



# The Western FRONT

San Jose Campus Alumni Newsletter

June 2018



## Greg Moon to Focus on Placement at Western



*Written by Greg Moon*

It's hard to believe I've been employed at Western for almost a decade. A lot has happened in those years and I can say with all honesty that they have been the best years of my career. However, after much prayer and conversation with family and friends, I have decided that it's time to

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### JUNE 17

Father's Day

### JULY 4

Independence Day (Campus Closed)

### JULY 14

Commencement, 11am  
Christ Community Church Milpitas (see pg. 3)

### AUGUST 1

Fall 2018 [Master's Application](#) Deadline  
Tell a friend!

### AUGUST 9-10

[The Global Leadership Summit 2018](#)

### SEPTEMBER 1

Fall 2018 Semester Begins

### SEPTEMBER 3

Labor Day (Campus Closed)

### OCTOBER 26

ReGeneration Leaders Event 1:30pm-5pm  
(see pg. 4)

### OCTOBER 27

ReGeneration Forum 9am-5pm  
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transition out of my role as VP of Alumni and Donor Relations. After sharing my heart with President Randy Roberts, we have agreed that I will now drop to half-time and focus my efforts on enhancing Western's placement services, especially (but not exclusively) for graduating students. We want to reduce the number of students who graduate without having a specific place of service awaiting them. Furthermore, during my time at Western I've often thought of how nice it would be to get to know the students better. However, in my current role, that wasn't really possible, so this transition will be an exciting change for me.

We are in the process of completely re-doing our placement website to be more interactive and to have resources that will help with job searching, both for those

looking for a position and for those looking to fill one. We want to create a better bridge between the two. As alumni, you might occasionally be in either circumstance. I have often heard employers say, "I want to fill this position with a Western-trained person," and my new role will now allow me to focus on making that happen. So, if you need help on either front, please contact me at [gmoon@westernseminary.edu](mailto:gmoon@westernseminary.edu) or at 503-517-1880.

The Western people (staff, faculty and alumni) whom I've met and served alongside are the most genuine people you'll find anywhere. I have attended 27 graduation banquets and commencements, and the testimonies of our newest alumni are inspiring and gospel-centered. This has made the decision to re-focus my work a much easier one to make.

I have also desired for some time to shift away from direct fundraising and instead, take my 25 years of advancement experience to help other Christian non-profits and churches fulfill their mission and vision. To that end, I will be supplementing my part-time Western role by building a consulting business.

I will continue to work on the Stewardship team at least until the end of June, both to help us finish the fiscal year well and to help with the transitional hand-off of the alumni and donors with whom I've built relationships with over the last 9-1/2 years. I will continue to work with alumni, but more in the context of placement. Robert Jones, our new VP of Advancement, will assume the responsibility for alumni. Please let us know how we can help.

# EXPERIENCE COACHING

Learn how to help people navigate their lives from where they are to where they aspire to be.

## Discover how coaching can:

- Help people grow and achieve their goals
- Empower you to listen well and ask good questions
- Increase your leadership know-how
- Maximize your ministry and kingdom impact

## Visit Our [Coaching Page](#)

Learn more about coaching and coach training options available at Western Seminary.

Contact Lisa Krehbiel at [Lkrehbiel@westernseminary.edu](mailto:Lkrehbiel@westernseminary.edu)

## Introduction to Coaching (CO 500) September 13-14

You may use your free Alumni Audit Opportunity for this class. See next page for more details.

The deadline is August 1 for a Master's level program for the Fall 2018 semester (to take the class for credit). The Non-credit application deadline (for audit/enrichment) is September 6.



Located at Western Seminary in the Education Center  
1000 S. Park Victoria Dr., Milpitas



## You're Invited to Celebrate the Class of 2018!

The entire Western Seminary community is invited to come celebrate with the Class of 2018. The commencement ceremony will be held at Christ Community Church in Milpitas on Saturday, July 14th at 11:00am. Cheer on your friends and classmates as they celebrate this tremendous accomplishment. We hope to see you there!



### BUY GRADUATION GIFTS FOR YOUR FRIENDS ONLINE, WESTERN BENEFITS!

Get up to 15% off on Prep Sportswear when you bundle Western gear (use code "bundle") and Western receives 15% back [www.westernseminary.edu/store](http://www.westernseminary.edu/store). Buy through the Amazon search link on the bottom of [www.westernseminary.edu/students/sanjose](http://www.westernseminary.edu/students/sanjose) and Western receives 4%-10% back from each qualifying purchase.

### AUDIT AN ELIGIBLE CLASS FOR FREE EACH YEAR!

Alumni can audit one eligible class per academic year for free. We plan to post the [Fall 2018 schedule](#) in July. You may search for specific courses, times, and download course syllabi. The Introduction to Coaching (CO 500) on the previous page is an eligible class. To audit a class, follow instructions on [www.westernseminary.edu/audit-seminary-courses](http://www.westernseminary.edu/audit-seminary-courses). Also fill out the [Alumni Audit Opportunity](#) form and submit them to [Williana Purnama](mailto:Williana.Purnama).

### WESTERN SEMINARY'S ONLINE COMMUNITY TRANSFORMED BLOG

The [Transformed 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, insight-

ful, 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.

### SPREAD THE WORD

Would you be willing to take two minutes to help Western share moving student stories on social media?

- [Share the storytelling page on Facebook](#) using this link
- Share a post on Facebook of your own story of life change at Western, including a link to this page: [www.westernseminary.edu/high-transformation](http://www.westernseminary.edu/high-transformation)
- [Tweet the storytelling page on Twitter](#) using this link

Thank you for considering and for making Western Seminary a gospel-centered community that's worth sharing.

### MINISTRY & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Placement Office exists to facilitate the placement of Western Seminary's students and alumni with employers that have job opportunities available. We invite you to visit our Employ-

## Volunteers Needed at Commencement

The commencement ceremony will be held on Saturday, July 14th, at 11:00am at Christ Community Church in Milpitas. The class of 2018 is San Jose's largest graduating class yet, so we would love your assistance in setting up the event, greeting and ushering guests, and cleaning up after the event. If you are interested in helping out, please email Williana Purnama at [wpurnama@westernseminary.edu](mailto:wpurnama@westernseminary.edu).

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ment Opportunities Database for the most up-to-date information related to current jobs and internship opportunities available to Western students and alumni. You may check out [Western's Placement site](#) and click the "Browse Job Opportunities" button.

Here are just a few recent postings:

**Senior Pastor**

Marin Asian Community Church  
San Rafael

**Family Ministries Pastor**

Marin Asian Community Church  
San Rafael

**Director of Teen Ministry**

Grace Church Silicon Valley, San Jose

**Assistant Pastor**

Horizon Church of Roseville, Roseville

**Vehicle Donations Coordinator**

Cityteam Ministries, San Jose

**Lead Pastor**

Eden Church, Campbell

**Digital Marketing Manager**

San Jose, CA

**Director of Children's Ministry**

First Baptist Church, Davis

**Assistant Youth Director**

Cornerstone SF, San Francisco

**Elementary Ministry - Event Director**

Peninsula Bible Church, Palo Alto

**Christian Psychotherapy Services**

San Francisco

If you represent an organization, business, or church that may be interested in offering employment or volunteer opportunities to our students and graduates, we invite you to [submit a job opening](#).

## The ReGeneration Forum 2018

Western Seminary's "ReGeneration Forum" is happening again. Save the date!

**ReGeneration Forum**

**Saturday, October 27th 9am-5pm at Christ Community Church in Milpitas.**

Last year, we had almost 800 people, mainly young adults, show up for the ReGeneration Forum to learn theology together. According to the survey we conducted, one of the bigger questions we have is about heaven and hell, so this year we are choosing that as our theme. We will be exploring questions such as:

What is heaven? What is hell? What will it be like?

What about Satan, demons and angels? Is Satan in hell?

What happens according to the Bible when someone dies?

Why would God send people to hell if God is good?

Your questions will be addressed.

We will have main sessions, labs and open questions about this topic.

Speakers include:

- + John Ortberg, Author and Pastor of Menlo Park Church
- + Josh Butler, Author of Skeletons In God's Closet
- + Gerry Breshears, Western Seminary Professor
- + Shamina Khangaldy, Worship Leader

**Special Leaders Pre-Event Seminar Friday, October 26th, from 1:30pm-5:00pm at Christ Community Church**

**How to talk to the next generation about hell and heaven – and your questions answered.**

We will have Gerry Breshears, theologian, and Josh Butler, author, discuss questions that the young generations often raise about heaven and hell. They will also provide guidance on practical ways to teach these sensitive topics to your church and in next generation ministries.

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