Dear Friends,

What a year!

I’m equally amazed and grateful for you. You supported Western Theological Seminary both before and after the COVID-19 pandemic became a pervasive reality in our lives. As you’ll see in the following pages, your giving accounted for 37% of the seminary’s operating revenue. You will also see that revenue outpaced spending. This is remarkable and reflects significant cuts we had to make as well as the generosity of our donors.

Our financial model relies significantly on yearly gifts. Unlike a college or university, student tuition is less than a quarter of the actual cost of attending seminary. You stand with us, believing that if God is calling someone to pursue ministry, money should not stand in the way. I continue to be amazed at your generosity and care for the future of the church. The calling of a pastor is not easy and your gifts help WTS deliver the best possible education.

There is no doubt that the COVID-19 pandemic has affected each of us in different ways. It seems unbelievable, but in the midst of the pandemic WTS has the largest enrollment in our history at 354 students. God is preparing a new generation of leaders to rise to the significant ministry challenges of our hurting and broken world.

I hope you are encouraged by the impact your giving has had. As you might imagine, recently we’ve spent significant amounts on COVID-related expenses to keep students, faculty, and staff protected, and we will ask for your help with this. I hope you will decide again to support the mission and ministry of WTS, so that future leaders of the church may prepare to enter their gospel callings in the best possible environment at the least possible price.

Thank you and God bless you,

Andy Bast
Director of Development

Programs Offered:

- Graduate Program for Christian Educators
- Graduate Certificate in Pastoral Ministry
- Graduate Certificate in Disability and Ministry
- Master of Arts
- Master of Divinity (in-residence and distance learning)
- Dual Track Master of Divinity - Master of Social Work
- Master of Theology
- Doctor of Ministry

Last fiscal year’s student count 2019-20

122
Master of Divinity
(23 graduated)

39
Master of Arts
(15 graduated)

4
Master of Theology
(3 graduated)

46
Doctor of Ministry
(6 graduated)

102
Graduate & Certificate Programs
(15 graduated)

21
Non-degree
How you help our students:

Direct Student Support from Donors:
- 23 people contributed directly to the tuition of 18 students, averaging $2,248 per student
- 13 RCA & CRC Classes supported 38 students, averaging $2,244 per student
- 37 churches supported 45 students, averaging $2,889 per student
- 6 organizations (corporations, schools & foundations) gave to 6 students, averaging $3,106 per student

Support through Estate planning:
Unrestricted:
- Donald Drenth
- Cherita Koetje
- Dorothy Schleich
Toward new scholarships:
- William and Karen VerHulst

103 students received scholarships
- Many thanks to those who contributed to scholarship funds this year!

New scholarship/grant established:
- William and Karen VerHulst Scholarship
- George Boerigter (Class of 1966) Grant

Thank you for all you do to make seminary affordable for ministry leaders!

1,051 donors to WTS
$100 most common gift
27 1st time givers
179 givers for 10+ years

Rev. Jenna Barber earned her M.Div. from WTS in 2015 and now serves as the associate pastor at Pillar Church in Holland, MI.

One of the reasons Jenna chose Western over other schools was the emphasis on whole person formation—both intellectually in the classroom and practically through internships and on-site ministry experiences.

“The church is in a unique time, the world is in a unique time, and pastors and church leaders have to be healthy—mentally and spiritually,” she says.

Jenna hopes to see Western continue to prepare healthy leaders for the Church’s future, and that is why she faithfully gives to the Seminary Fund.

“I also give to Western because I am grateful for the education and experiences I received as a student,” she shares. Her relationships with faculty and her peer group were especially formative, and she still maintains those relationships today.

“I was given gifts and resources through the financial support of other people,” she says. Just as she was blessed by others, she wants current students not to feel financially burdened while they offer their life in service to Christ and his Church.

Special Gifts

Thank you to those who designated a gift to Western Theological Seminary as a way to honor the memory of your loved one or to show appreciation to someone significant in your life or work.

In memory of:
- Kenneth Cox, 16 gifts ($4,765)
- Ardith Fikse, 9 gifts ($1,175)
- Stanley Rock, 24 gifts ($2,000)
- Wallace Stoepker, 20 gifts ($4,105)

......totaling $12,045

In honor of:
- Dirk Scholten & Raymond VanZoeren
- Tim Meendering
- Lannette Zylman-TenHave
- Steve Pierce
- Felix & Esther Theonugraha

......totaling $3,960

Jenna Barber
Holland, MI
2019-20 Cost of Attendance:
- $472 per credit hour
- Yearly tuition for Master of Divinity:
  - $15,104 In-Residence
- Actual cost of educating one In-Residence M.Div. student per year: $35,000

Your gifts reduce what students pay.

Educational Debt, Class of 2020:
- 23 M.Div. and 15 M.A. graduates
- **66% incurred no seminary debt!**
- Average seminary debt among 13 borrowers: $30,570
- 53% with no educational debt at all

You are making a difference!
The Class of 2020

Here is where our M.Div. and M.A. graduates are serving:

**MASTER OF DIVINITY**

**Ryan Anderson**  
Youth Director  
Second Byron Christian Reformed Church, Byron Center, MI

**Patrick Bloemendaal**  
RCA Missionary, Latin America  
Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf, Mandeville, Jamaica

**Kyle Boer**  
Therapist  
Ottagain Addictions Recovery, Holland, MI

**James Bosscher**  
Family Therapist  
Eagle Village (Youth Residential Home), Hersey, MI

**Kristin Brouwer**  
Family Ministry Director  
Trinity Reformed Church, Orange City, IA

**Winfred Burns II**  
Pastoral Resident  
Tabernacle Community, Grand Rapids, MI

**Kurt Bush**  
Campus Pastor, Hoskers Campus  
Trinity Reformed Church, Orange City, IA

**Chris Godfredsen**  
Classis Leader  
East/West Sioux Classis, Synod of the Heartland, Orange City, IA

**Ryan Hall**  
Pastor of Discipleship  
Tulare Reformed Church, Tulare, CA

**Josh Harrington**  
Director of Youth Ministry  
Vriesland Reformed Church, Zeeland, MI

**Catherine Brooks Harris**  
Associate Youth Director  
Sammmamish Presbyterian Church, Sammamish, WA

**Tim Huizenga**  
Associate Pastor, Highland Campus  
Faith Church, Dyer, IN

**Rachel Klompmaker**  
In search process

**Heather Kramer**  
Pastor  
Johnstown Reformed Church, Schenectady, NY

**Eleazar Lopez**  
In search process

**Steve Meester**  
Pastor  
Bethel Reformed Church, Lester, IA

**Alyssa Muehmel**  
Chaplain Resident  
Michigan Medicine, Ann Arbor, MI

**Wayne Otten**  
Senior Pastor  
Unity Reformed Church, Kentwood, MI

**Jennifer Rozema**  
Director of Discipleship and Congregational Care  
Faith Christian Reformed Church, Holland, MI

**Trey Tirpak**  
Further studies

**Jennifer VanCleve**  
PRN (on call) Chaplain  
University of Nebraska Medical Ctr, Omaha, NE (while in search process)

**Jeremy VanGenderen**  
Pastor  
Trinity Reformed Church, Cedar Rapids, IA

**Aaron Westhouse**  
Church Planting Resident  
Fearless Network, Third Coast Community Church (part of Ridge Point Church), Holland, MI

**MASTER OF ARTS**

**Gretchen Avila-Torres**  
Administrative Assistant for ThM and HMP, International Student Assistant, Receptionist  
Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI

**Jonathan Boothe**  
In search process

**Beth Cooke**  
In search process

**Thiago Dantas**  
RCA Missionary, Latin America  
Church Planting along the Amazon River, Brazil

**Lia Dantas**  
RCA Missionary, Latin America  
Church Planting along the Amazon River, Brazil

**Eric Frisch**  
Account Relations Specialist for Acceptd!, Columbus, OH

**Rebecca Hobby Neely**  
In search process

**Katy Johnson**  
Content and Strategy  
World Renew, Grand Rapids, MI

**Joshua Reeves**  
In search process

**Nicole Saint-Victor**  
Director of Multicultural Engagement  
Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, IL

**Sara Sanchez-Timmer**  
English Teacher  
Holland Christian High School, Holland, MI

**Linnea Scobey**  
Latin Teacher  
Pacifica Christian High School, Los Angeles, CA

**Maybin Sialuse**  
Continuing studies in Basel, Switzerland

**Marta Smith**  
Sales & Service Associate  
1517 Media (Lutheran Publishing Company), Minneapolis, MN

**Amanda Stienstra**  
Licensing Specialist  
D.A. Blodgett-St. John’s, Grand Rapids, MI

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Thank you for forming these future leaders!
On behalf of the students you supported, “Thank you!” to these churches:

**SEMINARY FUND CHURCHES**

- Faith Community Church
- Littleton, CO
- Alton Reformed Church
- Alton, IA
- Immanuel Reformed Church
- Belmond, IA
- First Reformed Church
- Buffalo Center, IA
- Christ’s Family Church
- Davenport, IA
- • Meredith Drive Reformed Church
- Des Moines, IA
- Hope Reformed Church
- George, IA
- • First Reformed Church
- Hoppers, IA
- Newkirk Reformed Church
- Hoppers, IA
- American Reformed Church
- Hull, IA
- • First Reformed Church
- Hull, IA
- Bethel Reformed Church
- Lester, IA
- First Reformed Church
- Melvin, IA
- American Reformed Church
- Orange City, IA
- First Reformed Church
- Orange City, IA
- • Free Grace Reformed Church
- Orange City, IA
- • Trinity Reformed Church
- Orange City, IA
- • Otley Reformed Church
- Otley, IA
- Second Reformed Church
- Pella, IA
- • First Reformed Church
- Rock Rapids, IA
- Carmel Reformed Church
- Rock Valley, IA
- First Reformed Church
- Sanborn, IA
- Central Reformed Church
- Sioux Center, IA
- First Reformed Church
- Sioux Center, IA
- Westview Church
- Waukee, IA
- Twin Falls Reformed Church
- Twin Falls, ID
- Spring Valley Reformed Church
- Fulton, IL
- Elime Reformed Church
- Kings, IL
- Ebenezzer Reformed Church
- Morrison, IL
- • Calvary Reformed Church
- Orland Park, IL
- Raritan Reformed Church
- Kirtland, IL
- • First Reformed Church of Wichert
- Saint Anne, IL
- First Reformed Church
- South Holland, IL
- Bethel Reformed Church
- Sterling, IL
- Faith Reformed Church
- Dyer, IN
- • Crossroads Reformed Church
- Overland Park, KS
- Prairie View Reformed Church
- Prairie View, KS
- • Community Reformed Church
- Charlevoix, KS
- These churches gave to the operating expenses of the seminary.

- Community Church of Douglas
- Douglas, MI
- Second Reformed Church
- Grand Haven, MI
- Standale Reformed Church
- Grand Rapids, MI
- Thornapple Community Church
- Grand Rapids, MI
- • Hamilton Reformed Church
- Hamilton, MI
- Beechwood Reformed Church
- Holland, MI
- Christ Memorial Reformed Church
- Holland, MI
- Fellowship Reformed Church
- Holland, MI
- • First Reformed Church
- Holland, MI
- • North Holland Reformed Church
- Holland, MI
- • Pillar Church
- Holland, MI
- • Third Reformed Church
- Holland, MI
- • Harbor Churches
- Hudsonville, MI
- • Rosewood Reformed Church
- Jenison, MI
- • North Park Reformed Church
- Kalamazoo, MI
- • Second Reformed Church
- Kalamazoo, MI
- Hope Reformed Church
- Muskegon, MI
- Unity Reformed Church
- Norton Shores, MI
- • First Reformed Church
- Portage, MI
- Vriesland Reformed Church
- Zeeland, MI
- Hollandale Reformed Church
- Hollandale, MN
- • Reformed Church of Steen
- Steen, MN
- American Reformed Church
- Worthington, MN
- Pella Reformed Church
- Adams, NE
- Westwood Community Church
- Omaha, NE
- Reformed Church of Closter
- Closter, NJ
- • Coats Neck Reformed Church
- Coats Neck, NJ
- • Fair Lawn Community Church
- Fair Lawn, NJ
- • Second Reformed Church
- Hackensack, NJ
- Community Church of Harrington Park
- Harrington Park, NJ
- • First Reformed Church
- Hasbrouck Heights, NJ
- Community Reformed Church
- Ho Ho Kus, NJ
- • First Reformed Church
- Lincoln Park, NJ
- Pompton Reformed Church
- Pompton Lakes, NJ
- • Middlebush Reformed Church
- Somersett, NJ
- Pequannock Reformed Church
- Wayne, NJ
- Preakness Reformed Church
- Wayne, NJ
- Wyckoff Reformed Church
- Wyckoff, NJ
- • The First Church in Albany
- Albany, MI
- First Reformed Church
- Athens, NY
- Bronxville Reformed Church
- Bronxville, NY
- Flatlands Reformed Church
- Brooklyn, NY
- • Abbe Reformed Church
- Cymert, NY
- Clymer Hill Reformed Church
- Cymert, NY
- • Unionville Reformed Church
- Delmar, NY
- Onesquethaw Reformed Church
- Feura Bush, NY
- Church on the Hill
- Flushing, NY
- • Heiderberg Reformed Church
- Grand Island, ND
- • Hopewell Reformed Church
- Hopewell Junction, NY
- Johnstown Reformed Church
- Johnstown, NY
- Church of the Comforter
- Lansing, NY
- • Pitcher Hill Community Church
- North Syracuse, NY
- Lisha’s Kill Reformed Church
- Schenectady, NY
- Bacon Hill Reformed Church
- Schuylerville, NY
- Faith Reformed Church
- Slate Hill, NY
- Long Island Taiwanese Reformed Church
- Williston Park, NY
- • First Reformed Church
- Wynantskill, NY
- • Crescent Place Reformed Church
- Yonkers, NY
- New Hope Reformed Church
- Powell, OH
- Westdale Reformed Church
- Hanover, ON, Canada
- Addisville Reformed Church
- Richboro, PA
- Zion Reformed Church
- Amherst, SD
- • Challenger Reformed Church
- Chancellor, SD
- Second Reformed Church
- Lennox, SD
- • First Reformed Church
- Platte, SD
- Emmanuel Reformed Church
- Springfield, SD
- St. Thomas Reformed Church
- St Thomas, Virgin Islands
- First Reformed Church
- Lynden, WA
- • First Reformed Church
- Baldwin, WI
- Emmanuel Community Church
- Clinton, WI
- First Reformed Church
- Oostburg, WI
- First Reformed Church
- Randolph, WI
- • First Reformed Church
- Waupun, WI
- New Hope Community Church
- Wausau, WI
- • Givers for 30+ years in a row!