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
As part of a covenantal community, we are nourished and inspired by the faithful and discerning proclamation of God’s Word—a hallmark of Calvin Theological Seminary’s exceptional preparation of pastors and church leaders for more than a century. Scripture itself promises that God’s Word will endure forever, so it’s our joy to participate in this central mission of Christ’s church through the Presidents’ Legacy Society. It’s an eternal investment in building the kingdom through encouraging and equipping all of us to be hearers and doers of the Word.

—Henk and Sharon Ottens
Grand Haven, MI
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
The most enduring legacy we can imagine is generation after generation of Christ-followers influenced by faithful servants who proclaim the Word of God. That’s why we sought to honor God by gifting a legacy to Calvin Theological Seminary for equipping young men and women for God’s service. For so many, the seed of the knowledge of Christ was planted by dedicated forebears who taught us God’s faithfulness. It is imperative that young people today are prepared to reach others so that future generations are given the opportunity to know Christ, to be filled with his Spirit, his love, and the inexpressible hope of his promised forgiveness and eternal life.

– Dewey and Wilma Veenstra
Pella, Iowa
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.”
We are truly excited to be a part of what God is doing at Calvin Theological Seminary. The faculty and staff alike are very focused and effective in carrying out their mission to train leaders and strengthen the church. That’s one of several reasons why we have decided to include Calvin Theological Seminary in our estate planning. We also are encouraging our friends and fellow believers to join the Presidents’ Legacy Society in order to impact generations to come for the cause of Christ.

—Ted and Donna Greidanus
Visalia, California
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).

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

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