

January 2017

Dear Friends,

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Heb. 12:1-2 KJV)

One thing we have never lacked at our Seminary is faithful witnesses to Christ the Lord. From the time of our inception 50 years ago we were always led by people of sterling character who projected a constant Godly persona. One such marvelous example is Reverend Wayne Juntunen, Doctor of Ministry. The day after his passing I asked someone up here if they had known Wayne, she replied that she had, as a matter of fact she had attended Suomi College (now Finlandia University) at the same time he did. She went on to say that he was always so gentle and kind. That was about the most fitting description for him I could think of and I couldn't have agreed more. During the time that I was a student and when I taught alongside him he was always very gentle and kind. The perfect picture of a gentle-man. When I first started teaching while still serving at Esko MN I would drive down to Plymouth every Sunday and spend the night and then teach on Monday proceeding home afterward. Wayne and Patty were always so kind in opening up their home to me and constantly exhibited what he saw as the spiritual gift God had given him; service. He indeed served every one and extended himself to meet the needs of others. Through the years of his faithful service at this institution he helped so many people and I know that he continued on that pathway in every way possible throughout the balance of his earthly sojourn. His influence is still strongly felt by those in the Seminary as his compassion was a marvelous witness to the person of the incarnate Christ. Patty too so powerfully influenced the life of my first wife Theresa (Deceased 2009) with her positive example and support, Theresa always sought to emulate Patty as a pastor's wife and saw her as one of her greatest blessings.

So it is that another of those witnesses has passed on into the heavenlies after gracing our lives for these many years and we bless God; all of us who had the privilege to know Wayne and enjoy his fellowship. We pray for Patty in the loss of her beloved husband that the Lord would continue to sustain her in His grace.

Now by God's grace we begin our fiftieth anniversary of existence as a Seminary. We thank God for His faithfulness in supplying us with such great witnesses and ask for His continued blessing and guidance. Thank you all for your support and may you enjoy a blessed New Year.

God's Peace,

Jay Weidner



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REVISED Spring 2017 Class Schedule

2017 SPRING SEMESTER (Begins Jan 23)	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
8:00a.m.	History of Post Reformation Church		History of Post Reformation Church		History of Post Reformation Church
9:00 - 9:50a.m.	Christian Ethics	New Testament Introduction	Christian Ethics		Christian Ethics
10:00 - 10:50a.m.	Science & Christianity	New Testament Introduction	Liturgics & Hymnology		Science & Christianity
11:00 - 11:50p.m.	Ministry to the Aging				
7:00 - 8:40p.m.	Minor Prophets				

Jay will also be teaching **Philippians** at 7PM on January 12-18, 2017. It will be hosted by Pastor Tomas Nyblom at the Vine Community Church in South Carolina (location to be determined). For questions or to register, please call 864-430-4364.

Pastor Elmer Yliniemi will be teaching **History of the Laestadian Church**, April 24-28 and May 1-5, 2017 from 9AM-Noon. This is a 2 credit class and is an investigation of the origin and impact of the Laestadian movement both in its native Finland and in the United States.

Please contact the seminary if you are interested in taking any of these classes -email cilseminary@ilseminary.com or call (906) 482-3337.



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very much appreciate your prayers and support in 2016, and we wish you
and yours a very Happy New Year!**