPICS IN OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES/Coughenour
Research in Old Testament literature and theology on selected
topics.
BF672 TOPICS IN NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES/Cook
A course whose contents will vary among such topics as the resurrection of Jesus; introduction to New Testament textual criticism; and advanced reading of the Greek New Testament.

BF684 CHRISTIANITY IN LITERATURE/Cook
A study of biblical and theological motifs in selected literary pieces.

WORLD MISSIONS

WM412 EVANGELISM AND MISSION/Karsen
A study of the church in her essential character as mission, with attention given to the Reformed Church's expression and experience in mission.

WM610 SOCIAL CONTEXT FOR HISPANIC MINISTRY/
Gonzales, Fierro
The course combines expertise in social work and ministry to study the basic elements of a social context for ministry. (1984-85)

WM630 CHRISTIAN MISSIONS IN CHINA/Karsen
An elective in missions and evangalistic methods in Asia and China in particular.

WM682 GUIDED RESEARCH IN MISSIONS/Karsen
After the professor approves the instructional objective of the student, the student works with the professor on a bibliography, outline, and paper, or an approved program of reading in the area of Bible and/or mission.

THEOLOGICAL FIELD

TF411 INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGY AND THE DOCTRINE OF GOD/Osterhaven
A preliminary examination of the major divisions, themes, and definitions of the major branches of theological study; the doctrine of Scripture. A study of the nature of God; the doctrine of the Trinity.

TF412 THE DOCTRINES OF CHRIST AND SALVATION/
Osterhaven
A study of the person and work of Christ. The natures and offices of the mediator; the problem of kenosis, and the meaning of atonement. The work of the Holy Spirit in the application of salvation to the believer.

TF415 CHURCH HISTORY (100-1500 A.D.)/Bruggink
The historical development of the church from the Apostolic Fathers through the Middle Ages, with particular emphasis upon the development of doctrine.

TF416 THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE/Bruggink
Particular attention is paid to the Reformed Church in America within its pluralistic milieu, from 1628 to the present.

TF418 INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN ETHICS/Eenigenburg
A study of the basic principles of Christian ethics, beginning with its foundations in the Bible and theology. The methodological instruments for utilizing biblical materials are then developed with practical application to current problems.

TF511 DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY/Kaiser

TF512 CREATION, PROVIDENCE, AND PREDESTINATION/
Kaiser
A Christian worldview is developed that treats the relation of God and the world, nature and history, and the Christian's calling in an age of science and social reform. (1984-85)

TF516 CHURCH AND SACRAMENTS/Osterhaven
The church is considered as a continuation of the redemptive program begun in the Old Testament. Its nature, ministry, and sacraments are treated. (1984-85)

TF520 OUR REFORMED HERITAGE/Osterhaven
An attempt to appreciate and evaluate the treatment of main emphases in the doctrinal standards of the Reformed Church in America in the light of their historical backgrounds. Comparison is made of the treatment of specific doctrines. (1984-85)
TF522 DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT/Osterhaven
The biblical teaching with respect to the Spirit’s person and work in society and the church. Special attention is given to the problems of common grace and the relation of christology to pneumatology. Two credit hours. (1984-85)

TF530 SELECTED READINGS IN MARTIN LUTHER/Kaiser
Selected readings from the career of the Reformer will provide the basis for group discussion of his views on predestination, justification by faith, Christian freedom, and the sacraments. Two credit hours. (1985-86)

TF531 SELECTED READINGS IN THE EARLY REFORMERS/Kaiser
Selected readings in Melanchthon, Bucer, and Zwingli will illustrate the progress of Reformed theology up to the time of Calvin’s Institutes. Two credit hours. (1985-86)

TF532 LIFE AND TIMES OF AUGUSTINE/Kaiser
Readings in the Confessions and Augustine’s other early writings provide an historical basis for understanding Augustine’s theology. Two credit hours. (1984-85)

TF533 THEOLOGY OF AUGUSTINE/Kaiser
Readings in Augustine’s later theological works, especially those that influenced the Protestant Reformation. Two credit hours. (1984-85)

TF534 CHURCH HISTORY (REFORMATION)/Bruggink
The Reformation is studied in terms of doctrine, culture, polity and liturgy as it developed out of concerns for theological, social, and liturgical reform. (1984-85)

TF535 POST-REFORMATION CONFLICTS AND CONTROVERSIES/Kaiser
Theological controversy reached a climax with the rise of Protestant scholasticism, the Counter-Reformation, and the proliferation of sectarian groups. The development of Calvinism, Puritanism, Socinianism, and Arminianism will be treated in historical context. (1984-85)

TF536 THE CHURCH IN MODERN EUROPEAN HISTORY/Kaiser
The development of modern theology is traced from the seventeenth through the nineteenth century against the background of the rise of modern science and philosophy and the progressive encounter with the cultures and religions of the non-western world. (1985-86)

TF540 REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA/Bruggink
History and theological development with major emphasis upon contemporary history and the way in which the church deals with such issues as confessions, sacraments, ordination of women, and ecumenical relationships. Opportunity for individual research. (1985-86)

TF552 CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ETHICS/Eenigenburg
Christian responsibility in the areas of war and peace, uses of atomic energy, social justice, politics, and race. Each student selects an area for special concentration. (1984-85)

TF556 HISTORICAL CHRISTIAN ETHICS/Eenigenburg
A survey of the major Christian answers to the question concerning the ideal Christian life from biblical times to the present. (1984-85)

TF560 BIBLICAL VIEW OF HUMANITY/Eenigenburg
Christian and non-Christian presuppositions concerning origin, nature, and destiny. Typical themes are the nature of the person; the meaning of the imago Dei; relationships among body, mind, and spirit; sin; the humanity of Christ.

TF590 SENIOR SEMINAR IN THEOLOGY/Bruggink
Serious media (art) and popular media (pop art) are concerned with many of the same problems as theologians: relationships to others, the creation, and God. The senior seminar uses the student’s expertise in theology to reflect on the content of television, motion pictures, music, drama and dance presentations. All persons receive the messages, but the minister has the responsibility to reflect on them and assist others in understanding where the media conflicts with or augments the Christian faith. (1984-85)
TF610 EARLY CHURCH FATHERS/Kaiser
Selected readings in the Apostolic Fathers, apologists, and theologians, e.g., Clement of Rome, Ignatius, Justin, Athenagoras, and Irenaeus. Two credit hours. (1984-85)

TF611 ANTE-NICE FATHERS/Kaiser
Selected readings among Clement of Alexandria, Tertullian, Hippolytus, Novatian and Cyprian. Two credit hours. (1984-85)

TF612 NICENE FATHERS/Kaiser
Selected readings in the defenders of the Nicene Creed, Athanasius and Hilary, dealing largely with the doctrine of the Trinity. Two credit hours. (1985-86)

TF613 POST-NICE FATHERS/Kaiser
Selected readings in Cyril of Jerusalem, Basil, Gregory of Nazianzus, and Gregory of Nyssa, dealing with the person and work of Christ and the sacraments. Two credit hours. (1985-86)

TF614 SELECTED READINGS IN THE EARLY REFORMERS/Kaiser
Selected readings in Melanchthon, Bucer, and Zwingli will illustrate the progress of Reformed theology up to the time of Calvin's Institutes. Two credit hours. (1985-86)

TF615 CALVIN'S LIFE AND THEOLOGY/Hesselink
An introduction to Calvin's life and thought indicating their relationship at various points, as well as relevance of Calvin's theology to various contemporary issues. (1984-85)

TF616 BARTH AND BRUNNER ON REVELATION AND FAITH/Hesselink
A comparison of the theologies of two major theologians in the twentieth century, concentrating on their views of revelation and faith. (1966-67)

TF625 ESCHATOLOGY/Osterhoven
A review of classical Christian eschatology with special attention given contested positions. Two credit hours. (1985-86)

TF631 EASTERN CHRISTENDOM (600-1700 A.D.)/Bruggink
In terms of language and geography the churches of Eastern Christendom are closer to the origins of Christianity than are those of the Latin West. Protestants are so much the product of Latin Christianity as to be uninformed about the riches in theology and spirituality of the orthodox churches of the East. (1985-86)

TF632 ROMAN CATHOLIC THEOLOGY/Bruggink
To what extent are Roman Catholic and Reformed theology growing closer? The documents of Vatican II and subsequent papers of the Secretariat for the Promotion of Christian Unity are studied in comparison with the Reformed tradition. (On request)

TF633 MINORITY RELIGIOUS THOUGHT/Cruz
A study of contemporary Black, Hispanic, and Native American religious thought.

TF635 TRAVEL SEMINAR STUDIES FROM PAUL TO JUSTINIAN/Bruggink
Required guided research in preparation for participation in the seminar at Ephesus, Philippi, Thessaloniki, Corinth, Athens, and Istanbul. (1985-86)

TF636 TRAVEL SEMINAR STUDIES: ROME/Bruggink
Required guided research in preparation for participation in the seminar at Rome, with its treasures of art and architecture from pre-Christian times to the present. (1984-85)

TF637 WESTERN CHRISTENDOM TRAVEL SEMINAR/Bruggink
Rome is the focus of this study of the development of Christianity as it utilizes the cultural, artistic, archaeological, institutional, and personal continuity of Rome for the examination of a central concept in the history of the church. (Summer, 1985, 29 days overseas)

TF638 TRAVEL SEMINAR: FROM PAUL TO JUSTINIAN/Bruggink
The seminar traces the development of Christianity in relation to the major sites of Paul's journeys: Ephesus, Philippi, Thessaloniki, Corint, and Athens, together with subsequent development, and growth to the Christianization of law, politics, and architecture in Justinian's Constantinople. (Summer, 1986, 15 days overseas)
TF641 THEOLOGICAL METHOD/Osterhaven
A study of the way in which theology is wrought out in the life of the church. The presuppositions employed and the manner in which theologians such as Anselm, Aquinas, Calvin, Schleiermacher, and Barth formulated their theologies are considered. (1984-85)

TF642 CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE/Kaiser
In order to assess the possibilities for a distinctively Christian lifestyle in the modern world, the class studies models taken from Scripture, the history of monasticism, and contemporary countercultural movements. (1985-86)

TF644 CHRISTIANITY IN A TECHNOLOGICAL SOCIETY/Kaiser
The course treats the development of technology from historical and biblical-theological perspectives, and examines the structures of a technological society as a field of Christian witness and service. (1984-85)

TF647 CONTEMPORARY THEOLOGICAL THOUGHT/Osterhaven
A study of the contributions of contemporary theologians and the relation of their emphases to the theological tradition of the church. (1985-86)

TF648 TYPES OF AMERICAN THEOLOGY/Osterhaven
A survey of major types of theology that have appeared on the American scene, with an attempt to understand their presuppositions and methods as well as major content. The Old Princeton School, H. Richard Niebuhr, Paul Tillich, and contemporary process theology are considered. (1985-86)

TF653 THE ETHICS OF JESUS AND PAUL/Staff
A study of Jesus' ethical emphases, especially in the Sermon on the Mount and in his "love ethic." Paul's focus on the special quality of the Christian's moral life is explored. (1985-86)

TF655 ETHICAL PERSPECTIVES ON MEDICAL PROBLEMS/Eenigenburg
Dr. Bernadine DeValois and other physicians from the Ottawa County Medical Society give critical examinations to the ethical factors involved in a selected group of medical problems. Meets one evening a week for two hours. (1984-85)

TF661 AMERICAN HYMNODY/Bruggink
The study of hymnody provides an insight into the American church and society in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Two credit hours. (On demand)

TF662 CHURCH ARCHITECTURE/Bruggink
An investigation of how theology, liturgical tradition, and ecological concerns are expressed in the building of a church. Two credit hours. (On demand)

TF670 CONTEMPORARY CULTS/Kaiser
An examination of the principal cults on the American scene, with emphasis on their origins and growth, their psychological and sociological dynamics, and the social and theological issues they raise. (1984-85)

TF680 THEOLOGICAL GERMAN/Eenigenburg
Inductive study of selected texts in contemporary German theology. Four credit hours. (On demand)

TF683 THEOLOGICAL BIBLIOGRAPHY AND RESEARCH METHODS/Muether
A study of research methodology, library use, and basic reference works for theological research. Designed both for persons planning to enter the pastoral ministry and those going on to graduate study.

TF690 RESEARCH IN FEMINIST LIBERATION THEOLOGY/Eenigenburg
A study of the principal writings of some of the significant spokespersons in contemporary feminist theology, and of critical reviews and appraisals. Opportunity is given for the student to develop her/his point of view.
**CHRISTIAN MINISTRY FIELD**

CM011 ORAL COMMUNICATION LAB/Ralph
A non-credit requirement for juniors.

CM410 THEOLOGY AND METHODS OF MINISTRY/Bennink
A foundational course on the nature and styles of ministry from an historical as well as contemporary perspective, with an emphasis on the pastoral care dimension. Two credit hours.

CM414 THE CONGREGATION WORSHIPING/J. Stewart
Biblical and Reformed understandings of worship are studied with particular emphasis given to the components of the liturgy. Two credit hours.

CM416 INTRODUCTION TO PREACHING/Cruz, Wilterdink
The biblical concept of preaching; preparation and delivery of sermons—studied and practiced.

CM417 CHRISTIAN NURTURE AND DISCIPLESHIP/Brown
An examination of the theological and educational bases for Christian Nurture and Discipleship. Two credit hours.

CM418 TEACHING SKILLS/Brown
A laboratory course for learning specific skills for teaching. Two credit hours.

CM510 PASTORAL COUNSELING/Rock
The fundamental counseling course in the ministry field. The lecture, demonstration and laboratory approach is designed to enable the person in ministry to articulate a pastoral-theological framework for counseling, to develop skills in helping relationships and to make effective decisions regarding referral.

CM512 ADVANCED PASTORAL COUNSELING/Rader
A course for developing skills in the integration of theology, psychological theory, and pastoral counseling relationships, utilizing seminar discussions, reality practice, and actual case material. CM510 is prerequisite.

CM514 ORIENTATION TO MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELING/Rock
This course is designed to increase the participant's ability to build effective communication patterns in marital or premarital relationships and to enable the person in ministry to develop counseling and enrichment strategies for couples and for families. Whenever possible, spouses are encouraged to take the course with the student. Single students or married students without spouses should consult with the instructor prior to registration. CM510 or permission of the instructor is a prerequisite for this course for all students.

CM530 THE PRACTICE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN A CONGREGATION/Stewart
A study and practice of a variety of methods used in Christian education in the church. Includes ideas for confirmation, action reflection models, and retreats. (1985-86)

CM532 FAITH DEVELOPMENT AND RELIGIOUS ENCULTURATION/Stewart
A practicum on how Christian faith is nurtured and developed. Students develop an integrated program for faith development as they examine the church's rites and rituals, observance of the church year, intergenerational interactions and their relation to sanctification and religious enculturation. (1985-86)

CM533 EQUIPPING FOR SHARED MINISTRY/Stewart
Equips laity for ministry through a shared ministry approach.

CM550 PASTORAL CARE PREACHING/Wilterdink
Study and practice of preaching to particular needs within a congregation. Two credit hours.

CM551 EXPOSITORY SERIES PREACHING/Wilterdink
Study and practice of preaching through a book of the Bible. Two credit hours.

CM552 CATECHETICAL PREACHING/Cruz
Study and practice of doctrinal preaching, with particular reference to the use of the Heidelberg Catechism. Two credit hours.
CM553 PREACHING THE CHURCH YEAR/Cruz
Study and practice of preaching according to the lectionary of the church year. Each student will design one year of preaching. Two credit hours.

CM570 SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND GUIDANCE/Bennink
An experiential course in which students develop the disciplines necessary for growth in the Spirit through journal writing, prayer and meditation and develop ways to act as spiritual directors for others.

CM572 EVANGELISM IN THE LOCAL CHURCH/Beukema
A biblical, theological and practical study of the place of evangelism in the local church. Special attention will be given to the nature of evangelism, the development of congregational styles of evangelism, the mission structure of the local church, a survey and evaluation of current church growth principles, and the assimilation and discipleship of new members. (1985-86)

CM574 CHURCH ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNMENT/Wilterdink
Principles and practice of organization, management, and leadership in the church; principles and practice of church government; principles and practice of parliamentary procedure.

CM590 SENIOR SEMINAR IN MINISTRY/Wilterdink
To provide opportunity for senior students to integrate biblical, theological, and historical understandings with their grasp of pastoral and pedagogical principles, and to express this integration in the actual practice of ministry.

CM610 MINISTRY IN GROUP RELATIONSHIPS/Rock
An exploration of the way people learn to live and work together in the covenant community. The pastor, director of religious education, or church worker develops theory and skill as an enabler of ministry by the laity in the contemporary world through experiences in group relationships. (1984-85)

CM611 ADVANCED GROUP LEADERSHIP/CM Field
Selected students will be invited by the instructors to assist in facilitating courses in group dynamics, religious education, and field education reflection groups. While assisting the instructor, participants in this course will engage in their own study and/or research of group dynamics, leadership, and participant roles. (By permission of instructor)

CM614 BASIC CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION/Bennink
One quarter of basic clinical pastoral education accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education may be taken for academic credit in addition to the Supervised Ministry credit which is granted. (See statement under Supervised Ministry in the catalog.) An additional three hours may be granted for students enrolled in a clinical pastoral education internship. Six credit hours.

CM615 ADVANCED CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION
All C.P.E. beyond the first quarter will receive three hours credit.

CM616 MINISTRY WITH THE AGING/Bennink
An explanation of the dynamics of aging with emphasis on the abilities of older persons within the life of the church. An experience-based component will include involvement in local nursing homes and congregations. Two credit hours.

CM617 FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY/Bennink
An examination of various programs and models for family enrichment, growth, and counseling in the local parish. Two credit hours.

CM633 CHRISTIAN MINISTRY WITH YOUTH/Schmidt
A practicum treating the development and religious needs of youth and ways to design, resource, and implement youth ministry in the congregation. Two credit hours.

CM634 CHRISTIAN MINISTRY WITH ADULTS/Hoekstra
A practicum enabling students to design and administer a lay education program in a congregation in light of developmental and religious needs for adults. Two credit hours.

CM638 SEMINAR IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION RESEARCH/Stewart
Students doing exceptional work in Christian education are invited to engage in research. Six to eight credit hours. (1985-86)
Master of Religious Education
Course Descriptions

EM410 ORIENTATION SEMINAR/Stewart/Coughenour/Bruggink
An introduction to the program’s major emphasis for the year. Students do required reading before the seminar. Papers and/or exams are required. The emphasis for 1984 is on a theology of equipping for shared ministry: the nature and purpose of church and ministry, gifts of Holy Spirit, and the ministry of laos. Seminar meets annually the last week of August. Three credit hours.

EM420 CANDIDATES SEMINAR
For 1984 the Orientation Seminar and the Candidates Seminar will meet together. See EM410 for description. Three credit hours.

EM430 CANDIDATES SEMINAR/Stewart/Coughenour/Brown
A situational designed course for students in their last year of the program. Seminar meets annually the last week of August. Four credit hours.

EM411 BIBLICAL-THEOLOGICAL STUDIES/Coughenour
Emphasis on the biblical and extra-biblical interpretations of the Kingdom of God and the implications of the Kingdom for ministry. Four credit hours.

EM412 BIBLICAL-THEOLOGICAL STUDIES/Coughenour
Biblical interpretation and imagination and developing a working knowledge of Hebrew. Four credit hours.

EM413 BIBLICAL-THEOLOGICAL STUDIES/Dannemiller
A study of Luke and Acts with particular attention to the work of the Holy Spirit. Four credit hours.

EM414 BIBLICAL-THEOLOGICAL STUDIES/Karsen
A study of the Common Lectionary passages as foundation for the course “Equipping for Worship and Celebration of the Church Year.” Four credit hours.

EM415 and EM416 BIBLICAL-THEOLOGICAL STUDIES/Staff
To be announced. Four credit hours.

EM441 to EM448 MINISTRY UNITS I-VII/Stewart/Brown
Eight ministry units or their equivalents are required for In-Ministry units of study that are related to students’ jobs.

EM471 EQUIPPING FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND CHURCH RENEWAL/Stewart
Students develop a discipline for spiritual formation and learn ways of guidance that enable personal and church renewal. Four credit hours.

EM472 EQUIPPING FOR PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING/Rock
See CM510 for description.

EM473 EQUIPPING FOR SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES/Staff
Through small group experiences students learn principles of leading small groups and equipping others to do so. Four credit hours.

EM474 EQUIPPING FOR WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION OF THE CHURCH YEAR/Bruggink/Stewart
Students will develop skills for equipping others for worship leadership and for the celebration of the Church Year through worship, education, and mission. Four credit hours.

EM475 EQUIPPING FOR EVANGELISM/Van Engen
Students experience different approaches to evangelism, and learn how to administer a ministry of evangelism. Four credit hours.

EM476 EQUIPPING FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION AND DISCIPLESHIP/Brown
Students will learn to administer and equip leaders for enabling the Christian formation and discipleship of a congregation. Four credit hours.
Supervised Ministry

Director of Supervised Ministry
Professor Richard J. Bennink

Philosophy of Supervised Ministry

One way in which Western Theological Seminary has defined itself is as a "Graduate Professional School." This designation implies that the curriculum of this school will not be sufficient if it is concerned only to transmit a body of knowledge, or if it is content only to train students in a pattern of skills. In other words, we understand our task to be concerned with the whole person, and more specifically with the stages of his or her transformation from lay person into professional.

Thus, it is not sufficient for theological education to concern itself solely with the fund of knowledge and its derivative skills. The goals of our curriculum include the development in the student of (1) a thorough grasp of the content areas in biblical and theological study which underlie ministry; (2) efficiency in the academic and pastoral skills of ministry; (3) a strong sense of vocation or calling to enter the ministry; (4) a sense of professional identity and commitment to the work of ministry; (5) an understanding and acceptance of the institutions within which ministry occurs; (6) a sense of identification with the values and norms of ministry; (7) acceptance of the ability to exercise the authority adhering to the office of ministry; (8) personal maturity and sensitivity.

Many of these goals cannot be accomplished solely in the classroom and library of a theological seminary. An effective system of Supervised Ministry is necessary in order to assure adequate exposure of students to effective role models in the person of practicing members of the profession, and to the organizational and institutional structures of the church. Supervised Ministry is an integral component of the training process and is concerned not only with the development of competence in ministry but also with the service to the church and the community.

Supervised Ministry Curriculum

1. Master of Divinity Degree

In order to graduate with an M.Div. degree a student must complete eight hours of Supervised Ministry courses. Up to twelve hours may be applied to the 144 required hours for graduation. SM410 and SM561 are required. The remaining must be one full-time assignment (SM541/542 or SM551/552 or SM661) plus one or more concurrent hours (SM511, 512, 513), preferably during the middle year. Supervised Ministry courses are graded on a pass/no credit basis.

2. Master of Religious Education Degree

A minimum of five hours of Supervised Ministry is required for graduation from the In-Residence MRE degree program. Required are SM541 (3 hours) and a two-hour concurrent assignment (SM512).

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

SM410 INTRODUCTION TO THE CHURCH AND ITS MINISTRIES (Required) 1 hour
This is a field-based educational experience intended to develop a student's self-awareness as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and to become acquainted with the varieties of ministries to which he or she as a professional may respond to the call to minister in Christ's
name. During the first year the student observes various congregations and pastors, as well as specialized ministries, in order to supplement and broaden previous experiences in the church's life. Students will meet weekly during their first year in a Ministry Colloquy led by the Director of Supervised Ministry. This meeting provides an opportunity for discussion of issues arising from involvements in the "teaching congregations," the nature and mission of the church, the ministry as a profession, as well as concerns related to the theological education process. SM410 is taught in conjunction with CM courses 410, 414, 416, 417, and 418.

SM541 SUMMER MINISTRY PROGRAM (After Junior Year) 3 hours
SM542 SUMMER MINISTRY PROGRAM (After Middler Year) 3 hours

The purpose of this summer program is to provide experiential learning in the practice of professional ministry in the church under supervision. The learning contract between the student, the teaching church, and the supervising pastor is established and coordinated by the Director of Supervised Ministry.

SM511 CONCURRENT PRAXIS (4-7 hours per week: 1 hour)
SM512 CONCURRENT PRAXIS (8-11 hours per week: 2 hours)
SM513 CONCURRENT PRAXIS (12-15 hours per week: 3 hours)

Courses taught in conjunction with a concurrent assignment which occur in a variety of parishes or church agencies. Students meet in colloquies once a week each quarter to explore, evaluate, reflect, and supervise ministry situations which arise in the field experiences, using their individually constructed learning covenants as a focus for growth and development.

SM561 STUDENT PREACHING (Required) 1 hour

During the middler and senior years the student is expected to conduct two preaching services each quarter. These will be evaluated by lay persons and the professor of preaching.

SM551 INTERNSHIP (Nine Months) 6 hours
SM552 INTERNSHIP (Twelve Months) 8 hours

An internship is a full-time experiential learning program which places students in parishes or church agencies under trained supervisors. Supervising pastors and participating congregations or agencies are selected on the basis of their commitment to the professional education of the ministry as well as the opportunities for learning within the setting. A training workshop is held for supervising pastors prior to their receiving an intern and an orientation seminar is held for the students before beginning their assignments.

SM661 CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION 3 hours

One unit of basic C.P.E. in a center accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education may be taken during the summer after the middler year or during the third quarter of the academic year. (Occasionally students on an internship participate in an extended C.P.E. program, meeting once a week in centers near their assignment.) One quarter of SM661 will be granted three hours credit, plus an additional six hours of CM614 credit as either a letter grade or pass/no credit. All C.P.E. beyond the first quarter will receive three hours credit (CM615).

SM615 PRACTICUM IN SUPERVISED MINISTRY

Variable credit: 1-3 hours

Practicums are designed to meet the need of students desiring to minister in specialized settings. The courses are self-designed learning opportunities negotiated between the student and the Director of Supervised Ministry as well as between the student and the setting of ministry.

Community Services Unit, Holland Police Department
Pastoral Care in the Hospital
Pastoral Care in the Nursing Home
Pastoral Care with Exceptional Persons
Christian Education Workshops
Awards

The awards described below are presented to their recipients at an annual Awards Assembly in May. Award winners are determined by the faculty.

**BIBLICAL FIELD**

The George Nathan Makely Awards in New Testament Language and Literature are given to those students who have secured the highest grades in BF411 and BF412. First and second prizes.

The George Nathan Makely Awards in Old Testament Language and Literature are given to those students who have secured the highest grades in BF414 and BF415. First and second prizes.

The Lewis De Kleine Awards in English Bible are given to those students who have secured the highest grades in BF417 and BF418. First and second prizes.

The Seminary Award in Advanced New Testament Language and Exegesis is given to the student who has submitted the best paper of high merit as determined by the field.

The Seminary Award in Advanced Old Testament Language and Exegesis is given to the student who has submitted the best paper of high merit as determined by the field.

Competition in the areas of advanced study above is open to students who have completed the first-year courses in the field. Papers must be submitted by March 15 of the current academic year and must meet the requirements set by the field. (N.B. A student may submit a paper written for a 500-600 level course or the professor may suggest a student submission.)

The American Bible Society Award is given to the graduating student in the M.R.E. and M.Div. programs who has done outstanding work in biblical studies.

**THEOLOGICAL FIELD**

The Samuel Vander Ploeg Award in Church History is given to the student who has submitted the best paper of high merit as determined by the field.

The George Nathan Makely Award in Systematic Theology is given to the student who has submitted the best paper of high merit as determined by the field.

The Seminary Award in Christian Ethics is given to the student who has submitted the best paper of high merit as determined by the field.

Competition for the above awards is open to students who have completed their first year of seminary studies. Papers must be submitted by March 15 of the current academic year and must meet the requirements set by the field. (N.B. A student may submit a paper written for a 500-600 level course or the professor may suggest a student submission.)

The Baker Book House Award is given to a graduating student in the M.Div. or M.R.E. program who has done outstanding work in theological studies.
CHRISTIAN MINISTRY FIELD

The George Nathan Makely Awards in Worship Content (first and second prizes) are given to those graduating students in the M.R.E. and M.Div. programs who have done outstanding work in chapel leadership, preaching courses, and supervised ministry assignments as determined by the field.

The George Nathan Makely Awards in Worship Leadership (first and second prizes) are given to those graduating students in the M.R.E. and M.Div. program who have done outstanding work in chapel leadership, preaching courses, and supervised ministry assignments as determined by the field.

The Seminary Award in Christian Education is given to the student who has best executed the task or project as determined by the field.

The Seminary Award in Pastoral Care and Counseling is given to the student who has best executed the task or project as determined by the field.

Competition for the two Seminary Awards is open to students who have completed their first year of seminary studies. Task or project reports must be submitted by March 15 of the current academic year and must meet the requirements set by the field. (N.B. A student may submit a task or project report written for a 500-600 level course or the professor may suggest a student submission.)

SPECIAL SENIOR AWARDS

The Henry J. Pietenpol Senior Excellence Award is given to the graduating student in the M.Div. and M.R.E. programs who demonstrates unusual promise of effectiveness in ministry. The decision is made by the seminary faculty.

The John and Mattie Osterhaven Graduate Fellowship Award is given to a graduating student, or students, for post-graduate work in a branch of the theological curriculum. Such study is to be entered upon in the academic year following graduation from the seminary. The applicant must intend to serve the Reformed Church in America in some form of ministerial or missionary activity. The applicant must have spent a minimum of five quarters in study at this seminary and achieved a grade point average of at least 3.5. An application must be submitted in writing to the secretary of the faculty by April 15. It shall state how the award is to be used, where the study will be done, and the branch of study projected. In selecting a recipient, or recipients, of the award, the faculty bases its decision on the applicants' scholarship, personal character, and potential usefulness in the church. If an award is not made, its monetary value may be added to the award in the following year. The recipient of an award shall receive the grant at the time graduate study is begun.
Each year a committee arranges for a series of lectures by distinguished theologians from this country and abroad. Scholars, authors, and leaders in the world church come to Western's campus. The guest lecturers are available for discussion and consultation with students and faculty.

Dr. Heiko Oberman, Professor of History of Dogma, University of Tübingen, Germany: "Luther Encounters the Devil"

Fall Institute: "Journeys in Peace," in collaboration with the School for Ministry, Ann Arbor, and the Grand Rapids Area Center for Ecumenism

Lecturers: Dr. Vernon Grounds, President Emeritus, Conservative Baptist Seminary, Denver, Colorado; Dr. Richard Mouw, Professor of Philosophy, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan; The Rev. Robert White, Minister for Social Witness, Reformed Church in America

Mission Symposium on Cross Cultural Evangelism: Moderator, Dr. Eugene Heideman, Secretary for Program, The General Council, RCA

The Rev. and Mrs. Vern Sterk, Chiapas, Mexico

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Van Engen, Chiapas, Mexico

Sandra Bowden, artist from New York and member of the art faculty, College of St. Rose, Albany, N.Y.: "A Call for the Visual Arts in the Church"

Dr. Sonja Stewart, Associate Professor of Christian Education, Western Theological Seminary: "The Nature of Shared Ministry"

Dr. Dennis Voskuil, Professor of Bible and Religion, Hope College: "The Theology of Robert Schuller"

Dr. Richard Stauffer, Professor of Church History, the Faculty of Protestant Theology in Paris and the Ecole des Hautes of the Sorbonne in Paris: "Calvin and Evangelical Catholicity"

The Rev. A.C. Oommen, Professor of Practical Theology, Union Theological Seminary, Puna, India: "Preaching, Teaching and Healing: The Contemporary Meaning of the Church's World Mission"

Dr. Ulrich Gäbler, Professor of Church History, the Free University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands: "Zwingli and His City"

Dr. Walter Brueggemann, Professor of Old Testament, Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri: Alumni Lecture: "Letting the Text Make Sense" Commencement Address: "A Bilingual Ministry"
November 3, 1983—“Advent and Christmas,” Preaching Seminar; Dr. I. John Hesselink, Dr. Richard Oudersluys

November 10, 1983—Martin Luther Celebration

January 10-February 7, 1984—“A Responsible Look at the Book of Revelation,” Bible Study for Laity (Tuesday evenings); Dr. Virgil Cruz

February 2-February 4, 1984—“Spirituality with a Reformed Accent”; The Reverend Willis Jones

February 7, 1984—“Lent” Preaching Seminar; Dr. Donald Bruggink, Dr. Robert Coughenour

February 28-February 29, 1984—“Using Small Computers in the Church”; Professor John Muether

February 28-March 27, 1984—“Cities of St. Paul” (Tuesday evenings); Dr. Donald Bruggink

March 8, 1984—ARC (Association for Retarded Citizens); Mr. Robert Perske

March 13, 1984—“Faith Development and Implications for Evangelism and Christian Nurture”; Dr. Sharon Parks, Professor of Developmental Psychology and Faith Education, Harvard Divinity School

April 9, 1984—“The Transforming Moment, Understanding Convictional Experiences”; Dr. James Loder, Professor of Practical Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary

April 10-May 8, 1984—“Helping with Depression: Perspectives and Process”; Dr. Robert Brown, Professor of Psychology, Hope College, Holland, Michigan (Tuesday Evenings)

April 26, 1984—Conference for Church Librarians; Professor John Muether
ADMISSIONS

The pre-seminary student should seek a balanced liberal arts program in his or her college studies. The following is suggested as a general guide:

ENGLISH—literature, composition, and related studies. At least four semesters.
SPEECH—at least two semesters.
HISTORY—ancient, modern European, and American. At least three semesters.
PHILOSOPHY—orientation in history, content, and method. At least three semesters.
NATURAL SCIENCES—preferably physics, chemistry, or biology. At least two semesters.
SOCIAL SCIENCES—psychology, sociology, economics, political science, and education. At least six semesters, including a minimum of one semester of psychology.
MANAGEMENT—principles of administration and organization. At least two semesters.
FOREIGN LANGUAGES—Four semesters of Greek should be taken, including two of New Testament Greek. The study of a modern European language such as German or French is desirable, though not required.
RELIGION—Several courses in the study of Christian and non-Christian religions are desirable.

A student should choose a major in a liberal arts subject, giving preference to one of the principal areas above. Majors in specifically scientific or technical subjects sometimes make it difficult for the student to secure the balance needed in the whole program.

The applicant for admission to Western Seminary should request an application form for admission from the dean. That form contains a listing of the various items which must be submitted before the faculty's Admissions Committee can act on the application.

A student coming from another denomination must present a letter from his or her board of ministerial training endorsing theological study whenever such endorsement is part of the standard procedure of that denomination.

A bachelor of arts degree or its academic equivalent from an accredited college or university is required for admission to the seminary. The transcript of the applicant should evidence the kind of academic achievement that indicates ability to undertake study at the seminary level. An average grade of C plus (2.5 on the four point scale) is used as a minimum standard. In exceptional cases a student with a lower grade point average, but with compensatory qualifications, may be admitted on probation. If satisfactory work is done in the first quarter, the status becomes one of good standing. A graduate of a non-accredited college may be admitted on probation and become a student in good standing upon satisfactory completion of the first quarter's work.

Western Seminary admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin, in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.
The student must pass an examination in New Testament Greek during the spring of the senior year of college. Failing this, a concentrated seven-week summer course in Greek may be taken at Western Seminary. Application forms for this non-credit course may be secured from the dean’s office.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

Western Theological Seminary accepts credits secured at other ATS accredited schools. Candidates who seek the M.Div. degree from Western Seminary, however, must earn at least 36 academic quarter credit hours (a nine course equivalent) and at least two hours of supervised ministry credit in residence during the senior year.

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT

Students must meet the seminary’s English language proficiency requirement prior to graduation. Students must either pass an English language proficiency test in their first year or successfully complete a non-credit course in English offered by the seminary. Students may take a maximum of 13 credit hours during the term in which they take the non-credit English course.

GRADING

Academic grades are a permanent part of the student’s seminary record. The work of the student is evaluated on the following grading scale: A—4 grade points per quarter; B—3 points; C—2 points; D—1 point; F—0. For grades with +, add .3 point per quarter hour; — subtract .3 point per quarter hour.

PASS/NO CREDIT

The pass/no credit is limited to elective courses, and its use is at the option of the professor. Students may elect to take such courses on a graded or on a pass/no credit basis. The student’s decision must be made during the first week of the course and the choice is irrevocable. A pass grade represents a grade of C or better.

INCOMPLETES

A student not able to complete all the requirements of a course may submit to the instructor, prior to the end of the quarter, a written request for anIncomplete. The request shall state clearly the reasons justifying it. The instructor determines whether or not the request may be approved. If it is not approved, the student is graded on the basis of course work completed by the end of the quarter. Should the incomplete work constitute a major component of the course requirements, the grade is anF. If the request is approved, the student’s work is to be completed within thirty days after the end of the quarter. The course grade shall be reduced one letter grade, except where the instructor adjudges the reason(s) for the Incomplete to be due to circumstances beyond the student’s control.

NEW TESTAMENT GREEK REQUIREMENT

Entering students who have studied Greek in college are requested to take a qualifying examination in Greek prior to enrollment. Those who pass the qualifying examination are enrolled as either BF410 Review Greek or BF411 Introduction to Exegesis during the first term of the junior year.

Students who cannot pass the qualifying examination are encouraged to take the seminary’s intensive Summer
Greek Program during the summer prior to entrance into the degree program. No academic credit is given for the Summer Greek Program. Only students admitted to a Western Theological Seminary degree program are admitted to the Summer Greek Program.

**PROBATION**

A student entering seminary with an academic grade average of less than 2.5 in undergraduate work, or a student whose grade average falls below a 2.0 in any quarter term while he or she is in seminary, is a marginal student. Work on a grade average below a 2.0 is considered unsatisfactory and the student is placed on probation. If the work is of probationary quality in any three of the first seven quarters of enrollment, or in three quarters in addition to his or her probationary status upon entrance, the student shall be asked to terminate work at the seminary.

In compliance with the U.S. Code, any student receiving Veterans Administration benefits will not be certified to the VA as eligible for financial aid if the student remains on academic probation beyond two terms or beyond one term if the student has been admitted on probation. Recertification is possible if the student veteran has obtained a cumulative 2.0 in the next term after the two terms of probationary status.

A student on probation shall be expected to devote all available time to studying and is therefore relieved from such activities as preaching, teaching, and other responsibilities. The status of the student on probation shall be reviewed by the faculty at the close of each term.

**STUDENT CONDUCT**

In compliance with the U.S. Code (38 U.S.C., 19775-1776), students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the purposes and goals of the seminary. The Standards of Student Tenure recommended by the Association of Theological Schools as well as the conduct outlined in the Reformed Church in America, Book of Church Order, Chapter I, Part II, Article 8:1-6 are the standards of the seminary. Should a student be dismissed for reasons of unsatisfactory conduct, reinstatement is possible by renewing application to a degree program according to the policy stated in Section VII of the Faculty and Administration Handbook.

**WITHDRAWAL AND REFUNDS**

Formal application for withdrawal from courses or from the seminary during the course of any term must be made to the Academic Dean. A student withdrawing from school must also have an exit interview with the V.P. for Business and Finance. A student who withdraws from the seminary without the consent of the Academic Dean is not entitled to receive any refund of tuition or issuance of transcript.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Any student who does not enroll at the seminary for a term or more must officially withdraw. Former students not enrolled with the academic year must apply to the Academic Dean for permission to reenroll.
STUDENT CODE NUMBERS
Each student receives a number from the dean's office to be used in place of his or her name on major tests and examinations or at the discretion of the teacher.

THE PROFESSORIAL CERTIFICATE
The candidate for the ministry in the Reformed Church in America is required to secure, in addition to the degree of Master of Divinity, the Professorial Certificate. That certificate, granted by vote of the faculty, is awarded at commencement to those Reformed Church candidates who, having received the academic degree, are found to be qualified, and are adjudged to be fit candidates for the gospel ministry (The Government of the Reformed Church in America, Part II, Art. 8, Sec. 6). The Professorial Certificate entitles the candidate to an examination for licensure and ordination in the Reformed Church.

PLACEMENT
Graduates of the seminary are assisted by the Director of Placement in securing their first fields of service. The Government of the Reformed Church stipulates, however, that those graduates who have secured the Professorial Certificate and have been licensed by their classes remain under the immediate direction of such classes until ordination is completed (Part II, Art. 10, Sec. 2). The seminary is assistant, then, to the classes and such denominational agencies as have a primary responsibility in the matter of placement.
The Beardslee Library

A dynamic theological library is a system of information, facilities, persons, equipment, and relationships. At Western Seminary, the John Walter Beardslee Library attempts to be just such a system.

BEARDSLEE LIBRARY IS INFORMATION.
Its resources include more than 85,000 books, and files of over 800 periodicals, 500 of which are current subscriptions. A large collection of photographic slides depicts archaeology, church history, church art and architecture. The Kolkman Memorial Archives preserve letters and papers which document the history of the Reformed Church in America and of Western Seminary, as well as the lives and labors of men and women influential in the mission and ministry of the church.

BEARDSLEE LIBRARY IS FACILITIES.
The Cook Center for Theological Research, in which the Library is housed, provides an environment planned especially for serious theological study. Comfort and quiet are the intended functions of the interior design. Large, well-lit study carrels are placed adjacent to windows around the perimeter of each stack floor. In addition, each floor is furnished with a table for cooperative study and with lounge chairs for relaxed reading. A seminar room, rest-room, and enclosed study (for typing or for previewing audio-visual materials) are also located on each floor. Three video-education studios, a control room, and a microform reading room complete the building’s facilities.

BEARDSLEE LIBRARY IS PERSONS.
The staff of the library views library service as a form of ministry. Their goal is to provide such information and assistance as is necessary to assure library users fast, effective access to the information most useful to them. The staff is augmented by student assistants and by student library attendants.

BEARDSLEE LIBRARY IS EQUIPMENT.
From computer terminals to paper cutters and from pencil sharpeners to video-cassette recorders, the library is equipped with the hardware necessary to facilitate theological learning. Microfiche and microfilm readers, cassette players, typewriters and slide projectors are all items in the equipment inventory of the library.

BEARDSLEE LIBRARY IS RELATIONSHIPS.
The library is not merely a warehouse of information; it is a door that opens the bibliographic universe for its patrons, providing access to resources beyond its own collection. For this reason, it participates in several cooperative networks serving the Calvin Theological Seminary, the city of Holland’s Herrick Public Library, and with Hope College’s Van Zoeren Library. Beardslee Library is an institutional member of the American Library Association, the Michigan Library Consortium (giving it access to over 10 million bibliographic records from the OCLC database), the Kent-Ottawa Academic Library Association, the Chicago Area Theological Library Association, and the Presbyterian-Reformed Library Association.
ORIENTATION

An orientation for all students is held at one of the beautiful Reformed Church campsites. At the beginning of each school year students, faculty, and seminary staff meet for discussion, social, and athletic activities. New students are introduced to the seminary’s history and traditions, various aspects of seminary life, and the use of the seminary facilities. The orientation period is concluded with a worship service in Mulder Chapel on the Sunday prior to the beginning of class sessions on the next day.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

The spiritual life of the seminary community is encouraged and developed in many ways. The deepening of personal faith and life in Christ is sought through communal worship and service, as well as through accent on the spiritual development of persons. Emphasis is placed on the practice of prayer as a main resource in learning to know the mind and spirit of Christ. Chapel services, led by faculty, students, and visitors to the campus, are held each morning. Special preaching services, conducted by visiting ministers and others, are held from time to time for the benefit of the whole community.

SOCIAL LIFE

The social life of the seminary community is promoted throughout the year in many ways. Faculty, students, and staff enjoy a coffee hour together every morning, after chapel. An all-seminary luncheon is held bi-weekly in the seminary Commons. Much of the social life is planned by committees of the Student Council and includes parties, suppers, athletic activities, and activities away from the campus.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council provides the structure through which the goals of student life and community can be realized. These include expressions of the student community in fellowship, academic concerns, common worship, involvement in mission, social action and interseminary exchange. The Council is composed of representatives from each of the classes. Two faculty members serve in an advisory relationship. Meetings are held biweekly during the academic year. Members of the Student Council have representatives on the Curriculum, Lecture, and Orientation committees of the faculty.

ADELPHIA SOCIETY

The Adelphia Society seeks to unite all the women of the seminary community for the purpose of making Christ known in the world, to deepen the spiritual life of each of the members, and to develop a sense of personal responsibility for the whole mission of the church through a program of prayer, education, giving, and service. The Society holds meetings usually on Monday evenings. At least one meeting a month of the entire group is held in the seminary Commons. Other meetings are conducted in the homes of the women.

COUNSELING SERVICES

The seminary provides an intensive counseling service for the benefit of students and their spouses. Professors
Stanley Rock and Richard Bennink are available for personal and family counseling.* In addition, effort is made for the participation of students and their spouses in a variety of support groups throughout the year. Such groups have dealt with: marriage enrichment, the role of the minister's wife, the special needs of parents and children during the pre-school years, and the concerns of singles and women in the ministry. Other support and fellowship groups have formed as students and faculty have taken initiative together, seeking to strengthen each other in Christian faith and Christian community.

*Students matriculating in any of the degree programs may avail themselves of the counseling services. Special students taking less than three courses each term may use the counseling services at a stated fee as time is available.

**POIEMA**

The *Poiema* is a publication of the seminary student body, under the auspices of the Student Expression Committee.

**THE REFORMED REVIEW**

The *Reformed Review* is a publication of the seminary which appears three times a year and features articles of biblical and theological interest. The Review has a circulation of 2,400 at home and abroad. Lay persons, as well as clergy, read it regularly. One of its helpful features is its section on book reviews where current publications of a biblical or theological nature are treated.

**WESTERN SEMINARY RESOURCES: Bridging Scholarship and Ministry**

A new series of publications in 1984-85 seeks to remain close to the church and her pastoral leadership by providing biblical-theological and ministry-related scholarship for use in ministry.
Financial Information
Academic Year 1984-85

Tuition and Fee Schedule
M.Div., M.R.E., TH.M.
(For 1984-85 year only)

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Charges for credit hours are applicable to degree program, non-degree student, auditing, and supervised ministry. Charges for non-credit courses include English, application, matriculation, registration, graduation, activities, noon luncheon, and summer Greek courses. Regional fees for certain courses are permitted to spouses of full-time degree students by application to the dean.

D.Min. Program
The tuition charge is $3,600 for the three-year program, plus a $30 entrance registration fee and a $20 diploma and graduation fee. The student makes an agreement with the V.P. for Business and Finance concerning a schedule of payments.

A continuation fee of $400 is charged for each additional year beyond the first three years in the program.

The seminary does not provide financial aid for students in the Doctor of Ministry program.

Housing
The seminary owns thirteen houses comprising twenty-two apartments that are available to students. One home is provided to accommodate single students, and in addition, two of the apartments are small efficiency units that are also available for single students. Students are responsible for making their own housing arrangements.

Departure
If a student leaves the seminary, he or she is required to pay all outstanding financial obligations, which include bookstore bills, housing rent, tuition and fees, library fines, and group insurance premiums. A repayment agreement for any outstanding loans with the seminary must also be executed prior to departure. Diplomas of graduating students will be withheld until all financial obligations with the seminary have been discharged.

Bookstore
The seminary bookstore is in operation during the school year. Required textbooks are available, most of them at a
discount. A maximum line of credit of $150 is available to students and can be arranged at the business office.

INSURANCE

Students should carry adequate hospitalization and life insurance for themselves and their families. The seminary makes available to all students a group medical plan and a group life insurance plan. Students become eligible on September 1. No examinations are required during the application period, which ends September 30 of the year of matriculation. Descriptive brochures are available upon request.

STUDENT AID

The programs of student aid at Western Seminary are designed to help students meet their minimum educational expenses as they prepare for Christian ministry. Students should carefully plan their finances in order to meet the cost of attendance. Students and their families are expected to provide a major share of their expenses. The estimated total cost for nine months for single students is about $5,600 and about $9,000 for married students.

If students cannot meet their total expected expenses for the year with equivalent income, savings, parental help, and assistance from home churches, they should request a financial analysis form from the seminary. It includes estimated income and expenses for the coming school year. Based upon need as indicated by the analysis, a program of financial aid consisting of work scholarships and loans can be arranged when the student arrives. The completed analysis application must be returned to the seminary by September 10 of the academic year.
Scholarship Funds,
Grants, and Loans

James and Margaret Wayer Fund
Presidential tuition scholarships, based on academic excellence, are granted each year to the highest ranking students in the entering junior class, and in the middler and senior classes.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ridder, Sr. Fund
Presidential tuition scholarships, based on academic excellence, are granted each year to the highest ranking students in the entering junior class, and in the middler and senior classes.

Linnea Nelson Scholarship Fund
Tuition scholarships, based on academic excellence, are granted each year to the highest ranking students in the entering junior class, and/or in the middler and senior classes.

Robert L. Wade and Lyda H. Wade Memorial Scholarship Fund
Tuition scholarships are granted each year by the Administration.

Cornelius and Delia Ooms Memorial Scholarship Fund
Tuition scholarships, granted to students of the Ross Reformed Church, Gray, Ind., or of the Illiana Classis, or as named by the Administration.

Lucille B. Van Heest Memorial Fund
Tuition scholarships, based on academic excellence and demonstrated need.

Jacob J. Prins Memorial Fund
Tuition scholarships, granted to students from backgrounds such as Annville, Kentucky; Brewton, Alabama; Hispanic, Black, American Indian; severely handicapped, severely educationally restricted, and who have demonstrated financial need.

George C. and Clara G. Arnold Memorial Fund
Tuition scholarships, based on academic excellence and demonstrated need.

Gano, Trinity, and United Reformed Churches Scholarship Fund
Tuition scholarships, based on academic excellence and demonstrated need.

Hebrew Evangelization Society, Inc., Los Angeles, Theological Scholarships
Tuition scholarships granted each year by the administration to full-time M.Div. students committed to the ministry, based on demonstrated need.

Ella Jungling Scholarship Fund
Tuition scholarships granted each year by the administration.

Faith Reformed Church of Zeeland, Michigan Scholarship Fund
Scholarship granted to students from Faith Reformed Church, or of the Zeeland Classis, or as named by the administration.
Cornelia Dalenberg Scholarship Fund

Overseas students or students committed to mission service.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. H. Van Lierop Memorial Scholarship Fund

Tuition scholarships based on academic excellence and demonstrated need.

Other Domestic Scholarship Funds

Gertrude Dosker Meyer Memorial Fund; Hispanic Scholarship Fund; Marble Men's League Foundation Scholarship, Marble Collegiate Church, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Lyle De Haan Scholarship Fund; Middle Collegiate Church Scholarship Fund, New York; Woodmar Reformed Church Memorial Scholarship Fund.

International Student Scholarship Funds

Gilbert, Mina, and Margaret Vander Broek Memorial Fund; Nellis and Pearl Wagner Overseas Graduate Student Scholarship Fund; First Reformed Church of Holland, Michigan Foreign Student Scholarship Fund; Dr. and Mrs. Ben Hekhuis Foreign Students Scholarship Fund; the John Rose Foreign Scholarship Fund; Wilma Piet Memorial Scholarship Fund; Western Seminary Scholarship to one overseas student annually under appointment by the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, Geneva, Switzerland.

Peter C. Cook Management Seminar Grants

Grants to senior students underwriting their travel expenses to attend the Institute for Successful Church Leadership at the Crystal Cathedral Congregation, Garden Grove, California.

LIBRARY MEMORIAL FUNDS

Lena Kolkman Memorial Fund (for archives); John P. Luidens and G. John Kooiker Memorial Fund (for books). Lewis Scudder Memorial Fund (for books on Middle East study and missions).

Student Loan Funds

Church Agency Loan Fund; the Reverend Donald Boyce Memorial Loan Fund; John De Haan Student Loan Fund; National Direct Student Loan Fund (NDSL); Western Theological Seminary Memorial Loan Fund, including the following memorial funds in the names of: John Benes, George R. Brandt, Francis and Reina De Jong, Nettie De Jong, Clarence Denekas, John Den Ouden, H. John Hoffs, Henry Huenemann, Marguarite E. Kinkema, Fanny Lugwig, Herman and Helen Meurs, Henry Mollema, Albertus Pieters, Rens Van Westenburg, Henry and Minnie Ten Clay, Sr., Fanny Vande Bunte, Robert and Samuel Vander Ploeg, Lucille B. Van Heest, First Reformed Church, Ravenna, Michigan; Anonymous Donor
Farewell to Dr. and Mrs. John Piet

February 20, 1983
DOCTOR OF MINISTRY
David Paul Breen

May 16, 1983
MASTER OF DIVINITY
Joseph Vincent Bliss
Timothy John Boeve
Paul Lloyd Bradford
Gary Lee DeWitt
Mark Kenneth Heijerman
Lary Douglas Jackson
Ronald K. Kelley
Randall Paul Knoll

Thomas Allen Kragt
Keith Lynn Lohman
Vernon Wayne McNear, II
Keith Alan Reiter
Clyde Henry Rensink
David Herbert Ruisard
Gary J. Westra

MASTER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Gale Rae Hoekstra

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY
Gordon Dale Laman

CERTIFICATE OF THE SEMINARY
Devasirvatham Paul David
Moiefe Stephen Lekalakala

August 1, 1983
MASTER OF DIVINITY
Joshua Ngwenya

May 14, 1984
MASTER OF DIVINITY
Liala Ritsema Beukema
Verlyn Dale Boone
Wendell Lee Brenneman
Jonathan C. Brownson
Mark Davis Bush
Miriam Baar Bush
Timothy B. Bush
Stuart E. Clark
John David DeHaan
Keith Dragt
Neva J. Evenhouse
James Norman Foster
Wesley Granberg-Michaelson

Shinji Kawano
Keith Lewis Krebs
Kenneth Williams Kuiper
Louis Edward LaFountain, Jr.
Mark Alan Minegar
Michael Pierce
Robert Nathan Post
Carol Bechtel Reynold
Ruth Zwald Staal
David Frederick Stout
Cornelius H. J. Van Kempen
Leigh Boelkins Van Kempen
R. James Van Zetten
Randal Jay Wieland

MASTER OF THEOLOGY
Siskus Manabung
Paul Adriaan Yohan Waney
Chi Shou Yang

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY
Robert P. Huizenga
Richard Kenneth Knowles
David R. Zachrich
# Directory of Students, 1983-84

## MASTER OF DIVINITY CANDIDATES

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New students 1983-84

R. Van Rathbun .......................... B.A., Hope College, 1981
Fremont, Mich.

Stanley Seagren ............................. B.A., Cornell College, Iowa, 1978
Villa Park, Ill.

Jack Teitsma .............................. B.A., Grand Rapids Baptist College, 1981
Grand Rapids, Mich.

John Tousley .............................. B.A., Hope College, 1981

Burt C. Twomey ............................. B.A., Hope College, 1981
Holland, Mich.

Mark Vanderson ............................. B.A., Michigan State University, 1981
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Michael Van Hamersveld ............................. B.A., Northwestern University, 1975
Kalamazoo, Mich.

M.B.A., University of Michigan, 1977

SCUPE
Lisa Beukema ..................................... B.A., Augustana College, 1979
Kankakee, Ill.

Roger Nelson ..................................... B.A., Northwestern College, 1982
Orange City, Iowa

MIDDERS
Jone Bosch ..................................... B.A., Calvin College, 1972
Holland, Mich.

B.A., Hope College, 1979

David Cheadle ..................................... B.A., Hope College, 1982
Nunica, Mich.

Carl Czirr .............................. B.A., Hope College, 1982

Mary Fitzgerald ..................................... B.A., Calvin College, 1971
Richland, Mich.

M.A., Western Michigan University, 1972

R. Scott Fletcher ............................. B.A., Hope College, 1979
Holland, Mich.

Gregory Fredrick ............................. B.A., John Wesley, Owosso, 1976

Taylor Holbrook ............................. B.A., Hope College, 1980
Westwood, N.J.

Kevin Kleinhkezel ............................. B.A., Hope College, 1982
Holland, Mich.

Mical Pugh ............................. B.A., Hope College, 1982
Paw Paw, Mich.

Robyn Saylor ............................. B.A., Michigan State University, 1982
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Randall Schreurs ............................. B.A., Northwestern College, 1982
Oostburg, Wis.

Dann Stouten ............................. Hope College
Grandville, Mich.

Davenport College

Dewey Thompson ............................. B.A., Hope College, 1978
Grand Haven, Mich.

J. Jeffrey Tyler ............................. B.A., Hope College, 1982
Kalamazoo, Mich.

Arthur VanderMeulen ............................. B.A., Hope College, 1982
Brooklin, Ontario

Bruce VanDusseldorp ............................. B.A., Central College, 1974
Knoxville, Iowa

Harlan VanOort ............................. B.A., Northwestern College, 1982
Denver, Colo.

Donald VanSlyke ............................. B.A., Michigan State University, 1978

Marjorie Warner ............................. B.A., George Washington University, 1965
Muskegon, Mich.

JUNIORS
Susan Bennett ............................. B.A., Montclair State College, 1982
Holland, Mich.

Glen Blumer ............................. B.A., Hope College, 1983
Jenison, Mich.

Dawn Boelkins ............................. B.A., Hope College, 1983
Muskegon, Mich.

Holland, Mich.

Russell Camp ............................. B.A., Hope College, 1982
Philadelphia, Penn.

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Timothy Custer  

Richard DeBruyne  

John DeKamp  
Sioux Falls, S. Dak. .............. Sioux Falls College

Terry DeYoung  
South Holland, Ill. .......... B.S., Northern Illinois University, 1978

Scott Eding  

Charles Fles  
Muskegon, Mich. ............... B.A., University of Michigan, 1980

Lorene Geary  
Zeeland, Mich. ................. B.S., University of Michigan, 1960

Roger Grandia  
Ankeny, Iowa ................. B.A., Central College, 1981

Jeffrey Klein  
Lombard, Ill. ............. B.A., Wheaton College, 1982

Scott Lokers  

Tom Ondra  
Holland, Mich. ............... B.A., Central College, 1977

Neal Ooms  
Oak Park, Ill. ............ B.A., Trinity Christian College, 1983

Richard Rockwood  

Steven Rusticus  

Arvin Schoep  
Minneapolis, Minn. ......... B.A., Northwestern College, 1978

Keith Shull  
Lenexa, Kansas ........ B.S., Oklahoma City University, 1981

William Skeeters  
Edmond, Okla. ........... B.B.A., University of Oklahoma, 1973

Steven Slater  
Kalamazoo, Mich. ........ B.A., Michigan State University, 1972

Earl Slotman  
Holland, Mich. ............... B.A., Hope College, 1977

David Tellinghuisen  
Guthrie Center, Iowa .... B.A., Northwestern College, 1983

Douglas Tensen  
Hull, Iowa ................. B.A., Northwestern College, 1980

Thomas Vander Zouwen  
Orange City, Iowa ....... B.A., Grand Valley State Colleges, 1980

Kevin VerHoeven  

James Weener  

Paul Wissink  
Ankeny, Iowa ............... B.A., Northwestern College, 1983

PART-TIME MASTER OF DIVINITY STUDENTS

Linda Bos  
Zeeland, Mich. ................. B.A., Hope College, 1977

Kent Busman  
Zeeland, Mich. ................. B.A., Hope College, 1982

Richard Cook  
Holland, Mich. ............. B.S., University of Michigan, 1967

M.C.E., Western Theological Seminary, 1972

Keith Hesselink  

Paul Ray  

Pamela Russell  
Grand Rapids, Mich. ....... B.S., Michigan State University, 1974

Robin Surridge  
Spring Lake, Mich. ......... B.S., Eastern Michigan University, 1958

Randy Weener  

Carol Westphal  

Colleen Wiessner  

M.P.S., State University of New York, 1979

Edith Winter  
Saugatuck, Mich. ........... B.A., Monmouth College, 1955
MASTER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Laurie Boer  

MarMae Burch  
Hudsonville, Mich. ............. R.N., St. Luke's Hospital  
School of Nursing, 1949

Colette DeNooyer  
Holland, Mich. .................. B.A., University of Michigan, 1973

Judy Faber  

Betty Henderson  

Joyce Kortman  
Holland, Mich. ................. A.A., Davenport College

Lafon Kortman  

Joan Morris  
Jenison, Mich. ................. B.S., Western Michigan University, 1963

Marilyn Norman  
Zeeland, Mich. ................. B.A., Hope College, 1963

Joanne Seppala  
Grand Ledge, Mich. ....... Lansing Business University

Richard Shockey  

Marcia Vandenberg  

Sally Van Eck  
Holland, Mich. .............. B.A., Michigan State University, 1982

Dorothy Van Hamersveld  
Richland, Mich. .............. Calvin College

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROGRAM

Candidates In-Ministry

Rodney Alexander .............. M.Div., Covenant Theological Seminary, 1979

Donald Amidon ................ M.Div., McCormick Theological Seminary, 1963

Robert Berkey ................ B.D., Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 1960

Sherwin Broersma ............ M.Div., Western Theological Seminary, 1963

Gary Burdick ............... M.Div., Princeton Theological Seminary, 1977

Glen Chapman ............... M.Div., Abilene Christian University, 1970

Raymond Clark ............. B.D., Covenant Theological Seminary, 1965

Robert Eggebeen ............ B.D., Western Theological Seminary, 1979

Douglas Fauble ............. M.Div., Calvin Theological Seminary, 1979

Larry Foster ............... M.Div., Lutheran School of Theology, 1969

Carl Gillett ................. M.Div., Chicago Theological Seminary, 1962

Stanley Hagemeyer ............. B.D., Western Theological Seminary, 1965

Donald Hoekstra .......... M.Div., Western Theological Seminary, 1973

Donley Huittink .......... M.Div., Western Theological Seminary, 1974

Willis Jones ............. B.D., Austin Presbyterian Seminary, 1964

Wesley Kiel ............. B.D., Western Theological Seminary, 1957

Robert Livingston ......... M.Div., Western Theological Seminary, 1980

SPECIAL STUDENTS

Harry Boonstra .............. Ph.D., Loyola University, 1973

Merlin Buhl ................. B.A., Hope College, 1983

Jay Lindell ................. B.A., Hope College, 1981

Ronald Luchies ............. B.A., Calvin College, 1975

M.Div., Calvin Seminary, 1981

Cheryl Mansen .............. B.A., University of Montana, 1972

Kevin Morris .............. A.B., University of Michigan, 1962

Betty Morrison .............. B.S., Ursinus College, 1983

Jeffrey Munroe .............. B.A., Michigan State University, 1980

John Ratmeyer .............. B.S., Hope College, 1983

Darlys Topp .............. B.A., California State University, Sacramento, 1973

M.A., California State University, Sacramento, 1975

Mary Jo Waters .............. B.S., Missouri University, 1965

M.A., St. Louis University, 1976
Cleo Ludwick ... M.Div., Western Theological Seminary, 1978
Daniel Miller ...... M.Div., Asbury Theological Seminary, 1971
Rodney Otto ........ M.Div., Concordia Seminary, 1969
William Peake ... M.Div., Dubuque Theological Seminary, 1980
Howard Schipper ...... B.D., Western Theological Seminary, 1964
John Tien ......... B.D., Western Theological Seminary, 1964
                   Th.M., Chicago Theological Seminary, 1967
                   M.A., Western Michigan University, 1978
Charles Wiessner ..... M.Div., Western Theological Seminary, 1978
Leon White ...... B.D., Princeton Theological Seminary, 1963
PRELIMINARY APPLICATION
FOR ADMISSION
WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
HOLLAND, MICHIGAN 49423

Date __________________________________ Phone __________________________________

Name in Full ________________________________________________________________

Home address ______________________________________________________________

Present address ______________________________________________________________

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_________________________________________ Degree ____________ Year __________

(Theological Seminary) 19____ to 19____

_________________________________________ Degree ____________ Year __________

(other) 19____ to 19____

I make preliminary application for admission to the

☐ Junior ☐ Middler ☐ Senior (class) ☐ Special Student status

I wish to matriculate in the:

a. Master of Divinity degree program ☐

b. Master of Religious Education In-Residence degree (two-year) program ☐

c. Master of Religious Education In-Ministry degree (three-year) program ☐

d. Doctor of Ministry degree program ☐ (Signed) _______________________________

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1984

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May 21 - August 17
June 19 - July 3

July 9 - August 24
August 27 - 31
September 5, 6, 7
September 9
September 10, 8:00 a.m.
November 16, 4:05 p.m.
November 26, 8:00 a.m.
December 21, 4:05 p.m.

D.Min. Seminars
Supervised Ministry
Western Christendom Travel Seminar:
Greece, Turkey, Israel
Summer Greek
In-Ministry MRE Seminar
Orientation for 1984-85 Academic Year
Opening Convocation—Worship
First Quarter Begins
First Quarter Ends
Second Quarter Begins
Christmas Recess Begins

1985

January 7, 8:00 a.m.
February 15, 4:05 p.m.
February 25, 8:00 a.m.
April 1, 4:05 p.m.
April 8, 8:00 a.m.
May 9, 4:05 p.m.
May 13

Classes Resume
Second Quarter Ends
Third Quarter Begins
Spring Recess Begins
Classes Resume
Third Quarter Ends
Commencement