

*Theological School
of the Protestant Reformed Churches*

Seminary Convocation 2018



“...it is a filthy thing for us to be so holden with a blind desire to live, that we lose the causes of life for life itself; and this do the words of Paul express. For he doth not simply set light by his life; but he doth forget the respect thereof, that he may finish his course; that he may fulfil the ministry which he hath received of Christ, as if he should say that he is not desirous to live, save only that he may satisfy the calling of God; and that, therefore, it shall be no grief to him to lose his life, so that he may come by death unto the goal of the function prescribed to him by God.

And we must note that which he with, *with joy*, for his meaning is, that this is taken from the faithful by no sorrow or grief, but that they both live and die to the Lord. For the joy of a good conscience is more deeply and surely laid up, than that it can be taken away by any external trouble, or any sorrow of the flesh; it triumpheth more joyfully than that it can be oppressed.”

John Calvin Calvin's Commentary

Theological School Committee

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*held at
Providence Protestant Reformed Church
Hudsonville, Michigan
September 5, 2018 7:00 P.M.*

PROGRAM

- Prelude Mrs. Deb Bleyenbergh
- Opening Devotions Rev. Kenneth Koole
President, Theological School Committee
- Audience Singing: Psalter # 241:1, 3, 5-7
Prayer
- Scripture Reading: Acts 20:17-38
- Special Music Piano/Violin—Mrs. Crista Phelps
Sam Bergman, Connor Courtney, Erin Courtney
Rendition of Psalter #'s 380, 306, 198
- Address Prof. Barrett L. Gritters
“None of These Things Move Me...”
- Audience Singing Psalter # 246:1-3
- Introduction of the Students Prof. Barrett L. Gritters
Rector
- Closing Prayer Prof. Douglas Kuiper
- Postlude Mrs. Deb Bleyenbergh

Refreshments provided afterwards in the fellowship hall.

FACULTY

- Prof. Ronald L. Cammenga***
Professor of Dogmatics and OT Studies
- Prof. Russell J. Dykstra***
Professor of Church History and NT Studies
- Prof. Barrett L. Gritters***
Professor of Practical Theology and NT Studies
- Prof. Douglas J. Kuiper***
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