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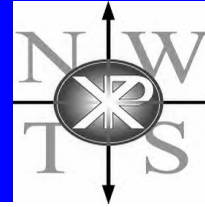
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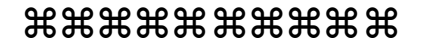


Our Story

The Servant Songs of Isaiah (chapters 42, 49-53) have been a favorite locus of meditation for orthodox Christians since the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:31-35). Especially Isaiah 53 has found its way into the hearts of God's people at communion seasons, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. The eschatological Servant lays down his life as an all-sufficient atonement for the sins of his people. And yet his death throes are but the climax of his life of humiliation and servanthood. His entire, unattractive career (Is. 53:2) is marked by kindness, gentleness, justice and compassion. The unkindness, harshness, injustice and hatred which fall on him are borne with a heavenly spirit.

Northwest Theological Seminary wishes to serve, not dominate, God's people through identification with Christ. Our story is the on-going narrative of union with the kindness of heaven's Son; identification with the gentleness of God's Only Begotten; participation in the justice, equity and fairness of the righteous Son of the Father; union with compassion Incarnate. The contemporary church is often not the place where these servant qualities are found. The reformation of the modern church is therefore not the cant of reformational slogans, but love (incarnate) in word and deed. Servanthood begins with humiliation and death—as it did for the Suffering Servant (see John 13 where dis-robing and re-robing foreshadow the death and resurrection of our Servant-Lord, vv. 4, 12). Self cannot serve others while self is Lord. Jesus understood this and that is why he "emptied himself" (Phil. 2:7, 8) and gave his life for others. The believer's life of servanthood is semi-

eschatological—a union with the servanthood of Christ as well as a union in servanthood with the saints. Our story is to serve one another and the church even as Christ came to serve both us and his body, the church.



BOARD DECISIONS

The Board of the Seminary met on March 31 and voted to proceed with opening classes on September 4, 2001 in Lynnwood, Washington. The Board hopes to have sufficient funds by 2002 to expand the faculty. Pete Vosteen and Jim Dennison, together with an Adjunct Instructor for Greek, will teach the courses scheduled for the first year. Mr. Dennison will cover Old Testament and New Testament Introduction. Introduction to Apologetics and Systematics will be shifted to a concentrated course in May 2002 taught by Dr. William Dennison. Hence, the full range of classes for the M.Div and M.R.S. programs will be presented in the first year.

In view of the financial needs, the Board also acted to begin searching for a full time Director of Development in order to raise funds for the seminary. We hope to have this person on the field by the fall of 2001. Resumes may be forwarded to Rev. Pete Vosteen, Northwest Theological Seminary,

Board Decisions continued....

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Agreed to post the textbook selections for all first year courses on the NWTs website and to add course assignments as well in a few weeks.

Rejoiced in pledges of more than \$70,000 and cash on hand of more than \$43,000.

Authorized the investigation and purchase of classroom equipment and computer items for the seminary.

Discussed plans for the August 2002 Continuing Education program (two weeks with special speakers on selected topics of interest to ministers and laypersons).



OUR GIRL FRIDAY

Then I will give her her vineyards from there, and the valley of Achor as a door of hope. And she will sing there as in the days of her youth, as in the day when she came up from the land of Egypt – Hosea 2:15

Jesus went down to the Valley of Achor,
He went down to the valley to die,
He went down to open the door of hope
To the downtrodden, oppressed, and captive.
To raise up,
To rescue,
To set free;
And the weeping of the Valley of Achor
Echoed with death tolls....
Until that death on the cross
When the valley shook

Shook, reverberating with joy,
So much joy and joy abounding!

For the captive was set free,
For the oppressed was rescued,
For the downtrodden was raised up
From death in One Death
Raised up to Life!
Eternal Life transformed the Valley of Achor
For Jesus was the Door of Hope.

The poignant lines above are from the heart of the Secretary/Registrar/Girl Friday designate of Northwest Theological Seminary. Tin Ling (Mrs. David) Harrell is a creative poet, artist, and biblical theologian in her own right. Ling arrived with her family in the U.S. from Singapore in the 70's; attended college at the University of California San Diego (UCSD); joined New Life Mission Church (PCA) of La Jolla; graduated from Westminster Seminary in California with an M.A. R. in 1998; moved to Kent, Washington; married David (member of Emmanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church) in 1998; and returned to Escondido when David entered seminary in 1999. For two years, she has been an elementary school teacher at Light and Life Christian School in Escondido. Her dear husband was forced to drop out of seminary for reasons of health and for more than 1 1/2 years, Ling and David have sought answers to David's medical problems. At this writing, David has returned from being examined a second time at the Mayo Clinic in Arizona. Due to the wonderful providence of the Lord which opened a door to this famous medical facility, he has received a series of thorough tests.

Ling brings a wonderful Christ-centered personality to our new seminary. Please pray for her and her husband as they make the transition back to Washington this summer.



JOINT NORTHWEST SEMINARY & KERUX CONFERENCE

Lynnwood Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 17711 Spruce Way, Lynnwood, Washington will host the August 28-31 Kerux Conference (see the website, kerux.com, for details).

Tuesday (8/28) will feature: What is the 'critical' reading of the Bible? (Jim Dennison); Philippians (Rob Van Kooten); Third Search for the Historical Jesus (Rick Quinn); Leviticus (Lee Irons); Evening preaching from Luke (Pete Vosteen).

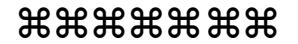
Wednesday (8/29): Habakkuk (Yong Kim); The Church as a Colony of Heaven (Larry Semel); Riddle of Samson (Rob Starke); Luke (Don Collett); Evening preaching from 2 Samuel (Randy Bergquist).

Thursday (8/30): Zephaniah (Andy Elam); 2 Corinthians (James Lee); Life of Abraham (Rob Broline); Biblical Theology and Apologetics (Lane Tipton); Evening preaching from Mark (Dave Klein).

Friday (8/31): Millennial Geneology (Jeff Jue); Bridges or Ladders? (Gary Findley); Ordo Salutis and Historia Salutis (Dick Gaffin); Evening preaching from John (Jim Dennison).

Please note that the evening sessions of the Conference will be open to the public (who may not otherwise be able to attend through the day) as a preaching service in the biblical-theological mode. No registration is necessary for attending the evening services. You are welcome to attend one or all of them. We also invite you to the

daytime sessions as well, if you are free. Registration for the Conference is only \$30.00 and includes lunch and dinner each of the four days. You may register for only one day for \$10.00 (includes two meals). If you need accommodations, see the details on the "Conference" button Kerux.com.



THANK YOU

The Board and faculty express our hearty appreciation for the financial gifts of God's people – both individually and as congregations. Since our March 31st Board meeting, our cash on hand stands at nearly \$58,000. We are averaging more than \$7,000 per month for the past two months and this is a great encouragement to us. Please continue to support us with your gifts and prayers.



STUDENTS

We have accepted five students (one conditionally) for the Fall of 2001. Two have indicated their intention to enroll; one has deferred until 2002; two have declined. We have also had several inquiries recently from persons interested in beginning seminary education in the fall. Please note: we are still accepting applications for the Fall semester which begins September 4. You are welcome to examine the list of textbooks as well as a list of assignments for most of these courses.

The new website address for Northwest Theological Seminary is www.nwts.edu. Our website format has been changed and updated. You will appreciate the new look!