The re-forming of American Protestantism

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Abstract

It is a privilege and honor to be asked to contribute to the issue of the Reformed Review which celebrates the 125th anniversary of Western Theological Seminary. It offers me an opportunity to express publicly my gratitude to Western Seminary and what it and its colleagues have meant to me. Twenty-five years ago I did my first research in church history in Western's library as a student at Hope College. During that same period I "team taught" a senior high Sunday school class at Hope Church, Holland,
with Lester Kuyper, Jim Cook, and Libby Hillegonds, but it was I who was the student. Upon my arrival at Louisville Seminary, I discovered the long association of people at Louisville Seminary with the Reformed Church in America (RCA)—e.g., Henry Dosker, John VanderMeulen, Peter Pleune, Teunis Gowens, John Fulton, and John Olert. Since 1982 Western has also allowed me to be a sojourner within its gates—doing research and writing in the beautiful Cook Center for Theological Research each summer as our family escaped from the humidity of Louisville to the shores of Lake Michigan. Western's gracious hospitality has made these summers both productive and renewing. For the friendships of many years and for Western's continuing role in my theological education, I am deeply grateful and extend warmest congratulations upon this anniversary.

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