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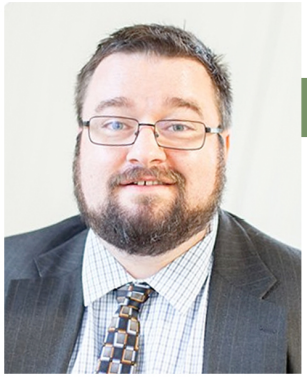
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REFORMATION AND THANKSGIVING



Dr. J.P. Mosley, Jr., Academic Dean

Every year, I am reminded of how much I have to be thankful for. As the holiday season begins in America, many look forward to celebrating Halloween and some make time to commemorate the nailing of the 95 Theses onto the church doors of Wittenburg by Martin Luther, arguably starting the Reformation on October 31, 1517. One could also find celebrations called Harvest Home, Mission Fest, and even Reformation Day. Then, there are the preparations for Thanksgiving and the Advent Season celebrating our Lord's incarnation and birth.

If we think about the harvest, mission of the church, and the necessity for continued reformation, we find much to be thankful for today. The one thing I continuously think of every year is the fact that the church continues as God promised. God has sustained us. Just think about that for a moment. God has kept His church for another year, one more year, one more successful harvest, and one more opportunity to hear the gospel call in our lives.

Please take some time to count all the things you can be thankful for during this holiday season.

KEEPING OUR STUDENTS IN YOUR PRAYERS

FALL 2023

The seminary training at Heidelberg for this semester is halfway done. Our first-year students are beginning to realize what they signed up for is not going to be easy. Our second-year students are getting to know their second biblical language plus even more theology. Then, there are our third-year students who have finished two years of language studies and now find themselves taking weekly vocabulary quizzes and learning more of theology, history, and how to apply all of this to the life of the church as they are actively serving in churches. Finally, the fourth years are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel. As graduation is just around the corner, the goal of full-time pastoral ministry is ever before them.

With all of this in mind, here are some prayer concerns I would encourage you to raise for our students at HTS:

FIRST YEARS

- Help with transition to seminary studies.
- Help with managing time for family, church, study, work, etc.
- To be encouraged to continue as they work through the challenges of first year study at HTS.

SECOND YEARS

- Help with learn their second biblical language.
- To aid as they begin to fill pulpits.
- Help with time management.

THIRD YEARS

- Help with maintenance of their language studies as they continue in their exegesis classes.
- Help to retain what they have learned over the previous two years.
- Help with time management.

FOURTH YEARS

- Help to prepare for Greek and Hebrew comprehensive exams.
- Help to prepare for licensure exams.
- Help to prepare for a future call in gospel ministry.
- Help for them to finish their seminary training well.
- Thanksgiving and praise for getting them this far in their training for ministry.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES



Dr. Patrick J. Morgan, Director of International Studies

Heidelberg Theological Seminary seeks to glorify God and build up His church in the equipping of God's servants in the context in which they serve. Our fall semester classes in both the Philippines and East Africa are in progress. Praise to the Lord for his kind and wise providence toward us in Christ Jesus.

Students in the Philippines have classes online on Friday evening and Saturday morning: Homiletics is taught by Rev. Hank Bowen and Prolegomena (introduction to Systematic Theology) is taught by Dr. James Cassidy. Students are joining the online classes from locations all over this complex and diverse nation. One of our partners in the southern Philippines (Mindanao), Rev. Rocky Simbajon, travels on motorcycle to deliver recordings of our classes to those who cannot access the online broadcasts. Please pray Rev. Rocky's safety as he travels and pray for the students and churches of the Pearl of the Orient Covenant Reformed Church; also continue to pray for Roi Bernales (who is undergoing cancer treatment), son of Rev. Vic Bernales in Davao City (Mindanao).

In Kenya, the RCUS committee on Foreign Ministries has helped establish study centers in several location in the central and western part of the country. At locations such as Kenyenya, Bumala, Laisamis, Meru, Kisii, Kisumu, and Isiolo, HTS offers classes in Christology, taught by Rev. Doug Schlegel and in Creeds & Confessions, taught by Dr. Patrick Morgan. The students travel (some by foot for several miles) each Thursday to the centers to attend afternoon classes and have fellowship together each week; students from Congo and Tanzania also join the classes online. Please pray for the spiritual welfare of the students and for the increased strength of the churches in East Africa. Pray also for our students' safety as they travel each week to and from classes, and that technological obstacles such as internet access and transportation might be overcome.

We praise the Lord for setting us to this important work with our partners in the Philippines and East Africa, being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.



Heidelberg Seminary Announces Plans for a Building Program

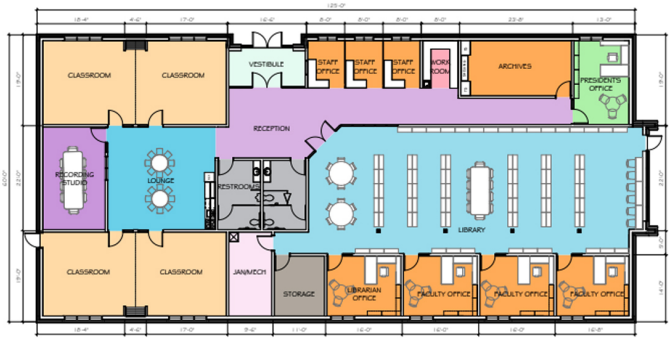


Dr. Maynard Koerner, HTS President

Heidelberg Seminary has been given tremendous opportunity to serve the Church of Jesus Christ by training men for ministry in ways far beyond what anyone could have imagined, not only in the United States, but also in the Philippines and Kenya.

Rather than thinking about strategic plans for future growth we are faced with the challenge of meeting the growth, that is already upon us. In particular the seminary will be seeking additional faculty and staff.

Along with this challenge is the need for our facilities to reflect all that the Lord has given to us. The current arrangement we have with Trinity Reformed Church has worked well, and we are very grateful to TRC for the partnership we have enjoyed with them. But space is limited for both institutions.





Trinity Reformed Church has graciously offered to provide space on the property for HTS to build its own building. This would provide needed space for the seminary and allow us to continue a very close relationship with the church, which we believe is important.

As the heading to this article indicates, Heidelberg Seminary has determined to move forward with plans to erect its own building. The plans for the building indicate there will be just over 7,000 square feet of space, including 5 offices, a library, classrooms, a recording room, and space for staff and support.

The seminary has begun a capital campaign to raise funds to erect a building for Heidelberg Seminary! We are seeking 5-year pledges from our supporters with a goal of raising 2.5 million dollars.
If you are interested in contributing to the building program or providing a pledge, please contact the seminary at 605-595-5850 for more information.

Finally, join us in praising God for His abundant blessings, and specifically for this capital campaign.