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November marks Western Seminary's second year at the Santa Clara site. What a journey!

Reflecting: 2 Year Anniversary

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Lately, I have been doing a lot of reflecting, both personal and professional in nature. I think about my youngest son and his upcoming college graduation. He is twenty-one years old now and finishing up his last year of undergraduate schooling. Where did the time go? And what about those San Francisco Giants?! Since our relocation to Santa Clara in 2010, this team has won two World Series. Not bad for a team that never won a World Series title since moving out west from New York in 1958! I also have been in a

reflective mood as I think about our second anniversary at this location on El Camino Real. In some respects, it does seem like yesterday when this space was only an empty shell in need of a vision as to how it would look when the doors opened on Monday, November 1, 2010.

It would be satisfying and somewhat self-congratulatory if I could say that on the first day our doors opened in Santa Clara everything was in place. The truth is, even on that day, the seminary's interior layout was still a work in progress. What was in place,

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IMPORTANT DATES

January 13-15, 2013

Perspectives classes begin around the Bay Area. (more info on pgs. 3-4)

January 17 & 18, 2013

Introduction to Coaching class (MCS 510) from 8:30am-4:30pm. Non-credit (for audit) deadline is January 10. You can use your one free annual [Alumni Audit Opportunity](#) for this class.

January 26, 2013

Celebrating Dr. Tuck's 25 year anniversary of teaching at Western Seminary! (more info on p. 4)

Other [Community Calendar](#) dates



Above from top to bottom: the library before construction in 2010 and the library as it looks today.

Above from top to bottom: the “blue tape” before the walls were built for classrooms 203-205. Today, our largest classroom seats about 40.

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though, was a building ready to welcome men and women with a drive for learning and a passion for Jesus Christ. With those two attributes in place, I knew this campus would be a great place to fulfill His will for Western Seminary San Jose.

As part of my reflection on the last two years in Santa Clara, a number of things come to mind, but foremost is the community of current students, alumni, friends of the seminary, and faculty and staff. Through prayer, time, and gifting, you have made much of the physical maturation of this campus over the last two years possible. Allow me to give you a partial list of items that represent an investment on your part here at the seminary:

- Painting of the classrooms
- Audio visual enhancements in the classrooms
- Additional library bookshelves
- Extra table in the lounge
- Server room upgrades in the IT area
- Steam cleaning of classroom chairs
- Additional classroom tables and chairs

- Additional art pieces
- Financial aid resources for students in need
- Electrical upgrades
- Carpet shampooing of classrooms and student lounge area
- Additional computer in the library

This list is not exhaustive, but it does represent a snapshot of your personal investment in Western Seminary San Jose. The continued giving of time, talent, and resources play a major role in our efforts to meet the needs of current and future students. In just our first two years here in Santa Clara, over fifty students have graduated from this campus, with each person representing a story of God’s vision for this school and our continued presence in the Bay Area. As we enter our twenty-eighth year, each of you can play a part in helping this site achieve the Lord’s intended purpose as a place of trustworthy and accessible training for gospel-centered transformation.

Please read over the active list of projects and associated material/labor costs and consider

what role you might play in supporting Western Seminary San Jose, in the Bay Area and beyond. If you are able to respond with a financial gift, please pay by check or donate by credit card: www.westernseminary.edu (look for “make a donation” link at the top of the home page) and designate “SJ Gift 2012.”

- Scholarships and financial aid/student financial hardship fund (ongoing)
- Replace 15 classroom chairs: \$1300
- Upgrade three work station PC’s: \$2100
- Book re-binding machine for library: \$895
- Reception/work station cubicle in entrance area: \$3000
- Shampoo carpet area in faculty/administration area: \$500
- Add three study carrels for library: \$1200
- Chair pads for library chairs: \$400
- Classroom lecterns: \$1000
- Artificial plants and artwork decor: \$750
- Flat panel monitors: \$600

Thank you for all of your prayers and support.

Alumni Relations Transitions

Jeff Mammen was hired at Western Seminary in March of 2004, has devoted the last three years as Alumni Relations for the San Jose campus and began teaching *Discovering and Developing Your Ministry Potential* for Western last year. As Alumni Relations, Jeff headed up the Alumni Gatherings around the Bay Area and the Alumni Connect events. His goal was to encourage Western graduates from all ministry backgrounds to come together and be more intentional and effective in serving people in our community and abroad together. He was also behind the initial development of our upcoming Western Mentorship program, which will connect Western San Jose students with Western alumni. These are just a few of the ways in which Jeff has served Western.

Jeff has recently stepped down from his role as Alumni Relations, though he continues to teach here. Thank you, Jeff, for your many years of service at Western Seminary and for how you continue to serve us here in your teaching role! For future alumni communications, you can send your emails to sjalumni@westernseminary.edu or contact Lisa Mueller at 408-356-6889 x415.

To the right are some of Jeff's reflections of his time at Western Seminary:



Jeff Mammen with wife Trisha and daughter Cadence.

Tarp and twine. Carrie Priest cringes to this day at the mention of it. Tarp and twine is all we had to set up the Western Seminary table at a graduate school fair in 2004, when I was hired as a Recruiter. These were special times because what Western lacked in slick presentation, we more than made up for in depth, through our lifechanging, Christ-centered ministry training. For the past three years in Alumni Relations, I have had the privilege of gathering graduates of this common training together, believing the fellowship we share could espouse deep connections and creative ideas for serving our King together.

Meeting Western alumni, I discovered the amazing ways the Lord's called and led them through life and ministry. Now allow me to turn the tables and let you discover some of that in me. My wife and I have experienced a lot of "life" lately, recently blessed on October 1 with a newborn daughter, Cadence. As I pastor in San Francisco, I'm constantly challenged and excited about how to bring Christ's message to bear on the people of this beautiful and broken city. So this is now my focus. I step down from my Alumni Relations post, grateful to the alumni, faculty and staff for their friendship. I have one request. Every now and then, stop by and remind Carrie, "We've come a long way since tarp and twine, thank the Lord."

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DR. NEEDHAM-PENROSE'S PUBLISHED ARTICLE

Dr. Judith Needham-Penrose and her co-author, Harris L. Friedman, will have an article published in the *Humanistic Psychology* publication on November 27, 2012. The title of the article is *Moral Identity Versus Moral Reasoning in Religious Conservatives: Do Christian Evangelical Leaders Really Lack Moral Maturity?* Copyright © 2012 Routledge.

PERSPECTIVES CLASSES THIS SPRING 2013

The Perspectives courses will be held this spring from January 2013 through May 2013 at three Bay Area locations:

- **Community Christian** in Morgan Hill
- **Maranatha Christian Center** in San Jose

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Dr. Tuck celebrates 25 years of teaching at Western Seminary.

25 Years of Teaching

January marks the 25th year that Dr. Gary Tuck has taught at Western Seminary. While the buildings and classrooms he has taught in have changed over the years, his teaching and preaching have always remained consistent: "King Jesus," "macro before micro," "What is the context of this passage?" and "What is the sender's intended meaning?" It is true that those who take a class from Dr. Tuck will never read the Bible in quite the same light or listen to or give a sermon the same way. Above all, his teachings have led his students to have a closer relationship with King Jesus so they may be a light to the world.

SAVE THE DATE!

You're invited to celebrate with us to honor Dr. Tuck's 25 years of service at Western Seminary. Spouses or significant others are welcome. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate kids due to space limitations. Volunteers to help with the event are welcome.

Saturday, Jan. 26, 2013, 1-4pm
Calvary Church
16330 Los Gatos Blvd, Los Gatos

RSVP to [Lisa Mueller](#) with your name and guest. You can reach her at (408) 356.6889 x415 if you have questions or to volunteer.

San Jose Class of 2011 Inaugurates New Graduate Giving Program

It is always exciting to share great news . . . This past year, the graduating class of 2011 decided to make history with a collective gift-giving and volunteer effort for Western Seminary San Jose. The goal was to have at least 70% participation and raise \$5,000 or more. This class exceeded this goal with 73% participation and \$5,145 in gifts and pledges ranging from \$10 to \$1000. Certainly, every gift mattered. Gifts received paid for two six-shelf library bookcases, student financial aid and other facility needs. A recognition plaque to the class of 2011 is displayed on the side of the new bookcases in the library. In addition, many graduates volunteered at events such as Discover Coaching, Western graduation, Alumni Gatherings, a Western network event, and March's Alumni



Connect. Other grads helped current students with mentoring and tutoring! You all ROCK!!! If you didn't get a chance to participate in giving or volunteering, please note that it's never too late. We appreciate your time and generosity and look forward to your continued partnership.

Thank you,

Charmaine Williams and the Western Seminary Family

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- San Lorenzo Japanese Christian Church in San Lorenzo

Visit www.perspectives.org for more information about "Perspectives on the World Christian Movement" and to register online or pick up a "Get Threaded" postcard in the lobby on campus.

JOB AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES
We receive regular contact from churches and para-church organizations regarding job and ministry opportunities. If you are looking for a job or ministry opportunity, please see the latest edition of the student newsletter, the [Western Wave](#).

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