One of our life heroes has just “finished [his] course,” having “kept the faith.” Dr. Earl Radmacher (1931-2014) was one of those larger-than-life personalities in our lives. He was one of the last vestiges of a cadre of spiritual leaders that has few comparisons in subsequent generations—leaders who launched movements and pursued great visions for the Kingdom. They were easily recognized, widely known and deeply respected. Under his Presidential leadership (1965 – 1990) Western grew from about 50 students to over 500 and became a nationally recognized and respected seminary.

His energy and enthusiasm in proclaiming God’s Word with integrity were legendary and infectious. We can still see him as our hermeneutics professor, standing behind stacks of printed hand-outs, speaking as one who knew far more than he was telling us. We can see him in his impressive office, greeting students as close friends. But we can also remember him frequently stopping us on campus to ask personal questions about life and then listening with sincere interest to our responses.

Although times have changed, we still have the image of Dr. Radmacher locked in our memories as iconic of his role. He looked like a seminary president and spoke like one. But he was also a trusted friend who provided needed counsel at strategic points in our lives.

One of his most enduring legacies was his crucial role in the founding of a campus of Western Seminary in the Silicon Valley. He worked with area pastors and the Portland faculty to launch what became a legitimate branch campus.

The Apostle Paul said of Epaphroditus, “hold men like him in high regard” (Phil. 2:29). While few reading this ever met him, you have nevertheless become the beneficiaries of his faithfulness. We thank God for providing us with such a worthy role model.

A webpage has been created in honor of Dr. Radmacher, which contains additional information about his memorial service on January 10, a blog to share your memories and information on a scholarship fund in his name.
DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM TAKING A CLASS AT WESTERN?  
Consider inviting a friend to sit in on a class you’re taking this semester for their own personal enrichment, or encourage them to take one that has had a significant impact in your own life. There are great learning/growing opportunities even in auditing a course. There is a simple registration process and the audit price is significantly less than the credit price. Please contact Carrie Priest at carriepriest@westernseminary.edu for any audit registration questions.

OPEN REGISTRATION EXTENSION FOR THE SPRING 2015 SEMESTER  
It is not too late to register for the Spring 2015 semester which begins Monday, January 5th! Check in with your academic advisor for some input on your course load and/or planning. Maybe last semester was a tough one and you’re thinking about taking a semester off. Maybe rather than stop any progress in your program, you might consider scaling back and possibly taking one course, maybe an online course or even a 2-day intensive. There are options for you to continue making progress in your degree program without pausing your studies entirely. The Spring 2015 semester schedule and the Spring Syllabi are posted online and available to view. Please remember that we have a new S.I.S. platform, so you will need to convert your student ID and PIN numbers into a new username and password to login to the new S.I.S. If you haven’t done this yet or need help, please contact Carrie Priest at carriepriest@westernseminary.edu.

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 information about the recent (and previous) postings:  

Worship, Music and Arts Director  
Irvington Presbyterian Church  
4181 Irvington Avenue, Fremont  
Part-time (approx. 20 hours). This is a newly created part-time position responsible for creating, planning and executing the elements necessary for deepening our worship of God so we may become more faithful servants of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit resume to Personnel Committee at personnelandresumes4ipc@gmail.com.

Director of Family Ministries  
Irvington Presbyterian Church  
4181 Irvington Avenue, Fremont  
Part-time (approx. 20 hours). This is a newly created part-time position to start-up, grow and nurture small group ministries for families, churched, de-churched and unchurched, so we may become more faithful servants and disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit resume to Personnel Committee at personnelandresumes4ipc@gmail.com.

Director of Young Adult Discipleship  
Christ Community Church of Milpitas  
This is a 30-40 hour position created primarily to compliment a local seminary student. The purpose of this position is to (further) disciple young adults as they make critical, life impacting decisions. Contact Dave Kupitz, Executive Pastor, at 408-240-7911 or davek@cccmilpitas.org.

Director of Family Discipleship  
Christ Community Church of Milpitas  
The purpose of this position is to partner with parents in the spiritual formation of their children (disciple parents relationally) and to uphold the core values of placing the CCCM kids first and overseeing their discipleship. Contact Dave Kupitz, Executive Pastor, at 408-240-7911 or davek@cccmilpitas.org.

Director of Children and Family Ministries (full-time)  
Saratoga Federated Church  
20390 Park Place, Saratoga  
The children’s ministry exists to create environments in which children develop an authentic faith, build relationships, and impact their community. Send resumes to federatedjobsearch@gmail.com.

Spring Courses To Consider  

- **Exposition of Romans and Exegeting the Book of Romans**  
  Begins January 12 - Course ID - BLS 538S/NTS 527S  
  Dr. Gary Tuck. 2 credits.

- **Introduction to Coaching**  
  Begins January 15 - Course ID – MCS 510/210  
  Chad Hall, PCC. 1 credit.

- **Providing Pastoral Counseling**  
  Begins February 2 - Course ID – PTS 507SH  
  Dr. Norm Thiesen. 2 credits.

- **Introduction to Theology and the Practice of Worship**  
  Begins February 4 - Course ID – DMS 502SH  
  Dr. Dan Kimball. 2 credits.

Check the Spring 2015 Semester Class Schedule, the San Jose Campus Syllabi and the fliers in the lobby for more specific details on dates and times.
The Christian Therapist Fellowship Presents:

Ultimate WORTH

Who We Are: The Christian Therapist Fellowship is a vibrant gathering of local counselors encouraging and equipping one another in Christ for excellence in service.

When: Friday, February 20 from 12:00pm-2:30pm

Presenter: Dr. Russ Llewellyn, Ph.D.
Dr. Llewellyn has had a significant career as a pastor, a therapist, a speaker, and an author of seven books. He currently serves as the prayer pastor at Peninsula Covenant Church in Redwood City.

The Topic: We will explore the issues of how humility affects our self-esteem, and how adversity, suffering and neglect threaten our worth. From a biblical perspective, we will see how God intends to produce in us and the people we see a worth that lasts forever.

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

Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.

- Luke 12:6-7

Feel free to bring your lunch as we delve into this subject. RSVP by 2/13/15 to stevedarro@aol.com.