

# DEAN'S LETTER TO FRIENDS IN MINISTRY

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Dear Friends in Ministry,

A long, snowy winter is finally coming to a close in Chicago. The sun is streaming through my office windows and students are beginning to appear on the lawns and walkways of the University. The school year is swiftly drawing to a close. I appreciate your support of North Park through this challenging year. Your prayers, your giving, your encouragement, your recommendations of students are all greatly appreciated.

## DEAN SEARCH

We have certainly missed Steve Graham, but Wayne Weld has been doing a great job as interim Dean of Faculty. And we are nearing the selection of a new Dean of Academic Life. Three highly qualified candidates are coming to campus next week. Soon we will be able to announce the new dean. The challenges ahead for theological education are great. I am looking forward to a new colleague to help us meet those challenges.

## WORLD MISSION

We are pleased to announce that Paul De Neui has been called as our world mission professor. Paul comes to us with long experience as a missionary in Thailand. He has endeared himself to our community with his skill as a teacher, his passion for mission, his commitment to justice and diversity, and his gentle and generous spirit. We are very pleased that he will be an ongoing part of our faculty. Paul will continue to work closely with Covenant World Mission. He will also continue the development of the Center for World Mission Studies at the Seminary.

## FACULTY

In other faculty news we are sorry to be saying goodbye to Paul Bramer, our professor of Christian education. Paul has served North Park with great skill and passion since 1993. He has been an important part of our Spiritual Formation program as well as our Christian Education program. Paul is returning to his native Canada to take a position at Tyndale Seminary heading up a Doctor of Ministry program in leadership. We will miss Paul and are deeply grateful for his ministry among us.

## JOURNEY TO MOSAIC

During spring break a significant part of the faculty and staff flew to California to take part in a *Journey to Mosaic*. Their visit was funded by the

Making Connections Initiative. This Lilly Endowment funded program is intended to make links between the Seminary and the church. The visit was a powerful and life changing experience for many of our faculty and staff. The group was introduced to the challenging history and contemporary experience of African Americans, Hispanics, Asians, and Native Americans in the United States. You can view a story about this trip on the Seminary website.

### SUMMER CLASSES AT THE SEMINARY

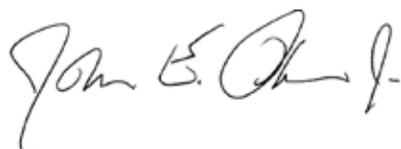
There are some exciting summer school classes being offered in June. You can learn more about them on the website: [www.northpark.edu/sem](http://www.northpark.edu/sem). Among the classes are "Spiritual Issues in Chronic Illness and Disability" (Weborg and Chase-Ziolek) and "Gospel According to Paul" (Chester). These are only two of the available classes.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

It is also not too late to apply for school for the fall. Students may also apply still for Presidential Scholarships. Please contact Eric Palmquist in the Admission Office if you are interested or have questions. Remember that you can study through internet and intensive courses via our SemConnect program. Eric can tell you about that as well. And you can also find information about applying for all of our programs through our website.

Thank you again for all your support. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Feast and Annual Meeting. May you know God's blessing and power during this Eastertide.

Sincerely,



John E. Phelan, Jr.  
President and Dean