Transformational Generosity

By Charmaine Williams, Regional Stewardship Officer

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.

May 2015

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!

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

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 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.

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 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 or 831-624-3878, ext. 110.

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.