

The City Seminary Review

Convocation Service Begins Year At City Seminary

City Seminary began its fourth school year with its annual Convocation Service on September 5.

In what has become a City Seminary tradition, pastors not formally affiliated with the seminary brought the Convocation messages to the faculty and students. "One of the purposes of a seminary is to serve the local church," said local businessman and member of the seminary's Board of Governors Tom Lagomarsino. "We think it is most fitting, as we begin another school year, that we ask local pastors to remind both faculty and students of this purpose."

The charge to the faculty was brought by Rev. Reddit Andrews, pastor

of Soaring Oaks Presbyterian Church in Elk Grove. He served as assistant pastor in two congregations before moving in November, 2001, to serve as senior pastor of the Soaring Oaks congregation in Elk Grove.

The charge to the students was delivered by Rev. Greg Stoever, who has served as pastor of River City Community Church since January of 2000. Prior to his arrival in Sacramento, he served as an Associate Pastor in Simi Valley for ten years.

"Students need to hear from men who have preceded them in the ministry, and who understand the pressures that a minister and his family will face,"



Rev. Greg Stoever and Rev. Reddit Andrews after the Convocation Service

said Lagomarsino, "and having endured all, to remain faithful to the Word of God."

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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 leave their home church and the oversight of their pastor, or leave their jobs, uproot their families and move away to a distant seminary, often incurring substantial debt in the process.

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What students have to say about City Seminary’s academic program...

“The Greek language instruction at City Seminary has been superb. I have now studied nearly two semesters of Greek with Professor Walker and feel that I am really getting a handle on the language of the New Testament. I have progressed far enough now that I sometimes refer to the Greek New Testament in my personal devotions!”

— N.B.

“Without City Seminary my dreams of a quality theological education would never have been realized. I just couldn’t afford to attend my denominational seminary in San Francisco. Between the cost of books, tuition, and commute I would have incurred debt that my family just couldn’t bear. Not to mention the problems this would have caused with my full time job, my ministry and my family. City Seminary is an awesome school with rigorous standards and a heart for training pastors. Thank you City Seminary!”

— C.Z.

“I just wanted to drop you a line to let you know how much I appreciate the program at City Seminary. The program at City Seminary has made possible what seemed impossible before: the idea that the Lord might use me in a position of responsibility in His church. City Seminary is a unique institution, for it combines a high level of instruction and rigorous fidelity to the Scriptures with a heartfelt generosity towards those who have financial limitations. It is obvious that City Seminary is training a generation of future ministers who will make a real contribution to God’s kingdom during the coming years.”

— C.R.

Regency Art Auction Coming To Sacramento

In the elegant surroundings of Sacramento’s most exclusive private supper club, friends of City Seminary and local art lovers will gather for a fundraising art auction at 7 PM on Thursday evening, September 25th. With items ranging from \$45 to several thousand dollars, those attending the gala event will be able to choose from a wide variety of signed lithographs, original works, as well as a selection of beautifully framed images by Thomas Kinkade (donated to the Seminary by the Thomas Kinkade Foundation). The \$10 admission includes a wide variety of hors d’oeuvres. For information, call 451-5168, or purchase tickets online at

Fall/Spring Semester Calendar

November 27-29 Thanksgiving Break <i>(No classes)</i>	January 17 – Spring Semester begins
December 9 – Open House	April 5-10 – Easter Vacation
December 13-18 – Finals	May 3-8 – Final Exams
December 18 – Last day of class	

"Mission to the City" Scholarship Program Spotlight

Golf Tournament Well Received

After a rain delay of nearly a month, City Seminary's "Mission to the City" golf tournament was finally held June 6, 2003, at Teal Bend Golf Course. The response of sponsors and golfers was enthusiastic.

"This was by far the best-run golf tournaments I have ever seen," commented "Radio Phil" Baltzley of Christian radio stations KFIA, KTKZ and 105.5 (the FISH). "Everything about it — the organization, contests, auction, dinner — was first class. I am looking forward to next year."

Due to the generous response of the business community, the first

annual tournament provided nearly \$18,000 in net funds for the Seminary's "Mission to the City" scholarship program, which are awarded to students who desire to serve in the ministry in the Sacramento area.

City Seminary thanks our tournament sponsor, **Stockmans Bank**, "Eagle" sponsor "Friends of David Knowles," and our "Friend" sponsor, G. Strahan and Associates. We also wish to thank our other sponsors: Armour Steel, Assemblyman Dave Cox, Bank of the West, Bimbo Bakeries, Farmers and Merchants



Bank, Encore Graphics, Livingston Concrete, Moss Adams, Natomas Self Storage, Doug Clifford of Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, PianoDisc, Raley's, Spaulding, Textron TFC, and Wells Fargo.

Fireworks Stand Raises Funds for Library

Volunteers from City Seminary were among the hundreds of other charities running the ubiquitous firework stands preceding this year's July Fourth holiday. Over \$2,500 was raised for the Seminary's Library program.

Besides selling fireworks, volunteers also handed out free Bibles.

"The goal of City Seminary is to prepare men to preach the Gospel," explained Seminary Board Member Al Esquivel, who initiated the Bible give-away program. "It only seemed appropriate to use the opportunity while interacting with the public to put those same principles into practice."

Over 90 Bibles were given away during the two weeks the fireworks stand was operating. Besides English, Spanish Bibles were also distributed.

"Considering this was our first year, we did well," added Gordon



Enas, who oversees the Library program for the Seminary. "Now that we have a little experience, we hope to do even better next year."

In other Library news, Natomas Self Storage has donated storage space for the Seminary to hold their volumes until a permanent site can be located.

"With the Strugnell Library acquisition, the donations from publishers and now the gift of B'Nai Israel, we were busting at the seams," commented Gordon Enas. "We are very grateful for the donated space. Now we need to find a permanent home for this world-class library to make it available to the city."

City Seminary Announces Special Scholarships

During the convocation service, Dr. Frank Walker, Professor of Historical Theology, announced the Horst and King scholarships.

Pastor Chester Au was awarded the Horst Scholarship and Mike Podrasky was awarded the Aaron King Scholarship.

The \$1,000 Horst Scholarship is awarded in memory of the late Vernon Horst of Ohio and is used to support a ministerial student, irrespective of denominational affiliation.

The \$500 King Scholarship, funded by the generosity of Theron and AnneMarie Johnson, is named in honor of the young child of local pastor Ernest King who was suddenly called home by the Lord. The scholarship is awarded to a married student with children.

City Seminary Announces Spring Courses

City Seminary's Board of Governors announced the course schedule for the Spring 2004 semester. In keeping with City Seminary's goal to offer courses for all prospective students, especially those who work full-time, all courses will be held during evening hours and on Saturday.

Mon., Thurs., 6:30-7:45 PM

Hebrew II: A continuation of Hebrew I, including orthography, grammar, syntax and vocabulary, including selected readings from the Old Testament. The instructor will be Rev. Michael Voytek.

Mon. 7:50-9:30 PM

New Testament Introduction: A consideration of the text of the New Testament, focusing on the intertes-

tamentary period, and the origin and transmission of the text. Special attention will be given to the office of the apostolate and the concept of the canon. (Prerequisite: Elements of Greek Grammar II) The instructor will be Rev. Frank Walker.

Tuesday 6:30-9:00 PM

An examination of theological method, the nature of Biblical revelation, verbal inspiration, inerrancy and infallibility. The instructor will be Rev. Jim West.

Thurs. 7:50-9:30 PM

Medieval Church History: A study of the doctrinal and organizational development of the church in the Middle Ages. The effects of scholasticism and the sacerdotal theology on the European church and society

will be considered. The instructor will be Rev. Frank Walker.

Sat. 9-10:40 AM

Modern Cults: A study of the modern cult phenomenon, examining the history and distinctive of popular cults. The instructor will be Rev. Chuck McIlhenny.

Sat. 10:50 AM - 12:30 PM

Confessions of the Church and Social Order: An historical consideration of the Christian creeds from the apostles to the present. Particular attention will be given to the early ecumenical creeds and the confessions of the Reformation. The effects of these creeds on church and society will also be considered. The instructor will be Rev. Frank Walker.

Temple B'nai Israel Shares Donated Books with CSS Library

The firebombing of three Sacramento synagogues sent shock waves throughout the community in 1999. Among those targeted was Temple B'nai Israel, which lost its library of more than 4,000 volumes, many irreplaceable.

Across the city and across the nation, thousands of individuals and organizations helped rebuild the library until more than 20,000 volumes had arrived.

Since many of the donated volumes were duplicates, B'nai Israel invited other California synagogues to help themselves to the many Hebrew works, lexicons, lesson books, histories, and archaeological works. They also invited representatives of the local Protestant seminary to come, as well.

More than 1,000 volumes were donated to City Seminary, including a selection of Holocaust literature donated at the seminary's request.

"When we complete our own library, our intention is to name it in memory of Rev. Paul Schneider," said City Seminary Professor Frank Walker. "Paul Schneider was a German Reformed Protestant minister who opposed the Aryan laws and refused to let the Nazis take over his church. He was the first evangelical pastor to die in the camps. He understood that true Christianity meant defending his neighbors."



"We appreciate this act of kindness on the part of B'nai Israel," continued Walker. "As Protestants, we embrace civil and religious liberty, and are reminded that if we do not vigorously defend our neighbors' liberties, we cannot expect our own to long continue."

City Seminary's library will swell to more than 7,500 volumes with the new additions.