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Insights for Bridging the Generational Gap: College and Young Professionals

By Charmaine Williams, Staff and Ministry and Leadership Student

My husband and I belonged to a church that was quite progressive in supporting and utilizing young adults in ministry, but we did not know it at the time. At age 26, my husband became the youngest deacon at our multi-generational church and within a couple of years both of us were developing our church's marriage ministry. Meeting at

our home every other week, our group discussed several marital topics found in the Home Builders series curriculum from the national ministry of Family Life Today. It became our responsibility as leaders to find other facilitators who would serve couples in their age group using the similar model mentioned. Interestingly, we recruited couples who had been married for the length of time

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IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY 28

Christian Therapist Fellowship, 12-2:30pm (more info on pg. 3)

MARCH 6-8

The BASS Convention, Castro Valley (more info on pg. 4)

MARCH 20

Alumni Connect Event, 6:30pm-9:30pm (more info on pg. 2)

APRIL 12

Western Seminary MFT Program presents a marriage workshop, 1-5pm, (more info on pg. 3)

APRIL 20

Easter

APRIL 24-26

iSpectra Conference (more info on pg. 2)

Other [Community Calendar](#) dates

Audit a Class For Free!

Alumni may take one eligible course per academic year free for audit/non-credit. You need only complete a [Non-Credit Application and Registration](#) form and the [Alumni Audit Opportunity](#) form and submit them to [Carrie Priest](#), Director of Student Services. Contact her at 408.356.6889 x405 or carriepriest@westernseminary.edu to find out which [Summer courses](#) are available to audit.

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we had been alive! Thank God a senior pastor was willing to give us an opportunity to create a ministry and serve. Twenty years later, God has blessed us to still serve couples in a similar fashion. What are churches doing today to reach those returning from college to get involved and serve?

What is the congregational age demographic at your church? One church may be full of young professionals and young marrieds in their 20's - 30's serving in ministry, while another church is struggling to gather a small group in that same age group. Do pastors and ministry leaders just settle for all or nothing from this age demographic? How do churches strike a generational balance in membership?

Please save the date of March 20th to come and hear some insights on how to meet the challenge of attracting, developing, or sustaining ministries for young adults. Meet other ministry leaders, ask questions, and talk about the challenges you face as you hear about what has worked and what hasn't worked. Dinner will be provided and we will hear from two different panels: Vocational Ministry Leaders and Post-College and Young Professionals.

GUEST PANELISTS INCLUDE:

Pastor Clement Wong '10 of [Silicon Valley Alliance Church](#) in Milpitas, CA

Pastor Steve Saccone of [Highway Church](#) in Mountain View, CA

Pastor Tony Cruz '12 of [Awakening Church](#) in San Jose, CA

Ariana Rice (Current MFT student and Director of the Protege Intern Program at her church) of [Vintage Faith Church](#) in Santa Cruz, CA

ALUMNI CONNECT SCHEDULE:

6:30-7:00pm Appetizers and Fellowship

7:00-7:30pm Dinner

7:30-8:15pm Vocational Ministry
Leaders Panel plus Q & A

8:15-8:30pm Dessert

8:30-9:15pm Post-College and Young
Professionals Panel
plus Q & A

Please RSVP by clicking this link: [Alumni Connect Event RSVP](#). Space is limited. Each alum is welcome to bring one guest.

For more information, please contact Charmaine Williams at cwilliams@westernseminary.edu.

MINISTRY AND EMPLOYMENT 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.

Youth Ministry[Chinese Church in Christ - Tri Valley](#)

5064 Franklin Dr., Pleasanton

Full-time (40 hrs./wk.), salaried position with health insurance and part-time (20 hrs./wk.) internship scholarship and other compensations available. Contact Elder Miles Wu at milesw@yahoo.com.

Residential Counselor (Night Shift)[Freedom House](#) ("Nest") in Campbell
info@freedomhouseSF.org

Full-time (35-54 hrs./wk.), part-time, and on-call positions available.

Worship Pastor[Crosswalk Community Church](#)

445 S. Mary Ave., Sunnyvale

Contact Pastor Mark Juanes at 408-736-3120 or mjuanes@crosswalkchurch.com.

Outreach Pastor[Crosswalk Community Church](#)

445 S. Mary Ave., Sunnyvale

Contact Pastor Mark Juanes at 408-736-3120 or mjuanes@crosswalkchurch.com.

Youth Pastor[Crosswalk Community Church](#)

445 S. Mary Ave., Sunnyvale

Contact Pastor Mark Juanes at 408-736-3120 or mjuanes@crosswalkchurch.com.

Director of Youth Ministry and Director of Worship[Christ the King Anglican Church](#), San Jose

Full-time (40 hrs./week) salary with health benefits. Reply to Mr. Brian Miller at blckthrn2000@yahoo.com.

Marriage and Family Therapist Intern

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Other speakers: Pastor Chip Ingram, Pastor Terrence Nichols, Dr. John Kim and Dr. Miriam Adeney. Stop by the Western booth!

Registration: www.ispectraignite.org

The Christian Therapist Fellowship Presents: Bringing out the True Masculine in Counseling and Coaching Men

When: February 28, 2014 from 12:00pm - 2:30pm

Presenter: Brian D. N. Person, MDiv., MFT, CPC

- 31 years in ordained ministry
- MFT for over 23 years
- 12 years as a Certified Professional Coach
- Adjunct Faculty Professor for William Jessup

Location: Western Seminary
469 El Camino Real, Ste. 205, Santa Clara

Cost: A free will offering will be taken

CEUs: Not available for CEUs this time

This seminar serves men and women who are serving men.



Feel free to bring your lunch as we delve into this subject. RSVP by 2/21/14 to stevedarro@aol.com.



A Marriage Workshop

Individuals are welcome.

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Marital and
Family Therapy Program

Saturday, April 12, 2014

1:00 - 5:00pm

At The Home Church (Worship Center)

1711 Winchester Blvd, Campbell 95008

Register at <http://marriage-makingitwork.weebly.com>

Western Alumni and Students presenting at the BASS Convention March 6-8, 2014 in Castro Valley

ASIAN

Colleen Lam Nguyen, MA in Marital and Family Therapy - Class of 2010
[Navigating the Fear of College Admissions](#)
3/7/2014 - 9:00-10:15 a.m. Rm: N10

Winnis Chiang, MA in Marital and Family Therapy - Class of 1998
[Parenting American-Born Chinese](#)
(presented in Cantonese)
3/8/2014 - 2:15-3:30 p.m. Rm: N10

Peter Wang, MA in General Ministry - Class of 1998
[Retention and Outreach to the Asian American Young Adults](#)
3/8/2014 - 8:00-9:15 a.m. Rm: N10

Peter Lam, Former student
[Quality Time With Your Child](#)
(presented in Mandarin)
3/8/2014 - 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Rm: N10

CHILDREN - ELEMENTARY

Jack Hagler, Master of Divinity in Pastoral Ministry - class of 1987 and coach training
[The Easy Way To Do a Family Devotion & Teach the Big Idea of Each Book in the Bible](#)
3/7/2014 - 9:00-10:15 a.m. Rm: D5

[The Easy Way To Teach The Big Idea of each Book in the Bible](#)
3/8/2014 - 8:00-9:15 a.m. Rm: D5

MARRIAGE & FAMILIES

Sik-Lam Wong, MA in Marital and Family Therapy - Class of 2013
[Resilience for Yourself and Your Family: A Christian Perspective](#)
3/8/2014 - 8:00-9:15 a.m. Rm: N9

Colleen Lam Nguyen, MA in Marital and Family Therapy - Class of 2010
[Nourishing Family Connections in the Bay Area](#)
3/7/2014 - 3:00-4:15 p.m. Rm: N9

Cecil Wong, Current coaching student
[Got Intimacy?](#)
3/8/2014 - 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Rm: C6

SINGLES AND SINGLE PARENTS

Valerie Doyle, MA in Marital and Family Therapy - Class of 2006
[Breaking Down the Walls Around My Heart](#)
3/7/2014 - 4:30-5:45 p.m. Rm: N8

21ST CENTURY ISSUES

Pira Tritasavit, Master of Divinity - Class of 2011 and coach training
[He Said, She Said, God Says: Coaching for Marriage Oneness](#)
3/7/2014 - 9:00-10:15 a.m. Rm: D3

[Get in the Game: Life and Ministry Coaching for Christian Leadership](#)
3/7/2014 - 1:30-2:45 p.m. Rm: D3

[Kingdom Professionals: Coaching Christians for Workplace Witness](#)
3/8/2014 - 2:15-3:30 p.m. Rm: D3

Pira will also conduct a [Relationships and Leadership](#) workshop on March 1 at 10am at New Life Church in San Francisco. [Register](#) online.

YOUTH

Anthony Liu, MA in Marital and Family Therapy with Addiction Studies Certificate - Class of 2008
[Teens Viewing Porn -- It IS a Big Deal!](#)
3/8/2014 - 3:45-5:00 p.m. Rm: N15

Joy Liu (formerly Wong), MA in Marital and Family Therapy - Class of 2008
[Cultivating Character in the Youth You Love: Tools to Impact Even the Most Difficult Kids](#)
3/8/2014 - 2:15-3:30 p.m. Rm: N15

Patrick Lee - MA in Specialized Ministry (Youth Ministry) - Class of 2011
[Reaching a Growing Lost People Group - The Public School Student](#)
3/7/2014 - 9:00-10:15 a.m. Rm: N15

[God's "Audible" Directions](#)
3/7/2014 - 3:00-4:15 p.m. Rm: N15

[Reaching a Growing Lost People Group - The Public School Student](#)
3/8/2014 - 3:45-5:00 p.m. Rm: C7

Western Seminary will have a booth (#62) at BASS. Stop by & see us!

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