



# The Western FRONT

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## Transformational Generosity

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In the last Western magazine titled, “Transformational Generosity,” Dr. Randy Roberts called believers to look at philanthropy as more than a “financial transaction that benefits a particular cause” and to, instead, view giving as a transformational exercise of growing in Christ-likeness. If you are struggling with this concept, you are not alone! It is difficult, at times, to comprehend what this means tangibly. Isn’t serving and donating about helping a school, church or organization meet their financial goals or about discerning where God is specifically directing you irrespective of the perceived needs? Perhaps, the answer is “yes” to both questions. Nearing our

fiscal year end, our job is not to pressure you into volunteering or giving to Western out of obligation. Rather, we want to encourage you to step out in faith to advance God’s kingdom work no matter where He’s directing you. Are you feeling overwhelmed by everyone’s requests for support? Our stewardship team can certainly coach you around your specific philanthropic goals and action steps. (My contact information is on the next page). Let us be a resource to you in your decision making process irrespective of your allocation of generosity. You may also [make a donation online](#). Be sure to specify which campus or cause. We regularly thank God for your prayers, service and financial support. We pray for deeper steps of faith and God’s provision for our entire Western family.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- May 8 Christian Therapist Fellowship, “All About Psychiatry,” 12pm-2:30pm. [RSVP](#).
- May 10 Mother’s Day
- May 25 Memorial Day - Campus Closed
- May 30 Campus Connection event, 10:30am-1pm. Tell a friend! [RSVP](#) by May 23.
- June 21 Father’s Day
- July 4 Independence Day - Campus Closed
- July 11 Graduation, 11:00am-12:30pm  
Christ Community Church, Milpitas

Other [Community Calendar](#) Dates

## YOU’RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE THE CLASS OF 2015!



The entire Western Seminary community (that means you, Alumni) is invited to come celebrate with the Class of 2015 at this year’s Commencement! The ceremony will be held at Christ Community Church in Milpitas on Saturday, July 11th from 11:00am-12:30pm. Cheer on your friends and classmates as they celebrate this tremendous accomplishment. We hope to see you there!

## Volunteers Needed: Commencement

Commencement for the San Jose campus will be held on Saturday, July 11 from 11:00am-12:30pm at Christ Community Church in Milpitas. The Class of 2015 is the San Jose campus’ largest class yet, so we’d love your help putting on this event! We’ll need help with set-up, greeting/ushering, reception, and clean-up. If you can help for any amount of time, we’d greatly appreciate it! Please contact Carrie Priest at [carriepriest@westernseminary.edu](mailto:carriepriest@westernseminary.edu) if you are interested.

**WESTERN SEMINARY'S ONLINE  
COMMUNITY TRANS-FORMED BLOG**

The [Trans-formed blog](#) is a resource from the faculty and friends of Western Seminary focused on "living the Gospel in an everyday world." The purpose of this blog is to create relevant, insightful, Gospel-centered content that you can put to use in your ministry. If you are involved in Christian leadership in any capacity, then this blog is for you.

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

We receive regular contact from churches and para-church organizations. Please see the Ministry and Employment Opportunities and Counseling binders in the front lobby for more information about the recent (and previous) postings below. You may also check out other [ministry opportunities](#) on our website.

**Executive/Associate Pastor (full-time)**

[Wellspring Church](#), Pleasanton/San Ramon  
The Executive Pastor will assist the Lead Pastor in providing administrative leadership in all areas of church ministry, will serve as the first-line administrator for the church and provide pastoral care of members. Salary to be determined, based on experience and qualifications. Accepting applications through June 15. Please [download an application](#) and submit with a personal resume to [jobs@wspring.org](mailto:jobs@wspring.org).

**Children's Ministry Pastor**

[San Jose New Hope CRC](#), Santa Clara  
English speaking with basic understanding of Korean (preferably bilingual).  
Submit the following documents at:  
[cmpastor@sanjosenewhope.org](mailto:cmpastor@sanjosenewhope.org) or 2900 Patrick Henry Dr., Santa Clara, CA 95054:  
1. Resume with a personal statement.  
2. Internet link or hard copy of your recent sermon.

**Youth Outreach and Ministry Intern**[Carmel Presbyterian Church](#),

Carmel-By-The-Sea, CA

Full time (about 50 hrs./wk.). Compensation: \$1250 per month, as well as room and board with a host family from CPC. Contact Benjamin Melli at [ben@carmelpres.org](mailto:ben@carmelpres.org) or 831-624-3878, ext. 110.

## Job Opportunity at Western Seminary San Jose OUTREACH & ENROLLMENT COUNSELOR

This position is 20 hours per week. The Outreach and Enrollment Counselor will work under the direction of, and be accountable to, the Enrollment Team Leader at the San Jose Campus with some reporting functions to the Executive Dean. This person will establish and maintain contact with prospective students and help them move from interest to matriculation. Special attention on newly admitted students is crucial to the overall recruitment effort. For a full job description and the Staff Application for Employment form, visit [www.westernseminary.edu/friends/employment](http://www.westernseminary.edu/friends/employment). Email cover letter, resume, and Staff Application for Employment to Tom Olsen at [tolsen@westernseminary.edu](mailto:tolsen@westernseminary.edu).



# GARY THOMAS

Closer to Christ. Closer to Others.

## Gary Thomas Returns to Western Seminary to Teach Developing Strong Families (PTS 508SH) From June 30 - July 2

This course will explore theological principles that should inform Christian family dynamics and their practical outworking. The class will critique contemporary views and expectations of marriage and parenting and develop models of ministry with which to strengthen Christian families. 2 credit hours. \$530/credit hour, \$75/audit hour, or free with your one free [Alumni Audit Opportunity](#). For questions, contact [Carrie Priest](#).

*Gary Thomas has written over a dozen books and speaks nationally on marriage/family issues. For more info, you may visit his website at [www.garythomas.com](http://www.garythomas.com).*

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