



Covenant Seminary Newsletter

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RECORD ENROLLMENT FOR NEW YEAR

With 43 new students on campus and a total of 111 registered in the student body, Covenant Theological Seminary enrollment reached its highest peak in the history of the school. Several students who had been accepted and were making plans to come this fall found it necessary to postpone the beginning of their seminary studies because of illness or lack of finances or, as in the case of a few foreign nationals, difficulty in obtaining visas.

The new students represent widely scattered areas of the United States. They come from more than thirty different colleges and universities. The five students from Covenant College outnumber those from any other school. There are a number of students from foreign countries as well. John Carmichael comes from Australia and plans to return there



John Carmichael of Australia, Juan Mesas of Argentina and Jacob Rhee from Korea.

as soon as his seminary studies are completed. Juan Mesas is from the country of Argentina and has done considerable study in France. Tom Chang is from Hong Kong and came to Covenant Seminary by way of Canada where he was a student at Canadian Bible College. David Linden and Philip Reynard are both from Canada. Jacob Rhee is from Korea and Miss Margaretha Reitsema from the Netherlands.

The convocation service of worship which officially opened the fifteenth year of the seminary was held at the Covenant Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening, August 30. Dr. George W. Knight III, new member of the faculty, brought a stirring message on

"The God-Breathed Scripture that Equips the Man of God" using as his text II Timothy 3:1-4:8. Dr. Knight made very clear the absolute necessity of the seminary's firm stand on the infallible character of the holy scriptures. As a part of the service both Dr. Knight and Mr. Joseph Hall, the new librarian, were installed as members of the faculty.

An informal reception for the new students was held in the gymnasium of the church immediately following the service.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTS OFFICERS

Fourteen of the twenty-three members of the Board of Trustees of Covenant Seminary gathered on the campus for a two-day meeting September 18-19. Arthur Stoll, elder of the Elgin (Illinois) Church was re-elected to the office of chairman; Dr. Hugh Johnson of The Covenant Church, St. Louis, was re-elected vice-chairman; and Dr. Harold Van Kley of the Hazelwood Church in St. Louis was re-elected secretary. Other men who will serve on the Executive Committee are the Rev. Charles Holliday, the Rev. Allan Baldwin, the Rev. Donald J. MacNair, the Rev. Paul Alexander, and the Rev. Tom Jones. These ministers join the three officer laymen in directing the affairs of the seminary between meetings of the board.



Members of the Board of Trustees who were present for the fall meeting, from left to right: Donald J. MacNair, Bill Leonard, Jack Long, William McColley, George Soltau, Laverne Donaldson, Charles Holliday, Art Stoll, Marion Barnes, Paul Alexander, Fred Peace, Harold Van Kley, Max Belz, and Presley Edwards.



Two very active Reformed Presbyterian laymen who have significant responsibility for the seminary: Arthur Stoll, Chairman of the Board, and Harold Van Kley, Secretary of the Board.

ALUMNI BRIEFS

Several of the class of 1970 have accepted permanent positions since the summer newsletter was published. William Wolfgang has been called to the pastorate of the Fairview Reformed Presbyterian Church of Industry, Pennsylvania, and is settled on the field.

Wyatt George is the new pastor of the Carbondale (Illinois) Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Charles Townsend has accepted a position teaching English at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, his alma mater.

Robert Weeber is the pastor of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Elkton, Maryland.

Mark and Linnea Pett are the parents of a baby girl born in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania, September 27.



Tom Chang of Hong Kong holds the door for Margaretha Reitsema of the Netherlands.



David Linden and Philip Reynard are new students from Canada.

SEMINARY CLUB INTRODUCED

Covenant Seminary's new Director of Development has announced the introduction of a new program for enlisting sufficient support to maintain the seminary's financial needs and to prevent the periodic serious crises which have arisen in the past.

The recently announced Covenant Seminary Club is perhaps the most important program yet introduced for the continued development of Covenant Theological Seminary. The major objective of this new donor program is to procure the necessary budget dollars needed to finance the seminary on a month-by-month basis. During the next two years the seminary will endeavor to enlist 2,000 members who will agree to give a monthly gift to the seminary. The amount of the gift will be selected by the donor himself. Since the donor chooses his own level of giving, the plan is automatically tailored to every budget, large or small. A realistic distribution of the anticipated 2,000 members is as follows:

500 members who will give \$	5 per month	\$ 2,500
1,000 members who will give \$	10 per month	10,000
200 members who will give \$	15 per month	3,000
150 members who will give \$	20 per month	3,000
70 members who will give \$	25 per month	1,750
50 members who will give \$	50 per month	2,500
23 members who will give \$	100 per month	2,300
4 members who will give \$	250 per month	1,000
2 members who will give \$	500 per month	1,000
1 member who will give \$	1,000 per month	1,000

Total per month \$28,050

At this writing 212 donors are already enrolled as Seminary Club members.

There are two reasons for this program. First, the cost of educating students, like everything else, has soared upward. It costs approximately \$3,000 to train one seminarian each year. Student fees amount to approximately \$400 of that amount, leaving a balance of \$2,600 which must be provided for through gifts from interested individuals and churches. It is hoped that this program will encourage increased giving.

THE INTERCESSOR

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The second reason for the Seminary Club is not just to encourage giving but to encourage regular giving. Because monthly giving fluctuates so much — enough one month, not enough the next — emergency appeal letters have been necessary. By asking each Seminary Club member to give regularly on a month-by-month basis, the financial operation of the seminary will be greatly improved.

This exciting new program has been enthusiastically received and endorsed both at the recent Synod as well as by the Board of Trustees of Covenant Theological Seminary. Its acceptance was pilot-tested recently in ten churches on the Pacific Coast with great success. Therefore, it is with great joy and anticipation that we await the final and crucial test as the seminary brings the Club to its constituency.

Readers of the newsletter are encouraged to pray earnestly for God's blessing upon this program and to participate themselves if it is at all possible. If an invitation has not reached you as a reader of the newsletter and you will be willing to participate, please send a note to Dr. Robert G. Rayburn, President, Covenant Theological Seminary. It should be carefully noted that members do not make a pledge but indicate their sincere intent as the Lord enables them to give regularly to the seminary.

BEETHOVEN ANNIVERSARY RECITAL

For the fourth time Eloise Polk, widely known concert pianist, will give a recital for the benefit of the Friends of the Library at the Covenant Presbyterian Church of St. Louis on Tuesday, October 27, at 8:00 p.m. Miss Polk will be appearing as a guest soloist with the St. Louis Symphony in the spring. She has appeared with many major symphonies in the United States and abroad.

The program this year will be of special interest to all music lovers because it is an all-Beethoven program in honor of the 200th anniversary of the birth of the great composer. All friends of the seminary are urged to take advantage of this opportunity for a delightful musical evening. No admission is charged but an opportunity is given to all who attend the concert to make a contribution to the Friends of the Library. All monies received are used for the purchase of books for the seminary library.

PRAYER CALENDAR

In the next column of this Newsletter we have included the November issue of our monthly prayer calendar, The Intercessor. Regular users of this list providing special objects for prayer each day of the month may want to clip it out and put it in their Bibles.

If you do not regularly receive the Intercessor, but would like to have it each month please drop a post-card request to President Rayburn, 12330 Conway Road, St. Louis, Mo. 63141.

1. Pray for Director of Development Louie M. Barnes as he works to enlarge the Seminary Club for the regular support of the school.
2. Missionaries of World Presbyterian Missions will be speaking in our chapel each day this week. Pray for them.
3. Pray for the Student Missions Fellowship and its officers. Stanley Armes is president.
4. Inadequate finances have held up needed book purchases in the library. Pray for Mr. Hall, the librarian, and his assistant, Mrs. Peter Smick.
5. Pray for alumnus Chaplain James Singleton who is ministering now in Vietnam.
6. Pray for Dr. and Mrs. Robert Reymond and family.
7. Remember Mr. Ellis, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, and Mrs. Olin, the seminary cook, in prayer today.
8. With a substantial deficit in operating expenses Business Manager Richard Smith needs special wisdom from the Lord in his handling of business matters.
9. Remember Dr. and Mrs. R. Laird Harris and their family in prayer today.
10. Pray today for Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. Prunkard, Mrs. Smith and Miss Kern in the Business Office.
11. Dr. Wilber Wallis will be participating in a Missionary Conference at the Coulterville (Ill.) Reformed Presbyterian Church this week.
12. This is Campus Day. Students and faculty will work on campus and buildings. Pray for good fellowship.
13. Pray for Dr. and Mrs. Elmer B. Smick and their family.
14. Remember the students who are having difficulties with their school work because of their heavy program.
15. Pray for Dr. Bob Rayburn as he presents the seminary in a number of churches during this month.
16. Dean of Students John Buswell will be away all this week on a recruitment trip. Pray for him as he contacts prospective students.

17. Pray for the Board of Trustees and its officers.
18. Today is the Day of Prayer on our campus. Classes are dismissed so that the day may be given to prayer. Join us in special prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
19. Pray today for Dr. and Mrs. David Jones and their two little boys.
20. Pray for Mrs. Porter, the president's secretary, and Mrs. Wright, secretary to the faculty.
21. Pray today for Dr. and Mrs. W. Harold Mare and family.
22. Remember Mr. Robert Thomas, the Registrar, in prayer today.
23. Pray for the part-time faculty members, Dr. Wells, Mr. Soltau and Mr. Vasholz.
24. Remember the alumni of the seminary in prayer today, especially those in pastorates or on the foreign mission field.
25. Pray for Roberta Collison who is housekeeper and for all the students who assist in housekeeping activities.
26. On this Thanksgiving Day let us thank the Lord for the large enrollment and for the blessings He has poured out on Covenant Seminary.
27. Remember Mr. McGregor Scott, Field Representative, in prayer today.
28. Pray for Dr. and Mrs. George Knight and their family.
29. Pray for the students and faculty who will be preaching and teaching the Word of God today.
30. Pray for the financial needs of the seminary.

FACULTY NEWS

Dr. and Mrs. W. Harold Mare and their children spent a profitable and pleasurable summer in the Holy Land where Dr. Mare taught in the Near East Institute of Archaeology in Jerusalem. As a member of the institute, he participated in excavations at the area where Herod's Temple was located and also at Tekoa, the home of the Prophet Amos.

Dr. Laird Harris worked with a committee of Old Testament scholars in Denver and Dr. Elmer Smick

with a similar committee in Fort Worth, Texas, on the new contemporary translation of the Bible being sponsored by the New York Bible Society. It is entirely the work of evangelicals.

Moody Press has announced the publication of Dr. Harris' latest book, *MAN-GOD'S ETERNAL CREATION*. While the book is not yet in the stores, any orders sent to the seminary bookstore will be handled as soon as the book becomes available.

Dr. Wilber Wallis was the retiring moderator of the 148th General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and had overall responsibility for the planning of the program for the meetings in Seattle, Washington, July 24-29. Dr. Wallis' mother went to be with the Lord during the summer which necessitated two trips to California for him.

The seminary family rejoice with Dr. and Mrs. David Jones who have welcomed a new son into their family. Keith, their second, was born on September 9.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Oliver Buswell and Miss Alice Spaulding moved out of their campus home late in July, and Dr. and Mrs. Knight and their family moved into the home the first of August. Dr. Knight spent most of the summer working on the new courses he is teaching this fall.

In Loving Memory

During the months of April-September, gifts to Covenant Seminary have been received in memory of the following:

Lester Armstrong	Mrs. John Wm. Jones
Mary Buckley	Mary Nelson
Thomas Glass	Mrs. R. B. Page
Mrs. Lurie McElveen Hill	Gertrude Siem Peters
Richard Holekamp	James N. VanDevanter
Mr. C. H. Johnson	Mary Gregg Wallis

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