

# Alumni Connection



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## Blog: Staying Awake: Denver Seminary Trained Chaplains Minister through Faithful Presence

Dr. Jan McCormack is the founder and current director of our Chaplaincy and Pastoral Counseling Program. The simple desire to "be with" people has guided both Dr. McCormack's personal ministry and her work with chaplaincy

students and alumni. This blog post tells the stories of five chaplaincy alumni as they serve in various fields around the United States and overseas.

Read more [here](#).

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## Alumni Prayer Requests

Did you know that each week the Alumni Relations team prays for Denver Seminary alumni? Click the button above to share a prayer request.

# Upcoming Events

## Race in Theological Education

This summer Denver Seminary's DC Campus is hosting a series of free zoom seminars related to the intersection of race and theological education. Dr. Patterson will discuss racism and how the church must call out from the darkness. Dr. West will focus on how the church must lead the way with theologically-sound leaders of all races and ethnicities. The panel discussion will center around creating opportunities for people of color to engage a theological education. Finally, Dr. West will return in August to offer a seminar geared toward prospective students, current students, and alumni on storytelling and preaching.



### ***Racism and the Church***

Rev. Dr. Rodney Patterson  
July 14, 2020  
12PM ET



### ***Training Theologically Sound Leaders to Move the Church through a Racial Divide***

Rev. Dr. Ralph West  
July 21, 2020  
12PM ET



### ***Harnessing Theological Leaders from Within the Urban Context***

Panel discussion: Rev. Dr. Rodney Patterson, Rev. Dr. Ralph West, Rev. Dexter Nutall, and Dr. Angie Ward  
Facilitated by Dr. Felix Gilbert

July 28, 2020  
12PM ET



### ***Storytelling in Preaching***

Rev. Dr. Ralph West  
August 25, 2020  
4-6PM ET

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## Registration Links

***Racism and the Church*** – Dr. Rodney Patterson  
Register [here](#).

*Training Theologically Sound Leaders to Move the Church through a Racial Divide* - Dr. Ralph West  
Register [here](#)

*Harnessing Theological Leaders from within the Urban Context* - Panel Discussion  
Register [here](#).

*Storytelling in Preaching* - Dr. Ralph West  
Register [here](#).



Join us for our monthly *In Perspective Panels*! These webinar panels feature diverse voices who lend their perspectives on relevant cultural and theological conversations in an effort to equip our community with resources, encouragement, and biblically-grounded thought leadership. To date, we've covered topics such as the impact of COVID-19 on the Church, pastoral care, racial injustice, and leading amidst crisis. Visit our [Community Voices](#) page to access recordings of past webinars and visit our [Events](#) page to view and register for upcoming panels.



## Free Online "Summer Seminary" Classes

St. James Presbyterian Church is offering free online seminars this summer from distinguished Denver Seminary faculty. Each seminar will be held on Zoom at 7PM MT. Invite your family and friends to join you for these amazing opportunities to hear from and interact with renown scholars on important topics of faith. Find more information and Zoom links for each

seminar at the link below.

[Register here](#)

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## Golf Tournament

Join us for the 18th Annual Denver Seminary Golf Tournament at Cherry Creek Country Club in Denver, CO. All proceeds go the General Scholarship Fund which provides financial aid for students.

Given the uncertainty created by the coronavirus pandemic, we want you to know of our care to make responsible decisions about future events. Our Denver Seminary leadership team is committed to the health and well-being of the entire Seminary community. Currently, we still plan to hold our 18th Annual Denver Seminary Golf Tournament this August. The most up-to-date information can be found at [denverseminary.edu/golf](https://denverseminary.edu/golf).

**Date:** August 31, 2020

**Time:** 11 AM Registration | 1 PM Shotgun Start

**Location:** Cherry Creek Country Club, Denver, CO



## Israel/Jordan Trip

Denver Seminary is offering an academic course in Israel, with an optional 3-day Jordan extension, this coming May-June. This intensive three-week course will introduce you to the geography, history, topography, geology, and archaeology of Israel. Field trips to biblical sites take place throughout the land of Israel and are supplemented with lectures, map

study, excursions, and special speakers (e.g., archaeologists, scholars).

**Date:** May 17 - June 6, 2021 (Jordan extension return date is June 8)

**Location:** Israel, Jordan

**Cost:** Approximately \$4500 + airfare (Israel only); \$1050 for the Jordan extension

*For more information, or to register, contact Dr. [Helene Dallaire](#).*

# Seminary News

## Test Drive the Denver Seminary DMin!

Ever wonder if a Doctor of Ministry degree is for you? First-time students can try a course at half price to find out!

Three courses will be offered this fall, with on-campus seminars January 4-8, 2021:

- Ministry in a Sexually Broken Culture, taught by Drs. Janelle Hallman and Michael Sytsma
- Revitalizing a Plateaued or Declining Ministry, taught by Dr. Jim Howard
- Leadership Reframed: Gospel-formed Leadership for the 21st Century, taught by Dr. Rick Dunn.

Deepen your theological reflection and expand your ministry connections and competence with a diverse community of ministry leaders from around the world. Credit for any course can be applied to the DMin program if you eventually decide to enroll. And don't forget to tack on a couple of extra days in the mountains before or after!

For more information about courses or how to apply, contact [Angie Ward](mailto:Angie.Ward@denverseminary.edu) at [DMin@denverseminary.edu](mailto:DMin@denverseminary.edu).







## Engage360 Podcast

Brandon Washington, an alumnus and pastor of preaching and vision at The Embassy Church in Denver, returns to Engage360 to discuss the recent events that have reignited conversations about racial injustice in America. Brandon speaks to how we can view and respond to our culture today through important historical, theological, and gospel-guided lenses.

Pastor John K. Jenkins Sr. addresses the threat of Covid-19 and the ongoing racial injustice in our nation, providing insight on how we can faithfully lead through times of crisis. Pastor Jenkins has served as the Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Glenarden, the host site for the Denver Seminary DC Campus, since 1989 and his ministry and mentorship extends to business leaders, executives, and pastors both nationally and internationally.

Listen at [denverseminary.edu/podcast](https://denverseminary.edu/podcast) or find us on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), and [Google Play](#).



## Unique Class from Dr. Hess

This fall Dr. Richard Hess will be offering his class on the Septuagint. It will focus on the reading and interpretation of significant Old Testament texts in the Hebrew and Greek translations. The class is available both in-person and online on Wednesday evenings, 6-9PM. If you are interested in receiving more

information or registering to audit (just \$35!) email the Registrar at [registrar@denverseminary.edu](mailto:registrar@denverseminary.edu).

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## Donations from King Soopers

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3. After login or enrollment, search the Organizations box for Denver Seminary. Once you locate it, click "Enroll." That's it!



Join the Denver Seminary Alumni Facebook Group! This is a place for alumni to connect with one another from around the world and share updates, questions, resources, and stay connected to Denver Seminary.

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/denverseminaryalumni/>

## Book Corner

### - Faculty Publications -



### 200 Devotionals from the Hebrew Bible

by Dr. Helene Dallaire

Readers of this volume will find nuggets of wisdom in short devotionals written by the author and her students. Each devotional includes (1) one or two verses in Hebrew, (2) an English translation, (3) a brief explanation of the biblical context, (4) an exposition for life application, (5) a few New Testament verses, (6) a prayer, and (7) space for personal reflections. The rich spiritual truths found in the devotionals are designed to provide nourishment for all believers, including academics, church leaders, congregants, students, and youth. The Hebrew texts included in the devotionals are drawn both from prosaic and poetic texts

found in the Torah, historical books, and wisdom literature. They cover themes such as the image of God in humans, healthy relationships, managing God's blessings, dealing with doubts, responding to God's call, and much more.

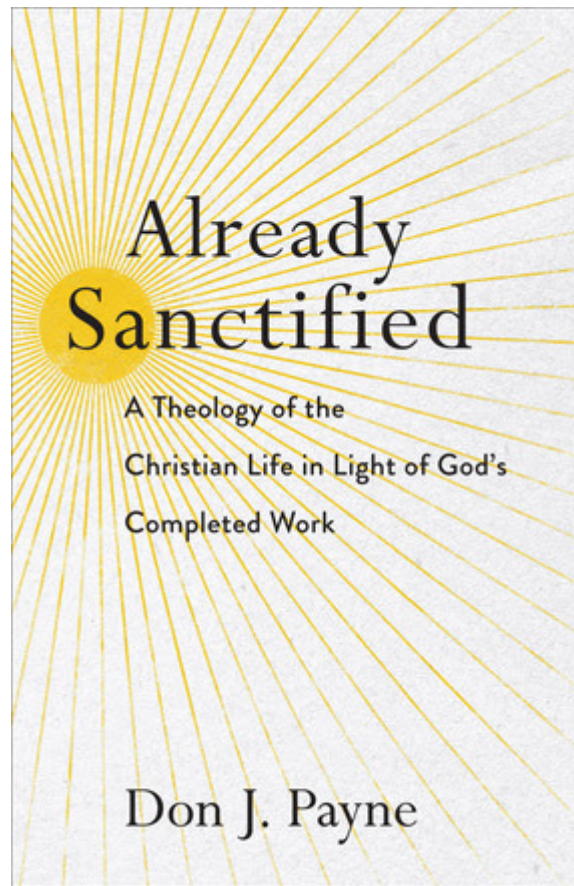


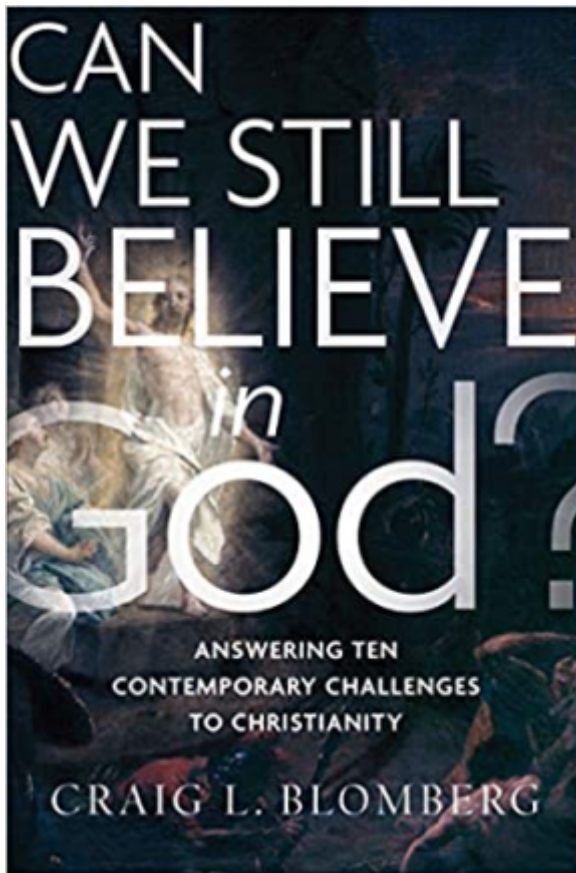
# **Already Sanctified: A Theology of the Christian Life in Light of God's Completed Work**

by Dr. Don Payne

How does the doctrine of sanctification shape the Christian life? Offering a fully developed treatment of "accomplished" sanctification, Don Payne explains that the primary biblical focus in sanctification is not progressive growth but that which has already occurred for Christians to make growth possible, necessary, and grace-driven. As Payne explores the significance Scripture attributes to the accomplished aspect of sanctification, he helps us understand that we are already sanctified. Sanctification is not synonymous with transformation but undergirds strategies and resources related to Christian discipleship and formation.

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## Can We Still Believe in God? Answering Ten Contemporary Challenges to Christianity

by Dr. Craig Blomberg

People regularly give certain reasons for not believing in God, but they are much less aware of what the new Testament actually teaches. Although challenges to Christianity are perennial and have frequently been addressed, they are noticeably more common today and are currently of particular interest among evangelicals. Skeptics of Christianity often ask Crag Blomberg how he can believe in a faith that seems so problematic. How can God allow evil and suffering? Isn't the Bible anti-women, anti-gay, and pro-slavery. Isn't the New Testament riddled with contradictions? What about the nature of hell, violence in Scripture, and prayer and predestination? This succinct and readable book focuses on what the New Testament teaches about 10 key reasons people give for not believing in God.

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## This Too Shall Last: Finding Grace When Suffering Lingers

by K. J. Ramsey, class of 2017

Over a decade ago chronic illness plunged therapist and writer K.J. Ramsey straight into this paradox. Before her illness, faith made sense. But when pain

came and never left, K.J. had to find a way across the widening canyon that seemed to separate God's goodness from her excruciating circumstances.

She wanted to conquer suffering. Instead, she encountered the God who chose it. She wanted to make pain past-tense. Instead, God invited her into a bigger story. *This Too Shall Last* offers an antidote to our cultural idolatry of effort and ease. Through personal story and insights from neuroscience and theology, Ramsey invites us to let our tears become lenses of the wonder that before God ever rescues us, he stands in solidarity with us. We are all mid-story in circumstances we did not choose, wondering when our hard things will end and where grace will come if they don't. Together, we can encounter grace in the middle, where living with suffering that lingers can mean receiving God's presence that lasts.



## Faculty Updates

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