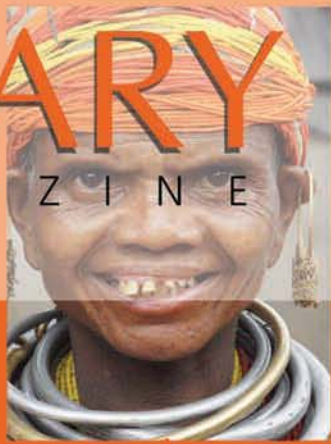


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The Winter 2011 issue of *Denver Seminary Magazine* will explore the fourth core commitment of Redemptive Relationships. Denver Seminary believes that redemption comes only through honesty with ourselves and through the truth of the gospel. We nurture interpersonal mentoring relationships throughout the Seminary experience that drag us out of our hiding places so that we can move into the light of Christ's searing gaze of love.



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The pattern is all too familiar these days, isn't it? The pitch and volume of the voice increases as the radio talk show host interrupts the invited guest or caller who dares to offer a different perspective on the issue at hand. Their incredulity cannot be mistaken and the message is clear, "How could anyone see the matter differently? There's only one way to view this issue. You must be an idiot to think there's another way to see it." Television pundits, sometimes three of them talking over one another simultaneously, repeat the same sad performance nightly. Understanding takes a back seat to entertainment and civility gets drowned in bombast. The New Living Translation of Proverbs 18:2 seems to capture the tone and content of contemporary public discourse, "*Fools have no interest in understanding; they only want to air their own opinions.*"

At Denver Seminary we believe that there's a better way for those with strong convictions to interact with others. We call it charitable orthodoxy. Unfortunately, a phrase like, "charitable orthodoxy" seems oxymoronic in contemporary culture. But it must not be so among the people of God.

Charitable orthodoxy is the third of five core commitments that define Denver Seminary. It means that we are committed to the core doctrines that have defined Christianity for centuries. We cling to these great truths of our faith for they frame our understanding of God, of the world in which we live, and His work in it. Furthermore, we confess these great truths as the way forward for those trapped in the mire of indifference and relativism. Around our common confession we engage in gracious and serious conversations about faith and life. Sometimes we disagree with one another about the interpretation of particular passages, about theological issues of secondary importance, about the expression of Christian ethics in public life, and about the application of Scripture to ministry. At all times, however, we are

committed to be a community that relates to one another charitably, with a penchant to listen before speaking and a desire to learn that trumps the instinct to defend and to tell. The freedom and courage to *think* is only half the equation for a vibrant learning community; freedom and courage to *listen* completes it.

Our commitment to orthodoxy means that we believe passionately in the truths that Christians have confessed in every generation and on every continent. But *passionate* belief must never eclipse *compassionate* engagement with those who do not see the truth as we see it. In the life of a Christian, there is no room for demeaning and disrespectful behavior toward others. The integrity of our faith and witness demands charity toward all people. Being charitable toward another is more than being polite; it means seeking the good of others, even those who misunderstand you, malign you, and even seek to harm you. Although often mistaken for weakness, acting charitably toward others requires the strength of conviction and depth of character that many lack.

Charitable orthodoxy means that it's not enough for us to be right; we must also be redemptive. That means we must be committed to seeking their good through the truth that we hold dear. That's why our mission is to prepare men and women to engage the needs of the world with the redemptive power of the gospel and the life-changing truth of Scripture. Passionately committed to the truth and compassionately engaged in the lives of others.

With gratitude,

Mark



The Passing of Mrs. Ann Grounds

Mrs. Ann Grounds was taken into the presence of our Heavenly Father, Thursday afternoon, April 14th in Wichita, KS. Alongside her husband of seventy-one years, Dr. Vernon Grounds, Ann left a lasting legacy of wisdom, compassion, and hospitality at Denver Seminary. Hundreds of young piano students learned from her gentle touch and warm heart. She was a beloved member of the Denver Seminary community, providing inspiration through her life of faith and sacrifice. We grieve this loss and find comfort in the certainty that she has joined the love of her life in the presence of the Lord they both faithfully served.

Board of Trustees News

Jud Carlberg, president of Gordon College, retired after 35 years of service at Gordon. A special service celebrating the Carlbergs legacy of leadership and service took place May 22, 2011. The service included the unveiling of a Presidential Portrait by artist Bruce Herman. The Carlbergs have two grown children and five grandchildren and consider it one of God's great gifts to serve as a team encouraging college-age women and men to follow Jesus with all their hearts, minds, and strength.

Jane Norton was presented with an honorary doctorate of humanities from Colorado Christian University at their 2011 Commencement Ceremony.

Harris Hall Hanson, former board member of Denver Seminary (1979 to 2004), passed away Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at the age of 92. Mr. Hanson was the owner of Cathedral Press in Long Prairie, MN, serving as President and Chairman of the Board. Kirk Douglas, Chairman of the Denver Seminary Board of Trustees, said about Harris: "Harris was a soft spoken man who was deeply committed to financial stewardship, integrity in management, and decision making. While he may be best remembered for his business acumen, he always included Alice (his wife) in every trip to Denver, shared the gospel on every occasion he could, and was a man of prayer. Harris embodied the Christian life in every way. He was a special man."

Who is Denver Seminary?

The presidential transition has created the opportunity to reassess the existing strategic framework, including the Seminary's mission statement, vision, and strategic initiatives, in light of the theological, educational, and ministry convictions that have been brought to the Seminary with the coming of a new president. During the past 17 months, through a variety of media and speaking opportunities, we have introduced the belief that the Seminary must not view its own mission apart from the very mission of God; that our institutional mission must mirror God's redemptive purpose in the world.

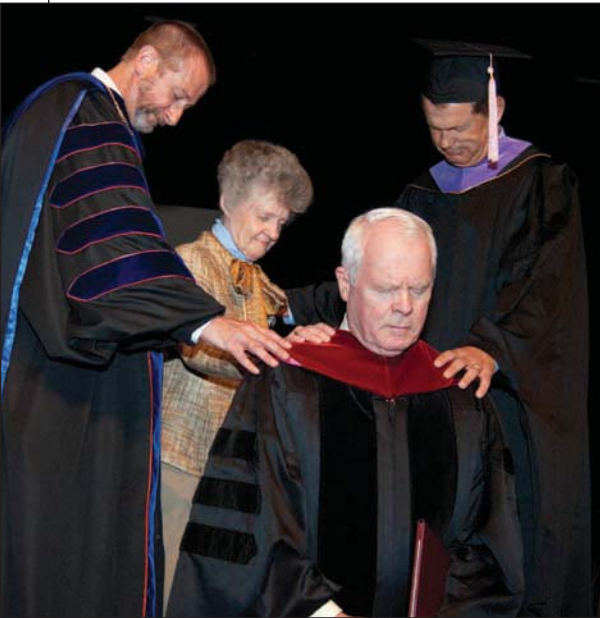
Visit www.denverseminary.edu/who-we-are to explore what we believe Denver Seminary must be and do. We have carefully considered our history as an institution and have built this strategic framework on the foundation of previous strategic planning efforts.

Wilmer Ramirez Ordained

On March 10, 2011 Wilmer Ramirez, Denver Seminary's Director of Hispanic Initiatives, was ordained by the Evangelical Church Alliance. Three people were on the ordination committee: Pastor Wayne Darbonne of St. James Presbyterian Church in Littleton, Pastor Mike Romberger of Mission Hills Church in Littleton, and Dr. Hélène Dallaire of Denver Seminary. The ceremony was followed by a reception with friends and representatives of the Hispanic community (Hispanic Pastor Alliance, KLVZ Radio, Assembly of God and Presbyterian Church). Congratulations to Wilmer on this accomplishment!



New Chancellor for Denver Seminary



Longtime friend and alumnus of Denver Seminary, Gordon MacDonald, was appointed Chancellor by the Board of Trustees, effective August 1, 2011. MacDonald follows in the footsteps of Dr. Vernon Grounds, who held the title of Chancellor from 1979 until his death in September 2010.

MacDonald has a long history with Denver Seminary, having graduated with an M.Div. in 1966. He served as Interim President of the Seminary during the 2008-09 academic year and was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree at the 2011 Denver Seminary Spring Commencement. In his letter to the Board of Trustees nominating MacDonald for the honorary doctoral degree, President Mark Young wrote, "Gordon MacDonald has served the local church, the global church, and Denver Seminary with distinction during his 40+ years of ministry as a pastor, speaker, author, and leader. His ministry embodies the core commitments of the Seminary—biblical authority, vigorous scholarship, charitable orthodoxy, redemptive relationships, and global concern. His ability to communicate the truth of Scripture with clarity and compassion models what we desire for our graduates."

Pastor MacDonald brings a wealth of experience to Denver Seminary, having served as president of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and chairman of the board of World Relief Corporation. He has been a pastor for over 40 years, serving most recently as senior minister at Grace Chapel in Lexington, Massachusetts. He is probably best known for the numerous books he has written or co-authored with his wife, Gail. His best known book is *Ordering Your Private World* which won the Gold Medallion and the Platinum Awards from the Evangelical Christian Publishing Association. He mentors leaders in business and ministry from all over the globe.

Pastor MacDonald's academic background also includes a B.A. from the University of Colorado (1962.) Barrington College (which later merged with Gordon College) awarded him an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree in 1979. Gordon and his wife Gail have been married 50 years; they have two married children and five grandchildren.

2011 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Denver Seminary's 60th commencement ceremony was held Saturday, May 14, 2011 at Southeast Christian Church in Parker, CO. The graduates, commissioned by President Mark Young and the Board of Trustees, included 161 master's level candidates, nine doctoral candidates, and 15 certificate candidates. The ceremony was attended by numerous family members and friends. Pastor Gordon MacDonald (1966 alum) was the keynote speaker, exhorting the graduates to grow deeper in their faith, surround themselves with those of deep faith and disciple others to grow.

Numerous awards were presented, including the Raymond McLaughlin Preaching Award, given to Anthony D. Grimes, Jr.; the Richard S. Beal Missions Award, presented to Glenn Cameron Pieters; and the Carey S. Thomas Award for Excellence presented to Robert Matthew Read. The training and mentoring department awarded Excellence in Mentoring medallions to Steve and Darlene Thulson and Wes Roberts in recognition of their outstanding and continued service as mentors. Adrienne Mary Johnson was the student recipient of the Excellence in Mentoring medallion. Thirteen students were named to the Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities list. Join us in congratulating the class of 2011 and praying for them as they begin the next chapter of their lives and ministry.





New Vice President of Finance

Denver Seminary is pleased to announce that Debbie Kellar has been appointed Vice President of Finance, following the retirement of Jack Heimbichner. Debbie brings to the position the knowledge, experience, character, and leadership that it demands. Debbie has been at the Seminary for 11 years, most recently in the position of Associate Vice President of Finance. She has a B.A. in Accounting from New Mexico State and a M.B.A. from University of Kansas, and is a certified C.P.A. We are thrilled that she has agreed to take on this challenging role.

Denver Seminary Awarded Prestigious \$1.5 Million Grant

Denver Seminary has been selected by the Board of Directors of the Kern Family Foundation to receive \$1.5 million for the Kern Scholars Initiative. The grant will allow the Seminary to provide scholarships to men and women who seek seminary education in response to God's call to serve as pastors of local churches in the United States.

The grant will aid the Seminary in recruiting the best and brightest young men and women and help these students graduate with little or no debt. This is a wonderful gift, and we celebrate it as recognition of the work Denver Seminary does in preparing young men and women to engage the needs of the world. The first recipients of this Kern Scholars grant will begin their theological education in fall 2011.



Rare Facsimile of a 4th Century Bible on Display

A facsimile of Codex Vaticanus, one of the oldest existing codex manuscripts of the Greek Bible dating back to the 4th century, is on display at the Denver Seminary's Carey S. Thomas Library.

The manuscript is the earliest book that contains the complete Bible and is arguably the most influential surviving Greek Biblical manuscript. Contemporary translations of the New Testament, such as the NIV, NASB, NRSV, and ESV, are translated from a Greek text that more closely represents the Codex Vaticanus than any other manuscript. It unquestionably holds a uniquely important place in the history of the transmission of the Greek Bible from ancient times to today.

Denver Seminary is excited to welcome the general public to visit and view this amazing piece of history. Guided tours for groups are available, as well as special arrangements for qualified researchers to study the manuscript. Contact Keith Wells at keith.wells@denverseminary.edu or 303-762-6963 with any requests for tours or research. With general questions, contact Pam Burton at pamela.burton@denverseminary.edu or 303-762-6948.



A PRESSING AND URGENT NEED

Since building its new campus on Santa Fe Drive in Littleton, CO, just six short years ago, Denver Seminary has experienced explosive growth. The stresses of a growth rate exceeding 20% have begun to show themselves in three critical ways:

- The lack of adequate classroom space to accommodate larger class sizes
- The lack of adequate meeting space to facilitate spiritual mentoring—a hallmark of Denver Seminary, and
- The lack of adequate online courses to meet the demands of our growing student body

These concerns compromise our ability to fulfill our mission—to prepare men and women to engage the needs of the world with the redemptive power of the gospel and the life-changing truth of Scripture.

A STRATEGIC SOLUTION

Leaving these issues unaddressed will ultimately limit the Seminary in fulfilling its mission. The Board of Trustees and the executive leadership of the Seminary are committed to the following three initiatives to meet our current needs and to keep us growing into the future:

- Construction of two 100 seat tiered lecture halls and two 70 seat classrooms.
- Installation of needed technology and equipment to expand and upgrade our online courses.
- Construction of the 9,400 sq. ft. Vernon and Ann Grounds Student Center.

NOW IS THE TIME!

After assessing our current situation, researching options, and seeking the counsel of the Lord, we are initiating an aggressive plan to build the new large classrooms with the technology needed to build out our online programs and The Vernon and Ann Grounds Student Center. The need is urgent and the summer months present the best window for us to do the construction. Therefore, construction began in early summer on the classrooms so that they will be ready for use in the fall semester. We also began working on the Vernon and Ann Grounds Student Center this summer; it is also slated to be completed this fall.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST

The Denver Seminary Board of Trustees believes so strongly in this project that its members have personally committed over \$600,000 to begin funding it. We believe that the Lord will raise up many others who would like to join them in expanding the Seminary's ability to prepare men and women to engage the needs of the world with the redemptive power of the gospel and the life-changing truth of Scripture.

Our goal is to have received gifts and pledges totaling \$2,400,000 by the end of 2011 for this project. Pledges will be payable until the end of 2012.

For more information, visit www.denverseminary.edu/invest



Charitable Orthodoxy

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The past two issues of Denver Seminary Magazine have explored the first two of five core commitments we believe are woven throughout the tapestry of the school's history. In this issue, we look at the third core commitment, charitable orthodoxy and have asked a current Denver Seminary student and five of our faculty to write about their perspective on this core commitment.

Four years into a two-year program, I continue to experience Denver Seminary as a place of vitality, inspiration, challenge, and growth. In short, I love it. Several reasons contribute to that love and one of the primary factors is the school's commitment to charitable orthodoxy. Denver Seminary has repeatedly demonstrated its resolve to incarnate this ideal.



by Derek Brooks

a place where charitable orthodoxy is found

Recently, I saw this value visibly expressed in the Seminary's invitation to Rob Bell. Bell has received criticism for his latest release, *Love Wins*, and much of the criticism has been couched in harsh and hateful language. It should go without saying such vitriolic rhetoric is utterly and unequivocally antithetical to Jesus and His Way. Rather than engage in the mudslinging, the Seminary instead chose to allow Mr. Bell to speak for himself. The atmosphere surrounding the event was one of genuine excitement and the dialogue (not debate!) between Mr. Bell and Dr. Wenig was characterized by mutual respect. Would that the watching world could see more of this in the evangelical church!

Closer to my heart is the charitable spirit displayed in the classes offered, a reflection of the desire for tradition-transcending conversation with the past and present global church. Were it not for the intentional pursuit of this desire, I might never have come

into contact with the likes of Ignatius of Loyola, Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, or John Cassian, and my life would be far poorer for it. Through these examples of Christ, I and many others have been irrevocably changed for the better. We have been shown that the monastic world is not some esoteric oddity in the history of the church but has been, and continues to be, a deep well of vitality that has much to share with the evangelical world.

As I write this the news of the death of Osama bin Laden is pervasive. Nationwide, we hear the cries of "Justice!" and the deafening din drowns out the still, small voice. In the hours following the initial announcement, I waited to see how fellow seminarians would respond. Of all that I could say in praise and critique of Denver Seminary's commitment to charitable orthodoxy, it is the response I have witnessed from students that most powerfully demonstrates the school's success in instilling this

ideal amongst the body of Christ represented here. The resounding refrain has been one of hearts crying out for a Matt 5:43-45 justice rather than participation in the national celebration of vengeance masquerading as justice. It is a response that reflects the heart of Jesus, the One who absorbs the full force of violence and evil and transforms it into profound forgiveness. It is a response that reveals students who are truly and deeply following Christ and all the upside-down logic such following requires. Finally, taken together with the rest of this article, it is a response that requires me to acknowledge the ever-expanding truth that here, charitable orthodoxy can be found.



Derek Brooks is currently dragging his feet as a Master's student in Christian Formation and Soul Care at Denver Seminary. When he's not busy procrastinating on his thesis, he works as the manager of images of Rocky Mountain National Park in Estes Park, CO, and also serves as a whitewater raft guide on the Colorado and Poudre Rivers.

Speaking the Truth in Love

Dr. Craig L. Blomberg, Distinguished Professor of New Testament



When I first came to Denver in 1986, I was struck by how genuinely the faculty liked each other. I previously taught for three years at a young liberal arts college still trying to find its identity. All faculty were “Christian” but definitions of the label varied so widely that there wasn’t a natural camaraderie. Most were charitable toward one another but not all were orthodox. In Denver, however, the faculty annually signed a detailed doctrinal statement reflecting a baptistic expression of the classic Christian faith and took that statement’s affirmations quite seriously. We still do.

I also recall my experience as a student at another well-known seminary. The school tried to hire the best scholars in the evangelical world, but often they sharply challenged each other. I have seen very little of this in Denver over my 25 years here. On the rare occasions it has occurred, it is because people take their convictions seriously enough that they want to defend the truly important issues of their faith and academic disciplines. They are not just contentious by nature.

Dr. Vernon Grounds, the Seminary’s President Emeritus and Chancellor throughout most of my years here, modeled charitable orthodoxy better than any other Christian leader I have known. All of our subsequent administrators have been good models, too, but our current president, Dr. Mark Young, is consciously stressing this core commitment more than any of his predecessors except Vernon. It aptly summarizes Paul’s injunction in Eph 4:15 to “speak the truth in love” and is one of many reasons why I am re-energized for my ministry here even at an age (55) when the AARP increasingly reminds me that I could be viewing my career on its downhill side!

Dr. Craig Blomberg joined the faculty of Denver Seminary in 1986 and is a distinguished professor of New Testament. Dr. Blomberg completed his Ph.D. in New Testament, specializing in the parables and the writings of Luke-Acts, at Aberdeen University in Scotland. He received an M.A. from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and a B.A. from Augustana College.

Prerequisites for Charitable Orthodoxy

Dr. Don Payne, Associate Dean and Assistant Professor of Theology and Ministry



“Charitable orthodoxy” may sound like an oxymoron. We are chagrined when reminded of the Crusades. Discussions of church history become awkward when considering those who were burned at the stake over doctrinal issues we now consider secondary. Examples like these frequently prompt Christians and non-Christians alike to consider “orthodoxy” a dirty word; it’s either an intellectual and spiritual straightjacket or a dagger eagerly drawn.

On the other hand, we recognize the eternal significance of Truth and the importance of standing by it faithfully. Truth is not whatever anyone tries to make it and, as the root meaning of the word orthodoxy (“true worship”) suggests, it impacts our lives profoundly. Orthodoxy matters! It requires careful, precise thought in order to clearly understand the truths that are primary. Only with deep conviction and courage will we defend it in a culture of relativism that reduces all beliefs to mere personal perspective.

Sadly, the options described above constantly beckon to us as tempting paths of least resistance. The more challenging but promising direction is an orthodoxy that is anchored in confidence that the truth of God is strong enough to weather conflict and resistance. That takes a certain faith in the character of God’s truth. Of course, we are called to resist false teaching and protect others from its wiles. But we can do that charitably when our own sense of identity is in the God who saves us rather than in the quality of our own understanding. A subtle but vital distinction is necessary. When our confidence is in God rather than our own understanding of God, we can listen, seek to learn, and be open to correction; we can defend without being fearfully defensive. We can stand content without being contentious because we know Him and know who we are in Him.

Dr. Don J. Payne joined the faculty in 1998 as director of the suburban and rural training centers in the training and mentoring department. Dr. Payne earned a Ph.D. in systematic theology from the University of Manchester, England, an M.Div. from Denver Seminary, and a B.A. from Tennessee Temple University.

Charitable Orthodoxy and Respect

Dr. Hélène Dallaire, Associate Professor of Old Testament



After the Exodus from Egypt, God gave Moses laws that were intended to serve as standards of behavior for Israel. These standards were given to protect her and to provide boundaries within which she would find freedom to become all she was meant to be. In Deut 23:24-25, we read, “If you go into your neighbor’s vineyard, you may eat your fill of grapes, as many as you wish, but you shall not put any in your bag. If you go into your neighbor’s standing grain, you may pluck the ears with your hand, but you shall not put a sickle to your neighbor’s standing” (ESV). God provides abundance for his people, more than one can imagine or wish for. But with his provisions come boundaries that serve as limitations within which one may safely enjoy His blessings. In Old Testament times, Israelites could enjoy as many grapes as they could eat from their neighbors’ property but only within the boundaries of the vineyard. Such was also the case for eating a neighbor’s grain. What could be consumed within the confines of the field could be devoured with great pleasure, but none of it could be carried beyond the borders of the property.

In Christendom, orthodoxy is generous. It allows for flexibility of interpretation, for the enjoyment of divine resources and for the sharing of God’s blessings. As stated in the Seminary’s vision, “charitable orthodoxy” even allows for disagreements in areas of theology and biblical interpretation. These are permitted as long as they are done with love and respect. I assume that conflicts also occurred in the neighbor’s field when more than one Israelite entered into discussion about the ripeness of fruits, the quality of the ears of grain, the process through which the produce was handled and the timing of the harvest. I can easily imagine the owner of the field mediating the occasional food fight on his property! May God help us navigate “orthodoxy” charitably and with respect!

Dr. Hélène Dallaire joined the faculty in 2006 as associate professor of Old Testament. Dr. Dallaire earned a Ph.D. and an M.Phil. in Hebrew and cognate studies from Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion, an M.A. in biblical literature from Oral Roberts University, and a B.A. in psychology from Ottawa University.

Charitable Orthodoxy in Global Context

Dr. Sung Wook Chung, Associate Professor of Theology and Director of Korean Initiatives

It is a scholarly consensus that the centers of Christianity have already moved from Europe and North America to Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Thus, today's centers of Christianity are not Paris, London, or New York but Cape Town, Seoul, or Sao Paulo. However, Euro-North American Christianity still has theological authority because of its historical tradition and intellectual superiority as well as its theological infrastructure including publishing companies and theological institutions. For this reason, it is easy for conventional Euro-American theologians to ignore brand new theological voices from the majority world.

I believe that the idea of charitable orthodoxy should be closely connected with dynamic openness to creative theological arguments and suggestions from the majority world Christian theologians if they are made on the basis of the Scripture. Let me give you an example.

In the evangelical theological tradition in the west, grammatical and historical interpretation of the Bible has been so dominant that spiritual or symbolic interpretation has been systematically suppressed. Of course, there are some exceptions like theologian Jonathan Edwards, who was considerably open to symbolic and typological interpretation of the Old Testament. However, it is undeniable that western evangelicalism has been unsympathetic to symbolic interpretation of the Bible in general and of the Old Testament in particular.

In this context it is interesting to observe that spiritual, typological, and symbolic interpretation of the Bible is gaining momentum in certain theological circles in the majority world. Several South Korean evangelical theologians, including Dr. Kwang Bok Lee, have been advocating the necessity of a revival of typological and symbolic interpretation of the entire Bible from a Christocentric or Christological perspective. They believe that all the Scriptures testify to Jesus Christ (John 5:39). They argue that when we read a text of the Bible, we should read it not only from a grammatico-historical perspective (e.g. determining the original meaning of the text) but also from a symbolic and spiritual perspective. In other words, we should focus on what the given text of the Bible states about Jesus Christ.

In this context, the idea of charitable orthodoxy should lead us to open our hearts and minds to new theological voices from the majority world if they are raised on the basis of a faithful and responsible exegesis of the scriptural text and they are not contradictory to time-honored core tenets of evangelical Christianity.

Dr. Sung Wook Chung joined the faculty in 2005 as associate professor of theology and serves as the Director of Korean Initiatives. Dr. Chung earned a D.Phil. from the University of Oxford and an M.Div. from Harvard University. He also earned a B.A. from Keimyung University, Daegu, South Korea, and Whitworth College in Spokane, Washington.



The Simplicity of Charitable Orthodoxy

Dr. Betsy Nesbit, Assistant Professor of Counseling

Charitable orthodoxy: A simple phrase with such a penetrating definition. I am a person who loves words and I love to understand the meaning and context. Naturally, as I sat to write my reflections, I found myself Googling the definition of “charity.” I started here because orthodoxy is a vague word that is dependent on context and I wanted to see what was unique about this orthodoxy, or “right belief,” that we as an institution are committed to. As I perused the definitions of “charity,” things like “a kindly and lenient attitude toward people” and “unlimited loving-kindness toward all others” flew off the screen and smacked of a pervasive and overflowing grace, compassion, empathy, and respect for others. I was struck by how this word is more about *being* than *doing*.

If “charitable” speaks to the nature or being of someone or something, then charitable orthodoxy calls us to reach beyond simply being committed to right belief, and extends one step further to how we express such a commitment. Charitable orthodoxy speaks to our heart and identity as followers of Jesus.

Our orthodoxy grounds us, unites us, and provides the structure for what defines us. But charitable orthodoxy emanates from us, overflowing from hearts that have experienced such abounding loving-kindness and grace from our Savior that we cannot help but want to share that loving truth with those around us. This extends practically in patience, empathy, and respect as we are quick to listen and slow to speak (James 1:19), believing that our orthodoxy is not compromised by loving others but is rather expressed by such love (John 13:34-35). Charitable orthodoxy must become who we are, not simply something we say or do.

Dr. Elisabeth (Betsy) Nesbit, originally from St. Paul, Minnesota, is on faculty as of July 2011 as Assistant Professor of Counseling. Dr. Nesbit earned her B.A. in Interpersonal Communication from the University of Northern Iowa, an M.A. in Counseling from Denver Seminary, and a Ph.D. in Counselor Education from the University of Arkansas.

RELAXING IN God's SOVEREIGNTY

by Pamela Burton

After 36 years, Dr. Bruce Demarest retires from Denver Seminary.

Talk to any of Dr. Demarest's students and you will inevitably hear one of these words mentioned: Humble. Compassionate. Leader. Knowledgeable. Thought Provoking. Gentle. Caring.



Dr. Demarest is equally complimentary of his students, calling them “bright, brilliant, sharp, and deeply committed to the Lord and his service.” He often mentions how he enjoys interacting with Denver Seminary students and learning from them during these interchanges.

There have been hundreds, perhaps thousands, of students influenced by Dr. Demarest. His years at Denver

Seminary began in systematic theology in 1975 and ended with his influence in the creation and development of the spiritual formation program. The move from theology to spiritual formation was a result of a life transforming experience in his spiritual journey that continues to influence him and those around him. Following doctoral studies in England under a prominent evangelical mentor, his first decade of ministry at Denver Seminary largely focused on rigorous issues of Christianity's intellectual foundations. His focus would shift from the ‘head’ to the ‘heart’ in the late 1980s, when he was introduced to a course in spiritual formation at his local church.

“A marvelously sovereign and providential act of God” brought a renewal team to Dr. Demarest's local church. After initial reluctance, he entered into the eight week class with his wife and discovered that what was shared about growing our life with Christ immediately “grabbed his heart.” The class dealt with lessons on spiritual disciplines, reading the spiritual classics, insights pertaining to the spiritual journey, and being guided by a spiritual mentor. At the end of the class he had embarked on a three year mutual mentoring relationship with the clergy leader of the renewal team.

At the suggestion of his mentor, he enrolled in a Spiritual Formation and Life Care residential program at the Pecos Formation Community while on sabbatical in 1995. During this program Dr. Demarest experienced what he relates was “the most spiritually transforming experience of his

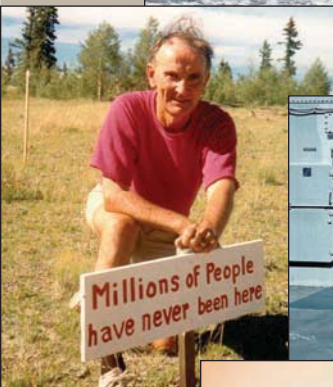
life other than his conversion.” His return to the Seminary found him sharing his freshly discovered insights on new spiritual practices: how to abide in the presence of Christ; how to listen to God in silence and solitude; and how to grow through the input of a godly spiritual mentor. His understanding of the spiritual journey—in particular his spiritual journey—resulted in a paradigm shift in the way he viewed and experienced his role as a seminary professor. This transforming encounter with God led him, with other Seminary faculty, to develop courses on spiritual formation and soul care, and eventually to create a certificate program in Spiritual Formation. A few years later the program expanded into the current M.A. degree and a M.Div. concentration. You could say that the initial eight-week spiritual formation course not only significantly influenced Dr. Demarest, but Denver Seminary as well.

Throughout his spiritual journey, Dr. Demarest always notes the influence of his wife, Elsie, and her encouragement to pursue the ‘with God’ life together. Having met on a blind date in Manhattan, they have always been a team in their ministry endeavors, starting with their married life as missionaries in West Africa and now embarking on an active ‘retirement’ ministry as senior professor. Elsie was the one who encouraged him to take that first class on spiritual life and has, as Dr. Demarest says, “always encouraged me to follow my dreams.” He readily lists the things he most admires about her: a fun loving person who doesn't take life too seriously; handles adversity extremely well and with a positive attitude; has a deep and tender heart for people, and is especially compassionate and readily moved by those who are suffering, poor, or persecuted. It is obvious that Dr. Demarest's academic career is not his alone, but is shared with the women God brought into his life forty-nine years ago.

Dr. Demarest will be remembered for many things at Denver Seminary. Yet his greatest impact may be in the small things: the personal attention he has given his students; his wise words to those grieving or hurting; the grace shown to those around him. In talking with him you can hear and see his abiding faith in a sovereign and gracious God, a faith that has allowed him to rest in the assurance that God knows perfectly well what He is doing even in the midst of change and spiritual turmoil. And it is that abiding faith in the Savior that will be felt and appreciated for many years to come.

An edited video of the interview with Dr. Demarest is available at www.denverseminary.edu/demarest

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“The spiritual formation movement that began in the latter part of the twentieth century has four pioneers and our Dr. Demarest is prominent among them. It is an honor and privilege to have learned from and been mentored by his scholarship, his spiritual journey, and his example. The unique contribution of Dr. Demarest is reminiscent of Augustine, Calvin, and Edwards—theological acumen, spiritual passion, and a pastoral heart. What a gift he has been and is to Denver Seminary, the church of Jesus Christ, and the mission of God in the world.”

Howard Baker, Instructor of Christian Formation

“Dr. Demarest’s humble and gentle spirit drew me in the first time I heard him speak. He has such vast knowledge, yet he obviously didn’t stop with understanding. He lived what he taught, showing by example how to live as a faithful follower of Christ. I felt so cared for as his student! He prayed for me and offered words of comfort and wisdom when I desperately needed them. I’m so blessed to have been his student.”

Sarah Chivington-Buck, M.A. in Christian Formation and Soul Care, 2010

DID YOU KNOW...

- Dr. Demarest was raised in the ‘Big Apple,’ New York, NY.
- He met his lovely bride Elsie on Christmas Eve, under the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Square in New York City; it was a blind date setup by his sister Carol, who happened to be a close friend of Elsie’s
- He graduated from Wheaton College (B.S.), Adelphi University (M.S.), Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (M.A.) and the University of Manchester, England (Ph.D.)
- He studied under the tutelage of renowned biblical scholar, Professor F. F. Bruce at the University of Manchester, England
- He served as a naval officer in Key West, Florida for three years
- Bruce and Elsie have spent 10 years as missionaries in Africa and Europe, serving at seminaries, a missionary radio station, and an international conference center (to name a few!)
- Dr. Vernon Grounds invited Bruce to join the faculty at Denver Seminary in Systematic Theology in 1975
- He has served as adjunct professor of Theology and Spiritual Formation at several colleges and seminaries at home and overseas
- From 2003-2010, Bruce served as resident theologian of the TACT Group, a national research and ministry strategy group in spiritual formation, leading to publication of the book, *The Kingdom Life* (NavPress, 2010)
- His latest book, co-edited with Keith Matthews, is *Dictionary of Everyday Theology and Culture* (NavPress, 2010)
- Together with Elsie, Bruce is an avid outdoor enthusiast, enjoying hiking, canoeing, fly fishing, and cross-country skiing
- Bruce and Elsie have three children (Starr, Scott and Sharon) and six grandchildren (Rachel, Kate, Lauren, Mark, Sophie and Matthew), who are excited that retirement means more time to spend with them!

The Missional Ministry of a Chaplain

by Dr. Jan McCormack, BCC PCE ACPE SES Chaplain, USAF, Lt. Col., Retired
Director, Chaplaincy and Pastoral Counseling Programs

It is not unusual for others to ask a chaplain, "What do you do anyway?" Followed closely by, "When are you going to return to ministry?"

I often answer those questions with the statement that chaplains are like missionaries. We are ordained and endorsed by our denominations and sent out to represent our faith through ministering to persons in every conceivable marketplace. Like missionaries, the individual recipients of our ministry may or may not have a faith background and may or may not have invited us into relationship with them. However, a significant nuance between a missionary and a chaplain is that the marketplace ministry site/institution is the inviter and gatekeeper of who they accept as a chaplain. That means that chaplains minister to individuals as well as to the institution as a whole. In clinical terms, both the individuals and the institution are the chaplains' "clients." My own denomination refers to our chaplains as "invisible missionaries."

The uniqueness of the chaplaincy programs at Denver Seminary is our intentionality to educate and prepare students for all forms of chaplaincy: prison, business, hospice, eldercare, first-provider departments, shelters, rescue missions, disaster relief, even sports and leisure chaplaincies, in addition to the more well-known military and healthcare chaplaincies. This year we became one of only four seminaries to be accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, and we

are the only evangelical Seminary to hold this honor!

One of the first Chaplaincy graduates fulfilled a call to military chaplaincy. On September 11, 2001, he was in Washington D.C. waiting to be interviewed for active duty in the U.S. Navy as a chaplain when the plane hit the Pentagon. He held "only" the reserve rank of a newly commissioned officer and in all the confusion was told to go find something useful to do. Ensign Wayne Hall organized and ministered to the victims, families, and friends during the disaster. I was told by a high-ranking Navy chaplain that he was better trained than many of the more experienced military chaplains. Chaplain Hall directly attributed his ability to provide quality pastoral care to the education he received in Denver Seminary's incredible chaplaincy program.

Chaplain Hall's story is only one of many examples of Denver Seminary graduates who provide quality Christ-centered pastoral care in, and to, the various marketplaces of the U.S. and the world. When will our chaplaincy graduates return to ministry? There is no need to "return." They are already serving with excellence for the Kingdom of our Lord in a missional ministry as our "invisible missionaries!"

For more information on our chaplaincy educational programs, visit www.denverseminary.edu/degree-programs.



Wayne Hall and family

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Carolina and a D.Min. in the Executive Leadership concentration from Denver Seminary.

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DR. BRUCE DEMAREST RETIREMENT

On Saturday April 2nd, friends, colleagues, students, and the family of Dr. Bruce Demarest celebrated his 36 years of teaching at Denver Seminary with a retirement brunch. His wife Elsie and three children (Scott, Starr, and Sharon) shared memories of their father and husband. Dr. Craig Blomberg, Distinguished Professor of New Testament, spoke about Dr. Demarest's diverse career accomplishments. The day included a surprise visit from three people that have most influenced Dr. Demarest's spiritual formation; St. Augustine, St. Teresa of Avila, and John Calvin, portrayed by faculty members Dr. Craig Blomberg, Elodie Emig, and Howard Baker. Each spoke of how their writings and life impacted Dr. Demarest. Many other friends and students shared stories about how Dr. Demarest impacted their lives; it was a day to celebrate a beloved and admired member of the Denver Seminary community. Dr. Demarest will continue as a Senior Professor at Denver Seminary. Send a good well wish or share your own memories of Dr. Demarest to webmaster@denverseminary.edu.



Dr. Bruce Demarest listening to many heartfelt good wishes



Denver Seminary students Beth Schuette, Sarah Shivington-Buck, and Jessica Henthorne



An appearance from John Calvin, portrayed by faculty member Howard Baker



The presentation of gifts: Dr. Bruce and Elsie Demarest with Dr. Hélène Dallaire

NEW FACULTY

Two new faculty will be joining Denver Seminary in the fall of 2011.



Dr. David Mathewson

Dr. David Mathewson, currently the Associate Professor of Biblical Studies at Gordon College, will be joining the faculty as an Associate Professor of New Testa-

ment. Dr. Mathewson received a B.A. from Colorado Christian University, an M.A. from Denver Seminary, and a Ph.D. from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. Dave's primary areas of research and scholarly interests are the book of Revelation, apocalyptic literature, Greek and linguistics (particularly issues related to verbal aspect), and biblical theology. Dave is married with three children. When not teaching or studying he enjoys camping and hiking, working in the yard, and building and shooting his own primitive wooden longbows.

Dr. Elisabeth (Betsy)

Nesbit, currently the Assistant Professor of Family Studies at John Brown University, will be joining the faculty as an Assistant Professor of Counseling.



Dr. Betsy Nesbit

Dr. Nesbit, originally from St. Paul, Minnesota, received her B.A. in Interpersonal Communication from the University of Northern Iowa, an M.A. in Counseling from Denver Seminary, and a Ph.D. in Counselor Education from the University of Arkansas. Having studied and taught overseas, Betsy brought her love of culture into her studies, focusing her academic research on the role of generational affiliation in the shaping of American culture. Betsy has maintained a counseling private practice in Arkansas since 2008.

DR. CRAIG BLOMBERG CELEBRATES 25 YEARS AT DENVER SEMINARY

Dr. Craig Blomberg, Distinguished Professor of New Testament, was honored at the 2011 Denver Seminary Commencement for 25 years of service at the Seminary.



Dr. Craig Blomberg

ROAD TRIP

Alumni Gatherings Across the Nation



One of the Advancement department's goals for 2010-2011 has been to connect face-to-face with our alumni as we travel around the country. At each gathering it is always a blessing to hear each graduate tell of God's grace in their lives and how they presently serve the cause of Christ in a variety of venues and organizations. What an encouragement to hear their stories!

The green pins show where we've been; the red pins indicate where we'll be traveling to next. Want to be contacted about events in these areas? Please email us at

alumni@denverseminary.edu

and indicate in which area you live. We will make sure and email you all the details!

Are you receiving the NEW Alumni Connection?

It is our desire to be connected with our alumni so we can hear about God's marvelous provision in your lives and ministries. We want to stay in touch with you to cheer for your accomplishments and pray for your hard times. We hope to keep you better informed about what's going on at the Seminary so we can continue to serve you better. One way to do that is through the monthly email newsletter called *Alumni Connection*. If you are not already receiving this monthly email update, please visit www.denverseminary.edu/alumniconnection to be added to the list. It is an excellent source for you to keep up to date with Denver Seminary and your fellow alumni.

So, what's been happening in your life? We want to know! Send us your photos, plus updates (e.g. weddings, births, anniversaries, career changes, new ministries, etc.), to alumni@denverseminary.edu and we'll highlight it each month in the *Alumni Connection*.

ALUMNI AND PASTORS LUNCHEON WITH GORDON MACDONALD

Denver Seminary was blessed to have Pastor Gordon MacDonald as its featured speaker to

over 90 alumni and pastors at a campus lunch on May 13, 2011. The day began with a reception for 40 alumni who gathered to reminisce and hear an update on the Seminary from President Young. The luncheon followed with Pastor MacDonald relating the profound transformation that has occurred in American pastoral ministry since the 1950s. Due to the numerous social and technological changes, pastors have been forced away from shepherding and pushed towards church management. While the long term spiritual consequences of this trend remain to be seen, MacDonald was not optimistic. He thus proposed that senior leaders follow the rabbinic model of Jesus who for three years invested Himself intensely in 12 men for the sole purpose of creating "deep people." These 12 men in turn took His message of the Gospel to the world, consequently "turning it upside down." MacDonald noted that he and his wife, Gail, have dedicated themselves to this approach over the past few years and are now calling others to do the same. In his view, this approach of building deep believers will best serve the advance of the Gospel in the coming decades.



WELCOME NEW DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT



Chris Johnson is Denver Seminary's new Director of Development. Chris comes to us from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada and is a dual citizen of Canada and the U.S. His experience is varied, having directed schools with Youth With a Mission (YWAM) and was recently the Executive Assistant to the

Minister of Natural Resources in Ottawa with the Federal Government. Chris has his M.B.A. and has a heart for the nations, having traveled to over 18 different countries.

We welcome Chris to Denver Seminary!

IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER TAX ADVANTAGES FOR 2011!

Denver Seminary is excited to share about a special opportunity to invest in the Seminary through an IRA gift. With the passage of the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010, Congress retroactively reinstated the ability to make direct qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) from your IRA, in amounts up to \$100,000 by IRA owners who are at least age 70.5 years of age. This Act continues through the end of the year 2011. This legislation provides incentive for donors to make gifts to ministries like Denver Seminary from their potentially taxable traditional 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 70.5 years of age and would like to make a tax-free gift from your IRA, please consult with your tax advisor.

This is a great opportunity that is available through the end of 2011. We ask that you prayerfully consider investing in Denver Seminary students through solid financial planning. If you'd like to learn more about how you can make a tax-free gift from your IRA, contact Chris Johnson by phone at 303-762-6924 or by email at chris.johnson@denverseminary.edu.



the giving pledge

by Tim Gunsolley,
Partner, The Elevation Group



Flying back recently from Southeast Asia, I read about Warren Buffet's interests in India. Not only is the world's third richest man (#2 goes to Bill Gates while the #1 spot is held by Mexican businessman Carlos Slim and family) exploring new business ventures in the world's most densely populated nation, but he's on a mission to encourage philanthropy as well.

According to the *Wall Street Journal*, India's population of millionaires (those with at least \$1 million in investable assets) grew by 51% to more than 126,000 individuals. While this is a tiny fraction of India's 6 billion total population, it was apparently enough for Buffet to take his Giving Pledge to India's financial elite.

Warren Buffet and Bill and Melinda Gates have thrown down a challenge to the wealthiest families in America (and now parts abroad) to give away at least 50% of their wealth to charitable causes. The actual letters of intent can be found at www.givingpledge.org. More than 50 families have publically made the commitment.

The pledge letters themselves are fascinating. Many quote the great joy that they have in giving. Others comment that the greatest accomplishment of their full lives is in the gifting of funds to help those in need.

We congratulate Buffet, Gates, and the rest of the families in their magnanimity and we are sure that much good to the human condition will be accomplished by their generosity.

However, what seems to be a new revelation by some of these giant philanthropists was addressed by Jesus 2000 years ago. Jesus taught it is indeed more blessed to give than to receive "In every-

thing I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35.

Jesus also reminds us that the amassing of possessions does not begin to measure the worth of the spirit that God has placed within us. "What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?" Mark 8:36.

As we see billions of dollars generously given to thousands of organizations, let's remember three important principals:

- God sees us as His stewards of what He already owns. Our task is to be faithful in the use of the wealth God provides.
- Material wealth can indeed accomplish much, but as Buffet reminds us in his pledge letter, it is the smallest of investments. The sharing of our lives—our time and our unique talents—also gifts from God, enriches lives as no monetary gift can.
- Finally, the giving of wealth can produce great joy in the giver and praise to God. Paul emphasizes this point in II Corinthians 9 that the generosity of the Corinthians would result not only in needs being met, but expressions of thanksgiving back to God. "This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." II Cor 9:12

The example of giving set by Buffet and Gates is to be praised and appreciated. How much more should those in the household of faith give praise and thanksgiving to the greatest gift given on our behalf: the life-giving power of God through his son Jesus Christ? This is our true motivation for giving of ourselves and our finances.

SEMINARY PARTNERS WITH THOMAS N. SCHEFFEL & ASSOCIATES

Denver Seminary is pleased to feature estate planning lawyer Thom Scheffel of Thomas N. Scheffel & Associates. As a long time friend of the Seminary, Thom and his law firm have served many friends and supporters of the Seminary with their estate planning needs, as well as special tax planning opportunities available to supporters of non-profits like the Seminary. Thom has practiced in Colorado since 1977 and has been at the same location since 1983. Thom's personal areas of specialty include estate planning, estate administration, tax, and non-profit organizations. Practicing with 7 full-time attorneys allows specialization in a number of legal areas, while maintaining the personal touch that is so important.

The mission of Thomas N. Scheffel & Associates, P.C. is to honor God and to serve others by providing quality legal services with integrity, accountability, and compassion. At a time of great uncertainty and change in this important area of the law, the Seminary encourages friends and supporters to review their estate plans for both accuracy and consistency with the current tax laws. Visit their website at www.tnslaw.com.



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So here we have an elegant phrase—charitable orthodoxy—which splendidly expresses one of Denver Seminary's core commitments.

Charitable orthodoxy is the blessed opposite of a vindictive orthodoxy which, I fear, marks a large part of the religious world today. Vindictive orthodoxy describes St. Paul in his pre-converted life. "I was a blasphemer, a persecutor, a violent man," he wrote of himself. Not much charity there.

In contrast to whatever the old Saul was, charitable orthodoxy begins with deep conviction and extends itself in dialogue (fearless, loving, respectful) toward those with whom it disagrees. It is not rageful, not slanderous, not proud.

So what does charitable orthodoxy look like? Thus, my three questions.

The Bible's best example of charitable orthodoxy? My choice: Stephen, early church leader known for wisdom, competence, character-depth.

The Stephen who "argued" in the synagogue fascinates me. "They could not stand up against his wisdom or the Spirit by whom he spoke." I'm also drawn to the Stephen who addressed the religious leadership in Jerusalem (the Sanhedrin) exhibits with such eloquence that his adversaries could only neutralize him by hustling him to the stoning pit.

The charitable dimension of Stephen's orthodoxy was clearly revealed in his final words just before he died. "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." What incredible grace. Sounds like charitable orthodoxy to me.

St. Francis of Assisi is the answer to my second question: who in the history of the Christian movement modeled it? In my judgment, Francis' finest hour of charitable orthodoxy came during the fifth Crusade (1219 AD) when he traveled to Egypt and negotiated his way to Al-Kamil, the Sultan of Egypt and leader of the Muslim armies. While other Christians chose military force as their approach to the Muslims, Francis went behind enemy lines, and spoke of his gospel with the Sultan and made him a friend. Though Francis didn't end the war and the Sultan never became a Christ-follower, Francis offered a remarkable lesson in what it means to love your enemy.

That third question? Who has taught me most about charitable orthodoxy? Easy answer: my spiritual father and friend, Vernon Grounds (VCG), Denver Seminary's second president. Firm in his convictions and articulate in his ability to express himself, VCG was the master listener. If you were his adversary, it didn't take long for him to state your case better than you could... and thrill you as he did it.

Which is why, I believe, he brought so many people into his persuasion of Christian orthodoxy. While others espoused an insular faith, VCG engaged lovingly, compassionately, and intelligently. Whatever I know about charitable orthodoxy today I learned first from watching him.

In this present hour the spirit of charitable orthodoxy (think Stephen, Francis and Vernon) continues to grow at Denver Seminary. You sense it in the classroom, in faculty conversation, and in the demeanor of students and alumni. I couldn't be more pleased.

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12:30 pm

Shotgun start

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Aug. 29	Job Expo	Oct. 10	Part 1: Spiritual Life Conference: Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove
Aug. 30	Church Fair	Oct. 11	Part 2: Spiritual Life Conference: Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove
Sept. 5	Labor Day (no Common Ground)	Oct. 17-18	No Common Ground
Sept. 6	Convocation	Oct. 24-25	TBD
Sept. 12-13	Welcome Celebration with Dr. Young	Oct. 31-Nov. 1	Dr. Mark Young
Sept. 19	Part 1: Compassion International Speaker, Craig Gross (founder of 3X Church)	Nov. 7-8	Community Worship Service with Rob Foley, Community Life Coordinator
Sept. 20	Part 2: Compassion International Speaker, Craig Gross (founder of 3X Church)	Nov. 14-15	TBD
Sept. 26	Part 1: Local Voices // Kingdom Vision: Pastor Brian Brown (Park Church Denver)	Nov. 21-22	Thanksgiving Break (no Common Ground)
Sept. 27	Part 2: Local Voices // Kingdom Vision: Pastor Brian Brown (Park Church Denver)	Nov. 28	TBD
Oct. 3-4	Kent Mathews Lectureship	Nov. 29	Dr. Carl Moeller, author of <i>The Privilege of Persecution</i>
		Dec. 5-6	Advent Service