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Dear friends,

This is a brief “follow-up” letter to the one we sent a while ago. In the earlier letter, we shared the vision given to some twenty ministers to found, under God, a conservative, evangelical and reformed theological seminary for the training of men to be preachers and pastors. Our desire was then, and still is, to aid godly and gifted men, called to the ministry, to prepare for this great work.

Since that time, a small “steering committee” has been brought into being; and, with remarkable unity and a sense of God’s favour, this committee has been meeting and working to fulfil our plans and bring our hopes to fruition. Grove House has now been completely restored, with all modern facilities, including Information Technology infrastructure, lecture rooms and an extensive library.

The Bible, “God’s Word written”, will be recognized as the only, sufficient, and infallible authority in all matters of faith and practice. The only version used in the Seminary will be the Authorised Version (1611), the most accurate and faithful translation of the providentially preserved Texts – the Hebrew Masoretic and Greek Received Texts. This is the Seminary’s position which students are requested to respect, even if they themselves have yet to be convinced on the matter.

The Seminary’s Subordinate Standard will be The Second London Baptist Confession of Faith (more commonly known as The 1689 Baptist Confession), but the deepest respect will be felt and evidenced for the two other most excellent 17th Century Confessions: The Westminster Confession of Faith of 1647 (Presbyterian) and The Savoy Declaration of Faith and Order of 1658 (Congregational). Teaching in the Seminary will reflect the biblical, Westminster Theology, and it is within this theological framework that the Seminary will seek to serve God and His Church.

Our emphases remain in place. Under God, our intention and purpose is to establish a Seminary which will be Conservative (keeping to “the old paths”, appointed by God in His Word, and formerly approved by His people), Evangelical (adhering to the Gospel of full and free salvation through faith in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ) and Reformed (emphasizing “the whole counsel of God”, in particular, “the Doctrines of Grace”, and the need for a thorough and practical reformation of the Church).

Furthermore, we affirm the vital necessity of the Holy Spirit's divine influences, for instruction, sanctification and consolation; and earnestly we seek – and encourage others to seek – a real and felt experience of God and a more intimate and familiar knowledge of Him. It is the desire and longing of our hearts that a new, fresh and extraordinary effusion of the Spirit will be granted to the Church in our day that we may be wonderfully revived and refreshed in the manifested glory of God. The Holy Spirit alone is the source of vital religion: the sole means of recovering spiritual life, the beauty of holiness, and the blessedness of communion.

A curriculum has been agreed, and lecturers (men who are themselves active in pastoral ministry) will hope to cover such areas as: Text & Canon; Hebrew and Greek (optional); Systematic Theology; Reformed Confessions; Old/New Testament History and Religion; Old/New Testament Exegesis; Hermeneutics (Principles of Biblical Interpretation); Reformed Worship; the Doctrine of Revival; Evangelism and Mission; Apologetics; Pastoralia; and Church History.

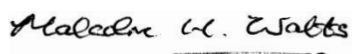
A three-year course is planned and the launch-date for the Seminary is January 2018, God willing. Teaching modules will take the form of two full weeks of lectures and 10 monthly sessions of two days each, making a total of 140 teaching hours in a year. Directed reading and various assignments will take up the students' time between lectures. It is hoped that, in time, the lectures will be available on the Seminary's website; and we intend to make use of Skype for some lectures from overseas. The student's own Pastor will have a role in practical training, e.g. in preaching, pastoral visiting and evangelistic activities. The Seminary course will require serious study but it will not be purely academic in nature. Our aim is the cultivation of true and vital religion, enabling men to exercise a sound and spiritual ministry to the glory of our sovereign God.

We now invite men who wish to know more about the Seminary, or wish to apply for the course, to contact the Administrator at the above address.

If you would be interested in receiving future updates, please complete the attached form and return it to the given address (alternatively, you could e-mail the information to us). We hope, in future, to send out the updates via e-mail. However, if you would prefer to receive them by post, please indicate this on the form.

In total dependence upon God, we now proceed with this important work. We would be grateful for your prayers as we seek God's will in everything, endeavouring at all times to do "God's Work in God's Way." May it all be for the furtherance of His kingdom and for His glory!

Yours through free grace alone,



Malcolm H. Watts

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