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As a young man and a new convert Christian faith in the late 1960s, I can still see the aging Henry Bast ascending the pulpit of the old Bethany Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan to preach the gospel. I thrilled then, as I do now, to the gospel he preached. He spoke winsomely of the risen Christ, with the full authority of the Word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit. I have pledged myself to the task of raising up a new generation of preachers to do the same.

Education

Doctor of Ministry, Western Theological Seminary, 1992
Interdisciplinary Studies in Biblical and Practical Theology
Project: *Let's Preach Together: A Source Book for the Development of Lay Preachers*
Master of Divinity, Western Theological Seminary, 1976
Bachelor of Arts, Hope College, 1973 (Major in Religion and Bible)

Family Status:

Married Nancy Kay, December 28, 1971; children: Sarah Elizabeth LeFebre, born February 14, 1974 and married to Matthew; Jonothan Paul, born September 3, 1976 and married to Kristyn; and Rebekah Anne Hutt, born January 30, 1978 and married Vincent Hutt. Together Nancy and I have five grandchildren: Thaddeus, Libby and Ahava of Sarah and Matt; Lydia, Tabitha and Mariah to Jon and Kristyn; Zeke, Miah and JD to Rebekah and Vince.

Professional Experiences:

2008-present President of Western Theological Seminary
2002-present General Synod Professor of Theology, Reformed Church in America
2001-2004 Hinga-Boersma Dean of the Chapel , Hope College (2001-2003)
(This was a joint position between Hope College and Western Theological Seminary in which time was divided between the two campuses. At Hope College responsibilities included counsel to the President, teaching in the Religion Department, pastoral care and counseling to faculty, staff and students, leading the chapel ministry team and a ministry of teaching and preaching during the daily chapels and at the Sunday evening public worship service called the "Gathering.")
2001-present Adjunct Faculty, Hope College Religion Department
1995-present Henry Bast Professor of Preaching, Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Michigan
1983-1995 Senior Minister, Christ Memorial Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan
1981-1983 Co-Pastor, First Reformed Church, South Holland, Illinois
1976-1980 Pastor, Fellowship Reformed Church , Hudsonville, Michigan

Faculty Administrative Responsibilities:

Teaching: Henry Bast Professor of Preaching

Administration: Director of Church Vocations; Chair of the Worship Committee, member of the M.Div. Committee, Distance Learning Committee, former member of the President's Administrative Cabinet, and representative for the President on behalf of the seminary in several advancement/fundraising events.

General Synod Professor, Reformed Church in America, General Synod

Faculty Liaison to the Board of Trustees, 2005 to the present

Professoinal Associations and Board Participation:

Board of Trustees, Hope College (1998 to the present)

Board of Trustees, Words of Hope (Worldwide Radio Broadcast of the Reformed Church in America) 1986 to 1996 and 2006 to the present

Board of Trustees, Pine Rest Christian Hospital 1991-1993

Evangelical Homiletics Society

Selected List of Books and Publications:

- "Ancient Wisdom for Post-Modern Preaching: The Preacher as Pastor, Theologian, and Evangelist," in *A Goodly Heritage: Essays in Honor of the Reverend Dr. Elton J. Bruins at Eighty*, Eerdmans, 2007
- "The Sermon in an Intergenerational Congregation" in *Intergenerational Worship,* a publication of the Alban Institute and Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Eerdmans, 2007
- Contributing Editor to the *Renovare Spiritual Formation Bible* (Harper/Collins) Commentary on Ephesians, 2005
- "A Blueprint for Table and Pulpit" *Perspectives,* May 2002
- "I've Been Called You Fool" *The Church Herald*, September 2000.
- "Preaching the Millennium" *Reformed Review*, Winter 1998-1999, (Volume 52, Number 2).
- "Coming Home for Christmas" *Reformed Worship*, September 1998 (No. 49).
- "Top Ten Ways to Keep Advent Preaching Fresh" *Reformed Worship*, September 1997 (No. 45).
- "As We See It" *Perspectives*, December 1999.
- "Preaching the Millennium" *Reformed Review*, Winter 1998-1999, (Volume 52, Number 2).
- "Coming Home for Christmas" *Reformed Worship*, September 1998 (Number 49).
- "A Witness Among Friends" CRC Publications, 1990

Selected List of Preaching and Teaching in the Church

2009 Guest presenter for YL for their Senior Leadership Conference

2009 Guest preacher on the Hour of Power, Crystal Cathedral, Garden Grove, CA

2008 Guest preacher at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Ft. Lauderdale, FLA

2007 Keynote Speaker, CEA Midwest Regional Conference, South Bend, IN

2007 250th Anniversary Celebration of the Hopewell Reformed Church, Hopewell Junction, New York

2006 Young Life New Staff Development

2006 RCA General Synod preacher

2006 Scholar in Residence, Calvin Theological Seminary summer scholars program

2005 Shiang Lian Lectures, Taiwan Theological Seminary, "So That Good Habits May Be Loved" (Ancient

Wisdom for Post-Modern Preaching)
2005 Young Life New Staff Development
2004 Commencement Speaker, Hope College, Holland, Michigan
2003 Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship's "Pastor's Conference" at Cedar Campus, Cedarville, Michigan
2001 Guest Lecturer, Hope College, Religion Department Lecture series, 2001
2001 Midwest Region Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Annual Staff Conference.
2001 Reformation Day speaker for the congregations of the Wisconsin Classis, Fall
2001 Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship's "Family Camp" at Cedar Campus, Cedarville, Michigan
2000 Keynote Speaker at the National "Coffee Break Convention" for the Christian Reformed Church Mission 2000, RCA General Synod, Long Island, New York.
2000 Spring Pastors Conference, Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa.
2000 Genesis Youth Event, Synod of the Great Lakes, RCA.
2000 "Worship the Lord" Conference for the Reformed Church in America congregations in Vancouver, British Columbia
2000 Anniversary Celebration for the Bethel Reformed Church, Brantford, Ontario
1999 Cedar Falls Bible Conference, Cedar Falls, Iowa.
1999 Commencement Speaker, Holland High School, Holland, Michigan.
1999 Commencement Speaker, Holland Christian High School, Holland, Michigan
1999 Commencement Speaker, Reformed Bible College, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
1999 "Worship the Lord" Conference for the Reformed Church in America congregations in Vancouver, British Columbia
1998 Pastors Conference, Central College, Pella, Iowa.
1998 Genesis Youth Event, Synod of the Great Lakes, RCA.
1998 Pastors/Elders Conference for the Churches of Ontario.
1997 Congregational Renewal Event, New Life Community Church, Sayville, Long Island.
1997 Cedar Falls Bible Conference, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

(In addition to these dates I have preached in over 120 RCA congregations in every Regional Synod in the denomination, in over 25 Christian Reformed Church congregations, and at several campus renewal events on the campuses of each of our RCA Colleges, Hope, Central and Northwestern, as well as similar events at University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Grand Valley State University, Central Michigan University, and Trinity Christian College, Palos, Illinois.)