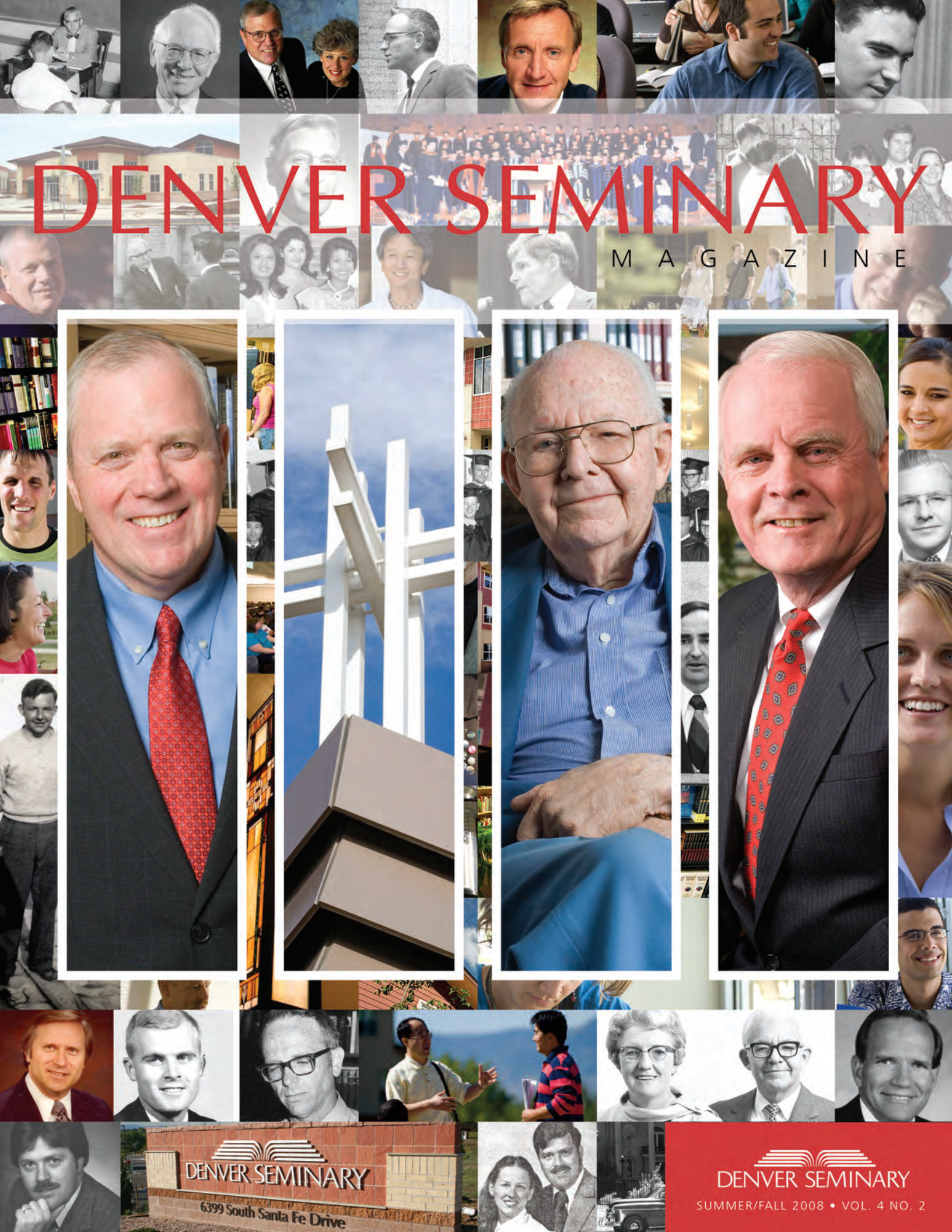


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A Time of *transition*

“We trust you will join the board of trustees in celebration of all Craig has accomplished . . . as God has so significantly used his gifts among us, so He will again in the years ahead among others.”

As a member of Denver Seminary’s board of trustees since 1997 and as the current board chair, I want to share with you an important update about the Seminary.

You may have already heard that on June 20, 2008, after prayerful reflection and conversation, Dr. Craig Williford resigned as president of Denver Seminary.

When Craig arrived to become president of Denver Seminary eight years ago, he found an institution in poor financial health with declining enrollment and housed on a deteriorating campus. The contrast with today is dramatic. For that we give thanks to God, our Father, for His goodness and grace. God has accomplished these remarkable changes through the hard work and gifts of His servants. In these eight years no servant has been more important than Craig Williford. The results of his stewardship are evident: enrollment is up with the largest graduating class in our history this past May; our finances are healthy; and we work in a brand new and beautiful facility.

So we thank and praise God for Craig. His leadership has been a gift from God at just

the right time. We are thankful for all he has accomplished and for his faithfulness and his dedication during these years. His legacy at Denver Seminary is lasting and assured. As Craig departs, our prayer is that as God has so significantly used his gifts among us, so He will again in the years ahead among others.

As the board of trustees now begins the search for a new president, we are pleased to announce that Pastor Gordon MacDonald has accepted the appointment of interim president. Pastor MacDonald fully supports and affirms Denver Seminary’s mission and has communicated his excitement about leading the institution in this season of transition. With the appointment of Gordon as interim president, paired with the appointment of Dr. Randy MacFarland as provost/dean, today the Seminary community is experiencing a great deal of God’s peace, as He continues to prove His faithfulness.

In this time of transition you can be assured that our mission, vision and values remain firm and unchanged. The course the Lord has charted for us in these past years continues. With His continued leading and blessing even greater things are yet to come.



William R. Ward, J.D.

This issue of *Denver Seminary Magazine* serves to remind us of our journey; to see again from where we have come – so that we, as a community, can look back with gratitude at what God has done since we began in 1950. You will also hear from Gordon and Randy as they reflect on where the Seminary is today. And as the board prayerfully implements our strategic framework, it is with great anticipation that we look forward to what God has in store for Denver Seminary. We humbly acknowledge God our Creator, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, and the Holy Spirit in guiding Denver Seminary to be an effective place for equipping godly leaders – past, present and future.

Bill Ward, Chair
Board of Trustees

Denver Seminary Strengthens Ties with the Korean Church in Seoul

Gary Hoag, Vice President of Advancement, along with Associate Professor of Theology Dr. Sung Wook Chung, visited South Korea June 6-16, 2008. During their visit, both Hoag and Chung met with local pastors, scholars and administrators from numerous churches and theological institutions. The trip was a wonderful success as they strengthened Denver Seminary's ties with the leadership of Presbyterian College and Theological Seminary (our formal seminary partner school in South Korea), visited other seminaries, met with prospective givers, and invited support of Korean initiatives by preaching and teaching about stewardship and theology. Hoag and Chung also inquired of the needs within the Korean Church, recruited quality Korean students and promoted Denver Seminary!



Dr. Hyung Ja Lee of South Korea with Vice President Gary Hoag. Dr. Lee made a gift to form an endowed scholarship fund for Korean students.

Farewell to Familiar Faces



Luanna Traubert

On May 30, 2008, the Seminary community celebrated Luanna Traubert's 14 years of service with a retirement party. Luanna was hired in January 1994 by the advancement department, serving in the areas of public and alumni relations. In 2003, she assumed the position of

conferences and events coordinator, while also lending assistance to Chancellor Vernon Grounds. When Luanna joined the Seminary in 1994, she did so after having retired from a company in the business world, and once again she'll be "retiring" only in a manner of speaking. Luanna will be joining World Venture serving their alumni/retirees through meetings and conferences worldwide. Denver Seminary thanks Luanna for her 14 years of service. We will miss her!

On May 6, 2008, Denver Seminary's faculty celebrated Dr. Joan Burgess Wells' 20 years of service as she moved to senior faculty status. Dr. Wells joined the Seminary as an adjunct faculty member in 1988 and became a full-time faculty member of the counseling department in 1991. Dr. Wells will continue to teach some counseling classes for the Seminary and serve as Director of the Shepherd's Gate Counseling Clinic on Denver Seminary's campus. We thank Dr. Wells for her dedicated service to the Seminary and its students, and we wish her all the best in this next chapter of her life.



Dr. Joan Burgess Wells

Seminary Strengthens Partnership with SETECA in Guatemala

From July 16-21, 2008, Denver Seminary Board Trustee Larry Graber and his wife, Jacqueline, along with Seminary faculty and staff, traveled to Guatemala to visit partner seminary, el Seminario Teológico Centroamericano (SETECA). The purpose of this trip was to meet with and encourage the administrative staff of SETECA, to observe and participate in Dr. Danny Carroll's class, to interact with Denver Seminary and SETECA students, and to become better acquainted with Guatemala and the Latin culture.

Dr. M. Daniel Carroll R., Distinguished Professor of Old Testament and half-Guatemalan, has taught at SETECA for the past 26 years. Under his leadership and counsel, Denver Seminary partners with SETECA, the largest resident evangelical seminary in Latin America. Dr. Carroll extended an invitation to the board to visit SETECA during his summer class. Larry Graber, who has served as a board trustee for the past eight years, accepted this invitation. When asked why this trip was important, Graber responded, "The board needs to have a common vision and purpose for our global partnerships. In order to do that, we need to witness and experience these interactions first-hand."

Dr. Hélène Dallaire, Associate Professor of Old Testament at Denver Seminary, Dr. Joan Wells, Senior Professor of Counseling, and Dr. Keith Wells, Associate Professor of Theological Bibliography and Research, also joined Dr. Carroll. Dr. Dallaire participated in Dr. Carroll's course and Drs. Keith and Joan Wells provided leadership and counsel to SETECA's library and counseling program. Their eagerness to teach and encourage SETECA's staff and faculty strengthened Denver Seminary's commitment to their partnership with SETECA and reinforced the importance of working together in the pursuit of equipping leaders for a lifetime of ministry.



Denver Seminary students, faculty and staff.



Welcome to SETECA!

Rev. Dr. David Kang Joins Board of Trustees

Denver Seminary is pleased to announce the addition of Reverend Dr. David Kang to the board of trustees. Dr. Kang is pastor of the Korean Central Presbyterian Church in Denver, Colo. In addition to his pastoral duties, he serves as a consultant to Denver Seminary's Korean Lifelong Education Initiative (KLEI) and serves as a mentor to one of Denver Seminary's Korean students.



Rev. Dr. David Kang

Dr. Kang and his wife Crystal have been married for 27 years. She is a florist who teaches floral design to Korean pastors' wives. They have one adopted son who serves as an environmental engineering consultant in South Korea. Dr. Kang desires to help build strong relationships between Denver Seminary and the Korean Church. We are pleased to welcome Dr. Kang to the board and are confident that his gifted service in ministry will be a great addition to our community.

Dr. Kang pursued undergraduate studies from the Theological College at University Yonsei in South Korea. He received a ThM in Old Testament from Yonsei University and a second ThM in Pastoral Care from Princeton. He received his DMin from San Francisco's Presbyterian Theological Seminary before moving to Denver.



Alumnus Honored in *Time* Magazine

Denver Seminary alumnus Richard Cizik, who serves as the Vice President for Governmental Affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals, was recently named one of *Time* magazine's top 100 influential people in the world. Cizik works to bring awareness of environmental care to Christians across the country. The *Time* article was written by fellow Denver Seminary alumnus, former interim Denver Seminary president and President of the NAE, Leith Anderson.

170 Graduate at 2008 Commencement Ceremonies

Denver Seminary's 57th commencement ceremony was held May 20, 2008, at Southeast Christian Church in Parker, Colo., and included the largest graduating class in Denver Seminary's history. The graduates, commissioned by President Craig Williford and the board of trustees, included 154 master's level candidates, seven doctoral candidates and nine certificate candidates. The ceremony was attended by numerous family members and friends. Dr. Craig Williford gave the commencement address titled, "Knowing Christ Jesus Our Lord," in which he exhorted graduates to remember that what matters most is how deeply they know Christ.

Numerous awards were presented, including the Raymond McLaughlin Preaching Award, awarded to Ann Watson; the Richard S. Beal Missions Award, presented to Dereje Beyene; and the Carey S. Thomas Award for Excellence, presented to Shane Fookes. The training and mentoring department awarded an Excellence in Mentoring Medallion to Ed Tafilowski in recognition of his outstanding and continued service as a mentor. Karl and Mikkin Helvig were the student recipients of the Excellence in Mentoring Medallion. Join us in wishing the graduating class of 2008 godspeed!



looking back *with gratitude*

Since 1950, Denver Seminary has equipped leaders for service to the Church and God's Kingdom. While the ways in which the Seminary equips those leaders has developed and expanded over the years, that mission has not changed. What follows is a bird's-eye view of the history of Denver Seminary – a look at what God has done in and through this school – and its heritage of equipping leaders for His service.

Beginnings

***"This [seminary] is a vine of God's own planting."
– Carey S. Thomas***



Denver Seminary began in the minds of several Colorado Conservative Baptist pastors, who presented the idea at the annual meeting of the Conservative Baptist Association of Colorado in May, 1950. In response, the association formed an organizing

committee of Conservative Baptist leaders who, in the ensuing months, secured an adequate building for the new school, near Cheesman Park in central Denver. This team of seven men also led in the selection of the first faculty and Board of Trustees. After promotion of this new school began, inquiries came in from a number of prospective students, and in September, 1950, 31 students enrolled in what was then called the Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary.

The next year, 1951, marked the coming of Dr. Carey S. Thomas as president and Dr. Vernon C. Grounds as dean. The first graduating class (1952) consisted of six students, all of whom had transferred to Denver from other schools.

Since the school's beginnings, it was a centeredness on the Bible and the school's mission to train and equip pastors, missionaries and religious leaders that set it apart. In the words of Dr. Grounds when he served as dean: "...the need for a more thoroughly equipped leadership in our churches is everywhere admitted... Hence, this school has been established to be a Seminary, a center for consecrated learning."¹

A new era

***"A school ought not to be a place where minds are crammed full of facts – no matter how significant those facts may be. Life is more than facts. It is knowing how to use facts, and when and where to use them. It is understanding one's self and the people with whom we associate... And that is why the Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary of Denver, Colorado, seeks, not merely to fill minds, but to mold and build lives."
– promotional literature from the early years***

After the death of Thomas in 1956, a new administrative arrangement was initiated with Dr. Vernon C. Grounds as president, Douglas V. Birk as administrative vice president, and Dr. Earl S. Kalland as dean. It was during the Grounds' presidential era that one of the defining statements about Denver Seminary was first established:

"Here is no unanchored liberalism –
freedom to think without commitment.
Here is no encrusted dogmatism –
commitment without freedom to think.
Here is a vibrant evangelicalism –
commitment with freedom to think
within the limits laid down in Scripture."

– Vernon C. Grounds

The Bible was still at the center of everything the Seminary taught and believed, and students were encouraged, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to determine for themselves what the Bible teaches. The



1951

Dr. Carey S. Thomas named president
Dr. Vernon C. Grounds named dean

1952

First graduating class: 6 students

1950

Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary founded in central Denver
31 students enrolled in the fall semester
Library contained approximately 1200 volumes



1950s

1956

Dr. Vernon C. Grounds named president
Dr. Earl S. Kalland named dean



Bible was honored as the infallible and all-sufficient Word of the living God, and while faculty were encouraged to teach the totality of the Bible, not overlooking any part of what it says, it was also the aim of faculty not to go beyond what it teaches.

By 1959, the Seminary's emphasis on missions, both global and local, had also expanded, offering two degrees and a dedicated faculty member, Dr. Raymond Buker, in the missionary program. In literature from this time in the Seminary's history was the following statement: "In their ardent missionary-mindedness the founders of the Conservative Seminary resolved under God that its Department of Missions would not be a mere incidental; on the contrary, it would be a primary field of concentration, a major emphasis in the curriculum, a constant focus of attention for every student."²

What is also interesting to note is the Seminary's unique emphasis on training that was person-centered. Even in the late 1950s and early 1960s, the Seminary viewed the student not merely as "a receptacle to be crammed full of facts" but as whole people who "must be enabled to grow and develop toward Christian maturity."³ The young men and women who attended the Seminary in its early years found a characteristic friendliness of faculty-student relationships which enabled students to experience a more complete and holistic preparation for Christian service. Likely influenced by Dr. Grounds' natural tendency to mentor and counsel students, this early approach to person-centered education became a part of the fabric of the institution, though it would be almost 40 years before the approach would be formalized in Denver Seminary's ground-breaking training and mentoring program.

What accompanied this very personal and very pastoral care of students and alumni inspired many young Christians to pursue a career in psychology or Christian counseling. Dr. Vernon Grounds spent much of his time mentoring and counseling students, helping them find release from a self-centered love to the power of *agape* love. For years he had visions of multiplying his counseling ministry. It was, therefore, in the early 1970s that President Grounds was able to secure funding to develop a master's degree program in counseling for the Seminary. The purpose of this program was to train professionals who would engage in pastoral counseling.⁴

In its goal of attaining full accreditation by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS,) the school relocated to the south side of

Denver in 1968. Selling the 16 buildings that made up the campus near Cheesman park and purchasing 12 acres of ground and four buildings previously owned by the Kent School for Girls, the Seminary was able to convert the gymnasium into a library equipped to house at least 80,000 volumes, an important step toward full accreditation. The following year, four apartment buildings were erected on the grounds which provided 80 student housing units. "...these new facilities are for the fulfillment of the same purpose and program laid down when the Seminary was born in 1950...training students today for service tomorrow."⁵

The Seminary at this time also began to celebrate and embrace the growing diversity of its student body. Students were coming from every region of the United States and others came from Canada, South America and Europe. In 1968 some students had even come from as far away as Korea to study. Racially, there was also growing diversity. "Not every face has the same pigmentation. The ethnic variety on campus demonstrates that, like the God whom it serves, this seminary [celebrates its diversity]."⁵

In 1971, full accreditation by the ATS was achieved. This was followed by full accreditation under the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in 1972. Denver Seminary was on its way toward attaining the authority and credibility to achieve its goal of training pastors and missionaries "who will speak the unchanging truth of God not only with authority and power but also in grace and compassion."⁶

Dr. Vernon Grounds retired in 1979. The mark he left on the Seminary would continue to shape the school and its students as he graciously received the title President Emeritus and was later named the Seminary's Chancellor in 1993. His caring counsel and guiding words as a mentor have impacted many of Denver Seminary's graduates and friends as he continues to encourage those in the Denver Seminary community to become more Christ-like. In his retirement speech, Dr. Grounds looked back over the past 28 years of service and inspired the Seminary with his humble words: "I stand here and I gladly confess my gratitude. And I am thinking of the unpayable debt of love I owe to God for His goodness and mercy, for His unchanging faithfulness, for the wonder of His redemptive grace, and for the privilege of His fellowship."

1959

Library contains 11,700 volumes
Faculty numbers 9 with 6 earned doctorates



1960s: The MacDonald family when Gordon was a student at Denver Seminary

1962

Granted associate membership in the American Association of Theological Schools
(now the Association of Theological Schools, ATS)

Mid-60s

Faculty: 10 full time professors
12 buildings on campus
27,000 library volumes



Continuing the Legacy

"At Denver Seminary, we are not in the business of building buildings. We are committed to building lives."

– Haddon Robinson

In the spring of 1979, after a search that began when Dr. Grounds announced his plans to retire in 1976, Dr. Haddon Robinson became the Seminary's third president. Dr. Robinson was known to be an excellent communicator who also possessed administrative skills and experience.

In the mid-1980s, Denver Seminary really began to explore what globalization might mean for the entire institution, not just in the area of global missions. Through the ATS' "Immersion Project for the globalization of theological education," Denver Seminary began to wrestle with the implications of an increasingly global society. Faculty members were challenged to consider how syllabi and curricula could be modified to include international and North American urban issues and how to encourage cross-cultural experiences in their own lives and the lives of their students.

During Robinson's presidency, the Seminary continued to expand; faculty increased to 22 full-time and 25 adjunct professors. Close to the end of his service in 1992, the student body numbered over 600 and came from 40 states, 53 denominations and 15 countries. This phenomenal growth was

a tribute to God's presence in the Seminary's work.

In a letter from Haddon Robinson, prospective students were encouraged to consider the very personal and holistic educational approach of the Seminary: "[Denver Seminary] stays limited enough to keep the emphasis on the individual. We provide a thorough theological education and effective training for service. Education teaches you how to learn, while training provides specific useable skills... At its heart, then, Denver Seminary provides an environment where students and faculty together may be encountered by the living God... Whatever else happens on a seminary campus, an experience with God is non-negotiable. It is His infallible Word that you study, and it is in His power that you must communicate it to our tortured world."

"Denver Seminary exists to prepare leaders to represent Jesus Christ with a mission mindset."

– Edward Hayes

In 1993, Dr. Edward L. Hayes assumed leadership of Denver Seminary, becoming the fourth president. Dr. Hayes previously served the Seminary as academic dean and professor of Christian education. Under Dr. Hayes' leadership, key professors were hired and the Seminary was positioned to meet the spiritual and technological challenges of the 21st century. It was



Inauguration of Dr. Haddon Robinson, Denver Seminary's third president, 1979

1969

Four apartment buildings erected on campus, providing 80 student housing units

1968

Seminary relocated to the south side of Denver, corner of Hampden and University



1971

Seminary fully accredited by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS)

1972

Full accreditation under the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools achieved



1974



1977

1970

1975

during the mid-1990s that Denver Seminary's commitment to globalization expanded to include the requirement for cross-cultural experiences for all MDiv students. "Thoughtful Christians must be world Christians, conscious of Christ's heartbeat for people everywhere."⁸ The program involved a wide range of local and international shared-experiences for faculty, students and board members. Professors were regularly involved in teaching abroad. The globally-aware culture of Denver Seminary continued to take shape.

And as with the other presidents in the Seminary's history, Dr. Hayes continued to develop the seminary experience to engage a student's whole person. Required chapel attendance and spiritual formation groups along with a prayer emphasis throughout the school helped build a sense of community among students and faculty. As in the institution's early years, the shaping of Christian character was a key focal point.

Dr. Hayes retired in December, 1996, having served Denver Seminary with distinction for a total of 23 years.

"Denver Seminary is in a new paradigm for training transformational leaders... These are exciting times at Denver Seminary as we work to reinvent theological education to serve both our students and the church."

— Clyde McDowell

In 1996, Dr. Clyde McDowell was named Denver Seminary's fifth president. Dr. McDowell led Denver Seminary to reinvent its approach to seminary education by incorporating an intensive, contextualized mentoring experience into its core curriculum. With the assistance of Dr. Randy MacFarland, who was the vice president of training and mentoring from 1997 to 2001, Denver Seminary reinvented theological education giving students the "necessary balance between mind and heart, knowledge and skill, vision and faith."⁹

It was Dr. McDowell's innovative vision that brought the Seminary's long-standing emphasis on the development of the whole person into the formal curriculum for all students. Denver Seminary's benchmark training and mentoring program would solidify its tradition of person-centered education as a distinctive of the Seminary while becoming the model for other schools.

During Dr. McDowell's presidency, the library grew to 143,000 volumes; Denver Seminary had become the first seminary in the country to receive accreditation from the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP); there were more than 2700 Denver Seminary alumni serving Christ around the world; and men and women who were called to lead God's Church were being equipped for transformational leadership.

Dr. Clyde McDowell's presidency was brief as he died in office from a brain tumor in 1999.

Upon Dr. McDowell's death, the Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Leith Anderson as interim president of Denver Seminary. While the Seminary had experienced exciting new changes, the financial outlook was not so promising. At the faculty retreat in 1999, Dr. Anderson stood before the faculty and warned, "Ladies and gentlemen, if Denver Seminary doesn't turn around, it will close its doors no later than 2004." These words served as a sobering wake-up call for the Denver Seminary community, and suggested that what the Seminary needed for its next season was an administrative leader who could, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, turn things around.

Dr. Anderson served as interim until the Board appointed Dr. G. Craig Williford as Denver Seminary's sixth president in August, 2000.



Top left: Bruce Shelley. Top right: 1970s students.
Bottom: Dr. Clyde McDowell (center), fifth president of Denver Seminary.



1977

Denver Seminary launches the Doctor of Ministry Program

1979

Dr. Haddon W. Robinson becomes president



1982

Seminary's name changes from Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary to Denver Conservative Baptist Seminary



1980s:

Craig Williford as a student

turning a seminary around

“Denver Seminary is building a transformational global community in partnership with the Church to equip leaders for the 21st century to think biblically, live faithfully and lead wisely for a lifetime.”

– Craig Williford



Dr. Craig Williford brought to Denver Seminary an extensive background in the pastorate and a strong desire to integrate theory and practice. His presidency was characterized by a strategic rethinking of the direction and initiatives needed to carry the institution into the new century, while at the same time holding steadfastly to its original values. Dr. Williford described the Seminary's direction in these words: “We are now returning to a more growth-based, proactive, strategic approach to fulfilling our mission and increasing our economic viability.”

Probably the most notable and obvious change that occurred during Dr. Williford's presidency was the move to a beautiful new campus in Littleton, Colo., in 2005. While the previous location in south Denver had been adequate for the Seminary's needs for 37 years, the facility did not afford much room for growth, either in its classrooms, the offices or in the library, nor did it really represent the amazing things that God was doing in and through the community.

Just a few short years after becoming president in 2000, Dr. Williford shared a vision to build a new campus from the ground up. While nearly everyone who heard the idea was excited about it, a few remained cautious in their enthusiasm. The Seminary had struggled financially, and change of that magnitude can make any institution wary, especially one with conservative roots. But the Seminary charged forward, forging new relationships with constituents and sharing a vision of bricks and mortar that would better position the Seminary for its mission of equipping leaders. Within a year, the land was purchased and within two years, the Seminary relocated to its new educational facilities – completely free of debt.

It was no one man, nor even one department that made this happen. It was only because of God's provision and His Spirit moving in the hearts of those who shared Denver Seminary's vision that this became a reality. With state-of-the-art classrooms and offices, meeting spaces for students and staff, a beautiful library with room to grow and space to study, grounds that are both inspiring and reflective of God's beauty, and easy access to the Denver Metro area by road, rail or trail, this new campus truly realizes the institution God is forming Denver Seminary to be.

While the campus is the most obvious of Dr. Williford's accomplishments, there are many others that have brought the Seminary to the state of stability and health that it is currently experiencing.

Growth

May 2008 saw the largest graduating class in Denver Seminary's history. 170 students received degrees, certificates or doctorates in the spring ceremony. But what good would a large graduating class be if there weren't students to take their places in the following fall? The fall 2008 class also marks the largest incoming class in the Seminary's 58-year history. The Seminary reported enrollment numbers around 600 in 1999 and today there are over 900 students enrolled across all programs.

While growth in numbers is an exciting number to report, what is more important than the number of people who sit in the seats is the number of lives that can be touched because of the fully integrated, transformational education these students receive while here. So when Denver Seminary looks at growth in enrollment, what we see are the stories of students and graduates who are serving God in thousands of roles around the world. We look forward to telling the adventures of the hundreds of students who were graduated over the past eight years – stories of transformation and change and God's work in this world.

Global Partnerships

Because Denver Seminary has always had a vision for global missions and globalized curriculum, our globalization efforts continued to expand under Dr. Williford. While Denver Seminary has had a relation-

1991

Denver Seminary partners with Donetsk Christian University in Eastern Ukraine to train and equip leaders in Russia and Ukraine

1992

Student body: 600
Faculty: 22 full-time professors; 25 adjunct professors
Staff: 60

1993

Dr. Edward L. Hayes becomes president



1996

Dr. Hayes retires
Dr. Clyde McDowell becomes president



1989

1990

1995

ship with El Seminario Teológico Centroamericano (SETECA) in Guatemala City, Guatemala, since Dr M. Daniel Carrol R. was hired in 1996, this relationship began to solidify under Williford's presidency. In 2006, Denver Seminary launched the IDEAL (Instituto para el Desarrollo y Adiestramiento de Líderes) program to train and equip the Hispanic community here in Denver. These classes are taught in Spanish and include both basic classes in Bible and theology as well as more detailed courses designed for pastors. The curriculum for these classes is developed in conjunction with SETECA as a piece of the partnership between the two seminaries.

President Williford's presidency also saw the growth of relationship and partnership between the Korean community and Denver Seminary. With the addition of Dr. Sung Wook Chung to the faculty, the Seminary was poised to forge new relationships with the Korean community in Denver as well as global partnerships with churches and seminaries in South Korea. The Korean Lifelong Education Initiative launched in 2006 in order to train Korean pastors in the Denver area. And 2008 witnessed the historic signing of an agreement of mutual cooperation between Presbyterian College and Theological Seminary (PCTS) and Denver Seminary, in which the schools agreed to exchange academic materials, curriculum and resources, and to exchange students and faculty in reciprocal and mutually beneficial situations.

Financial Stability

Finally, Dr. Williford's legacy includes financial stability such as the Seminary had not previously known in its long history. As Craig helped refine and communicate the mission of the Seminary, financial supporters caught the vision and began to realize that their gifts to this institution could help equip and train the leaders of the Church both today and in the future. As the Seminary rallied support for a new campus and began to grow the endowment, the importance of making education affordable through help from scholarships and the Seminary Fund lent financial strength and vitality to an organization that was experiencing growth in other areas as well.

During the eight-year term of Dr. Williford's presidency, Denver Seminary saw an increase in enrollment; the sending-off of the Seminary's largest graduating class; an increase in financial support to the Seminary, including building the endowment; exponential expansion of the Seminary's globalization efforts; a growing diversity in the Seminary's faculty; and a beautiful new campus. No longer is the Seminary in danger of closing its doors. Dr. Williford capably led Denver Seminary into a time of growth and stability, positioning it for whatever God has in store for the next season.

After much prayer and consideration, Dr. Williford resigned his presidency in 2008.

"You will be tempted, like all of us have been tempted and are continually tempted, to trust in your own strengths and your own skills and in your own abilities, instead of seeking Christ and knowing Christ and serving out of that...I pray that you will go seeking and desiring to know Christ."

– Dr. Craig Williford at Commencement, May 2008

As the Board of Trustees considers what type of leader will be best for Denver Seminary in its next season, we invite you to pray with us. Pray for our students, faculty and staff; pray for the Board in their search for the next president; pray for those who have served Denver Seminary so faithfully over the years; and pray that God will continue to use this place to equip leaders for His service.

It is with humble and sincere gratitude that we look back on the legacies of the men who have served as president. Denver Seminary is an institution with a rich heritage and an unchanging mission: to equip leaders for service in God's Church and Kingdom. We look forward to what God will do in the next season of the Seminary's history.

1 - Brochure entitled, "Why you should be interested in the Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary" which contains a letter written by Vernon Grounds, Dean and Professor of Apologetics, circa 1953; Denver Seminary archives, Carey S. Thomas Library; 2 - Brochure for "Majoring in Missions," circa 1955; Denver Seminary archives, Carey S. Thomas Library; 3 - Brochure for Seminary Sunday, circa 1959; Denver Seminary archives, Carey S. Thomas Library; 4 - *Transformed by Love: The Vernon Grounds Story* by Bruce L. Shelley; 5 - Brochure entitled, "Focus on the Future," circa 1968; Denver Seminary archives, Carey S. Thomas Library; 6 - Brochure entitled, "Set for the Defense of the Gospel," circa 1970; Denver Seminary archives, Carey S. Thomas Library; 7 - Brochure for the Seminary, circa 1994; Denver Seminary archives, Carey S. Thomas Library; 8 - Brochure entitled, "Celebrating the Christian Call to Ministry," circa 1997; Denver Seminary archives, Carey S. Thomas Library



1997

First seminary to receive accreditation from the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs (CACREP)

1998

Official name changed to Denver Seminary

1999

Dr. Leith Anderson named interim president after the untimely death of Dr. Clyde McDowell



2000

Dr. Craig Williford becomes president



2005

Denver Seminary relocates to its new campus in Littleton, CO



peace *in the* present

Thoughts from Pastor Gordon MacDonald, Interim President



C.S. Lewis once wrote that he was surprised by joy. I am surprised by grace. Grace: that redemptive, *gift-beyond-deserving* that God or people give when you least expect it.

There have been several times in life when grace—life-changing grace!—surprised me. It was grace that abounded and drew me to Jesus. My wife, Gail, gave another kind of grace when she agreed to marry me. Down through the years several churches and organizations showed grace by trusting me to lead them.

Now the Board of Trustees of Denver Seminary has surprised me with the grace of a call to serve as Interim President. In doing this they have afforded me the opportunity to give back to a school that, 45 years ago, started Gail and me on our life-journey of Christian service.

Some have asked, “What does a seminary interim president do?”

My best answer? “An interim president offers a sense of continuity between the leadership of one president and the next. Continuity is more than *minding the store*. It means pointing toward a new era in a school’s history and generating excitement for the new leadership that God intends to send in the school’s direction.”

In my more meditative moments, I have coined three phrases which define for me what it means to pursue this continuity.

The first? *Revisit the Seminary’s vision*. Not change it. The Denver Seminary vision is sound, and I love it. My translation? *Challenging men and women to think biblically, live faithfully, and lead wisely for a lifetime*. I can give myself to that vision.

Revisiting means putting the vision on the table and asking everyone in the Denver Seminary orbit, “do these words still stir the blood? Are you devoted to it with all the strength and passion that God gives?”

The second phrase? *Inspire the Seminary’s communities*. “Inspire” to me means finding every way I can to assure our teaching community (faculty and mentors) that we delight in their giftedness to grow students into mighty men and women of God. “Inspire” means challenging our student community to learn humbly and set demanding spiritual and intellectual standards for themselves so that they will be ready to give leadership in the Christian movement in the coming decades. “Inspire” means encouraging our supporting community to remain standing with Denver Seminary and thus experience great satisfaction in what God is doing in the lives of students.

The final phrase: *Anticipate the Seminary’s future*. I want to arouse curiosity by asking, “How does a graduate school of theology like Denver Seminary prepare men and women to serve Christ in a world that is changing so rapidly that we can hardly imagine what life will be like 15 years from now?” Any ideas?

So now you know what an interim president does.

I came to Denver Seminary in 1962: newly married, enthusiastic, naïve, relatively immature. But I came absolutely confident that I was set apart for ministry. I’m sure that some professors occasionally wondered if I had any kind of future in Christian work. But of their

affection and desire for my growth as a man and a servant of Christ there was no doubt. They taught me a love of learning, a passion for the church, and an understanding of the disciplined life that carries one through the challenges of leadership. But still, with all their

vision for helping young men and women to grow into the fullness of their call, I cannot believe any of them would have ever foreseen that this student might one day be asked to be interim president of their beloved school.

—Gordon MacDonald



2006

IDEAL, a Spanish theological training program for Denver area Hispanic pastors and lay leaders launched



2006

KLEI, a theological training program for Denver area Korean pastors and lay leaders is launched

August 2007

A school counseling concentration was added to the counseling (licensure) degree

September 2007

Award-winning website launched to communicate Seminary’s mission to prospective students and friends of Denver Seminary



DENVER SEMINARY

Women’s Forum

2006

Denver Seminary hosts first Women’s Forum

Thoughts from Dr. Randy MacFarland, Provost/Dean



We are thankful to God for the faithful service of Dr. Craig Williford. During his tenure the mission of the Seminary was advanced, an increasingly diverse faculty was hired, the campus was relocated and the commitment to an increasingly integrated educational program and process was championed.

God demonstrated His faithfulness in the summer months through the provision of some significant financial gifts, a record incoming class, the addition of four new faculty members and the ability to end our fourth consecutive year in the black. The hard work and commitment to the mission of the Seminary by a faithful group of prayer supporters, financial contributors and our faculty and staff is a great encouragement in this transition period.

In a season of transition for the people of Israel, when Moses was no longer able to lead, Deut. 31:1-8 reminds us of three things:

1. God's sovereignty...change and transition do not catch God unaware. He will go before His people and has prepared Joshua to lead.
2. God's faithfulness...the record of His past faithfulness concerning the kings of the Amorites is a call to faith and a reminder that He will be faithful in the present.
3. God's promises...to never leave or forsake His people (repeated twice).

In the course of a missionary appointment full of challenges and difficulties pioneer missionary Adoniram Judson was asked by a well known Boston printer, during his only furlough, how bright the prospects were for his missionary work. He replied, "As bright as the promises of God."

We are grateful that Gordon MacDonald will serve as Interim President and look forward to working with him as we seek by God's grace to further the mission of the Seminary.



January 2008

Formal agreement signed between Seminary and Presbyterian College and Theological Seminary (PCTS) in South Korea

August 2008

Following the resignation of Craig Williford in July, 2008, Pastor Gordon MacDonald named interim president and Dr. Randy MacFarland named Provost/Dean

a call to **prayer**

On October 1, 2008, at a special gathering of Denver Seminary's Board, our trustees resolved to enter a season of corporate prayer. They invite each of us to join them in praying Ephesians 3:14-21 for Denver Seminary and to lift up some specific petitions for our Seminary community.

Ephesians 3:14-21:

"For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom His whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge -- that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

Please pray for our...

BOARD

...as they seek direction from the Lord to govern the institution and identify the next president.

INTERIM PRESIDENT, PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENTS

...that God would empower them by His Spirit to provide servant leadership for the Seminary.

FACULTY AND STAFF

...to have wisdom to teach and strength to serve the needs of our campus community.

MENTORS

...that God would grant them grace as they voluntarily journey with and provide spiritual guidance for our students.

STUDENTS

...may they learn and grow in our transformational educational settings and be shaped for effective service to our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALUMNI

...as they pastor churches and serve in other capacities, may each of them glorify God and advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

FRIENDS

...that God would expand our circle of friends who give generously to support our mission and who pray faithfully for the Seminary.

looking forward

with anticipation

Now that we have looked back with gratitude and have had the chance to find peace with where the Seminary is today, let's explore together what God has revealed to the Board of Trustees about the future of the Seminary. You will see on this page a continuation of Denver Seminary's mission from the beginning. As we look ahead, we hope you will also catch a glimpse of what God might have planned for the coming years as Denver Seminary continues to equip leaders for service to God's Church and Kingdom:

Cultivate vibrant and transformative graduate level theological education.

At Denver Seminary, we recognize that a vibrant and transformative graduate level theological education demands rigorous engagement of the student's whole person if he or she will serve in a manner that is faithful to the mission of God and relevant to a changing world. Transformative graduate theological education recognizes that the Holy Spirit works through God's Word, people and the circumstances of life to bring about change. It encourages theological reflection with trained faculty and mentors that is integrative (requiring application of truth in heart and life), and it encourages growth in Christlikeness.

Partner with church and parachurch leaders nationally and globally to equip graduates to serve God effectively.

Denver Seminary's greatest worldwide impact upon the Kingdom of God may be in providing properly equipped leaders, sharing our expertise, leveraging our resources and designing our educational approach to assist in meeting these needs. We need global and national partners in both church and parachurch ministries to help us best equip leaders for the new challenges of today and tomorrow. Reciprocal and meaningful partnerships with global seminaries and global and national church and parachurch leaders are necessary to strengthen our educational approach and ensure our effectiveness. Ultimately, we exist to serve God, our students, the Church and parachurch ministries. If we desire to equip effective leaders, we need these partnerships to ensure that we are successfully achieving our mission.

Produce graduates who embrace, understand and minister skillfully to people and communities of diverse ages, genders, ethnicities, beliefs and socioeconomic backgrounds and disabilities.

Currently, the majority of Christians live in the Southern Hemisphere and regions of Northern Asia. The Gospel is finding greatest receptivity in these regions, and many countries now send missionaries to North America to spread the Gospel. Current immigration and migration patterns are bringing multiple people groups into close proximity to

each other at a fast pace and with no formal training. Seminaries of the future will grow increasingly out of touch with the Church and God's work in North America and the world if they fall behind in providing learning communities that are a microcosm of this diverse new global world. New challenges and opportunities abound for the Gospel to be proclaimed! Denver Seminary can take a major role in meeting these challenges and opportunities by equipping leaders to effectively serve in these growingly diverse communities.

Implement a financial model to sustain and improve the financial strength of the Seminary and provide necessary resources for accomplishing our mission.

We desire to be wise stewards who courageously seek to reach our mission and have the greatest possible impact in God's Kingdom by strategically and shrewdly handling finances. In order to implement a financial model that will sustain, and ultimately improve, Denver Seminary, we must be able to measure the importance of individual programs to the mission through financial analysis. Programs must be aligned with institutional objectives and goals to ensure that resources are used for maximum efficiency and effectiveness. Well-managed institutions use their mission to drive success and financial metrics to keep seminary education affordable and student debt as low as possible.

Establish an informed biblical voice in the public dialogue to help people unite their Christian faith with their vocations and roles as global citizens.

Leading in today's public sector requires Christians to understand how their faith connects to their responsibilities as citizens and leaders. Attempts to limit religious conviction to the personal life and thereby remove its influence from public debate, marginalize our role as Christian leaders serving in the public sector. Denver Seminary can make an important contribution to the Kingdom by equipping people to fulfill these roles and responsibilities in a wise, gracious, truth-honoring and Spirit-led manner. The goal is to reach the influencers, to provide them with resources, learning experiences and community with other leaders.

As we look forward with anticipation, we hope you will join us in praying for Denver Seminary, the board of trustees, the newly formed team of our interim president and provost/dean, the administration, faculty and staff, and our students. As God guides us into the next season, we stand on the precipice of an exciting adventure, and we hope that you will choose to be a part of it!





GROUND'S INSTITUTE
OF PUBLIC ETHICS

Announcing the Inaugural Year of the

Vernon Grounds Institute of Public Ethics

In every age, God raises up people who have a keen sense of His ideals and who have the courage and foresight to pursue those ideals while inspiring others to do the same. For this age, Vernon Grounds has been that person. He has been a trendsetter and a shining example to evangelicals across America, inspiring more than a generation in the arena of social ethics.

The Vernon Grounds Institute of Public Ethics (VGI) at Denver Seminary has been established to continue this legacy.

Through a series of activities each academic year, VGI is anchoring its teaching and position in the Word of God. It also endeavors to remain true to the Christian worldview and the evangelical understanding of Christian faith. The Institute also firmly commits itself to pursuing an ethical agenda that will seek to be as all-embracing as its means allow.

VGI's focus is on social and public ethics, and its mission is mainly educational. By providing environments, resources and tools to sensitize, educate and train Christians in a broad array of ethical issues, participants will be empowered and equipped to fulfill the biblical mandate to be "salt and light" in a morally decadent world (Matthew 5:13, Philippians 2:16).

The Vernon Grounds Institute of Public Ethics will address a theme during the course of each academic year. In addition to activities in classes at Denver Seminary, three events will flesh out this theme in the broader public arena: The Kent Matthews Lectureship in the fall, a Rally for the Common Good in February, and the Salt and Light Workshop in the spring.

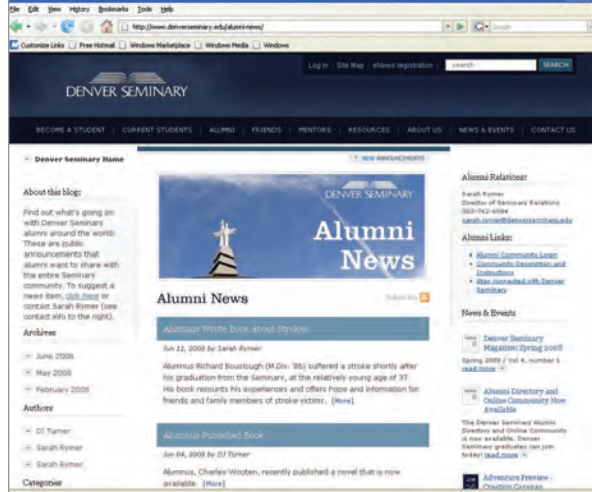
The Kent Matthews Lectureship on Social Ethics is a two-day conference held in the fall which explores a major theme of social concern with a view to awakening Christian awareness and encouraging social action.

The Rally for the Common Good is held in February and offers a way for Christians to be involved in providing practical solutions to a particular issue of import to community life.

The Salt and Light Workshop is a half-day seminar held in the spring that uses the rich resources of Denver Seminary faculty to train Christian leaders of influence in a particular topic of social concern so that they may in turn equip others in their respective sphere of influence.

In addition to these specific activities, VGI provides avenues for ongoing discussion and sharing of views on current ethical issues both online and face-to-face.

For these online resources or for complete details about the current year's theme and activities, please visit our website at www.denverseminary.edu/grounds-institute/.



Online Alumni Community and News

The online alumni community includes all the features of OurDenSem, (photo galleries, blogs, messaging and more) plus many options only available to alumni, including the ability to search for other alumni. Denver Seminary's new online community is an easy way to stay in touch with old classmates, find out what they've been doing, keep others up-to-date on your life and ministry, reconnect with fellow alumni, and network with others who have graduated from Denver Seminary. Check out the online alumni directory and community today by visiting our website at www.denverseminary.edu/alumni/ and clicking on the Alumni Online Directory.

And be sure to check out the Alumni News portion of our website to find the latest news about Denver Seminary alumni: www.denverseminary.edu/alumni-news/.

New posts are added regularly and you can even subscribe to an RSS feed of Alumni News for automatic news updates. If you're an alumnus or alumna and would like to suggest a news announcement, please send requests to DJ Turner at dj.turner@denverseminary.edu.

Sixth Annual Golf Tournament a Success



15 First place: Kyle Morris, Duane Lerue, Sean Kadel, Brian Fort.

On Sept. 29, 2008, Denver Seminary hosted its sixth annual golf tournament. At Hiwan Golf Club in Evergreen, Colo., it featured a challenging course and perfect weather for golf. The tournament raised over \$30,000 in funds which directly benefit students through scholarships and educational programs. First place in this year's tournament went to Brian Fort, Sean Kadel, Duane Lerue and Kyle Morris

who scored an incredible 58. At only one point behind, second place went to Chris Hall, Jon McClure, Matt Melton and Craig Shannon. Third place was a scorecard playoff at 61 points and went to the foursome of Scott Bailey, William Jones, and Jeffrey and Marsha Mains. We offer a heart-felt thanks to all of the participants, volunteers and sponsors who helped make this event a huge success!

Changes at Denver Seminary Bookstore

On June 1, 2008, the Follett Higher Education Group assumed operational responsibility and management services of Denver Seminary Bookstore. Follett is a leading bookstore management services provider for higher education institutions, with 800 bookstores nationwide. A significant part of Follett's business plan includes their e-commerce strategy, which will give the Seminary a state-of-the-art, online bookstore for serving students, alumni and others in the Seminary community with their book needs.

While bookstore employees will be Follett staff, all part-time employees will continue to be hired from the Seminary student body. Product changes may occur, but the bookstore will continue to carry faculty books, textbooks and other great resources for both the Seminary and local communities. While books will now be sold at list price, Follett will be providing resources to the Seminary community with online convenience and a greater selection of used books. If you have questions about the changes, please contact Kent Quackenbush at kent.quackenbush@denverseminary.edu.

IRA Charitable Rollover Extension Signed Into Law

The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 includes an extension of the IRA Charitable Rollover. The extension is retroactive, applying to distributions made in both the 2008 and 2009 tax years. The extension provides incentives for individuals 70½ years of age and older to make gifts of up to \$100,000 directly to ministries like Denver Seminary from their potentially taxable Traditional and Roth Individual Retirement Account (IRA) funds. These gifts are excluded from the giver's gross income for the taxable year.

If you are an individual over 70½ years of age, you are prayerfully evaluating your giving decisions for 2008 and 2009, and you would like to learn more about how you can make a tax-free gift from your IRA, please consult with your tax advisor. As an example, John and Jane have a \$100,000 IRA from which they do not need the income for their current needs. They decide to direct \$10,000 of their respective IRAs to benefit Denver Seminary students. By having their IRA custodian direct their gifts to the Seminary, they have stewarded their giving to avoid it being counted as taxable income.

To learn more about making an IRA contribution, contact Brian Fort by phone at 303-762-6924 or by email at brian.fort@denverseminary.edu. Understanding laws like this can help you maximize your ability to support ministry efforts through sound financial planning.

Please Note: This summary was prepared as an educational service and is not intended as legal or tax advice. Consult your legal or tax advisor before making any decision based on this information.

did you know?...



support a student

your giving to the SEMINARY FUND can help students move forward in their calling from Christ?

M.Div. student Chris Shinnick shares his story, "The Lord placed the verse Jeremiah 3:15 on my heart. It reads, 'And I will give you leaders after My own heart, that will guide you with knowledge and understanding.' I told the Lord that I wanted to be that type of leader for His people and began to pray for the right seminary to mold me in that fashion. When my wife and I visited [Denver Seminary], we were amazed to see this verse written on the outside of the Seminary library building. God is good! As my wife and I began this journey towards pursuing more schooling, we chose to trust the Lord with our finances every step of the way. In fact, the blessing of this scholarship was one of few occurrences that truly confirmed this next step in our lives. We are so blessed to be able to move forward in the direction that we believe the Lord is calling us."



Chris Shinnick with his wife Rebecca.

Support a Student today! The average amount of financial aid the Seminary Fund provides each student is about \$450 annually or just **\$37 per month**. Without this financial aid, our students would not be able to receive the theological education they need to serve the Church in America and around the world.

If you would like to make a monthly or one-time gift online, please visit our website at www.denverseminary.edu/friends/giving.

Long Time Friend of the Seminary Inspires Others

Leaan Maxwell has been associated with Denver Seminary since the 1950s. Whether as an employee, a volunteer or a friend, Leaan has always had a passion for Denver Seminary's students and their service to the Kingdom around the world. Those who have known him over the years describe him as an inspiration both in the area of servanthood and in the realm of stewardship. In continuing his legacy of stewardship and service, Leaan has included several ministries, including Denver Seminary, in his will. This simple act of service ensures that

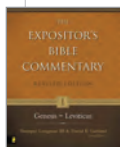
Leaan's passion for generosity and Denver Seminary's students will continue into the future.

If you would like to learn more about including Denver Seminary in your will, please contact Brian Fort at 303-762-6924 or brian.fort@denverseminary.edu.

As with any decision involving your estate plans, we urge you to seek the advice of professional counsel when considering a gift to Denver Seminary.

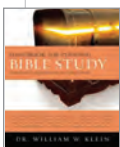


FACULTY RESOURCES



The Expositor's Bible Commentary: Genesis-Leviticus **T. Longman III and D.E. Garland, editors (Zondervan, 2008)**

Continuing a Gold Medallion Award-winning legacy, this completely revised edition of The Expositor's Bible Commentary series puts world-class biblical scholarship in your hands. Based on the original 12-volume set that has become a staple in college and seminary libraries and pastors' studies worldwide, this new, 13-volume edition marshals the most current evangelical scholarship and resources. In the first volume of this edition, our own Dr. Richard Hess wrote the section on "Leviticus."



Handbook for Personal Bible Study **William W. Klein (NavPress Publishing Group, 2008)**

The definitive study guide for lay people! Accessible and non-technical, Dr. Klein's comprehensive, down-to-earth resource offers key insight into the culture and history of God's Word, the importance of studying Scripture as a spiritual discipline, basic study and interpretation methods, uses of the Bible in Christian practice, and more. Includes reading plans, glossary and index.



War in the Bible and Terrorism in the Twenty-First Century **Richard S. Hess and Elmer A. Martens, editors (Eisenbrauns, 2008)**

In February 2004, Denver Seminary's annual Biblical Studies conference addressed the question of modern war and the teachings of biblical ethics regarding it. The conference was envisioned as a collaborative effort between the Association for Christian Conferences, Teaching and Service (ACCTS), and the Biblical Studies division of Denver Seminary. ACCTS provided ethicists and practitioners from within the military of both the U.S. and Great Britain. Hess and Martens also solicited papers from leading theologians and advocates representing pacifist and just-war views. They have succeeded in bringing together a group of Christians representing a wide range of perspectives to debate and discuss their heritage and biblical roots with regard to questions of war and its ethical dilemmas.

Our Faculty are **Blogging**

Several of Denver Seminary's faculty have taken the plunge into the online arena and are now publishing blogs on Denver Seminary's website. The blogs are as varied as our faculty, and we

invite you to check them out, read their posts and maybe even consider commenting on a post to start an online dialog about what struck you.

Following is a list of the blogs currently available on our site with a brief description of what you might find there. To quickly access any of these blogs, use

the website addresses listed below, or visit denverseminary.edu and click on "Blogs." We'll see you online!

• **Alex Mekonnen's Blog:** Thoughts and musings on leadership from Associate Professor and Director of the Leadership Program, Dr. Alex Mekonnen. www.denverseminary.edu/alex-mekonnens-blog/

• **Alumni News:** Contains the latest updates on Denver Seminary alumni who are serving around the world (it also includes instructions on how to submit news items for alumni who have something they want to share with the Denver Seminary community). www.denverseminary.edu/alumni-news/

• **The Chaplain's Corner:** Weekly encouragement and musings from Denver Seminary's campus chaplain, Howard Baker. www.denverseminary.edu/the-chaplains-corner/

• **Chatting with the Chaplain:** Join Dr. Jan McCormack as she explores the world of chaplaincy through her own experiences and the stories of those she has mentored and trained. www.denverseminary.edu/chatting-with-the-chaplain/

• **Craig Blomberg's Blog:** New Testament Musings: Miscellaneous thoughts on topics related to something in the New Testament that "don't exactly duplicate anything I have published elsewhere." www.denverseminary.edu/craig-blombergs-blog/

• **Don Payne's Blog:** Read and dialog with Dr. Don Payne about his thoughts concerning theology, theological education and mentoring. www.denverseminary.edu/don-paynes-blog/

• **The Three Questions:** Join Mentoring Director Nancy Buschart as she explores The Three Questions™ in her own life and the world around her to provide food for thought and growth. www.denverseminary.edu/the-three-questions/

• **The Wayward Bottle:** Follow the journey of Denver Seminary water bottles around the world; see the sites visited by students, alumni, staff and faculty. www.denverseminary.edu/the-wayward-bottle/





Mr. Chancellor's tribute to Mr. President

Don't ask me how the practice developed, but from the earliest days of his tenure with the Seminary I invariably addressed Dr. Craig Williford as *Mr. President*, and he called me *Mr. Chancellor*. While light-hearted, those salutations were terms of sincere, mutual respect and friendship. From my side of our relationship, President Williford was not simply a highly esteemed colleague with God-bestowed gifts of vision and leadership; he was a colleague who treated me with utmost consideration. Often when a new administration takes over the guidance of an institution, members of the old guard are retired. In keeping with the adage, "A new broom sweeps clean," the new leadership is given an opportunity to inaugurate its own policies and projects. Dr. Williford brought to our Seminary his own policies and some staff members, but he did so with thoughtful concern for relational values.

A man of vision and creativity, he literally moved the Seminary to a new location. I never dreamed that the facilities we now possess were a possibility, but obviously Craig did. He inspired our Board of Trustees to undertake the purchase of our present location and build the structures which we are now thankfully occupying. I tell visiting friends that our new campus is not a 21st-century Parthenon, but it is impressively and functionally adequate. I am especially delighted with the Carey S. Thomas Library

in the Lewan Learning Center. Craig, with typical thoughtfulness, planned for the library to house the Grounds Reading Room which is the repository of my own library. So, often as I enter my office suite at the rear of the library, I am reminded of Craig's insistence that his old colleague, myself, of course, be duly remembered and recognized.

As I have been thinking of what we owe to Craig's leadership in creating our new campus (to say nothing of the largely increased student body and the growth of operational and scholarship funds), I am reminded of Sir Christopher Wren. He was the gifted architect who devoted his genius to the rebuilding of London after it had been destroyed by fire in the 17th century. In years after that catastrophe and London's stately reconstruction, if anyone inquired as to a suitable memorial for Wren, the fitting reply was simply, "Look around you. Here is his memorial."

So today if visitors raise a question concerning Craig's memorial, all I need do is wave my hand across our campus and say, "Here is his memorial." But I must also emphasize that through the alumni who graduated while Craig was the Seminary's president, thousands of lives have been reached for an eternity with God. And that memorial will endure long after both Craig and I are home with our Lord.



If Denver Seminary has made an impact
on you...

Imagine what we could do for your friends and family

If you know someone who might benefit
from a Denver Seminary education, visit
www.denverseminary.edu/referrals and
fill out the short referral form, or ask
them to visit our website at
www.denverseminary.edu. We'll get
them started on the journey of
discovering how Denver Seminary might
have an impact on them, too.



Oct. 27	Job Fair
Oct. 28	Tony Campolo
Nov. 4-5	Shannon Visiting Preacher Lectureship Speaker: Dr. Earl Palmer (note: Tuesday-Wednesday)
Nov. 10	Gordon MacDonald
Nov. 11	Mission Society Chapel
Nov. 17-18	Dr. Troy Nunley
Dec. 1	Gordon MacDonald
Dec. 2	Student Journey Celebration

Chapel (Common Ground) is held at 11 a.m. in the Simpson Chapel each Monday and Tuesday during the school year and is open to the public. The complete schedule and recordings of past services are available on our website at www.denverseminary.edu/chapel.

PRESIDENT'S LUNCH

- November 10
- December 1

Meet Interim President Gordon MacDonald and members of our faculty and staff. See into the lives of the leaders of tomorrow by hearing from some of our students. Find out how you can partner with us in equipping leaders by becoming a prayer partner, volunteer or financial supporter. Complimentary lunch begins promptly at noon. Campus tour follows at 1:00 p.m.

RSVP one week prior to each luncheon you plan to attend at www.denverseminary.edu/president-lunches or 303-762-6949.