

## Our Seminary

*by Gary Walter, p. 21*

In recognition of North Park's 125th anniversary, Evangelical Covenant Church President Gary Walter provides a window into what makes the seminary an essential part of who we are as a denomination.

1. Gary Walter claims that every pastor in the Covenant Church has been touched by North Park Theological Seminary in some way. How has your pastor, church, or family been affected by North Park's seminary?
2. What is the value of a seminary for churches in the 21st century? Is it still important for pastors to receive formal theological training? Why?
3. Online courses, intensives, and satellite classes are on the rise in many fields of learning. Are we increasing availability at the risk of compromising education? What is your main concern about education in this technological age?
4. How is North Park Theological Seminary's urban location important to the education of our pastors?
5. After reading about the vulnerability of seminaries and the strengths of North Park Theological Seminary, are you more confident about the future of NPTS or more concerned? What do seminaries need in order to survive in today's culture?