

Greetings!

The academic year comes to a crashing halt as we finish with commencement near the end of the month. This year, seventeen students will graduate from three different programs: MDiv, MTS, and DMin. A few intensive courses will take place this summer during which the Seminary transforms into a bustling hub of activity. For three weeks, the Seminary hosts a theological boot camp for rising high school seniors. DMin students are in town for the beginning of August, and lots of repair and maintenance occurs. Makes you tired just thinking about it.

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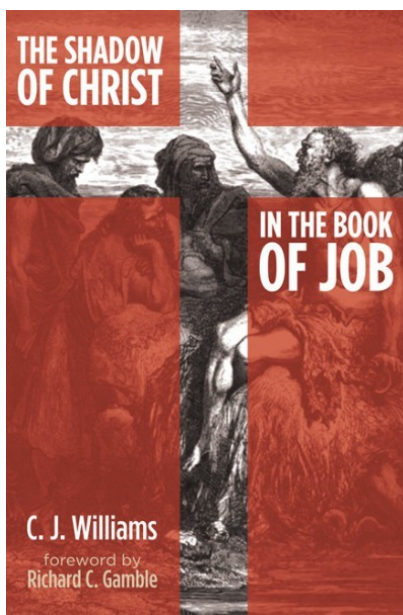
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PCA BREAKFAST

RPTS Alumni, friends, and those interested in learning more about the Seminary are invited to attend a special breakfast at the PCA General Assembly in Greensboro, NC, on June 14, 2017. Email Kim Backensto for more information or to register.

BOOK EVENT

Dr. C. J. Williams conducted a brief seminar on his recently published book, *The Shadow of Christ in the Book of Job*. [Click here](#) to view a video of the event. This excellent work is available on Amazon and Kindle. A book excerpt can be found [here](#).



COMMENCEMENT 2017

Join the Class of 2017 as they graduate on Friday, May 19, 2017, at 7:00 pm. The ceremony will be held at Memorial Park Presbyterian Church, 8800 Peebles Road, Allison Park, PA, 15101. Rev. David Reese, Pastor of the Springs Reformed Church in Colorado Springs, CO, will deliver the commencement address.

FACULTY IN ACTION

Dr. Jeff Stivason's recent book, *From Inscrutability to Concursus; Benjamin B. Warfield's Theological Construction of Revelation's Mode from 1880 to 1915*, was the topic of a recent 3GT podcast. [Tune in](#) to listen to this interesting interview with Dr. Stivason.

HELPFUL TIPS FROM RPTS STUDENTS



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THE ADMISSIONAL

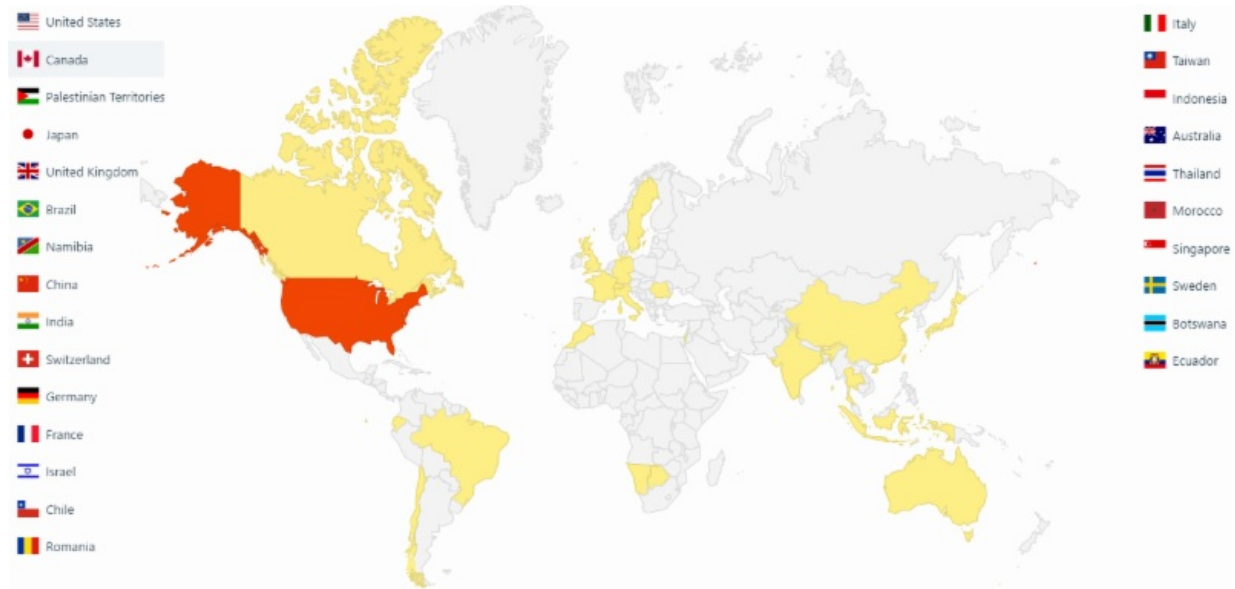
(News from the Admissions' Office)

There is much progress towards the building of an incoming class of students for the fall quarter. A matter that you might keep in prayer is that of the granting of student visas for numerous students hoping to come from East Asia. Pray that government officials will approve these visa requests. Many of these students need financial assistance in covering living expenses. If you would like to provide funding for students, contact [Mark Sampson](#).

Remember, if you, or someone you know would like to get seminary information, provide

USE THE TREES

Well, don't indiscriminately run around cutting down trees. But you may want to use TREE ([Theological Research Electronic Expressway](#)), the RPTS Library's website. The map below indicates some of the nations from which people have accessed materials on our website. Kudos to Assistant Librarian, Jordan Feagley, for "growing" the TREE.



PRACTICAL MINISTRY

When thinking of a seminary education, it is quite easy to visualize the piles of books and journals read by the students. Perhaps not as easy to conceive is the amount of hands-on practical outworking of those academic pursuits. Students cannot "do" evangelism from the basement in their pajamas. The spring quarter is chock full of such activities. Dr. O'Neill's evangelism class goes door to door with their professor. Those visited are invited to an evangelistic dinner prepared by the students and held on the lovely front lawn of the building, culminating with a gospel presentation by one of the professors.

Professor York arranges for a practicum at the RP Home with the assistance of its retired CFO, Bill Weir. Here students are blessed through time spent with the Home's wonderful residents. For some students, this is their first time ministering to senior saints, though students report that they receive more blessings than they bring!

Several students are preaching and leading bible studies at Teen Challenge, a residential program for young men with substance abuse issues. In another class, students are developing plans to work toward revitalizing congregations by growing in both their

dependency on the Spirit's power and awareness of how God is shaping them for leadership. RPTS remains committed to theological training that is practical in nature.

ALUMNI IN ACTION

Congratulations to Eun Kim for completing the requirements to become a Certified Biblical Counselor by the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC). Eun graduated from RPTS in 2013 with a Master of Theological Studies (Biblical Counseling Concentration).



ORDINATION & INDUCTION

The Ordination & Induction of Rev. Stephen McCollum (MDiv '14), as Minister of Stornoway Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland, located in Stornoway, Scotland, took place on Friday April 28, 2017, at Stornoway Town Hall. The service was conducted by Rev. Kenneth Stewart.



Stephen, Brenda, and Zoe McCollum

WESTMINSTER CONFERENCE

This year's esteemed panel of speakers will look at the life and influence of Martin Luther.

Speakers include William Vandoodewaard, Richard Gamble, C. J. Williams, John Bower, and Barry York. Mrs. Rebecca Vandoodewaard will also have a presentation on the struggles and contributions of Luther's wife.

For more information, [click here](#).



NEW BLOG BY STEVE MILLER

Pastor Steven F. Miller was the beloved professor of missions at RPTS from 1999 to 2016. He retired from the Seminary and active pastoral ministry in 2016 due to ALS. Steve, however, still has a pastor's heart and has much to share with God's people. We are excited to share the link for his new blog: [Thoughts About God](#).

His wife, Jane, shared that although he is finding it more difficult to speak, "to talk about God and to encourage YOU through these blog entries is an encouragement to him and hopefully to you."

Please keep the Miller family in your prayers as well!

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