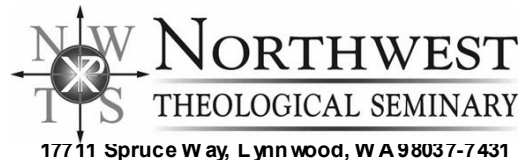


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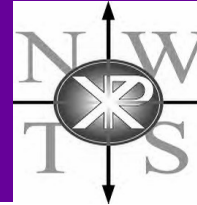
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NEWSLETTER



# Our Story

**Who has despised the day of small things?** (Zech. 4:10). Surely these are words that ought to pierce the hearts of God's people. In each epoch of his unfolding redemptive care, they have yielded to the temptation to measure the work of the Lord with an eye toward earthly splendor rather than the Lord's heavenly glory.

Can we acknowledge that we might well have joined the "older priests and Levites and family heads" of Ezra's day who wept at the consecration of the temple foundation which did not measure up to their memories of Solomon's great edifice; that we too may well be tempted to look backward rather than forward and upward?

Can we not see that in this present age, the eyes of the church world are on that which is splendid by virtue of its size, the numbers of people that are attracted, the super stars that grace its meetings, the sophisticated use of media, music, and drama? What a grand show passes before our eyes in much of the Christian world! Is it not tempting to despise the day of small gatherings: mission works of 15 or 30, congregations of 75 or 100, seminaries with 10, 6, or even 2 professors? Yes, there are efforts in the kingdom of God as small as these!

**Who** has despised the day of small things?

We have. Even we who love the Reformed faith may have yielded to disappointment, frustration, derision—despising that which is small. And sadly we may do this in even the face of His Story. Our Savior in his humiliation lived and endured the day of small things without despising the shame of it. He entered into the smallness and poverty of his people's religious life in order that it might eventually be transformed with glory—the glory of the Spirit, which proceeds from the Father and the risen Son.

The Spirit did not give Zechariah these words—"Who has despised the day of small things?"—merely to confront us with our shallow or shortsighted expectations. These are words that are meant to draw back the veil in order that we may behold the glory of the Lord revealed in the Spirit. The glory of the Lord in the temple, the glory of the Lord in the church, the eschatological glory of the Lord for ever and ever are given to us in the vision of the golden lampstand of Zechariah 4. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit", declares the

Lord" (v. 6), confirming that the Spirit is central to this vision. Just as the lampstand was symbolic of the Spirit's glory shining in the temple, so later the imagery of the candlestick is applied to the church. Jesus is the light of the world, "and we, who with unveiled faces reflect the Lord's glory are



being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit" (2 Cor. 3:18).

We are to shine the glory of God into the world. This is our witness-bearing duty. The principle way we do this is through the work of the ordained ministry. We labor to equip men anointed by the Spirit and ordained by the church to serve the Lord of all creation, men who will serve in the fashion of those two servants of old, Zerubbabel and Joshua (Zech. 4:14).

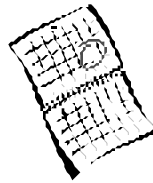
May we rejoice that one greater than Zerubbabel has taken up the plumb line. He will delight in what he finds! No work of the Spirit is too small to escape his notice or bring joy to the courts of heaven. So we too rejoice, not in smallness, but in the working of the Spirit. The day of small things is not yet over, but the day of discontent and despising should be. We know that the Father determines the portion of our life and service in his Kingdom. We know changes will come, and we pray that we would be "content to fill a little space if thou be glorified", knowing that in "service which thy will appoints there are no bonds" for us.

—David Winslow, Jr.



We would treasure your prayers as we proceed to search for a third faculty member for the 2003-2004 academic year. As you know, the addition of another professor will enable us to continue and expand our program of Reformed, Christ-centered seminary education. We are conducting interviews at present. We are very excited about expanding our faculty and we hope to have an announcement

about a specific person soon.



### 3-WEEK INTENSIVE COURSES COMING IN MAY

Dr. William Dennison will be here in May to teach two 3-week courses in Apologetics and Systematic Theology. These courses will provide an in-depth analysis and discussion of these branches of theology.

➤ Introduction to Apologetics: The foundation and method for defending the Reformed faith will be explored. Topics will include the exegetical foundations of apologetics, a systematic survey of apologetical approaches (e.g., Evidentialism, New Reformed Epistemology, Presuppositionalism), the distinctiveness of a revelational epistemology and presuppositional method. Special attention will be given to key sections from the works of Dr. Cornelius Van Til, the father of presuppositional apologetics.

➤ Introduction to Systematic Theology: This course will cover the nature, method, and sources of theology. Particular attention will be given to the nature and meaning of revelation in Reformed theology, and will include extensive analysis of contemporary theories of revelation, from 17th century Enlightenment rationalism to 20th century Neo-Orthodoxy.

These 4-credit intensive classes will be 2 hours each day (Monday-Friday) from May 19 to June 6, 8:00am-12:00pm. They are open to enrolled students as well as auditors. Please contact the Registrar at registrar@nwts.edu or 425-787-5144 if you are interested in attending these classes.

1. Please pledge an amount (\$100 or \$50 a month) and commit to it for the continuance of this great new seminary! See enclosed form.
2. Tell us of people that you know (friends, relatives, co-workers) that are interested promoting this kind of kingdom work. See enclosed form.

I am also seeking your counsel in answering some questions.

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specific in your descriptions.

- What would you like to see NWTS do or do better?

Please send your answer to: john.lee92@verizon.net no later than March 31, 2003.

As we grow, we learn; and as we learn, we develop wisdom, but we cannot get there from here without your ACTIVE involvement. Please help us in the upcoming campaign (March 2003) by committing a monthly amount and drawing others to this seminary. Thank you!

—John Lee

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## PROGRESS REPORT FROM JOHN LEE, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

I want to tell you about changes that are coming.

My family and I are moving to the East Coast. We are in the midst of transitioning to the Washington D.C. area and so it is a very busy time for us! Why the move? Several reasons:

- A majority of our constituency lives in the eastern seaboard area and I would like to solidify our relationship with these churches and congregations.
- The I-95 corridor is an area of great growth potential for NWTs and I plan on spreading the message of our seminary with new churches and congregants.
- I have always wanted to live on the East Coast and because of the "virtual" nature of my work I am able to make this move.

Note: my phone number has changed to **540-327-9779** but my email address is still: **John.lee92@verizon.net**.

So what about the seminary's presence on the West Coast? We are blessed to have Mr. Tony Hamstra help us in that arena. Tony has a strong theological education and is very committed to the cause of NWTs. He will spearhead the West Coast initiatives and work in concert with me to create a more coordinated effort in fundraising and seminary awareness. You may reach him at:

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Speaking of fundraising, the results of the "Faith In Action" Campaign were very good overall. We raised the level of giving 238% (above the yearly average) in the four months of the campaign! Two more churches have come on board to support the seminary making a total of 12 churches. All this in the worst economic time in decades!! However, we were still \$150,000 less than our target.

That is why we are setting our sights on increasing the TOTAL number of contributors from current 180+ givers to 300 regular monthly contributors. Our goal is to have 300 contributors giving \$100/month. This will help to smooth out our revenue stream without being too burdensome to individual contributors. Our upcoming fundraising campaign will address the need to build up this component of our plans for growth.

Can you see it? Can you see God's providential hand in establishing this seminary? How else could this seminary have grown under such adverse conditions? I know that a very large part of this tremendous growth is because of **YOU**. All of you collectively have given to this seminary in the form of prayers, good counsel, financial contributions, and manpower.

I applaud the contributors who have also given in inventive ways to the seminary. These include: employee gift matching through their employer; stocks; cars for causes; equipment; supplies; and personal time/effort. Let's not forget other avenues such as estate planning (wills), land or property gifting, charitable foundation giving, etc.

Where do we go from here? We need to increase our base of contributors and create a monthly pattern of giving. We need your help in two ways:

Read on →

## AUGUST CONFERENCE



NWTs is pleased to have Dr. Edwin Yamauchi scheduled as our Summer Pastor's Institute speaker, August 18-22. Monday through Thursday, Dr. Yamauchi will present eight lectures on "Africa and the Bible." This internationally acclaimed historian and biblical scholar is currently completing a book for Baker Books on this topic. He is also the author of *Persia and the Bible* (1990) and *Pre-Christian Gnosticism* (1981). On Friday, Dr. Yamauchi will give a lecture at the end of the Institute on "Gnosticism: The Present State of the Discussion." Mark your calendar now and plan to join us for these stimulating lectures.



## FACULTY SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

May 12: Academic Dean, James Dennison, will be in the San Jose, CA area speaking at the Whitfield Fraternal. Topic: "The Life and Thought of Geerhardus Vos."

July 18-20: Men's Conference at Trinity United Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, MI. James and William Dennison will be featured on the topic of Hermeneutics.

June-July: Academic Dean, James Dennison, will be in Texas, Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Michigan.

## FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

James T. Dennison, Jr., "Athanasius, the Son of God and Salvation." *New Horizons* 23/11 (Dec. 2002): 10-11.

James T. Dennison, Jr., "Irenaeus of Lyons" *The Outlook* 52/11 (Dec. 2002): 9-10.

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