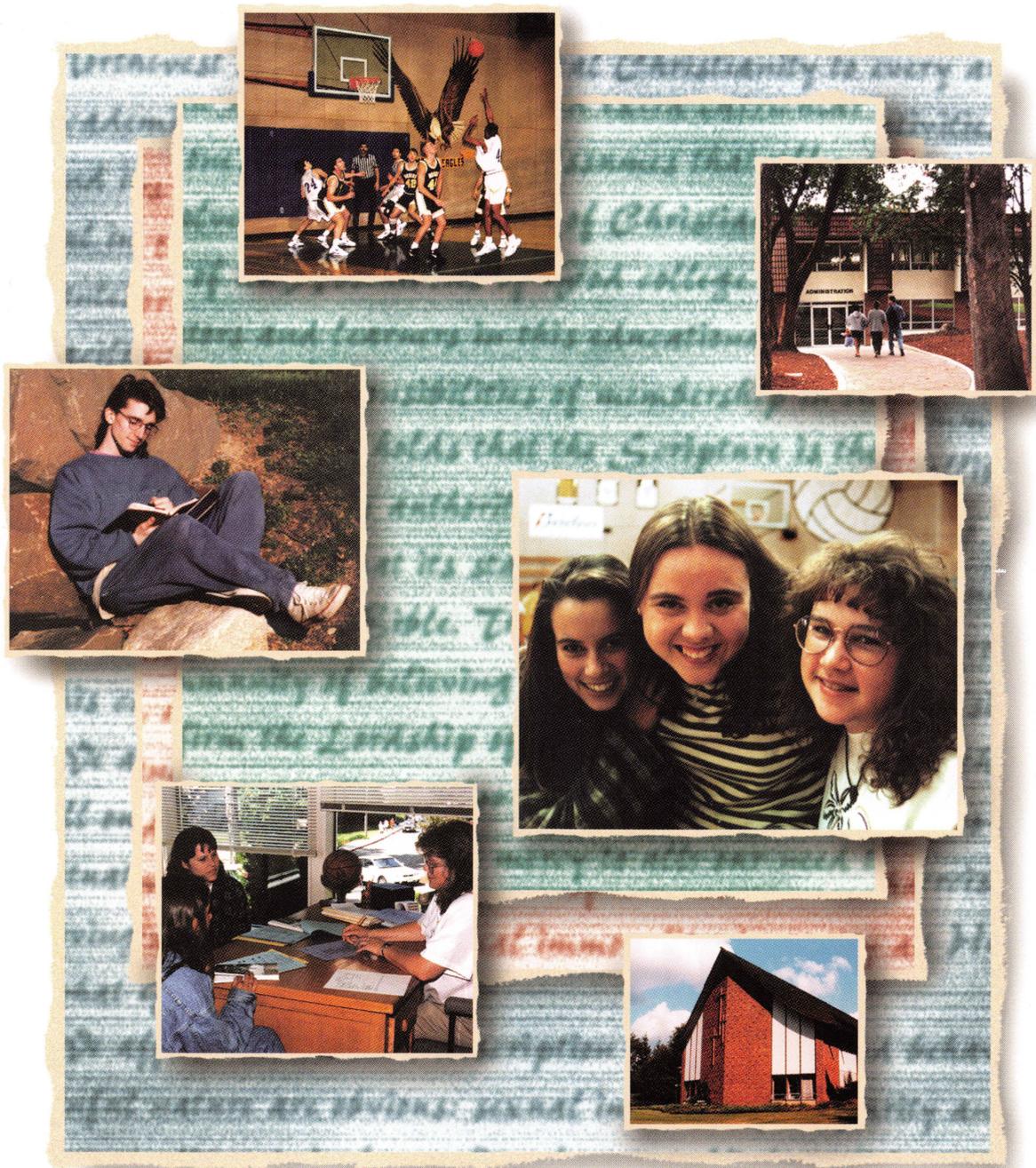


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A Proposal To



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In the Beginning...

Since its founding in 1934, Northwest College has focused on students, those students called to its campus from various states, nations and backgrounds, students seeking quality higher education in a distinctly Christian environment. After graduation, these students have gone on to provide ministerial, professional and educational leadership in their American cities and communities, and often in different parts of the world. As in the past, today these students leave Northwest College with an academic degree plus spiritual foundations and values that will enable them to integrate their walk with Christ in all areas of their lives.

Northwest College believes that students who receive an education with the Christian theistic view of the world, humanity, and culture will develop into the whole person God has intended them to be. Northwest College *is* its students, and it provides:

**Scripturally based
Teaching where
Understanding,
Discipline, and
Enthusiasm are created while
Networking with people of like faith
Trained to
Strengthen the body of Christ.**

Our visions for a graduate who has completed general college requirements are:

1. Communicate effectively in English speech and writing, including research writing.
2. Understand and appreciate the value of fine arts for recreation, worship, or service.
3. Understand how human culture is shaped through language and literature.
4. Understand the techniques of discovery employed by science.
5. Understand the nature of the contributions made by the social sciences.
6. Cultivate a Christian worldview supported by basic biblical and theological knowledge.
7. Engage in critical thinking and quantitative reasoning.

Northwest College Prepares Students for Church, Community and World Service:

Our changing American church faces increased demands. As our society seems to accept, even sometimes to expect, poor personal integrity and morality from local and national figures, our church leaders, both men and women, can model personal integrity and Biblical moral values. Today's church must be equipped to minister in a variety of ways to the community including providing Christian education as well as physical, emotional and spiritual guidance. **Northwest College prepares students for this ministry.**

Our communities need infusions of Christian influence. With a substantial national crime rate and overcrowded prisons, our nation is in social trauma. Many of our inner cities are "battle zones." Our communities need Christian influence in government; they need Christian voters, teachers, business people and other servant leaders; they need a return to Biblical values. NC students serve God in their communities through careers in counseling, business, and education. **Northwest College prepares students for these ministries.**

Families today have enormous needs. As domestic violence and divorce rates rise, families need physical, spiritual and emotional support. Without adequate social aid, families all too often fall apart. Today's families, whole and hurting, need association with Christians professionally instructed in giving family care. **Northwest College prepares students for this ministry.**

The world needs to know Jesus. Many people have never even heard the name of Jesus; others do not understand His message. Today, it takes education, technology, language, and cultural awareness plus faith to introduce the true word of Jesus Christ. Spreading the name of Jesus can take the form of providing food, education, jobs, child care, or houses. Then, around the world, people are starving, and massive food donations do not correct the problem. As English becomes a worldwide language, ESL - English, Second Language teachers are needed. **Northwest College prepares and sends missionaries and ESL teachers into the "world" - domestic and global world.**

Today Northwest College Meets its Students' Needs. What About Their Needs Tomorrow?

Northwest College responds to its students' spiritual and educational needs and does so through unique opportunities of Christian service and through challenging academic programs, both of which prepare its graduates for service in the 21st century. To date, NC has trained thousands of men and women in disciplines enabling them to thrive on the mission field, pastor churches, secure for God the church youth, professionally lead in music and worship, as well as succeed in secular businesses, in educational fields, in counseling and more. These young men and women, NC graduates, are spread all over our country and the world.

For the past several years, NC's enrollment has increased steadily. So steadily, that with 1997's fall enrollment of 858, the college is running out of available classrooms and residence halls. With growth come growing pains: The computer lab, while updated in '97, needs 24 hour student access; the computers themselves need constant monitoring and repairing; the whole campus, now linked to Internet, require training in use; science classes need new technology for teaching and for mission use; Summer Ministry Teams need financial support; students need financial backing for mission trips; the college needs its own newspaper. NC's gym resembles that of a local junior high school even while it hosts a growing number of outside NAIA/NCCAA competitors. In fact, a simple call to any NC department, Biblical, Arts & Sciences, Education, student life, or administrative can alert the caller to a list of *needs*, not simply a wish list, but a *vital list of needs*. College-wide, the list grows daily.

As Northwest College current family, graduates, friends, and/or district stakeholders, we must *all* recognize and address Northwest College's vital needs as the college continues to fulfill its traditional mission:

The mission of Northwest College is to provide a distinctly evangelical Christian environment, quality education to prepare students for service and leadership.

More specifically, for each NC graduate, the college seeks to:

1. develop the *whole person* through general studies integrated with biblical knowledge.
2. include *professional and vocational skills* in the student's *preparation for service* in the world.
3. help to *fulfill the Great Commission* and to propagate the historic faith of the sponsoring church.

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THE RICH HISTORY OF FAITH AT NORTHWEST COLLEGE

The unique mandate of the Northwest College Constitution and By-laws is that we operate within the needs of the sponsoring church. The constitution and by-laws support the Northwest College mission of providing leadership and service as directed by the Holy Spirit.

The constitution further dictates that the ownership is in the hands of the Districts. The college is an institution of the Districts and has no authority to operate independently. We exist to meet the need for vocational church ministries and professionally trained laymen who are the living sacrifice called of God to serve the Body of Christ.

If Northwest College is to serve the fellowship properly, it must be driven by the membership within the church, for Northwest College is the Academy within the church. We are not a public institution. We are a private Christian institution of higher education uniquely serving our membership through the Districts and the churches.

Students from other Christian communities will always be allowed to enjoy the education and spiritual environment within the constitutional mandate of the sponsoring church.

Today, as in the past, the successful future of Northwest College depends largely upon the determination, tenacity and support of its church members and districts, and shareholders of the college.

The Foundation of NC's Rich, Faithful History...Coming in 1933 from Fargo, ND, to assume the pastorate of Seattle's Hollywood Temple - now Calvary Temple - the Reverend Henry Ness stood outside the new - to - him church building and had a visionary thought: "What a shame that this beautiful building, which has been wholly dedicated to the Lord, should stand empty all day long. Why should it not be utilized every day of the week and not only on Sunday?" From that visionary moment, Ness took God's "hint" to establish a Bible school to train young men and women for the ministry.

From this vision came the constitution for the Bible school, in which portions of the preamble provide the foundation for the original school's direction and for today's college mission: "The objective and purpose of the school is to maintain, conduct and operate a non-profit institution of learning at college level, with particular emphasis upon ministerial and mission training."

"Be it resolved that this college offers a thorough course of instruction in God's Word to all students, so that each one will have studied by the time of his graduation every book in the Bible."

“That it organize the curriculum of study in such a way that each student will have an introduction to the basic fields of learning such as language, literature, history and science, as well as courses of a specialized nature.”

“That it provide for training pastors and evangelists in suitable courses of instruction, and in various opportunities for actual ministry. That it provide training in Christian Education for the students qualifying them to engage full-time in Christian Education and youth work, or to return to their home churches and become active and effective lay workers.”

“That it assist those who desire to prepare for the chaplaincy, teaching, nursing, education and other types of occupation and service as a recognized need develops.”

1934 School Opens

Northwest Bible College opened its doors in 1934, and during that first year, 49 students enrolled in classes. Clearly, academic training was secondary to spiritual training, yet the two were closely integrated. Often, during the first years of the school's existence, classes would be canceled for days as the Holy Spirit was manifested in chapel services or even class sessions, and the students prayed and worshipped in His presence.

In her history of the college from its beginning to 1966, Dr. Maxine Williams wrote, "There is nothing that the college and the constituency have guarded more zealously throughout the entire history of the college than the preservation of the spiritual life of the school."

1949 Butterfield Presidency Begins

In 1949, Reverend Ness resigned his position as President of Northwest Bible College, and C.E. Butterfield began his service as the school's second president. Those students attending Northwest during President Butterfield's administration remember him warmly.

God's Provision of Needed Funds

In the early years, the College sank deeply into debt. It had originally promised the Northwest District Presbytery that it would always be self-supporting. However, as standards rose, so did costs. Throughout this time of need, God provided often and in miraculous ways for the college. As an example, President Butterfield explained:

"We had a financial need of about \$1,000.00 and I had been praying and had not seemed to get an

answer. One day, I was going through the mail that I had allowed to accumulate to one side and I found a small, frayed envelope addressed to me at the Northwest Bible College, written very faintly in pencil--I could hardly make out the address--and there was no return address on the envelope. But it was a thick envelope. When I first had noticed it on my desk, I supposed it was some dear old lady that was interested in sending out tracts, since I had received many bundles of tracts that looked just like this package. And so I nonchalantly tore open this envelope, and I almost fell off my seat when I saw that in this frayed envelope was a handful of bills that amounted to \$1,000.00. It was just the amount of money that we needed to meet our need."

1952 First Accreditation

On October 16, 1952, Northwest Bible School was accredited by the American Association of Bible Colleges. It was also listed as a school of higher learning by the United States Department of Education.

1955 Liberal Arts Division Introduced

During the 1955-56 school year, Northwest added Junior College studies to its curriculum, thus allowing non full-time ministry students the opportunity for Christian higher education. The junior college studies and accompanying liberal arts courses broadened the educational vision of the college but in no way diminished its ministerial vision.

1958 Move to Kirkland

The college learned of plans for a new freeway in Seattle, one that would run through the property owned by the church and school. Sometime later, Northwest received official notification of the condemnation of its property. Certainly this situation caused a dilemma, for as then Business Manager, Herbert Crowder, later said, "The college didn't have two dimes to rub together to be called a building fund. There wasn't any money in the treasury; there was hardly enough to pay the bills, let alone to start a college campus or to buy the land."

President Butterfield learned of an available 35 acre plot in Kirkland, Washington. This plot,

God's Provision for the Main Kirkland Campus Buildings

used for government housing during W.W. II, first attracted the college because of its existing land improvements. While visiting the property, President Butterfield knelt - at the site now occupied by the Butterfield Chapel - and asked God to give the land to the college.

The Lord answered President Butterfield's prayer: The Kirkland plot would come to the school. In 1958, the government granted the deed to 23 acres of the property to the school. Later, the school purchased an additional 12 acres for \$30,000, the exact amount gained from the sale to the government of the original church/school's Seattle property. Clearly, God had provided the primary funds to purchase and begin the building of the Kirkland campus.

Then, while praying one day for funds, President Butterfield felt impressed to write and explain the school's needs to a woman named, Wanda Dickey. He received a curt and abrupt letter back, and President Butterfield felt he had been mistaken to write her. A short time later, Mrs. Dickey sent another letter with a check for \$6,000, the exact amount needed to address a current school debt.

When President Butterfield called to thank Mrs. Dickey, she cordially invited him to visit her in her Southern California home. He went. During their visit Mrs. Dickey questioned him about the school, its government, its board members, its mission, its attitude toward missionary work, and much more. While President Butterfield answered her questions and discussed detail with her, he did not expect further funds from her. In fact, she had signed the note with her \$6,000 check, "scraping the barrel."

Some time later, President Butterfield was called by Mrs. Dickey's lawyer and asked to conduct her funeral service. The lawyer also told him, "I think you might be interested in knowing that Mrs. Dickey has made Northwest College the residual heir in her estate." The lawyer went on to say that it would probably be about \$450,000. After the

estate was all settled and the money had trickled in over a period of time, the school had received more than \$600,000 from the estate.

**1966 Hurst
Presidency Begins**

After a long, full-term, President Butterfield retired, and D.V. Hurst served as the new president. President Hurst continued with visionary goals toward campus land acquisition and improvement. During his administration, the campus grew significantly in size, increasing its original area. Also during his term, the college built several new dormitories, married student housing and a three-story library housing over 38,000 books in reference, theology, literature and science.

**1973 Academic
Accreditation**

Northwest Bible College received regional accreditation from the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges.

**1990 Davis
Presidency Begins**

When President Hurst retired, Dennis A. Davis began his term as president. President Davis, Northwest's first alumnus president, has continued the visionary growth, the eternal Christian mission, and the personal belief in the college that his predecessors once began. In the Davis administration, NC joined the Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities; established several new academic majors, including Business Administration, Secondary Education, Eco-intensive Biology, and LEAP, the adult degree completion program, and computerized the library and campus. Physically enhancing the campus, Davis's leadership enabled the remodeling and expanding of the Pecota Student Center, the acquisition of the current Administrative facilities, and the remodeling of the Ness Academic Center, including Rice Hall.

**1998 President Elect
Dr. Don Argue
Presidency Begins**

Upon President Davis' retirement Dr. Don Argue will begin his presidential term June 1st.

Growth Facts and Reputation

- * **Northwest College opened its doors in 1934** to 49 students. In the fall of 1997, 858 students attended classes here.
- * **Once known primarily in Assemblies of God Fellowship**, NC is now known and recognized internationally as a quality, accredited institution of Christian higher learning and is an active member of the Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities.
- * **Instead of offering student outreach opportunities only once a week** during the regular school year, NC today has established year long programs that at different times include student ministry teams, traveling choirs, evangelism ministries, homeless outreaches, prayer ministries, community cleanup and more. Students participate in these ministries here on campus, in community, and around the world.
- * **NC's library has grown from a locked bookcase** containing a set of Matthew Henry commentaries to a three-story building housing over 100,000 items. The entire library is now intergrated with an online library system that is accessible from anywhere in the world through the web.
- * **The campus has grown from owning two termite-ridden houses** and a building shared with a church to 60 acres with beautifully kept grounds and 20 modern buildings outfitted with computer and internet access.
- * **Once having only a ping-pong table for recreation**, the college now has a gymnasium, tennis courts, soccer/playfield, sand volleyball pit, as well as being a part of the NAIA Division II and NAACC Division I intercollegiate men's and women's basketball, cross-country, men's soccer, and women's volleyball.
- * **Northwest College is now a nationally accredited institution** offering a Bachelor of Arts degree in 16 majors with 14 concentrations and endorsements.
- * **Our intercollegiate debate program is ranked 12th in the nation** in the National Parliamentary Debate Association, showing that Northwest is academically competitive with major universities. Northwest attended the World Universities Debating Championships held in Athens, Greece and placed in the top one third of the 300 teams present. NC was the highest ranking Christian College out of the 155 institutions. In the international event NC placed above some teams from Oxford, Cambridge, Princeton and Harvard.

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THE "FORWARD IN FAITH" CAMPAIGN

Forward in Faith seeks to provide funding to expand essential college facilities, thus enabling Northwest College to continue to enrich and enhance student life academically, spiritually and physically. Specifically, Forward in Faith has five goals:

1. The acquisition and retrofitting of the former Northwest District Offices.
2. The development of the Learning Center complex: Renovation of the Ness Academic Center.
3. The construction of a Learning Center addition to the west of Ness Academic Center.
4. The restoration of Williams Hall and remodel of Dickey Plaza.
5. The design and construction of a Fieldhouse with a Health and Physical Development Center.

Our purpose in writing is to encourage you as college alumni, parents, and friends plus members of corporations and foundations to help enable Northwest College in its move of faith to bring about the completion of its goals.

For the past 24 months, we have been conducting a silent Forward in Faith campaign. To date, 131 donors have pledged \$423,380.00, and the college has actually received \$305,832.00 of the amount pledged. However, we realize that Forward in Faith now needs to move into its active, public phase. In so doing, we are contacting all possible major constituencies; churches, alumni, faculty, administration, students, trustees, major donors, foundations, businesses and friends. We are soliciting both current and deferred gifts.

FUNDRAISING GOALS:

Preliminary fundraising goals to be reached include:

Purchase and Renovation of Northwest District Offices of A/G - \$1.4 Million

The purchase of the Northwest District offices, with sufficient modifications to the building to meet American Disabilities Act standards and serve as the College administrative center.

Renovation of Ness Hall- \$120,000

The renovation of Ness Hall to accommodate professors' offices, provide classrooms.

Construction of Learning Center - \$1.2 Million

The construction of a multi-purpose learning center that will provide interactive classrooms and faculty offices, pastoral and aquacultural labs, applied learning experience, and distance learning opportunities made possible through satellite transmission and reception. The learning center will also provide for a unique convergence of the disciplines of business, science, and missions to apply science in developing countries for social and economic development from a missions perspective.

Renovation of Williams Hall and Dickey Plaza- \$280,000

The renovation of Williams Hall and Dickey Plaza to provide classrooms, professors' offices, and a student concession area.

Expansion & Renovation of the NC Pavilion - \$3.5 Million (to become the Fieldhouse)

The expansion to a multi-purpose Fieldhouse that will provide an indoor running track, racquetball courts, and a weight room/fitness center. The center will also provide varsity locker room facilities, two classrooms, and indoor seating for 1,700 individuals.

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ADMINISTRATION OF THE CAMPAIGN

LEADERSHIP:

- * The leaders of the Capital Campaign are the members of the Northwest College Foundation Board.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND MEMBERSHIP:

- * Northwest College is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges.
- * Northwest College is a member in the Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities, an association of Christ-centered colleges and universities of liberal arts and sciences. Membership in the coalition provides opportunities for personal and professional enrichment to students, faculty, and administrators.
- * Northwest College is approved by the Board of Education and Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Washington to prepare elementary and secondary education teachers and recommend for certification. It is a member of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.
- * Northwest College is endorsed by the Department of Education of the Assemblies of God and the Association of Christian Schools International.
- * Northwest College is a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA).

STUDENTS NEED YOU TO SAY...YES

a YES represents \$50 per month for 48 months

ALASKA DISTRICT

240 Yes responses needed for \$576,000 goal

SOUTHERN IDAHO DISTRICT

210 Yes responses needed for \$504,000 goal

OREGON DISTRICT

810 Yes responses for \$1,944,000 goal

WYOMING DISTRICT

210 Yes responses for \$504,000 goal

MONTANA DISTRICT

300 Yes responses for \$720,000 goal

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

1,230 Yes responses for \$2,952,000 goal

YOUR RESPONSE

Throughout Northwest College's history, God has blessed the efforts of those who have worked to fulfill the college's mission in Jesus' name. God has sent faithful students, faculty, administrators and staff to aid in fulfilling this mission.

Today Northwest College needs each of you to join in this effort to improve and expand the college's capacity for ministry through training students to lead in the 21st century. We invite you to commit financially and prayerfully to this great cause.

May we count on your investment? Your gift to Northwest College's Forward in Faith Campaign will make a vital difference.

- * Every student who graduates from NC will have done so with your support.
- * Every life that our graduates touch for Jesus will benefit from your support.
- * Every community, church, school or business in which our graduates live and work and integrate Biblical values will benefit from your support.

In giving to Forward in Faith, you may well bring eternal life to countless others.

Thank you for considering this exciting opportunity.

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Yes, I want to make a difference in students, families, our churches and the world by my commitment to **the Forward in Faith Campaign.**

My **commitment** is to make an investment of \$ _____ over four years.

It will be given:

- _____ As a single gift
- _____ In monthly gifts of \$ _____
- _____ In annual gifts of \$ _____

I commit to serve Jesus Christ and Northwest College in this capacity for the duration of the campaign.

Signature

Date

Dennis A. Davis, President

Richard R. Rose, Campaign Director


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