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Dead Sea Scrolls Scholar's Library Coming to City Seminary

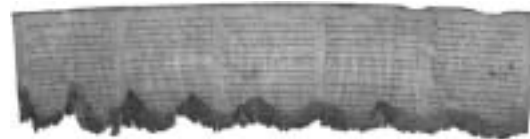
In a major announcement for the Sacramento church community, City Seminary has disclosed that negotiations have been completed to bring the bulk of the library of Dr. John Strugnell to the seminary. Strugnell, Professor Emeritus of Harvard Divinity School, was chosen to lead the translation project for the Dead Sea scrolls.

The library, which is largely intact, contains more than four thousand volumes and journals, including many extremely rare items. "It's unusual enough to see a collection of this quality and magnitude come to the West Coast," said Rev. Frank Walker, Professor of Historical Theology at City Seminary. "To have it coming to Sacramento is truly remarkable."

The Strugnell Collection, which

has not been completely catalogued as yet, contains a large number of volumes focused on the first century of Christendom, including many works that will be of particular interest to Greek, Aramaic and Hebrew scholars. "While one would expect the first century emphasis, there are also quite a few volumes that deal with the Reformation era," added Walker. "This is a world class resource that will make Sacramento a destination site for many scholars, and provide a wonderful resource for our students."

"Professor Strugnell was a convert to Roman Catholicism, so as Protestants our theology is quite different," said Walker, "but he had access to first class resources and he used his access to build a wonderful collection that truly ought to remain



A portion of the book of Psalms from the Dead Sea Scrolls

intact and available to students and scholars. We're delighted that Sacramento will be home to the volumes that comprised the heart of this wonderful collection."

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City Seminary Sacramento

City Seminary Announces
Dead Sea Scrolls Scholar's
Library Acquisition

The *City Seminary Review* is a publication of City Seminary intended to share with the Church community of the Sacramento area our mission, and services available to the Church at large.

The mission of City Seminary of Sacramento is to provide a sound theological education – in the conservative, classical Protestant tradition – for men called to the preaching ministry, and others who desire to improve their knowledge of God's Word.

To this end, City Seminary offers evening and Saturday classes so students do not have to uproot their families, move to a far-off city, incur debt or leave their jobs and the oversight of their local church. Now, students can remain in Sacramento, and continue their theological education.

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Anthony Aguilar beams after receiving his scholarship

City Seminary Student Awarded First Vernon Horst Scholarship

The first annual Vernon Horst Scholarship was awarded to Anthony Aguilar during City Seminary's annual Convocation Service.

Ten years ago, Anthony was a member of the Meadowview Bloods gang, and addicted to drugs. After a two-month drug binge, Anthony turned himself over to the authorities and was committed by the court to a rehab home run by Victory Outreach. While at the home, Anthony heard the good news of the Gospel and was saved by the precious blood of Christ.

Since then, he has been active in his church as a youth pastor, reaching out to troubled youth. He heard about City Seminary by listening to the John Stoos show on KFIA. He has been enrolled in Seminary classes since the Spring of 2001. With the proceeds of the scholarship, Anthony was able to take *Systematics: The Doctrine of Man*, and *Medieval Church History* classes for the Fall 2002 semester.

"City Seminary has been a tremendous blessing," commented Anthony. "I have learned so much. I am looking forward to serving the Lord in full-time ministry. I'm also glad Professor Walker gave me a hint that I might get a scholarship that night, else I would have shown up in a tee-shirt."

Sponsors Line Up for CSS Golf Tournament

The First Annual City Seminary Golf Tournament is scheduled for April 25, 2003, at the prestigious Teal Bend golf course. Although the tournament is not until April, the golf tournament committee is busy securing hole sponsors, foursomes and other types of commitments. Some of the businesses to come on board include **Wells Fargo Bank, Bimbo Bakeries, Bank of the West, Trammel Crow, Textron TFC, Moss Adams, Spaulding, G Strahan & Associates, Music Trades, Stockman's Bank**, as well as commitments from individuals.

The funds raised from the golf tournament will go for City Seminary's "Mission to the City" scholarship fund, which is designated for local students — regardless of denominational background — who are training for the ministry.

For further details, or to become a sponsor, call Tom Lagomarsino at 567-9999, or email him at toml@pianodisc.com. Plan now to join in the fun, meet fellow believers and advance the cause of a vitally important ministry!

City Seminary 2003 Calendar

January 18 – Spring Classes Begin
April 13-19 – Easter Break
May 3-10 – Finals

August 11 – Open House
September 5 – Convocation Service
September 6 – Fall Semester Begins

New Hebrew Professor to Join City Seminary Faculty in Fall 2003

One of the primary missions of City Seminary is to equip and train men who are called to ministry later in life.

It is a real joy for the Board of Governors of City Seminary to announce the addition of a new faculty member who fits that very profile — one who himself was called to ministry later in life.

Born in 1957, Pastor Voytek was raised in a predominantly Jewish neighborhood, from whence came his lifelong love affair with the Hebrew language. He spent eighteen years working in the computer information field, for several government agencies, as well as one of the nation's largest savings and loan banks.

While serving the Lord in his vocation, he also served in his local church as a deacon for two years and then as an elder for ten years.

While an elder, he taught Sunday School, established home Bible study groups, was involved in handling church discipline cases and oversaw various evangelism programs.

It was this day-to-day, roll-up your sleeves kind of work that began to create a desire in Rev. Voytek to do even more for his Maker. It became evident to him, as well as to his family and pastor, that he was called to the ministry. He enrolled in Westminster Theological Seminary in California at the age of thirty-five.

Upon graduating with a Master of Divinity degree, Michael Voytek accepted a call to pastor a small church in Minot, North Dakota. Since he had spent the last 20 years in sunny Southern California, mov-

ing to North Dakota was a bit of a change — to put it mildly.

"To tell you the truth, my family was not exactly thrilled to move from sun to snow. But they understood, after my years of serving the church, that I was willing to go wherever God called...including North Dakota."

It was in Minot that Reverend Voytek's love for Hebrew and teaching came together. Although he had served as a teaching assistant in Hebrew while at Westminster Seminary, he now had his first chance to teach Hebrew in a community setting. His Hebrew classes were taken not only by local college students, but also by area pastors. The classes were accredited through Minot State University.

"I love Hebrew," says Pastor Voytek. "When I tell people that, they raise their eyebrows in surprised amusement. But I really do. It is a joy and privilege to study God's word in the original languages."

Pastor Voytek hopes that his enthusiasm for the Hebrew language will rub off on his students.

"I know that Hebrew is a real challenge. Greek is a little bit easier to learn, because of the many words in English that are derived from Greek. But when it comes to Hebrew, I can only think of two English words that derive from Hebrew: wine and cinnamon. Not too much there for students to connect with. When you add those funny squiggly lines instead of the alphabet that you have known throughout your life, yes, Hebrew can be tough. But it is essential. And those who love God's Word, and are



willing to work hard, will find that by the end of their course of study they will be able to not only read, but also translate words, passages and books of the Hebrew Bible."

We welcome Pastor Michael Voytek to the faculty of City Seminary of Sacramento.

Discount Seminary Tuition?

One of the premier seminaries in the United States recently sent out a newsletter touting that their tuition and on-campus living costs were 30% lower than other seminaries across the country. The reduced tuition rate? "Only" \$17,500 a year. The average price of a seminary education in the United States is \$28,000.

For students at City Seminary, average tuition is far less, with most benefiting from the seminary's scholarship programs.

City Seminary's commitment to the community is that no qualified seminary student will be denied an education due to financial need. Thus, the vast majority of our students receive some type of tuition assistance. But we need your help to continue to provide scholarships. Please review the article on the golf tournament and consider what you can do to help City Seminary fulfill its mission.

City Seminary Begins Spring Classes

Enrollment jumped once again as City Seminary convened classes for the Spring 2003 semester. In keeping with City Seminary's goal to offer courses for all prospective students, especially those who work full-time, all courses are held during evening hours or on Saturday.

Monday/Thursday, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Greek II: A study of Koine (common) Greek, focusing on vocabulary, grammar and syntax. The purpose of this class is to prepare the student to read and exegete the New Testament in its original language. The instructor will be Rev. Frank Walker. (prerequisite: Greek I)

Tuesday, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.

Pastoral Theology: Provides a biblical and theological overview of the nature of the gospel ministry. Special attention will be given to the idea of "call" versus "vocation," the nature of biblical worship, the Word of God and prayer as means of grace, the centrality and importance of preaching, and the contribution of the pastor's life to his ministry. The instructor will be Rev. Jim West.

Thursday, 7:50-9:30 p.m.

Systematic Theology III - The

Doctrine of Christ (Christology):

A consideration of the Covenant of Redemption and the Covenant of Grace, as effectuated in the person and work of Christ. Attention will be given to the natures, offices and states of Christ. The course will be taught by Professor Frank Walker.

Saturday, 9:00 - 10:40 a.m.

Introduction to Apologetics: An investigation into the use of evidences in apologetics. Issues of concern are the value of evidences, the historical reliability of the Bible and textual criticism. Special attention will be given to the doctrine of creation. The instructor will be Rev. Charles A. McIlhenny, D.Min.

Saturday, 10:50 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Reformation Church History: A study of the Sixteenth Century Reformation, focusing on the pre-Reformers, the relationship between the Renaissance and the Reformation, the work of the Reformers themselves (specifically, Luther, Zwingli, Calvin and Knox) and the Roman Catholic Counter-Reformation. The instructor will be Rev. Frank Walker.

Becoming a "Patron of the Library"

There is still an opportunity to become a Patron of the Library, as part of the Strugnell Library project. Patrons pledge to contribute \$10,000 over a two-year period to the support of the seminary library. Their names will also be honored on an engraved plaque permanently displayed when the library moves to its new home. Donations may also be made in honor, or memory of, another. For details, please call Library Committee Chairman Gordon Enas at (916) 653-7589.

The site committee has been actively working with local real estate experts for six months, and is targeting a Fall, 2004 relocation date to new, permanent facilities.

Strugnell Library On The Web

More information about the Strugnell library collection purchase is available on the Seminary's web page, including a downloadable PDF file that partially lists the collection's titles. The address is:

www.cityseminary.org/strugnell-lib.htm

Hebrew Classes to Begin Fall Semester, 2003

With the addition of Reverend Michael Voytek to the staff of City Seminary, Hebrew classes will begin with the Fall Semester, 2003.

Hebrew I includes the study of orthography, grammar, syntax and vocabulary, as well as selected readings from the Old Testament.

Hebrew II will be offered the following semester, Spring 2004. And

Hebrew III will be offered during the summer of 2004. Thus, a student will complete the entire track of Hebrew languages in one year.

The Seminary plans to alternate the language courses every year using this same pattern: Greek I, II, III during one year, followed the next year by Hebrew.

"I am very excited to begin

teaching Hebrew classes with City Seminary," commented Reverend Michael Voytek. "City Seminary has offered a top-notch program in Greek for the last three years, and the initiation of the Hebrew program underscores the seminary's commitment to keeping the original languages a vital part of Biblical studies."