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Seminaries, Railroads and Survival
by Dr. J. Robert Clinton, Professor of Leadership, SWM

Do you ever stop to think about why we’re really here? Not the huge existential question of life – but why we as seminaries exist. What is the purpose and goal of seminary education? Many of us think little about this, but it’s been keeping Bobby Clinton up at night. Here is his perspective and hope for seminaries entering the 21st century. See the end of the article for a chance to share your thoughts, too – ed.

The year is 2020. Jeopardy has survived. Three millennial kids, now come of age, are the finalists in the 35-and-under tournament. It is the final category. The category hint is “dinosaurs of the 20th century.” The current Alex Trebeck gives the final clue – “a training institution which lasted a little over 100 years but didn’t recognize what business it was in as 21st-century complexity overwhelmed it.” None of the three got the question: What is a seminary?

My good friend, Dr. Howard Hendricks, aptly describes our plight when he compares seminaries today with the railroad industry just after World War II. Those companies that continued to think of themselves as railroads (read “seminaries”) eventually failed due to increased competition from the trucking industry (read “contemporary training methodologies” like the mega-churches are using). The new network of interstate highways (read “decentralized networks”), the advent of the multi-form truck designs (read “technological breakthroughs”), and the need to get materials to places where customers are (read “student-friendly training facilities”) destroyed the railroads which were in the railroad business. Hendricks concludes his analogy with a statement and the key question. He says that seminaries who see themselves in the seminary business won’t survive. By this I think he is meaning seminaries which persist in graduating students conversant in Greek, Hebrew, and classical theology (all good things), but not acculturated to ministry in post-Christian America. The key question is, “What business are we really in, and how does that inform what new programs and directions we should pursue?”

I personally believe that we, the Fuller Seminary community, are fundamentally in a new business. If we cannot see this, then I think that, like the railroad companies of the 40s, we will not be able to make the transition. It is a question of paradigm shifts; if we can’t go through them we won’t survive as an effective, relevant means of guiding our students. And taking people through major paradigm shifts is one thing leaders must do. If we as a seminary can’t model this for those training with us, what do we expect them to do when they must lead others through paradigm shifts?

While there are a number of paradigm shifts I think are necessary if we are to survive as an effective seminary in the future, I want to mention one that is closest to my heart. If I were to answer the question of “What business are we really in, and how does that inform what new programs and directions we should pursue?” I would say we are in the business of developing healthy men and women for a complex situation with complex functions to perform – of which the primary function is leadership. Leadership involves providing direction, casting vision, molding corporate culture, modeling spirituality, maintaining balance between the three major leadership functions – task-related ministry, relationally-oriented ministry and inspirational min-

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$2,500 scholarships to first-year, full-time, the Foundation plans to offer two or more competence of psychologists. To that end, enanced ethnic diversity and the cultural formation of strategies that will lead to in­ hance delivery of psychological services to ethnically-diverse communities in Cali­ n California with particular emphasis on imple­ tion of strategies that will lead to in­ increased ethnic diversity and the cultural competence of psychologists. To that end, the Foundation plans to offer two or more $2,500 scholarships to first-year, full-time, ethnic-minority students accepted into graduate-level psychology programs.

Note: Deadline for applications is Oc­tober 15, 1996. Applications may be picked up in the Office of Financial Aid.

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A number of grants and fellowships are available.

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Deadline for applications: October 23, 1996.

More information and applications are available in the Office of Financial Aid.

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Application deadline: November 4, 1996.

For information or application mate­rials, contact:
The Fellowship Office National Research Council 2101 Constitution Avenue Washington, D.C. 20418 (202) 334-2872 e-mail: infocell@nas.edu

The Financial Aid Office is located in Stephan Hall, upstairs from SOT Academic Advising. Their phone number is 584-5421.
Denominations: A Good Thing?
by Tom Rennard

I hear it again and again: “I’m more of an evangelical than a Presbyterian;” “my home denomination or a movement. Fuller is a ‘movement seminary.’” George Marsden describes this movement as reforming fundamentalism. But evangelicals are more than “fundamentalists with manners,” as Bishop Spong has described us. We have a centrist, restless vision; we seek to be players in all the mainline and renewal denominations; we want to be characterized (at least at Fuller) by rigorous scholarship and passionate hearts.

Two of my life experiences have convinced me of the value of denominations. To pay my way through Wheaton College, I took an ROTC scholarship and spent four years in Germany as an artillery officer. There’s no more impersonal, bureaucratic institution than the 850,000-strong U.S. Army. To my surprise, I found that I didn’t lose my individuality or my personal convictions in the army. Instead, I ‘came into’ my own. I relished the personalities – the Southerners and the Northerners, the cultural mix, the ‘adventures I didn’t foresee’ (like travel, peculiar job descriptions, temporary assignments) that a large organization gave me.

Denominations are much the same, right down to unexpected assignments and last-minute changes. When I was testing out my current denomination and my call to cross-cultural ministry, my mission board sent me to Lesotho, South Africa, instead of Zaire because I didn’t speak French. I’m serving my third church now within the denomination. Those churches have been enormously varied: one with mostly engineers and their families, a blue-collar minority community, and now an historic urban population. It’s a variety I wouldn’t have chosen for myself, but it has blessed me immensely.

My second memorable denominational experience was in Africa in 1985–86 as a seminary intern with a major denomination. Say what you want about the declining numbers of missionaries going out from most mainline denominations, but they do take care of you. Even though I was a volunteer who had to raise his own money, they flew me back to the East Coast twice for interviews and evaluations, had different staff members check on me three times while I was overseas, and generally they supported my every step of the way. What I gave up in freedom I gained in genuine care.

Denominations are not for everyone. If your convictions lead you to want to hold everything in tension but commit to no one view on the sacraments or church governance, you probably won’t fit into a rigid denominational structure. If doctrinal purity means you cannot do ministry with those with whom you have basic disagreements, once again, denominations are not for you. If by temperament you want to “do your own thing” – in church planting, in leadership development, in counseling – and sometimes staid congregational or regional structures feel like a hindrance, then denominations are not for you. But if you want a home, a community – even if it’s one with a fair amount of tension and stress – then find a denomination that will take you in.

A former professor here was fond of holding up a handful of bills and having us point out their similarity. He’d hold up a one, a five, a ten and a twenty. The obvious right answer was that they were all denominations of U.S. currency. That’s “one faith, one baptism.” I’ve found, oddly enough, that the more comfortable and the more strongly identified I am with my tradition, the more enthusiastically I can enter into dialogue about others’ differences. The Lutherans and the Catholics have made me a sharper and more accepting believer in the larger Christian tradition because I come from one that differs from theirs in significant ways. We have to know enthusiastically who we are as Pentecostal, Reformed, Baptist, Methodists, and Foursquare Christians if we’re ever to be one as followers of Jesus.

Bob Webber of Wheaton wrote a little book with the provocative title, Evangelical is Not Enough. I know many would not agree, but in my experience I have been enriched, stabilized, loved and employed (!) by believing his statement to be true.

Tom Rennard did NOT write this article just because his office is right next to Denominational Relations; he simply had it on his heart. He is the director of Field Education and also serves as the Interim Associate Pastor for Congregational Life at Pasadena Presbyterian Church.

Program Highlights from the City of Angels Film Festival

Coming up at the City of Angels Film Festival October 18–20:

Friday night’s program:
Two films focusing on ‘the search for the American dream’ within the Hollywood film world itself (The Player, Gates of Heaven) – a search by ordinary people, as reflected through their love and hopes for their pets.

Saturday afternoon: Babette’s Feast – rediscovering grace, the spirit, and community in and through the ordinary, through food, suggesting a new way towards church renewal and fellowship.

Sunday night’s program:
A film set in the medieval past (Seventh Seal) and a film in a futuristic, sci-fi setting (2001: A Space Odyssey) both involve ‘a quest to understand what human life and destiny is all about.’

Please note: Rob Banks has furnished the SEMI with program notes for many of the films in this year’s festival. Drop by our office upstairs from the Catalyst if you’d like to read more about a film!

Shear Talent offers a special discount to students of Fuller Seminary.

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Henri Nouwen made the love of God real to me. My first encounter with him came at a dark season of my life, when I was struggling to reconcile a deeply painful experience with the belief in a deeply loving God. Through his books and journals, Nouwen was able to reflect the heart and voice of God to me in a way that God’s mercy and compassion poured over my defensive walls and into my wounded heart. Instead of pain and anger alienating me from God, Nouwen helped me to receive and believe the biblical Truth that God, knowing all of my thoughts and actions, loved me with a love that has no limits. Nouwen truly understood what it means to belong to God — with every part of our being. In his book *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, Nouwen taught that “home is the center of my being, where I can hear the voice that says, ‘You are my Beloved, on you my favor rests.’ When we quiet our hearts to listen, we can hear the never-interrupted voice of love speaking from eternity and giving life and love whenever it is heard. When I hear that voice, I know that I am home with God and have nothing to fear. When we belong to God, who loves us without conditions, we can live as he does. The great conversion called for by Jesus is to move from belonging to the world to knowing that we belong to God.”

Henri Nouwen, belonging to God, died of a heart attack on September 22nd at the age of 64. Born in 1932 in the Netherlands, Nouwen was ordained in the Roman Catholic Church, and taught at Notre Dame, Harvard and Yale Universities. In 1985, he left the academic world to work with developmentally-disabled people in the L’Arch Daybreak community in Toronto, where he served as pastor until his death.

Henri Nouwen’s impact has been great on many of us at Fuller. The Barnabas Partners have used two of his books, *In the Name of Jesus and Compassion*, as touchstones for their ministry in the past two years. To celebrate the gift that his life has been to us, the Dean of the Chapel Office and the Office of Christian Community have set aside an hour, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Friday, October 18th, to remember and give thanks to God. Anyone who desires is free to share a short paragraph from one of Henri’s books that is especially meaningful to them, or to just relate how God has impacted them through the life of this beloved brother. Join us in the Catalyst if you can!

### Join with us as we celebrate the life of Henri Nouwen on Friday, October 18 in the Catalyst from 10 to 11 a.m.

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**FACULTY FOCUS:**

**Introducing: Janice Strength!**

**Courses you teach:**
- Child and Family Development
- Psychopathology
- Child and Adolescent Therapy (both Masters & Doctoral level)
- Psychodynamic Family Therapy
- Personality Development in Family Context

**What are you reading right now?**
(Asked in late spring)

**What are you researching and/or writing right now?**
- Implications of Eastern Orthodox anthropology for Western Christian psychotherapists.

**Have you won any awards recently that we should know about?**
Not that I know of!

**What do you do in your spare time?**
- swim on the Master’s Swim Team
- sing in William Lock Singers
- gardening
- piano

**What is your favorite snack food?**
I’d like to stop the snack food thing and learn to like carrot sticks, celery sticks, etc.!

**What are you listening to these days?**
- Classical!

Janice Strength is a professor in the Marriage & Family Therapy division of the School of Psychology.

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[Special note to Faculty members: if you have not turned your profile in yet, it’s not too late! Please bring it by the SEMI office as soon as possible. Thank you — ed.]
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istry. Further, it means facilitating others to use their giftedness to solve the innumerable complex problems facing the church (I consider highly-focused Christian organizations as part of this wider understanding of the church). This last function, facilitating or empowering others, requires an understanding of leadership selection and development. It will require varied mentoring skills. To learn these things, students must see them modeled.

If this is the business we are really in, preparing leaders for a complex leadership situation with complex leadership skills, what can I say about Fuller? I believe it will take a paradigm shift to move us to that point from the classical approach to training we now use. The major paradigm shift needed requires us to see the primary role of the seminary as leadership education. In each class the professor must relentlessly ask how the material, the assignments and the illustrations are preparing and developing leaders, not just caretakers, scholars or teachers. We must train with a leadership bias if we want to prepare leaders. And our marketing and fund raising must emphasize that this is what we are doing.

It is my belief that if we did train with a leadership bias we would have no shortage of leaders and potential leaders studying with us. Being a tuition-driven school is not all bad. It certainly allows us to see the effectiveness of our training—reflecting the “if you build it, they will come” philosophy. We have built it—will they keep coming?

The SEMI is interested in your thoughts about this article. We have solicited responses from several members of the Fuller community, but we'd also like to hear from you! E-mail us at semi@vax.fuller.edu, or send us your response by Wednesday, October 9 to Box 055.

J&E Soul Food Cuisine
443 E Colorado at Los Robles
(inside Cuernavaca Restaurant)

If you're really hungry and in the mood for some down-home Southern grub, then J&E is a pretty good place to go. Located inside the Cuernavaca Mexican Restaurant, J&E actually shares space with the infamous restaurant which hasn't exactly gotten great reviews with me (or any other food critic, for that matter).

Very close to Fuller, J&E is a great place to go for a quick getaway. Pasadena has a very small smattering of good soul-food places; J&E is probably the best. Lunch features a great buffet selection for a budget price of $5.95. Bring your student I.D. and receive an extra 10% off! I felt like I'd stepped back in time when sitting down to a belly-busting feast of fried chicken, mixed turnip and mustard greens, pork chops, black-eyed peas and corn bread.

The food here is pretty tasty as far as soul food goes, but not as good as Aunt Kissy's Back Porch or some of my other West L.A. haunts. However, it's a notch better than Aunt Gussey's in North Pasadena and a true bargain for the buffet, so check it out and don't forget your Fuller I.D. to save some change.

Until next time,

Dan

Notes
1 I did not hear him personally say these words but caught them from an unpublished article by Brad Smith. I have heard Howie say similar words as he talks about training.
2 A paradigm shift is a major change of perspective in how we view something. Brad Smith, in a private article, suggests four other paradigm shifts in addition to the development of leaders: from knowledge dispensers to whole-person preparation; from three-year degree programs to life-long learning; from seminaries alone to seminary/church partnerships; from clergy-only to team and lay-leadership training. Probably there are others. All have to do with what do our students have to really be and do after they leave us. Will we have really developed them to do it and given them tools to keep on developing to meet the changing situations they will face?
**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Kaleb Reimann Scheduled for Open-Heart Surgery**  
*Friday morning, 10/4*

Frank and Elaine Reimann, from Germany, are students in the School of World Mission. On Friday, October 4, their youngest son Kaleb (6 years old) will have open-heart surgery at Loma Linda Medical Center. The Reimanns would appreciate the prayer support of the Fuller Community, especially during the surgery (5 hours) on Friday morning and the first 24 hours after (from noon Friday until noon Saturday).

**CAMPUS EVENTS**

**Free! National Depression Screening Day to be held on campus!**  
*Thursday, 10/10*

Several times during the day, Fuller Psychological and Family Services will be hosting a free screening interview for depression and making some educational presentations about depression. Call FPFS at (818)584-5555 to register and for more information.

**Virtual Research**  
*Tuesday/Wednesday, 10/22-23*

McAllister Library will be offering a tutorial on “Searching the ATLA Religion Indexes on CD-ROM” on October 22 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., and on October 23 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Space is limited, so come into the library and sign up!

**The MATZ Announces Open Auditions!**

The MATZ is an *a cappella* ensemble for no apparent reason. The MATZ sings a wide variety of secular and sacred music, and is more entertainment-oriented than any other *a cappella* group with our name on campus. We rehearse once a week, and have gigs about once a month, as well as our very popular (don’t ask us why) campus concerts. We’ve lost several members this past year, and will be holding auditions in October. Piano skills, sight reading, musical arranging, and perfect pitch, or references from the Metropolitan Opera are helpful, but not necessary. Child prodigies are especially encouraged to apply. If you know who the MATZ is, and are still interested in filling one of our missing parts (S, A, T, or B, loosely), contact Allen Corben (on campus in the Registrar’s office, via box 128, or at home (818)796-4083). If you don’t know who the MATZ is, remember to count your blessings.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Jim Wallis Speaking in Pasadena!**  
*Sunday, 10/13 @ 7 p.m.*

Jim Wallis, editor of Sojourners Magazine and author of “Who Speaks for God?” will be speaking at All Saints Church in Pasadena on Sunday, October 13 at 7 p.m. *Let Your Voice Ring Out!* is designed to help forge an independent Christian vision of faith and political responsibility beyond both the Religious Right and the Liberal Left. For more information, contact Kathryn Gibson, Chairperson of the Peace and Justice Concerns Committee at (818)304-3756. We invite you to come. (All Saints Church is located at 132 N. Euclid Ave., about 1 block from Fuller.)

**Cheap Movie Tickets!**

The office of Student Services is offering United Artists movie tickets for $4.75. Tickets are good for movies after two weeks of their release (usually). Come by the OSS on the second floor of the Catalyst building and pick them up. Limited quantity!

**Harvest Festival is Coming!**  
*Friday, 11/1 @ 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.*

Where will you find fun, friends and food galore? Where will you find games, rides, prizes and more? Where will you wander happily, festive and full? Where else but at the annual Harvest Festival!

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This section of the SEMI is for the announcement of events or services not directly offered by a Fuller office or organization. For information about rates, contact the SEMI at 584-5430. Note: Each person is responsible for checking on the quality and type of service before contracting or using it. The SEMI and Office of Student Services do not personally recommend or guarantee any of the services listed.

**JOBS**

**Live-in job:** woman — own room & bath in luxury condo w/pool + pay. Assist active disabled woman mornings until noon & brief bedtime. Days and evenings free. No experience. References necessary. Nancy (213)221-2757

**Weekend Job:** Three hours Saturday and Sunday assisting disabled Fuller grad, with personal care. Must be strong, reliable, patient. Call SonRise Christian Counseling. (818)793-8775

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**Christians need cars too!** SIDCO Auto Brokers serves Christian Colleges, Missions, Staff/Students/Alumni. This is our 12th year serving the Christian community only. Fuller Hotline (909)949-2778 or 1-800-429-KARS. “A good name is chosen rather than riches.” Proverbs 22:1

**Group Therapy Opportunity:** for women living with endometriosis who wish to focus on pain management. 10-week program to begin October 16. Contact Rebecca Hawkins, Psychological Assistant (#5824571) to D. Lee Stoltzfus, Ph.D., Licensed Clinical Psychologist (#8607), (818)358-0155

**Auto Repair:** SMOG CHECKS, tune-ups, oil change, brakes, batteries, etc. Complete service. Hrant Auto Service, 1477 E. Washington Blvd., Pasadena. (818)798-4064. Call for an appointment.

**FOR RENT**

**Room plus bath in home.** Private entrance. $365 plus utilities. Female preferred, no smoking. Quiet neighborhood, bus lines nearby. (818)841-4477

**Vacation Get-Away** at the Harmony House. 4 bedroom retreat center (sleeps 10-12) in beautiful Lake Arrowhead. $295/weekends, $650/week. Call Dr. Janet Harms (909)394-9990 (Fuller choir director) for brochure and reservations.

**Apt.: Monrovia** — 2 bedroom, patio, carpets, air conditioning, laundry room, pool, parking, lots of storage. $675. Call Pat at (818)792-6732.

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**City of Pasadena seeks volunteers**

There is a terrific opportunity available for Fuller Students (and staff) to learn about the services provided by the City of Pasadena for the disabled, to learn about disability issues and laws, and to learn about the practical functioning of city government.

The accessibility and Disability Commission of the City of Pasadena is currently accepting additional volunteers to serve on its subcommittees. At this time, the subcommittees are:

1. Accessibility;
2. Accessible Transportation;
3. Housing;
4. Special Projects (which includes the Pasadena Rose Parade, usage of the Pasadena Rose Bowl, and an emergency disaster plan for the disabled.)

For more information, Robert Gorski, Accessibility Issues Coordinator for the City of Pasadena, can be reached at (818)405-4782 or (818)405-4371 (TTD), or Rita Rowland, Commissioner of the Accessibility and Disability Commission, can be reached on campus at (818) 584-5484.
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