THE Presidents’ LEGACY SOCIETY
of Calvin Theological Seminary

Strength for Today and bright hope for Tomorrow
Building a Legacy

A legacy is not merely left, it’s created and cultivated. Together, we’ve established the Presidents’ Legacy Society of Calvin Theological Seminary as a powerful means to sustain and strengthen our ongoing mission of preparing well-equipped servant leaders who are Kingdom-builders for Christ’s church and God’s people.

It’s called the Presidents’ Legacy Society as a way of paying tribute to the faithful stewardship of the leaders who preceded me in this office from the time of Calvin Theological Seminary’s founding in 1876.

But, in truth, you are the source and shapers of our shared legacy. I invite you to join in this important effort to secure an ever more vibrant future for Calvin Theological Seminary by including us in your Estate or Will plan (or with any other Planned Gift).

In prayer and partnership, we can ensure the seminary will be able to continue producing gifted and prepared preachers, pastors and leaders to serve the Church, which in turn serves God’s mission in this world.

Jul Medenblik
Calvin Theological Seminary President

All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
For the past decade or so, I’ve been closely following the transformative trends taking hold at Calvin Theological Seminary. It’s exciting to see how the school is becoming global—both in the composition of its student body and in its approach to training pastors and other leaders for increasingly diverse and challenging ministries throughout the world. I applaud the leadership and the faculty for making Calvin Theological Seminary an ever more relevant and holistic community of faith formation for the students who come through. I’m very encouraged by the fresh ways in which the seminary is seeking to serve and equip the church in its crucial task of advancing Jesus’ mission in our world.

—Rob Hogendoorn
Senior Pastor, Forest City Community Church
London, ON, Canada
A skilled and devoted legacy

For seven generations, God has blessed Calvin Theological Seminary with skilled and devoted faculty, staff and administrators—as well as searching students who seek to heed the clarion call to ministry. Our deep reverence for God’s revealed Word through the pages of the Bible and our broad perspective in Reformed Christian theology offer a distinctive educational and experiential framework that engages heads, hearts and hands.

Our immediate past president, Dr. Cornelius Plantinga Jr., described Calvin Theological Seminary’s full-orbed approach to preparing students this way:

“We believe deeply in Scripture, and Scripture study, and thinking theologically, and learning ministry skills—never for their own sake, but always to form students more deeply and more broadly as ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Morning by morning
new mercies I see
It’s become increasingly clear to me that Calvin Theological Seminary plays a vital part in shaping the life and destiny of churches in our communities, not just in Ontario but throughout the vast Canadian expanses from the Maritime Provinces to the coastal mountains of British Columbia. The high-quality, high-impact formation for ministry offered at Calvin Theological Seminary must continue to be available for the coming generations of Canadians who sense and respond to that eternal call. The Presidents’ Legacy Society is a brilliantly effective way to invest in the ongoing impact that Calvin Theological Seminary is making in our country and around the world.

—Anne and Hank Vander Laan
London, ON, Canada
God’s great faithfulness, mercy and love are on resplendent display at Calvin Theological Seminary—whether through the lens of a backward glance at past providence, or through the current perspective of an increasingly global student body gathered on our beautiful Grand Rapids campus or through Distance Learning opportunities.

As we look to the future, we keep our eyes fixed on the pioneer and perfecter of faith, to whom we raise our anthem of trust and praise: “All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided—Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!”

In earlier days, almost all of the seminary’s expenses were covered by denominational Ministry Shares from the Christian Reformed Church. But those shares have diminished steadily in recent years. Your partnership with us through membership in the Presidents’ Legacy Society of Calvin Theological Seminary is absolutely vital to our goal of forming church leaders who will cultivate communities of disciples in a diverse world. We do all this, inspired by the ancient and ever-new commission from Jesus’ own lips:

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
The Heidelberg Catechism describes Christ’s church as a “community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith.” It goes on to portray the communion of the saints as a joyful gathering of all the believers who “share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts.” This is a picture of a strong and faithful body that will endure to the end of the age. We are fortunate that Calvin Theological Seminary continues to produce well-prepared leaders for the Christian Reformed Church and other parts of God’s Kingdom.

IT MEANS A LOT TO ME that my membership in the Calvin Theological Seminary Presidents’ Legacy Society undergirds both the church and ongoing generations of men and women who will serve the body of Christ with passion and integrity.

—Hessel Kielstra
Calgary, Alberta, Canada
The Presidents’ Legacy Society is an honorary group of faithful people like you, dedicated to bearing “fruit that will last” for future generations by including Calvin Theological Seminary in their Will or Estate Plan (or with any other Planned Gift).

A community rooted in the Reformed tradition and committed to biblical, holistic formation

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