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New Development
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The Westminster
Assembly Project

Chad Van Dixhoorn



In late December last year, when GPTS President Dr. Pipa graciously extended an offer to me for the position of director of development and recruiting, he asked me a question which initially caught me off-guard. He asked why someone with my extensive background of high profile and international experience would be interested in a small academic institution such as Greenville Seminary. I was surprised at the question because I had not thought of myself and my career in any particularly grandiose terms, so I gave a rather flippant answer, "Small is beautiful," and recounted that much of my experience has been in small churches and other small enterprises.

Upon reflection, I felt I needed to give him a better answer. First of all, I told him that my résumé may have appeared greater than the person it reflected. To be sure, I have been blessed by God in my past to hold highly visible positions with large audiences (I was once named the seventh most influential person in one state where I worked.) But, I told him, I prefer to be known as God's humble servant, and I often fear I am not the "good and faithful servant" I ought to be. Secondly, I said, I find no diminishment of significance in mere diminutive size.

My interest in Greenville Seminary is entirely based on the mission and character of this institution, limited as my knowledge of it may be at this point as a newcomer. I must confess to being heartsick in the extreme at the present course and condition of our society and the church. My long career as a public affairs journalist greatly contributed to this heartsickness, and my observations of our society in the years since then have only deepened it. I am convinced that the present state of our society is in large part due to the weakness of the church's prophetic voice and practical application of the Word of God to

The Westminster Assembly Project and Reformation Heritage Books

The Westminster Assembly Project, best known for the edition of Assembly minutes and papers to be published by Oxford University Press, has now entered an extensive publishing agreement with Reformation Heritage Books.

John Bower has joined historian Chad Van Dixhoorn* in launching three new series of books by the Westminster Assembly, and one series of new and classic studies on the Assembly, all being published by Reformation Heritage Books. It is hoped that both texts and studies will stimulate further research in the Assembly and the religious dimension of English civil war politics. Certainly future publications on British post-Reformation theology and Puritanism will be enriched by these publications, briefly described here.

Principal Documents of the Westminster Assembly. This series will produce the six chief works authored by the Assembly for covenanted uniformity of religion in England: the Confession of Faith, Larger Catechism, Shorter Catechism, Directory for Public Worship, Directory for Church Government, and The Psalter. Each volume will contain a historical introduction, a critical text, and multi-column comparisons of original manuscripts and early editions. The inaugural volume, The Larger Catechism, has been prepared by John Bower and scheduled for a launch in March 2010.

Writings of the Westminster Divines. The aim of this series is to provide scholarly editions of texts by Westminster Assembly members and

all of life.

When Israel of old fell into such a state, God brought His judgment upon all the people; but He held their leaders responsible. The sorry state of Christendom, and thus our society as a whole, can be laid, I believe, at the feet of its spiritual leadership. Our greatest hope for a restoration of a godly society and a church worthy of the name of Christ is a restoration of truly Biblical training for the leaders of God's people. While there are a few institutions of various theological persuasions which remain committed to the historic understanding of the Gospel, Greenville and a handful of like-minded sister institutions seem to stand alone in a commitment to the fundamentals of that systematic understanding which comes closest to the Truth, the Reformed Faith.

Smallness is not a critical factor here, as Gideon, Ezra, Nehemiah and The Twelve learned. The size of the Lord's Army is not the issue; Who is at the command — the Lord of Hosts — is the issue.

This is why I am excited about joining in the task as Greenville continues to respond to the Lord's call as stated in its Statement of Distinctives.

It has taken 65 years for me to follow in the footsteps of my father and grandfather who entered seminaries in generations past, although for them their education led to vocations in the Gospel ministry, whereas my journey here is to promote and facilitate that path for future generations. My grandfather, Herman Moes, a cousin of later famed theologian Cornelius Van Til, was a student at Old Princeton Seminary; my father, John, entered the ministry somewhat later than some students, graduating from Calvin Seminary the same year I graduated from Grand Rapids (Mich.) Christian High School (1962). In 1966, I received my B.A. in Journalism from Michigan State University and went to work immediately for the world's largest news organization, The Associated Press. Beginning as a general assignment, broadcast and sports writer/reporter in Detroit, I spent most of my career as an investigative and political reporter, covering state capitols in West Virginia, Utah and Montana.

Taking a sabbatical from my Montana duties in the mid 1980s, I spent two years in Sweden helping to develop Scandinavian Christian University's Nordic College of Journalism. I served there as academic vice president and professor of journalism and economics. While in Sweden, I became involved with underground missions and human rights work behind the Iron Curtain, and

commissioners. Volumes will include previously unpublished manuscripts as well as republications of rare editions. Carefully determined editorial standards will be used to ensure an authoritative product that is accessible to modern readers, while remaining reliable for students and scholars.

Westminster Assembly Facsimiles. With this new series, **Reformation Heritage Books** and the **Westminster Assembly Project** are providing **electronic and print access to publications by Assembly members in their original form. Free PDF downloads will be made available through the Westminster Assembly Project website. The same text can be purchased for your collection in paperback and hard cover from Reformation Heritage Books.**

Studies of the Westminster Assembly. **Complementing the primary source material in the other series, the Assembly studies will provide access to classic studies that have not been reprinted and to new studies, providing some of the best existing research on the Assembly and its members.**

For more information on the Westminster Assembly Project, visit our table at the GPTS Spring Theology Conference, or visit the Project online at www.westminsterassembly.org.

Information on Reformation Heritage Books can be found at www.heritagebooks.org and www.heritagebooktalk.org.

***Dr. Van Dixhoorn will be speaking at the GPTS Spring Conference on the topic *The Westminster Assembly and Scripture*.**



February 28 – Dr. Carrick – Grace PCA, Aiken, SC

March 5 – Dr. Pipa – Covenant College Chapel, Lookout Mountain, GA

March 6 – Dr. Curto – Ordination and Installation of Matt Holst (as Pastor of Geneva OPC), Redeemer OPC, Doraville, GA

continued to work in Eastern Europe following my return to the United States and the demise of the Soviet bloc. During my time in Sweden, I also served as European correspondent for World news magazine.

After our European adventure, my family relocated to California, where I became editor of two scholarly theological/cultural journals published by a Reformed-oriented think tank. Thereafter, I spent some years as a freelance writer, specializing in Christian homeschooling textbooks, including an extensive history of modern Western Civilization. After a brief tenure as an editorial writer and editor for a Southwestern newspaper, the Lord led my family and I to serve as directors of a small Christian camp and retreat center back in California, where we served with joy for more than 12 years until the property was sold late last year.

My wife Karlinda and I, blessed parents of five godly children and grandparents of 13 grandchildren, expect to move to South Carolina in late June, after Karlinda concludes her contract as a Christian school teacher.



Katekomen Online Since it ceased publication several years ago, many scholars and others have expressed interest in resumption of *Katekomen*, Greenville Seminary's scholarly journal. Although resources are not available currently for revival of *Katekomen* as a printed publication, we are happy to announce the creation of a free online version of this journal. This journal is designed to acquaint prospective students, supporters, scholars and all other interested persons with the perspectives and theological thought of Greenville Seminary, its faculty and affiliated learned thinkers. *Katekomen* can be found on the web by clicking [here](#) or entering katekomen.gpts.edu into your Internet browser's address bar. Be sure to bookmark this site or add it to your "favorites" for ease of access in the future.

March 9-11 – Dr. Shaw, Dr. Curto, Dr. Pipa – GPTS Spring Theology Conference, Simpsonville, SC

March 14 – Dr. Curto – Church Creek, PCA, Charleston, SC

March 26-28 – Dr. Pipa – Conference, Grace PCA, Stuart, FL

March 28 – Dr. Carrick – Grace PCA, Aiken, SC

April 8-12 – Dr. Pipa – Conference, Covenant OPC and Village Chapel PCA, New Bern, NC

Ongoing:

Dr. Smith is teaching an Adult Sunday School class at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in Brevard, NC

Dr. Shaw is leading a Men's Bible Study at 2nd PCA in Greenville, SC

Dr. McGoldrick is serving as stated supply at Grace PCA in Dacusville, SC

Please Pray With Us

February Prayer Requests:

- Please continue to pray for God's provision of all needed resources for the seminary.
- Please continue to pray for Leon and Charles Amicy, Octavius Delfils, their churches and their families as they continue to minister in Haiti. The Presbyterian Mission in Haiti (PMH) continues to minister to survivors many of whom are overwhelmed with grief. Additional details supplied by the PMH board are available on the PMH website: www.presbyterianmissioninhaiti.org
- Please pray for the GPTS Spring Theology Conference, for those speaking and organizing the conference as well as those attending. Please pray for God's hand of blessing, that all involved may grow in knowledge and love for God's holy word.

GPTS Spring Theology Conference: If you are in the Greenville area but unable to attend our Theology Conference as a whole, please plan now to join us for the evening lectures on Tuesday, March 9 and Wednesday, March 10 (both at 7pm). Dr. David Murray will be speaking on "Holy Spirit + Holy Men = Holy Bible" (Tuesday) and "Salvation, Sanctification and Spectacles" (Wednesday). These evening lectures are free and open to the public. Nursery available.

GPTS on Youtube: GPTS has several videos now available on Youtube, including some interviews with faculty members Dr. Tony Curto and Dr. Ben Shaw.

Biblical Worldview Student Conference: We encourage all young people to consider attending this conference May 31 - June 5 at Milligan College outside of Johnson City, TN. The conference is sponsored by Westminster, PCA in Kingsport, TN. The purpose of the conference is to train young men and women (age 15 to college seniors) to grow in the faith and be better equipped to face the challenges of an increasingly hostile world. More information can be found at www.westminsterkpt.org.



The tables below outline the seminary's financial picture for the month of January.

As we have reported before, our monthly average expenses, including the interest on the building mortgage, are approximately \$78,000. We have made it a goal to increase regular monthly giving to this amount.

If you are not currently giving monthly, please prayerfully consider this change. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) enables monthly giving without having to write and mail a check each month. You can sign up for EFT on the donation pages of our website or by contacting Brenda Benson (bbenson@gpts.edu or 864-322-2717, ext. 318).

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NEW GIVING OPTION: We have created a new and easy mechanism for supporting GPTS financially. You may now make quick donations [ONLINE from our web site](#). You may make a one-time donation to any of several GPTS support categories or set up a monthly donation schedule.

General Fund Update

	January Budget	January Actual	Difference Compared to Budget for January	Fiscal Year to Date Budget	Fiscal Year to Date Actual	Difference Compared to Budget for Fiscal Year to Date
Expenses	\$ 66,789	\$78,165	\$ 11,376	\$ 468,153	\$ 486,920	\$ 18,767
Donation Income	\$ 56,231	\$ 62,145	\$ 5,914	\$ 393,617	\$ 393,961	\$ 344
Other Income	\$ 18,923	\$ 43,528	\$ 24,605	\$ 132,461	\$ 191,399	\$ 58,938
Total Income	\$ 75,154	\$ 105,673	\$ 30,159	\$ 526,078	\$585,360	\$ 59,282

Capital

Funds Update

Goal	\$ 3,500,000
Receipts	\$ 2,282,109
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 835,925
New Income Needed	\$ 382,820
Outstanding Bills	\$ 38,500
Monthly Note	\$ 8,000

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The Spring Theology Conference

The Nature and Sufficiency of Scripture

Registration for GPTS' annual Spring Theology Conference remains open until Friday, March 5th. Register online at www.gpts.edu/conference or call the seminary at 864-322-2717.

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