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Mission discipline is essential for any healthy, effective organization. Our mission is shaping leaders who advance God's kingdom around the world. We work hard every day keeping that mission central in decision-making, resource-allocation, personnel administration, and academic programming. It's not easy because so many fine-sounding competitors vie for our attention.

Sometimes, it's important to remember what our mission is *not*. Our mission is not land preservation, institutional legacy, or even academic excellence. Our mission is producing leaders who actually minister effectively – preach, teach, evangelize, disciple, counsel, administrate, and care for people. Graduates doing those things effectively - that's our mission.

We are currently involved in a major land sale and relocation – for one simple reason. These choices maximize our current

resources to accomplish our mission more effectively in the future. Our past leaders served us well by their choices. Now, we must make the same bold choices to assure a strong training center for the next 50 years. We believe we are making those choices.

In this issue, you will read some highlights about the relocation. But, more importantly, you will read several stories about our faculty, staff, and students living out our mission. Just as our team inspires me every day by their sacrifice and service, so these stories will motivate you to more effective ministry wherever you are assigned.

Thanks for being part of the Golden Gate family!

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Jeff P. Iorg President

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Golden Gate Announces Campus Purchase; Requests Name Change

By Dr. Ben Skaug || Vice President for Institutional Advancement

"A seminary for the 21st century needs space for students, faculty, library, worship and administration. We will soon have state-of-the-art facilities for all these purposes, plus the most advanced educational technology available."

Dr. Jeff Iorg

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary has signed a purchase agreement for a new primary campus site in Southern California, east of Los Angeles near the Ontario International Airport.

In announcing the formal purchase and sale agreement (PSA) to the seminary community, Jeff Iorg, Golden Gate president, said, "We have chosen a facility to meet the needs of students in the 21st century. We will soon have a high-quality educational delivery center with excellent facilities for fulfilling our mission of shaping leaders in the future."

Iorg also announced that the seminary will ask that a new name - Gateway Seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention - be approved by the convention.

The new site includes a six-story building, an adjacent ready-to-build lot and more than 700 parking places in the city of Ontario, part of Southern California's Inland Empire region. The building was constructed in 2009 and has remained vacant due to the economic downturn. The building's exterior is finished and all mechanical systems have been installed, but its interior is unfinished. The adjacent lot is already legally entitled for a future building.

The six-story building encompasses approximately 153,000 square feet, while a future building, at 75,000 square feet, can be constructed for such uses as a chapel, library, offices or classrooms. By comparison, the seminary's core campus buildings in Mill Valley, CA, are only 121,000 square feet. Thus, the new Southern California building is about 20 percent larger than the seminary's current facilities, with room on the new site to nearly double the size of the current facilities.

"Our new campus will be very different than our former campus. It is a much more efficient use of space and resources," Iorg said. "A seminary for the 21st century needs space for students, faculty, library, worship and administration. We will soon have state-of-the-art facilities for all these purposes, plus the most advanced educational technology available."

In contrasting the seminary's new model with other campus models, lorg raised the question, "What about other buildings like gyms, swimming pools, exercise rooms and childcare centers? While there is nothing wrong with having them, they are not necessary for accomplishing our mission. When millions of

people have not yet heard the name of Jesus, our school must model frugality and simplicity to prioritize resources for global missions. Our tuition must be kept low so students can graduate without seminary-created debt. Our future resources must be focused on people and programs - not facilities.

"Our national convention has challenged every church, association and state convention to economize and spend more money on direct mission activity," lorg added. "We have an opportunity to model doing this as a national entity and we must seize the moment."

While the new campus plan also does not include on-site student housing, Iorg indicated it is still a priority. "Not using a traditional model does not mean we will not facilitate student housing. It simply means the housing won't be at a traditional campus location," he said. "Our goal is facilitating student enrollment and degree completion. We will meet that goal in ways that fulfill our mission. When it comes to recreation, housing and similar activities, we want students to be in the community close to the churches - learning to live on mission as part of their total training program with us."

The seminary currently is finalizing plans to secure use permits, finish the building's interior, and prepare for relocation by June 2016. "We have a reasonable timetable for this project and will be ready to move within the two-year window allotted for our transition," Iorg said.

Regarding the upcoming request for a name change, Iorg acknowledged the strength of the seminary's current name but indicated the seminary's board of trustees had determined requesting the new name ultimately is the best course of action.

"The name Golden Gate Seminary connects us with a beautiful bridge and rich heritage in the San Francisco Bay Area. Under that name, we have sent more than 8,000 graduates across America and around the world. Our current name has served us well and helped define our identity," Iorg said. "We have a growing sense, however, that bearing a name so closely associated with an iconic landmark won't serve us as well when our primary campus is in the Inland Empire east of Los Angeles." In commenting on the reasons for select-



ing the proposed name of Gateway Seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention, Iorg said, "The new name



connects to our heritage, frees us from geographic designations, allows for developing a more global identity, and acknowledges our Baptist distinctive."

Iorg also underscored aspects of the seminary that will carry forward under the new name. "Gateway Seminary will build on the foundation established over the past 70 years and on the strengths of Golden Gate Seminary. We will remain biblical, missional, and global. We will retain our passion for multi-cultural ministry and church-focused training. We will still operate five campuses, multiple CLD (Contextualized Leadership Development) centers, and a growing online program. While our name is changing, our core values and commitments are not."

Iorg also reminded the seminary community this will be a slow process. "We are now taking the initial legal steps toward becoming Gateway Seminary. We are making sure we can carry forward our assets, preserve future bequests and develop an appropriate online identity," he said. "We will continue to operate as Golden Gate Seminary until June 2016. After that, if the SBC approves, we will build on the foundation of Golden Gate to establish our identity as Gateway Seminary." 💽

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Anniversary of Dr. lorg's Presidency

By Tyler Sanders || Coordinator of Communications

August 2014 marked the 10th year that Dr. Jeff Iorg has served as president of Golden Gate Seminary. Under Iorg's impressive leadership, the Seminary has thrived, having sold the main campus, purchased a new property in Southern California, significantly increased its endowment, and introduced several new programs.

Though the sale of the Seminary property has been a topic of discussion for over thirty years, circumstances had not yet allowed it to materialize until recently. Operating a seminary in the economic setting of Marin County has brought a distinct set of challenges. Iorg said, "It has been difficult to maintain programs in this expensive environment. Mill Valley is a place where the cost of doing busi-

ness is significantly higher than it is in other parts of the country."

With the sale of the Mill Valley Campus finalized at \$85 million, and the relocation already in progress, Golden Gate has a chance to recast

itself. Iorg expressed that he would prefer to run a lean seminary. He said, "I want Golden Gate to operate as a lean, efficient, narrowly focused organization. We need more Southern Baptist resources to be used to take the gospel to the nations far more than any SBC entity needs more luxurious or larger facilities."

Iorg stressed that Golden Gate is committed to continuing to offer high-level education without interruption throughout the move to Southern California. Iorg explained that there had been "multiple offers for the property over the past few years. All of them were for less than the offer we ultimately accepted. An indispensable part of the agreement is the two-year lease-back. We had to build the relocation process around the needs of students. We could not sell the land and close the campus abruptly. We had to have a sale and relocation process that preserved our institutional commitment to current students."

Iorg went on to state, "We are pleased with how circumstances are coming together related to our future campus in Southern California." The new primary campus is considerably larger than the current one, providing over 150,000 square feet of usable space with the potential for even more. The new campus \$71 million. Before the sale, Iorg had steadily worked to increase the endowment from \$12 to \$21 million over the past 10 years. He reflected that, "It took us 70 years to gather an endowment of \$21 million. Increasing our endowment by another \$50 million in such a short time is amazing."

Guiding a seminary the size of Golden Gate requires long-range vision from its leader. Iorg noted, "Seminaries are slow changing organizations, and that's not necessarily a bad thing. Changes must be made incrementally and purposefully because the results last for years." In addition to developing a greater capacity for long-range vision, and perhaps in conjunction with it, Iorg has become a more patient leader through his service "Our mission is shaping leaders who expand God's kingdom around the world. It isn't institutional legacy, financial strength or even academic excellence, even though these things contribute to our mission.

What defines us is this question: Do our graduates have the capacity to do better work having attended Golden Gate than if they had not? If the answer to this question is yes, then we have succeeded."

Dr. Jeff Iorg

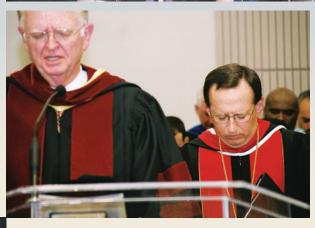


is located in the Inland Empire Association. This Association is comprised of 230 Southern Baptist Churches. Furthermore, according to demographic studies, this area is projected to explode with population growth over the next twenty years.

After setting aside \$35 million toward the purchase and relocation of the Seminary's main campus to Southern California, and toward a commuter campus in the Bay Area, Iorg was pleased to be able to direct \$50 million into Golden Gate's endowment, raising it to a total of at Golden Gate. "The need for long range vision has forced me to be more patient with people and with processes than when I first arrived. It is one of the main things the Seminary has done for me as a leader."

Under Iorg's leadership, Golden Gate has made several important program improvements. He has led the Seminary to re-establish the PhD program, to develop a fully online and accredited Master of Divinity, and to expand the CLD program to about 1000 students. "My vision for the Seminary was not to create something that didn't already exist, but instead to take something that was good to a much higher level of performance," Iorg stated.

These improvements are about Golden Gate's mission more than a means of growth. Iorg explained, "Our mission is shaping leaders who expand God's kingdom around the world. It isn't institutional legacy, financial strength or even academic excellence, even though these things contribute to our mission. What defines us is this question: Do our graduates have the capacity to do better work



having attended Golden Gate than if they had not? If the answer to this question is yes, then we have succeeded."

Though Iorg's tenure will surely be marked by the sale and relocation of the main campus, the most striking moments from his experience have been much more personal. Iorg said, "My family has meant a lot to me over the years." He continued, "I was holding my grandson on his second day of his life, and he started to be a bit fussy and I gave him back to his mother, and in that moment I realized being a grandfather was mostly fun!" He also mentioned stories of student evangelism and graduates calling back years later to thank him for the preparation they received from Golden Gate. Recently, he has been moved by the private responses by faculty, staff, and students to the announcement of the sale and relocation.

The impact Dr. Iorg's leadership has had on Golden Gate Seminary cannot be



PAGE 6 LEFT TO RIGHT: The Iorg family in 2004. Ann and Jeff Iorg in 2014.

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overestimated. Dr. Crews, president emeritus of Golden Gate, notes that,

"Many of the significant things Jeff has been able to accomplish were things that I had dreamed about during my time as president and I am thankful for what he has been able to lead the seminary to do."

Former VP of Institutional Advancement and current president of Williams Baptist College, Tom Jones, echoed this sentiment. He said, "Jeff takes his role as president of Golden Gate Seminary very seriously. While some denominational leaders push their theological or political positions, Jeff has one overriding agenda that drives him: reaching lost people with the Gospel. His leadership at Golden Gate and vision for the Seminary has consistently reflected his tireless pursuit of that passion."

Golden Gate Seminary is grateful for President Iorg's visionary leadership and his steadfast focus on the mission.

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God's Hand in Mr. Dadeh's Life

By Dr. Don Dent || Director of The David and Faith Kim School of Global Missions

"In the midst of the sale and relocation of Golden Gate Seminary's primary campus, it is important to remember that our faculty and students are still focused on spreading the gospel to the ends of the earth. Dr. Don Dent, Director of The David and Faith Kim School of Global Missions. recently led a group of Golden Gate students on a mission trip in which God answered prayer in a miraculous way."

Tyler Sanders || Coordinator of Communications

In June, I had the privilege of taking six Golden Gate Seminary students to Southeast Asia to do cross-cultural evangelism. In one week, we were able to share the gospel with over 50 Muslims, but that is another story.

Our key contacts on the ground were Steve and Mary,* old friends of mine. They are working faithfully to reach the Pepper* people, an unreached Muslim group of about 1,000,000. There are very few Christians among the Pepper, and no open churches. The specific area we traveled to is well known for its black magic. In fact, our team met numerous Muslim pilgrims who had traveled to a famous Sultan's tomb in hopes of obtaining some of "this power."

On my last night in the country, I stayed at Steve and Mary's

The Holy Spirit convicted me of that prayer a few minutes into my journey. So I started an intentional conversation with my taxi driver, Mr. Dadeh.* We had fun making general conversation for a while and then I asked him the question that I often use to share the gospel with Muslims." According to your holy books, who is exalted on this earth and in the afterlife?" He immediately answered, "Isa Al Masih" (Jesus, the Messiah). I was shocked by his answer because few Muslims know that this statement is in the Qur'an. I responded by asking him

derstand this passage.

He astonished me again by claiming he

was a follower of Isa. Then he proceeded

younger days, he admits that he was

to tell me his testimony of conversion.

how he came to un-

filled with anger and even committed murder. He was also very zealous in leading Christians to convert to Islam. In 1984, he was speaking to a Chinese man about converting to Islam when he noticed a cross hanging on the wall. When he openly mocked Christ at that moment, he felt a piercing conviction that he had never felt before.

Later that very day, Dadeh came down with a dangerously high fever. He was taken to the hospital, but the doctors could not control it. The fever reached a point that brought on delirium. In this fever-induced state, he began to have visions.

> In one of his visions, he found himself looking down at his own body and then looking down at the top of the hospital as his



body continued to rise. He continued to rise higher and higher into the clouds until he entered a large chamber in the heavens. There, a powerful voice asked him, "Where do you think you will go?" Dadeh could not respond because he knew that man was not good enough to

enter into heaven. Furthermore, he also knew that his own heart was evil. The powerful voice asked a second question, "Who do you believe in?" Mr. Dadeh offered a typical Muslim response, "I believe in Allah." The voice responded, "I am Isa Al Masih (Jesus, the Messiah). Only those who believe in Me will ever enter into heaven."

The scene in his vision shifted and Dadeh was thrust toward a door that led to torment and great heat. As his body was being pushed through the door, Dadeh used his hands to keep himself from being cast into the abyss



Mr. Dadeh woke from his visions and found that he had been covered with a sheet. Once he discovered that his body was free from the fever, he removed the sheet and sat up. At this, the hospital staff screamed in surprise and fear. They had placed the sheet over his body when he was declared dead 30 minutes prior. Mr. Dadeh believes that



lowship and praying for their work among the Pepper people. The next morning Mary prayed for me as I left their house to head to the airport. She asked God to bring someone into my path so that I could share the gospel.

Dadeh is the short form of a much longer house, enjoying their fel-Muslim name which identifies him as a direct descendant of the Sultans of Pepper, the very group Steve and Mary are working patiently to reach. His mother was from a Christian family, but he grew up as a devout Muslim. In his

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of hell. The authoritative voice said, "Repent and believe in me! Find a Bible, read it, and tell others about me."

he was given a second chance at life. In that moment, he gave his life to Jesus Christ. Furthermore, he found a Bible, has read it many times, and has continued to share Christ with many others.

After sharing this story, Dadeh and I took a couple of minutes at the airport to share our joy with one another. As his taxi drove back into the city, I had time to reflect and marvel at God's work. In a city of 20,000,000 people, God placed one of the few Christians in my path. We serve an amazing God who answers prayer!

> Now that I am back home. I am reminded that Christians in America rarely pray for divine encounters and rarely share

the gospel with

new acquaintances. How many opportunities are we missing on a daily basis? God is working all around us. I don't believe that my encounter with Mr. Dadeh was left to chance. I firmly believe that it was the result of the prayers of my friends. These scenes can happen right here in America, but we need to pray, seek, and ask. In other words, we need to live like missionaries.

* Names have been changed



Leaving My Heart Near San Francisco

Tyler Sanders || Coordinator of Communications

Reflections from Alumni-Trustees on Selling the Mill Valley, CA Campus



The unanimous decision to sell its Mill Valley campus was accompanied by a profound sense of loss by some members of the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary's board of trustees. Four trustees who are also graduates of Golden Gate were asked for their perspectives on the decision.

Stunning Beauty

When these alumni-trustees reminisced about their favorite student memories, the overwhelming response included the stunning beauty of the campus.

Rickey Scott, MDiv 1987 and DMin 2000, a retired pastor in Oregon, said, "I was enamored with the beautiful hillside setting of the campus. The view overlooking the bay is breathtaking and picturesque. The San Francisco skyline outside the student center was an ideal place for prayer, meditation, pictures, and even quite a few marriage proposals."

Jan Springer (MATS 2008), worship and creative arts minister at North Metro Church in Thornton, Colorado, said she enjoyed escaping cold Colorado winters to take J-term classes in Mill Valley. "I was always amazed at the temperate climate, the flowers already blooming everywhere, and being able to sit outside in between classes."

Memorable Milestones

But the campus setting isn't the only memory that alumni-trustees affectionately recall. Mike McGuffee, MDiv 1977, ministerial leadership specialist with the California Southern Baptist Convention Healthy Church Group, fondly remembers family milestones during the time he lived on campus. "My oldest son was born while my wife and I lived at 2A Lockett Lane," he said.

Jeff Evans, MDiv 1994, pastor of The Vine in Rancho Cucamonga, CA, remembers the classroom where he learned Hebrew from professor Ken Eakins. "Dr. Eakins would have us write our Hebrew translations on the chalkboard and then ask us if we thought we had the correct answers. I would think to myself, 'I have no clue!' But those were really great times," he said.

Objective Assessment

These and other memories of bygone days prompted initial hesitation as these alumni-trustees worked through the process of deciding to sell the Mill Valley campus.

"Due to my great memories as an alumnus, I felt somewhat conflicted when we first discussed the possibility of selling the campus," Scott said. "Yet as an alumnus-trustee, I understood the enormous challenges, difficulties, and financial burdens Golden Gate was facing at that location. I sincerely believe the sale and relocation are the best options for the seminary."

Evans said, "The student housing and campus buildings are outdated. The cost of repairing or replacing them in Marin County makes it unlikely to ever happen."

Springer said, "During my J-term classes, I stayed in the women's dorm for a week at a time. While there weren't many complaints, I could tell the women who lived there all the time were just making the best of it."

McGuffee lamented, "The housing was old and run-down when I was a student back in 1974. It hasn't gotten any better since then.

"I took the decision very seriously because of my personal and emotional ties to the campus," he added. "I was on the facilities crew as a student and have walked every square foot of the campus. However, as a trustee, I have a responsibility to think about the future of Golden Gate for the next fifty years. I will miss the Mill Valley campus, and even though I love it, I know the sale and relocation is the best decision in light of the circumstances."

Mission Certainty

Though they expressed initial uncertainty and even a sense of loss at the decision to sell, these trustees have expressed virtually no regrets about selling the campus and relocating to Southern California.

"I am very confident in the decision to move forward," Scott said. "God led very competent, dedicated, and faithful individual trustees to vote unanimously to sell the property and relocate. A 100 percent 'yes' vote on something of this magnitude does not just happen in Baptist life without God moving in people's hearts."

Springer added, "I am very confident in our decision and in the leadership direction the seminary has taken."

Evans, a native of California, explained the source of his confidence. "I am at peace because I understood the issues we were facing," he said.

"We could stay and fight for our property rights, spend millions of dollars, and years in litigation, but what would we have gained in the end? We would still have a million dollar view, but at what cost to our Christian testimony and our property value? By selling and relocating



the primary campus, Golden Gate Seminary will be able to impact the world for Christ more effectively than ever before," he said.

While each of the alumni-trustees admitted they will miss the pristine beauty of the setting, they all see the mission as far greater than a location.

"As an alumnus and trustee, my heart, loyalty, and desire move me to want the very best for Golden Gate Seminary," Scott said. "I would not have voted yes if I thought it would be detrimental to the advancement of the Kingdom of God, or hinder this great seminary from providing the best theological education possible. I envision Golden Gate growing in numbers because of the new campus location, cutting-edge technology, and the amenities our future world-class facility will afford."

Among the many messages from other former trustees regarding the decision, one in particular encapsulates what most have felt as they grappled with Golden Gate's land development problems over the years. He wrote, "I was on the board twenty years ago. The decision to sell was right back then and it's right today. I thank God we finally got it done."

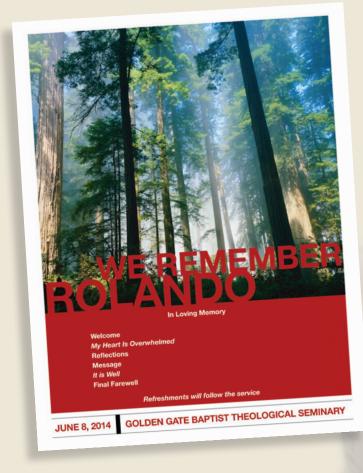
Starbucks Evangelism in an Unexpected Way



By Tyler Sanders || Coordinator of Communications

The Mill Valley Campus of Golden Gate Seminary is located in one of the least Christianized areas in the United States. Our students have the unique opportunity to study and apply their classroom learning while employed in this gospel-depleted environment. That is a challenge many of our students are eager to face. Jonathan Han, a third-year MDiv student from New York, has the opportunity to live out his Christian witness as a Starbucks barista. Recently, God used Jon to display the love of Christ to his coworkers during a time of grief.

Rolando, another Starbucks barista, moved to the Bay Area three months ago from Texas. He had few friends, was completely estranged from his family, and openly identified himself as a non-practicing homosexual. He had only been working at the Starbucks for a few months when his unexplained absence one day concerned some of his coworkers. Sadly, the next day they found Rolando's body in his apartment.



Without family to arrange a memorial service, the manager of the Starbucks decided to take action. After a long ten-hour shift, she approached Jon about performing a memorial service for Rolando. Until that moment, Jon hadn't fully realized the impact of Christian witness on his coworkers. Jon gladly agreed, believing that God had sovereignly placed him in that environment for his purposes.

Two things were abundantly clear to Jon. First, he decided to drop an intensive J-term class so that he could devote the majority of his time to this crisis. Second, since he had never performed a memorial service, he turned to his spiritual mentor, Golden Gate Seminary President, Jeff Iorg, for counsel. Dr. Iorg helped Jon with the details of the service. Furthermore, when Jon explained that he was unsure where to hold the ceremony, Dr. Iorg volunteered his own home.

On the day of the memorial service, guests were seated in seminary provided chairs on the president's lawn. Han's message focused on the gospel and life's ultimate questions, as he preached through John 11: "The world we live in is filled with death, sorrow, sickness, and suffering. But this world and this life are not the final chapter. Heaven is a reality and there is one way to get there, through faith in Jesus." He ended the service with a call of response, "Who are you? Why are you on this earth? And most importantly, where do you stand in relation to Jesus?"

The spiritual fruit from this type of ministry opportunity is in God's hands. But Jon did receive several notes of appreciation, including one from his manager, who expressed her gratitude for the love and concern Jon displayed during this time of grief. She also extended her thankfulness to the seminary and to Dr. Iorg for helping a Starbucks employee who was a complete stranger to Golden Gate.

Opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to preach the gospel and display the love of Christ to lost individuals are abundant in the West. This is just one instance of a Golden Gate Seminary student and its president doing just that.

An Early, Greater Graduation



Golden Gate Seminary student Terry Treadwell graduated early. He was scheduled to participate in spring commencement ceremonies at the Pacific Northwest Campus, but instead went home to be with the Lord on March 17.

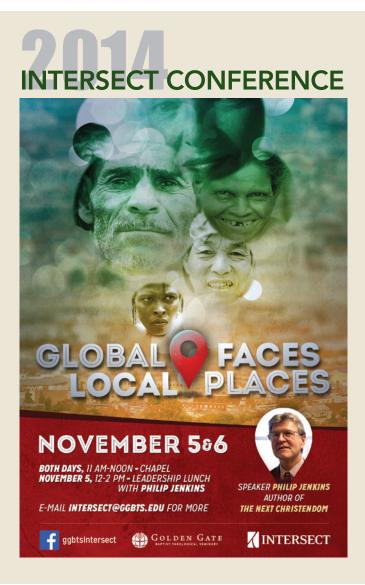
The faculty voted to award his degree posthumously, and I had the honor of presenting Terry's diploma to his family at the memorial service, held at Solid Rock Baptist Church in Portland, where Terry served as pastor. Pastor Terry's earnest dedication to ministry and to the completion of his MDiv degree impressed me and fellow students. While it was evident that he was not well, he often deflected attention from his chronic illness to talk about the Lord and ministry.

Deacon Rich Stang recalled the unusual work of God in bringing Terry to the church. "He was just what we weren't looking for," Rich said with a wink. "Single, African-American, with no previous lead pastor experience, and suffering chronic health problems. But he was just what we needed." Terry served the mostly Anglo congregation for eight years, leading them to improve their facility, grow numerically through outreach to lowerincome residents in their neighborhood, and increase their love for one another.

Terry was committed to biblical preaching and protected his church's pulpit vigorously. Whereas William Crews, President Emeritus, and Mike Kuykendall, Professor of New Testament Studies, preached at his church with some regularity, when I expressed interest in coming to preach, Terry took the time to get to know me better before allowing me the same privilege. When I relayed that story at his memorial service, Terry's family and By Dr. Mark Bradley || Director, Pacific Northwest Campus

church members smiled and laughed. They knew how seriously Terry took the ministry of the Word, and they loved him for it.

During Terry's last week in a coma, the hospital's ICU staff remarked how amazed they were at the constant vigil of church members and the steady stream of visitors who came to pray for him. Though Terry Treadwell will be missed by family and friends, I encouraged those at the service to take heart in the truth of Philippians 1:23 that "to depart and be with Christ... is far better." Terry is now experiencing his reward as a faithful servant.



professor's **PERSPECTIVE**



Unprecedented trends in urbanization, migration, and the growth of the global church have created historic opportunities for seminary training and equipping emerging leaders from around the globe. As a faculty member teaching in the area of Intercultural Ministry, I am consistently impressed by the cultural and ethnic diversity of Golden Gate's student body and the learning laboratory it creates both on campus and in the classroom.

Golden Gate Seminary is committed to offering a theologically sound and culturally relevant education in some of the most diverse urban centers in the United States. These strategic areas of influence reflect a microcosm of the world's peoples and worldviews, daily challenging students to move beyond

the theoretical into the practical realms of relevant ministry. This ethos informs and influences both face-to-face and online seminary programs in cultural studies.

In its dedication to preparing men and women for an ever changing world, Golden Gate Seminary developed the Master of Arts in Intercultural Ministry degree to equip them for a lifetime of multi-ethnic and cross-cultural service. Individuals learn how to strategically assess communities and minister to peoples of diverse backgrounds in both traditional and non-traditional ministry settings. Culminating in a multi-faceted capstone project, this cutting edge degree challenges ministry leaders to think critically, engage in practical field research, and refine ministry skills needed in today's society.

Having been called the most multicultural seminary in the world, Golden Gate is uniquely poised to challenge and equip students for service in demographically diverse urban settings. What students learn in day-to-day interaction with one another on campus, in the surrounding community, and through their coursework, establishes core building blocks of competence in intercultural ministry. Preparing culturally astute leaders who love God and serve others is what Golden Gate does best. Through flexible and challenging programs like the degree in Intercultural Ministry, individuals are better prepared for a lifetime of learning and serving. 💽

Distinguished Alumni

By Tyler Sanders || Coordinator of Communications

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary president Jeff Iorg presented Distinguished Alumni awards to Col. Frank Rice and Dr. R. Henry Webb at the seminary's alumni and friends luncheon during the Southern Baptist Convention this past summer.

"When I think about these two men who are being honored, the word that comes to my mind is 'distinction,'" Iorg said. "Both of these men have worked long and hard for the gospel and have done it with distinction."

Rice is a native of Baton Rouge, LA, and received both the Bachelor of Divinity (1957) and Master of Theology (1960) from Golden Gate Seminary. Rice joined the Air Force after two years at Louisiana State University, serving with the WWII European occupation forces and during the Korean War. He graduated from Louisiana Baptist College in 1954 and moved west to attend Golden Gate.

Rice also served as a pastor in California and worked in rescue missions in San Francisco during his seminary years. He then re-entered the Air Force as a chaplain and served in the United States, Germany, Japan and Thailand. His last active duty assignment was as the command chaplain of the Air Force Communications Command, providing for the spiritual welfare of over 55,000 men and women around the world. He retired in 1985 as a colonel.

Following his retirement, Rice served as a guest preacher in central Virginia and as an interim pastor for three congregations. From 1992 to 1999, he pastored Slate Hill Baptist Church in Charlottesville, Virginia. Today, he teaches an adult Sunday school class at Broadus Memorial Baptist Church in Charlottesville, where he also serves as moderator.

and live in Charlottesville, VA.

Webb was born in Portland, OR, grew up in Oklahoma, and graduated from Golden Gate Seminary with the Master of Divinity (1969) and Doctor of Ministry (1976) degrees. In accepting the award, Webb said he enrolled at the Seminary after a series of "delays and detours" that hindsight has revealed to be God's precise orchestration. The first delay involved a transfer from West Texas State University to Oklahoma University, where he met his wife Patti and received his call to ministry. The second delay put his plans for seminary off for a year, which led to campus ministry at Colorado State University and then the University of Hawaii.

After ministering at the University of Hawaii, Webb felt a shift in his calling from campus ministry to pastoral ministry, and began to pastor Kalihi Baptist Church in Honolulu, Hawaii. While at Kalihi Baptist, from 1968 to 1977, he completed his Doctor of Ministry and helped found Kokua Kalihi Valley: Comprehensive Family Services. Kokua means "help" in Hawaiian and the agency's bilingual community aides and both the medical and dental clinics were housed at Kalihi Baptist Church facilities. He also served as either an officer or a committee chairman for the Honolulu Baptist Association for twelve years and as a committee chairman on the Hawaii Baptist Convention executive board for six years.

Webb served 28 years at LifeWay in a variety of roles including director of pastoral ministries in addition to a number

Additionally, he is a member of the Central Virginia Baptist Association Steering Committee. He and his wife Margarete are parents to three children



BOTTOM: Dr. Henry R. Webb

of other director, editor and coordinator roles. He was on the team that developed the LifeWay Transitional Pastor Ministry and was a transitional pastor trainer for 13 years. He wrote Deacons: Servant Models in the Church and was the author or compiler of several other books and many articles in Lifeway leadership magazine.

He served Two Rivers Baptist Church in Nashville from 1977 to 2004 as an adult Sunday school teacher and then served First Baptist Church, Old Hickory in similar roles from 2004 to 2009. He is currently a member of the Glade Church, Mt. Juliet, where he teaches discipleship classes. Both of Webb's sons are in church ministry and his wife Patti is an author, conference leader, and public speaker and also leads women's discipleship studies at the Glade Church.

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LOOKING By Dr. Don Dent Director of the David and Faith Kim School of Global Missions Beyond the West Coast

Each semester, Golden Gate Seminary partners with the IMB to offer West Coast Beyond, a debriefing conference for Journeymen who have recently returned to the U.S. This conference serves a unique and sizable group of our own students returning from the field, as well as other Journeymen as they make the sometimes difficult transition to the next phase of life.

Since February 2013, West Coast Beyond has been the only Journeyman debriefing sponsored by both the IMB and a seminary; it is also the only one outside of Virginia. In addition to offering an easier travel option for many Journeymen based in the West, holding the conference at Golden Gate allows participants to connect with an important resource: ex-Journeymen who are already connected to the Seminary as students, staff, and faculty.

One of the attendees, Jose, said, "The most important thing for me to realize was that I'm not alone. There are other journeymen who struggle with the transition of coming back home, feeling out of place, and having many unanswered questions. It was encouraging to see brothers and sisters strive to trust God in a season of transitions."

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The intensity of being a full-time missionary definitely impacts Journeymen and can potentially create a difficult transition back to stateside life. Journeymen who debrief their experience often make an easier transition into the next phase of their lives. Jose explains, "Once I came back to the United States, there were a lot of unknowns in my life. I think the biggest thing has been establishing community and reacclimating to the culture of the U.S."

Andrea, who is also a student at Golden Gate, describes how her experience overseas has been shaping her life here: "Spending two years that revolved solely around communicating the gospel to those who did not believe, and discipling those who already did, pushed me to live with greater intentionality. I realized that all other things pale in comparison. I've attempted to apply the same intentionality I had in South Asia to life in the United States."

Layna, another attendee, reflected on the change in her spiritual walk: "Living overseas for two years in a country far

away from everything and everybody I knew definitely challenged and changed me. I experienced some of the hardest and best times of my life. I also had to become more dependent upon God than ever before." Golden Gate student Jenni describes a similar experience, "Spiritually, I learned to rely on the Lord when I was away from my family, friends, and usual support systems. My faith grew as I did things that I could only trust the Lord to help me with."

Professors Lisa Hoff, Debbie Steele, Don Dent and his wife, Anne, taught sessions during the latest conference and are just a few of the many Golden Gate faculty and staff who have significant international mission experience. Session topics ranged from transitions in general, to grief management in transitions, recognizing God's work in the immediate context, and contemplating future ministry.

West Coast Beyond is an expression of Golden Gate's commitment to preparing workers who are biblical, missional, and global, whether these returning Journeymen serve as mission advocates in their local church, enter pastoral ministry, or eventually return overseas.



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Golden Gate **Finalizes** Sale

By Dr. Ben Skaug

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Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary has finalized the sale of its property near Mill Valley, California, setting aside funds both to purchase a new campus in Southern California and add \$50 million to its endowment.

The sale agreement for Golden Gate's Mill Valley property included a base price of \$85 million, along with other terms financially advantageous to the seminary, including a favorable lease-back rate; the ability for the seminary to remain fully operational in the Mill Valley location for two years; and the seminary retaining revenue earned through rentals and other uses of the property during the lease-back period.

Jeff Iorg, Golden Gate's president, praised the seminary's board of trustees for their fiscal discipline in reserving significant proceeds from the sale for the seminary's endowment.

"We are delighted this first phase of our relocation is complete," Iorg said. "It took us 70 years to gather an endowment of \$21 million. Increasing our endowment by another \$50 million in such a short time is amazing."

Board chairman Steve Sheldon added, "The board is determined the property sale will dramatically improve our long-term financial health. By adding this much to our endowment, we are accomplishing that goal."



The board also approved an allocation of resources for new facilities in Southern California, Iorg reported. "We are pleased with how circumstances are coming together related to our future campus in Southern California. Now that the sale has been finalized, we can conclude our agreements for the new campus and announce those in a few weeks. God is bringing this entire process together in ways we could have never imagined," he said.

The seminary is finalizing plans for its new primary campus in Southern California and a new regional campus in the San Francisco Bay Area."We appreciate the hard work so many are doing on this project," Iorg said." I am particularly grateful for our faculty and staff who are working hard to keep us fully operational during this transition."

In commenting on the sale agreement, Iorg said, "There's been much conjecture about the value of the Mill Valley property over the years. In reality, because of the development restrictions on the property, its value is less than some have speculated. We have tried for years to remove these entitlement restrictions, to no avail. We have watched with increased urgency as value has continued to erode because of these restrictions. This helps explain the necessity of our decision to sell the property." 💽

alumni UPDATES

O Claude Mariottini (1971) recently completed 25 years of teaching at Northern Baptist Seminary and published a new book in 2013.

Jerry Yates (1974) After retiring a few years ago as the Director of Missions for Delta Valley Southern Baptist Association, Stockton, CA, he is now leading mission trips to Paraguay in partnership with the IMB.

Ritchie Weers (1975) is currently Interim Pastor for Gate City Baptist Church in Pocatello, ID.

Milton Kliesch (1977) has retired from full-time ministry and is now pastoring a small, rural church.

Kenneth Wray (1978) is now a chaplain with The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's Rapid Response Team.

William Shillereff (1977) is a serving as a pastor in Wallace, ID.

Kenneth Harris (1978) is currently serving as a Teaching Elder of Trinity Church in Coeur d'Alene, ID.

Earl Crawford (1983) is Senior Pastor of Praises of Zion Missionary Baptist Church in San Leandro, CA.

Ronald Lloyd (1983) is now serving as Transitional Pastor, Chester Baptist Church in Chester, CA. He and his wife, Carol, have two children named Bryan and Melissa. Bryan is a police officer in Portland, OR, and Melissa is a Youth Teacher at Antioch Church in Bend, OR.

Joseph Tel Waling (1986) is the Church Start Pastor of Elevate Community in Union City, CA.

Roger Greenwalt (1988) is currently serving as Executive Pastor at CrossPointe Community Church in Fontana, CA. His wife, Julie, works at the California Baptist University Counseling Center, as the office manager. All three of their children, Jennifer, Daniel, and Melissa, graduated from CBU.

Ronald Pate (1992) is leading a church plant is Frisco, TX.

Tori Swingrover (1995) is serving as English-language Pastor at Covina First Southern Baptist Church in Covina, CA.

Franklin Burt (1996) serves as Life Skills/Cognitive Education Facilitator at Lea County Correctional Facility, Hobbs, NM.

Dr. Quentin Kinnison (1998) was awarded Continuing Status (a version of tenure), received a rank increase to Associate Professor in Christian ministry, and was awarded Fresno Pacific University's President's Distinguished Service Award for faculty in addition to meritorious commendations for scholarship, teaching, and service.

John Draper (2000) has recently begun serving as a Church
Planting Catalyst with NAMB and the Minnesota-Wisconsin
Baptist Convention in the Greater Milwaukee area.

Teresa Lynn Savage (2000) married Bashan Savage in Tacoma, WA on March 29, 2014.

Lisa Rodriguez Watson (2000) is serving with the Christian Community Development Association as Executive Assistant to the CEO and is representing CCDA in various forums on issues related to faith-based efforts at comprehensive immigration reform.

Matthew Watson (2001) recently joined the staff at The District Church in Washington, D.C. as a Church Planting Pastor. He and his family will be planting a new church through The District Church in D.C. in the fall of 2014.

Craig Wilson (2002) is currently serving as Pastor at Mission Bible Fellowship in Seeley Lake, MT. His family is part of Village Missions, which sends pastors to rural communities. He and his wife Erika have a nine year old daughter, Gracie.

William Jones (2003) recently celebrated 10 years as pastor of Colesville Baptist Church, Silver Springs, MD.

Kehmes Lands (2004) was recently promoted from captain to major as an Army chaplain.

Derek Dennis (2006) is teaching middle school at Crossings Christian School in Oklahoma City, OK.

Jeromy Guthrie (2006) is Hospice Chaplain at Elmhurst Memorial Home Health & Hospice as well as the Co-Founder of Eli's Hope.

Joseph Atinsky (2007) is currently teaching 7th grade in Modesto, CA. During the summer of 2014 he served the indigenous people in the jungles of Chiapas, Mexico and worked with youth in New London and Fresno, CA. **Kevin Lindstrom** (2008) is Senior Pastor of Magalia Community Church in Magalia, CA.

Rev. Bryan Theis (2008) is serving the Mien people of Northern Thailand with OMF International.

Jonathan Tu (2008) is serving at Grace Alliance Church in Milpitas, CA as an Assistant Pastor.

Exeter Hardy III (1987 & 2009) recently published his first book, *Does Ministry Have to Hurt So Much?*

Dr. Darrel Hartley (2010) serves as the Assistant Presiding Bishop of World Wide Ministry Fellowship and he additionally is the Spiritual Wellness and Crisis Intervention Trauma Counselor at World Wide Bible Deliverance Drug and Alcohol Ministries in Compton, CA.

Angie King (2012) is now a full time missionary with the IMB.

Rico Marquez (2012) is serving as Lead Church Planter/ Pastor at Christians By the Bay Church in Pinole, CA.

In Memoriam

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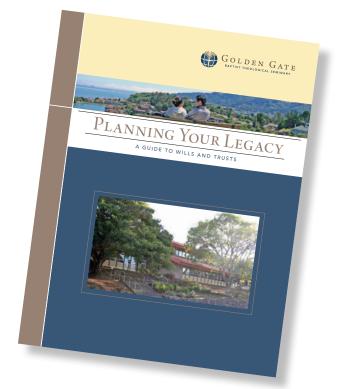
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