



The Western Wave

San Jose Campus Student Newsletter

August 2016



Photo by Poplar Photography

These newly graduated MFTs from left to right are Chien Ku, Irene Chow, and Rebecca Chang.

Another Class Launched

Commencement Weekend on July 8th and 9th, 2016 was full of celebration and excitement as Western Seminary San Jose launched 44 new graduates! From conversations, good food, sharing memories, hugs, laughter, words of encouragement from faculty and administrators to the Class of 2016, and worship through song and prayer, to grads being hooded and receiving their diplomas, and cheers erupting from family and friends, these were all elements of a memorable and significant weekend in

the life of Western Seminary San Jose. Over the course of both days, Patrick Lai, Muna Farhat, Kate Cheng, Tyler Cole, and Joanne Kim shared about the transformation and growth they experienced in their lives as a result of their studies, the instruction and mentoring they received from their professors, the great interaction and friendships they developed with classmates, and the work of the Gospel in their lives as they

(continued on page 2)

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST 11-12

[The Global Leadership Summit 2016](#) (p. 4)

AUGUST 12

Summer 2016 Semester Ends

AUGUST 31

New Student Orientation, 6:30-9:30pm

SEPTEMBER 5

Labor Day (Campus Closed)

SEPTEMBER 6

Fall 2016 Semester Begins in Milpitas!

SEPTEMBER 9

Fall 2016 Tuition Due

OCTOBER 16

Western Gathering - Fellowship Night at San Jose Earthquakes game (p. 4)

OCTOBER 19

Discover Coaching, 7-9pm,
At the new campus in Milpitas
[RSVP](#) by Oct. 12

OCTOBER 22

Regeneration Forum, 9am-5pm at
Christ Community Church in Milpitas
(p. 4)

CAMPUS NEWS

OPEN REGISTRATION FOR THE FALL

Open Registration for the Fall 2016 semester **ends on July 31, 2016**. If you are not registered for any courses by July 31, a \$50 fee will be charged to your account. It's highly recommended that you check in with your advisor to discuss your plans and make sure you're on track with course sequencing and degree requirements. The 2016 courses, schedule, and syllabi are posted [here](#).

PERSPECTIVES CLASSES IN AUGUST

Perspectives is a unique discipleship course. Hear how God has been working, and continues to work, throughout the world. Find out what your part is in

this exciting movement to make Jesus' disciples from all nations. To learn more about Perspectives, there will be an **informational meeting on Monday, August 8** from 7:00pm-8:30pm at Southbay Community Baptist Church, 448 Francis Dr., San Jose. Feel free to bring someone with you. No RSVP needed. **The first Perspectives class will begin on Monday, August 22** from 6:15pm-9:15pm. The first class is free. There will be worship, prayer, and Dr. Markos Zemedede will speak on "Our God is a Missionary God." For more information or to register, go to

(continued on page 4)

"ANOTHER CLASS LAUNCHED" CONT. FROM PG. 1

encountered "life" in the midst of their journeys. The same theme that is ever-present with so many as they move on from Western is that they are changed, different people now than they were when they began. Hearing the testimonies of God's work in the lives of graduates as a result of their experiences while at Western never gets old. There are now 44 new Western graduates who are better equipped to serve and love their God and King by loving, leading, shepherding, discipling, counseling, and supporting the people entrusted to their care. Congratulations to the Class of 2016!

(continued on page 3)



We're almost ready for classes!

On July 9, Christ Community Church in Milpitas (CCCM) welcomed Western Seminary and their 600+ guests at the Commencement 2016 ceremony with a welcome banner and balloons, which led a path to the sanctuary and highlighted the entrance of Western's new classroom building. It's interesting that CCCM intended for this building to be their Education Center all along. Little did they know a seminary would partner with them to offer classes there. God's provision is amazing!

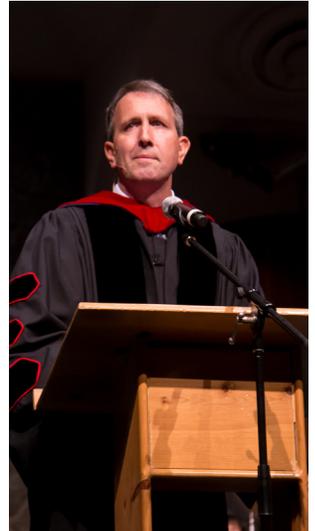
Immediately following graduation, Western's classroom building was open

to those who wanted to take a self-guided tour. The tables arrived just in time for the campus preview. Now we are waiting for the chairs to arrive and be assembled. One classroom will be TEC-enabled to allow us to send and receive streaming video of courses taking place in real time across our four campuses. Mics will be set up at every table in order to interact with the professors. Also in the classroom building is a kitchen and lounge area for students and faculty.

In early July, the building which will be the future administrative offices

for staff and faculty was mostly gutted out down to the concrete foundation, but the existing outer offices were preserved. Soon, the pile of rubble and concrete will be hauled away and replaced with new carpet and cubicles. The library will also be painted. By the time you read this, so long as we're still on track, construction should be just about complete. The plan for the physical move from Santa Clara to Milpitas will be the week of August 8. **Look for upcoming details regarding a formal public event on viewing the new campus of Western Seminary, San Jose.**

“ANOTHER CLASS LAUNCHED” CONT. FROM PG. 1 & 2



Photos by Poplar Photography

From top to bottom: attendees enjoying a time of fellowship at the grad banquet; a delicious steak dinner enjoyed by all; Muna Farhat poses with Dr. Lorraine Hutchinson; Daisy Chan and Shami Benjamin lined up before graduation; grads Joanne Kim and Tyler Cole all smiles during the ceremony; Mark Tunney (Senior Pastor of Christ Community Church in Milpitas) gives the commencement address “Run into the Battle;” Dr. Gary Tuck hoods Patrick Lai; the Class of 2016.

"CAMPUS NEWS" CONT. FROM PG. 2

www.perspectives.org or contact the class coordinator, BeckyDurstenfeld@gmail.com.

REGENERATION FORUM - OCT. 22

[The Regeneration Project](http://www.regeneration-project.org) is a gospel-centered ministry of Western Seminary responding to this generation's biggest questions about Christianity and faith. On Saturday, October 22 from 9am-5pm, join [Francis Chan](#) (author of Crazy Love), [Tim Mackie](#) (co-creator of [The Bible Project](#) and a professor at Western Seminary), [Nancy Ortberg](#) (author and CEO of Transforming the Bay for Christ) other church leaders, students, 20-somethings, and theologians at the ReGeneration Forum. Other speakers include Jeff Louie, Dave Lomas, Isaac Serrano, Jay Kim and many other local leaders. We will explore questions being asked today, including: Can I believe in both science and the Bible? Does God endorse violence and genocide in the Bible? How can Jesus be the only way to God in a world of so many religions? This event will be held at Christ Community Church in Milpitas. Lunch will be provided. For registration (begins this month), schedule, workshops, and speakers, go to: www.regeneration-project.org. Follow us on Facebook under [RGenProject](#). You may also sign up for email updates.

MINISTRY & 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 info about recent (and previous) postings below. You may also check out other [employment opportunities](#).

Clinician/Facilitator (FT)**[River Oak Center For Children](#)**

5445 Laurel Hills Dr., Sacramento 95841
Positions available in Sacramento and Elk Grove. Contact Tim Belval

(Recruiter) at tbelval@riveroak.org or 916-609-5102.

Family Ministry Director (FT)**[Irvington Presbyterian Church](#)**

4181 Irvington Ave., Fremont 94538
Contact Marisssa Hughes at ipchurch@pacbell.net or 510-657-3133.

Danville/San Ramon**Student Ministries Leader (FT)****[Cornerstone Fellowship](#)**

Send resume and cover letter with a video where you are teaching a sermon to Lindaf@cornerstonestoneweb.org

Director of Mobilization (FT)**[Go Live Serve International](#)**

Mountain View, CA

GLS sends tentmakers to contribute to the urban church movement and workplace transformation in China and the Muslim World. Send resume to Helen (Project Manager) at helen@goliveserve.org or

Global Leadership Summit Discount

Western students, graduates, faculty (including staff), and those in active military can register for the annual [Global Leadership Summit](#) which will be held on August 11-12, 2016 at a special Student/Faculty rate of \$89 (Reg. \$209). If your Western student ID card has expired, contact [Carrie Priest](#) for an updated registration sticker. GLS is telecast live from Willow Creek Community Church in Illinois and features world class speakers, music, and drama to help equip Christian leaders around the world.

Here are the Bay Area Global Leadership Summit host sites:

- San Jose – Church on the Hill
- Dublin – Valley Christian Center
- Morgan Hill - Community Christian Church
- Manteca - Crossroads Grace Community Church

No longer live in the area? You can [search by postal code or city](#) to find the host site closest to you.



Western Gathering on Fellowship Night 2016

Presented by Thrivent Financial



Date/Time: Sunday, October 16 at 4pm

Soccer Game: [San Jose Earthquakes](#) vs. Vancouver Whitecaps

Location: Avaya Stadium, 123 Coleman Ave., San Jose 95110

Cost: \$18.75/ticket* (reg. \$30) for the first 40 people who order through <http://tinyurl.com/wsfellowship>. Code: Fellowship16

After the first 40, it's \$23.75 until Sept. 19 or if the Fellowship tickets are sold out sooner (only 300 avail). The first 40 tickets are reserved for Western in the Fellowship section. As of July 22, there were only 22 left. Visit the Thrivent booth at the game for your free scarf.

Exclusive postgame testimony event with an Earthquakes player.

For more information, please contact [Lisa Krehbiel](#) at 408-356-6889 x415.

*Discount made possible by Western Seminary and Thrivent Financial.