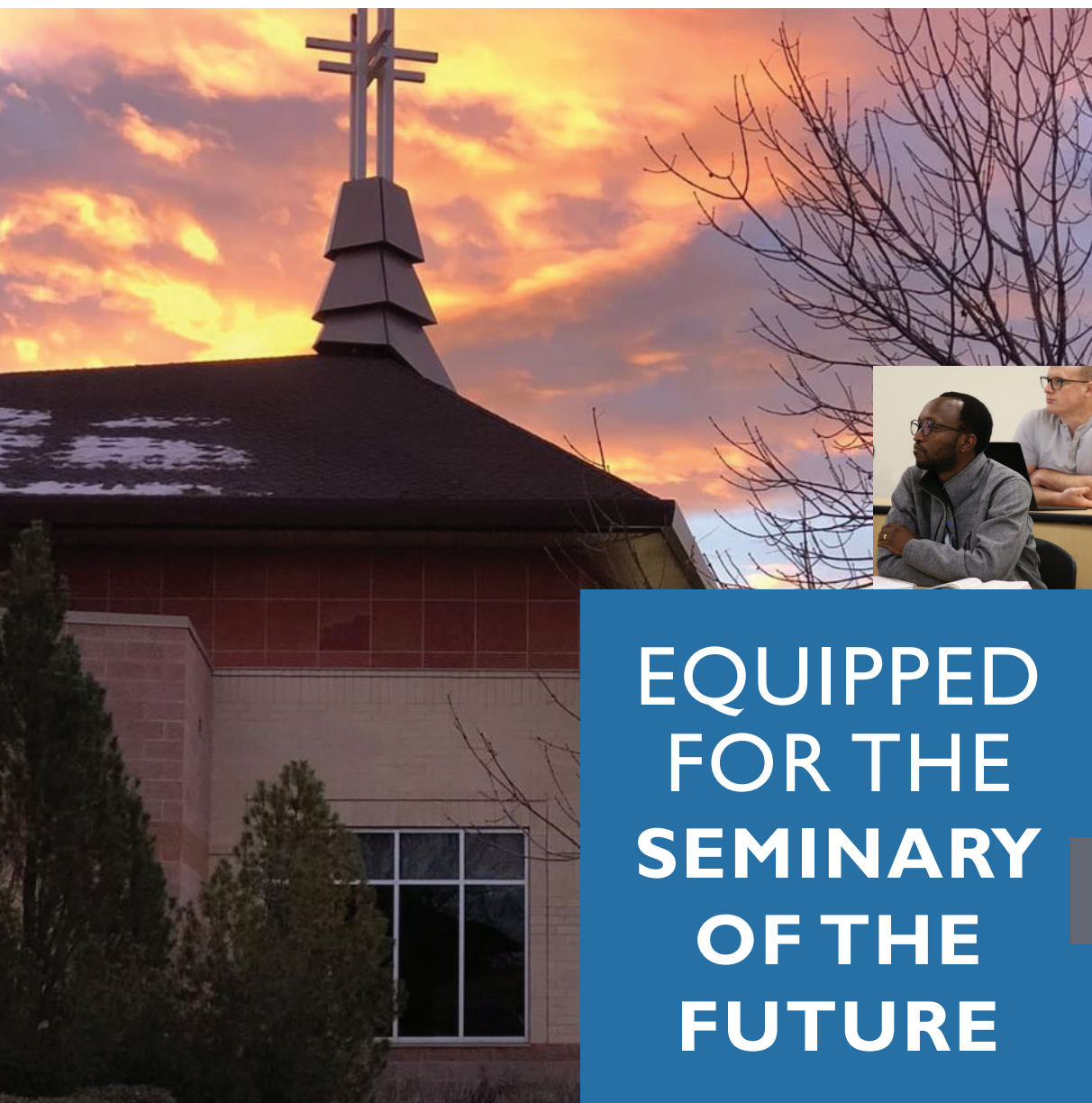


## 2022-2023 PRESIDENT'S REPORT



# EQUIPPED FOR THE SEMINARY OF THE FUTURE

Denver Seminary prepares 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 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Gospel-centered theological education is more critical now than it has ever been. The opportunities and the challenges before us require that ministry leaders are able to interpret Scripture responsibly and think theologically as they help the Church create a credible and compelling witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Opportunities.** In many parts of the world churches are growing and multiplying rapidly. These churches and denominations need theologically grounded pastors who teach the truth of Scripture and confront false teaching. We live in an era when technology allows us to educate these leaders wherever they live. We are proactively stepping into the opportunity to greatly expand the reach of Denver Seminary throughout the world.

**Challenges.** At the same time, the Church in North America faces unprecedented challenges—increasing secularization, debilitating polarization, and declining church participation. These challenges demand that in the pulpit, the classroom, the workplace, and the counseling room, theologically trained servants of the Lord Jesus Christ can make the gospel known in ways that meet and transcend these challenges.

Denver Seminary is working to meet these exciting opportunities and daunting challenges by equipping our students to engage the needs of the world through our biblically grounded, theologically deep, personally transformative, professionally excellent, and missionally focused masters and doctoral level programs. Our world-class faculty and state-of-the-art educational technology create the most effective theological education that one can find anywhere in the world. At Denver Seminary we do not shy away from difficult questions as we continue to step toward a broken and lost world.

In this year's President's Report, we share just a snapshot of the expansive work we are doing to equip our students to serve as pastors, counselors, missionaries, educators, and business and nonprofit leaders. Thank you for taking the time to enter into our world as you read this report. We are grateful for your faithful support through the years and stepping into the future.

Grateful for you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Young". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. Mark Young  
President







## Our Core Commitments

Denver Seminary maintains our commitment to Biblical Authority, Charitable Orthodoxy, Vigorous Scholarship, Redemptive Relationships, and Global Concern.

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*My desire is that seminary would be a time of tremendous growth in my faith, my understanding of God's Word, and my ability to build bridges, resources, and support to reach the unreached with the gospel of Christ.”*

Tyler Peterson, MDiv student

## EQUIPPED TO PROVIDE THE BEST SEMINARY EDUCATION

The need for theologically trained pastors, teachers, counselors, and missionaries has never been greater. Our nation has seen a dramatic increase in loneliness, anxiety and crippling polarization. The hope of the gospel and the healing presence of God's people are needed today more than ever.

Our alumni are true testaments to the difference Seminary education makes in lives locally and around the globe. Over 6,500 students have graduated from Denver Seminary. They have served and continue to serve across five continents as ministry leaders, business and nonprofit professionals, counselors, and teachers.

We make a difference for Christ and His Kingdom by helping the people of God create a credible, compelling, and compassionate presence of the gospel in our rapidly secularizing world.

- We equip pastors to shepherd God's people with compassion and guide them on the path of righteousness.
- We train chaplains to bring comfort and to shine God's light in times of darkness.
- We prepare counselors to bring healing to wounded souls.
- We shape business leaders to exemplify Christ's principles in the marketplace.
- We nurture nonprofit leaders to address societal needs and transform lives with compassion.
- We educate missionaries to spread the hope of the gospel to the ends of the earth.
- We prepare scholars and teachers to inspire a love for learning rooted in Christian principles.



## PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES TO EDUCATE, ENGAGE, AND CELEBRATE



### **Debating Romans 7**

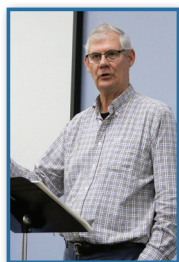
Dr. Craig Blomberg, professor emeritus of New Testament, and Dr. Joseph Dodson, the Dr. Craig L. Blomberg Endowed Chair of New Testament, debated the interpretation of Romans 7

on November 17, 2022 at Denver Seminary in Littleton and again on March 18, 2023 at the Washington DC extension campus.



### **Dr. Jan McCormack Receives Distinguished Service Award**

Dr. Jan McCormack, associate professor and chair of the Chaplaincy and Pastoral Counseling programs, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Association of Professional Chaplains in June 2023. The award celebrates Dr. McCormack's contributions for promoting the standard of professional chaplaincy in an exemplary manner.



### **Dr. Doug Moo Guides the Shannon Preaching Lectureship**

Fifty ministry leaders, students, and alumni studied the book of Hebrews in June 2023 under the guidance of Dr. Doug Moo, professor emeritus

of New Testament at Wheaton College, during the Shannon Preaching Lectureship. Drs. Scott Wenig, the Haddon W. Robinson chair of Biblical Preaching, and Steve Mathewson, director of the Doctor of Ministry program at Western Seminary, facilitated group discussion.

### **Commencement Ceremonies**

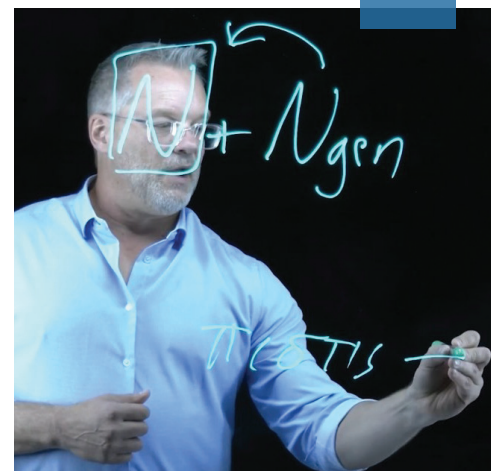
On May 20, nearly 120 students participated in Denver Seminary's 2023 commencement ceremony at Mission Hills Church in Littleton, Colo. Mrs. Vivian Mabuni, author, speaker, Board of Trustee member, and Denver Seminary student, gave the commencement address, *Open Hands, Willing Heart*. On May 13, the Denver Seminary Washington DC campus celebrated the accomplishments of twenty-one graduates from the masters and lay ministry programs.





# COMMITTED TO EQUIPPING OUR STUDENTS

*While the need for training is great, traditional models of seminary education no longer meet the needs of today's students. Most of our students have families, jobs, and ministries that demand their time and energy. At Denver Seminary, we are working to ensure seminary education is and remains accessible.*



## Any Degree, Anywhere, Any Time

Through Project Any, we are making it possible for our programs to be available to more men and women seeking theological training than ever before. **Project Any is our commitment to provide any degree, anywhere, any time to any qualified student.** Our goal is to make possible for students to complete all degree programs fully on campus and fully online.

## Committed to Global Education

We are committed to providing any qualified student with the opportunity to earn a degree from Denver Seminary in English or Korean. This vision has been made possible by our Washington DC campus, our Korean Global Campus, and our growing number of online masters and doctoral degrees. Students from around the world can now enroll in Denver Seminary's programs, which prepare them to become missionaries, lay leaders, pastors, counselors, and educators around the globe.

**Currently we have students studying in 15 different countries including Canada, China, Ethiopia, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, the UAE, and the United States.**

“Denver Seminary cares about me growing in character and becoming a better person in my relationships. Denver Seminary cares about me as a husband and a man, as well as a pastor and minister. I can stay in Manhattan [Kansas] with my family and continue my work in ministry, while simultaneously getting training, equipping, and education from Denver Seminary. I'm grateful for that.”

Jim Woods  
Global MDiv student

# COMMITTED TO EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

## FACULTY

### New Faculty

As Denver Seminary's needs change, faculty members are teaching both on campus and online. The following faculty members joined the Denver Seminary faculty in the 2022-23 academic year.

#### July 2022



**Dr. Elizabeth Meier Thornton**

assistant professor of counseling



**Dr. Darlene Seal**

assistant professor of New Testament



**Dr. Ryan Tafilowski**

chair of the Theology Department; assistant professor of theology

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*My time at Denver Seminary has opened my mind to the countless opportunities available to serve a variety of populations. As a daughter of Haitian immigrants, I highly value culture and diversity and want to recognize, acknowledge, and incorporate these values when working with any individual. I aspire to treat and honor the whole person, including their backgrounds, which provide significant insight into who they are and the concerns impacting their ability to live a healthy and fulfilled life.*

Myldha Verdelus  
MA Clinical Mental Health and School Counseling student



### Twenty-Five Years of Training and Mentoring

In 1998, Denver Seminary dedicated itself to integrating mentored, contextualized learning into its core curriculum. This desire for students to be formed wholistically during their academic endeavors led to the creation of the novel Training and Mentoring department, which is celebrating its 25th year.



## Faculty Publications

Dr. Craig Blomberg, professor emeritus of New Testament

*Jesus and the Gospels*, third edition

*Jesus the Purifier: John's Gospel and the Fourth Quest for the Historical Jesus*

Dr. Don Payne, VP of Academic Affairs; academic dean, professor of theology

*Divine Suffering: Theology, History, and the Church Mission*

Dr. Halee Scott, director of the Young Adult Initiative

*Not a Hopeless Case: 6 Vital Questions from Young Adults for a Church in Crisis*

Dr. Ryan Tafilowski, assistant professor of theology; chair of Theology Department

*Virtue and Vice at Work: Ancient Wisdom for a Modern Age*

Dr. Angie Ward, director of the Doctor of Ministry Program; associate professor of leadership and ministry

*Uncharted Leadership: 20 Case Studies to Help Ministry Leaders Adapt to Uncertainty*

*The Least of These: Practicing a Faith without Margins (Editor)*

Dr. David Hionides, director of Institutional Research and Educational Systems; assistant professor of theology (contributor)

Dr. Douglas Groothuis, professor of philosophy

Dr. Andrew (Ike) Shepardson, adjunct faculty Christian apologetics

*The Knowledge of God in the World and the Word: An Introduction to Classical Apologetics*

Dr. Douglas Groothuis

*World Religions in Seven Sentences*

Dr. Richard Hess, distinguished professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages (Contributor)

*Conversations on Canaanite and Biblical Themes: Creation, Chaos and Monotheism*

Dr. JD Kim, assistant director, Doctor of Ministry Korean Global Campus' adjunct faculty of theology

*From Walking to Wheeling: How God Reconstructed One Man's Dreams*

*Constructing a Mediating Theology: Affirming the Impassibility and the Passibility of the Triune God*



# ENROLLMENT



## 2022 Headcount

**777** Master's-Level Headcount

**109** Doctoral-Level Headcount

**THAT'S A TOTAL OF**  
**886**  
people pursuing theological education  
at Denver Seminary

**216** IDEAL and Urban Initiatives  
Headcount

## Master's-Level Enrollment


 **74%** PART-TIME (<9 HOURS)

 **26%** FULL-TIME (9+ HOURS)

 **52%** MALE


 **48%** FEMALE


 **58%** MARRIED


 **42%** SINGLE


## Enrollment by Degree


Master of Divinity  
 **33%**


Master of Arts Counseling (Licensure)  
 **27%**

Master of Arts Other  
 **23%**

Doctor of Ministry  
 **10%**

Non-degree Seeking  
 **4%**

PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision  
 **2%**

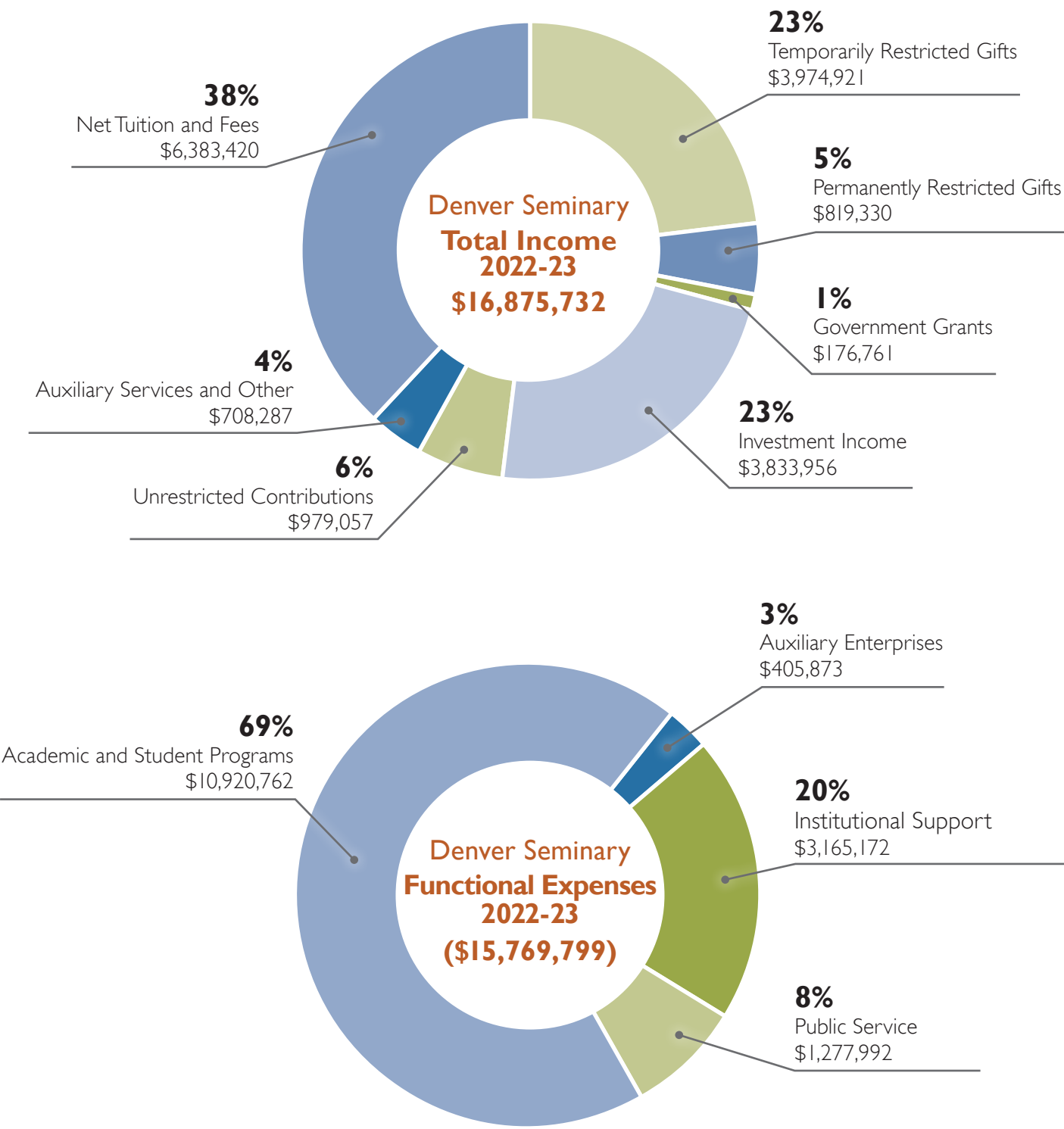
Master of Theology  
 **1%**



# REVENUE & EXPENSES

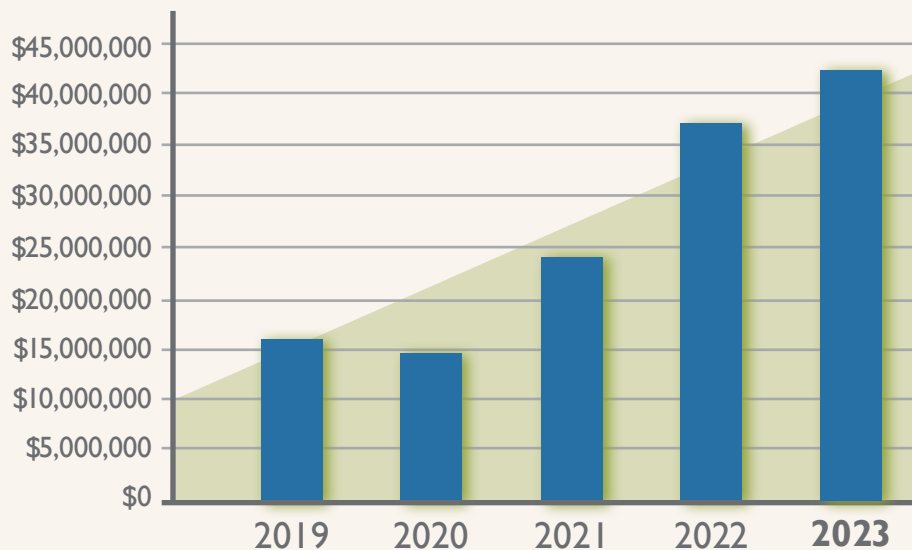
As a percentage of total income, tuition and fees represented 38%. Keeping this percentage down has offered our students a more affordable education. Temporarily restricted contributions and investment income represented the next largest segments of total income at 23% each.

The Seminary spends only 20% of its budget on institutional support, exhibiting a high level of efficiency and commitment to academic and student programs (69%).

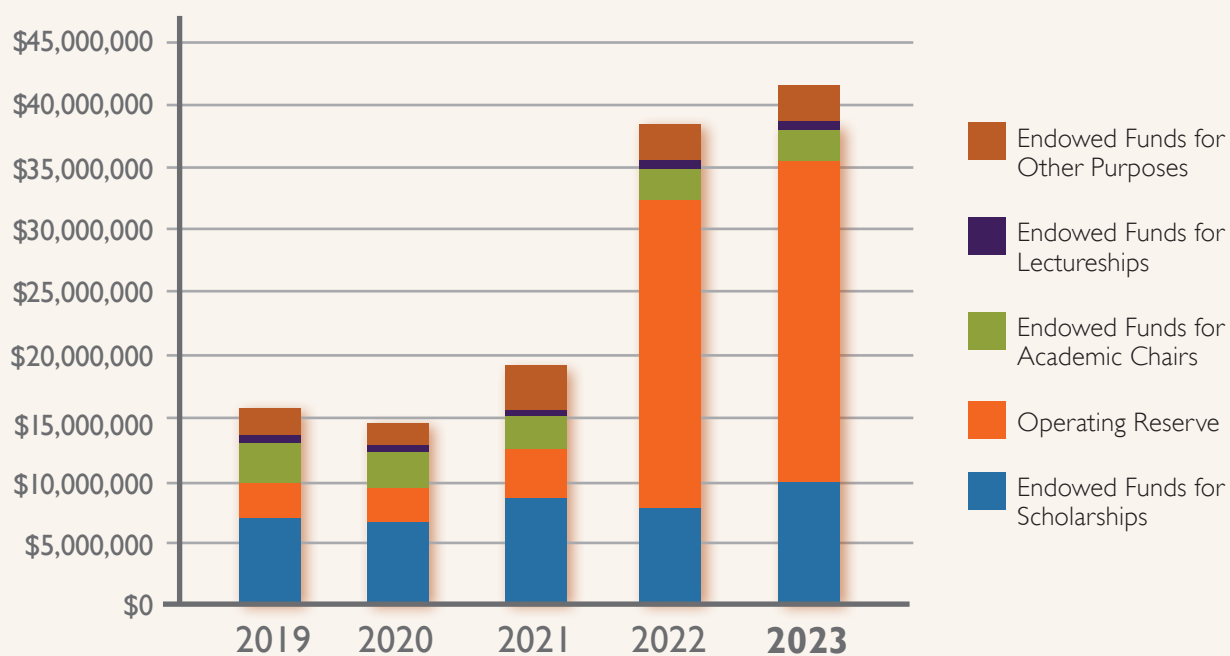


# ENDOWMENT GROWTH

## Denver Seminary Endowment Growth



## Composition of Denver Seminary Endowment

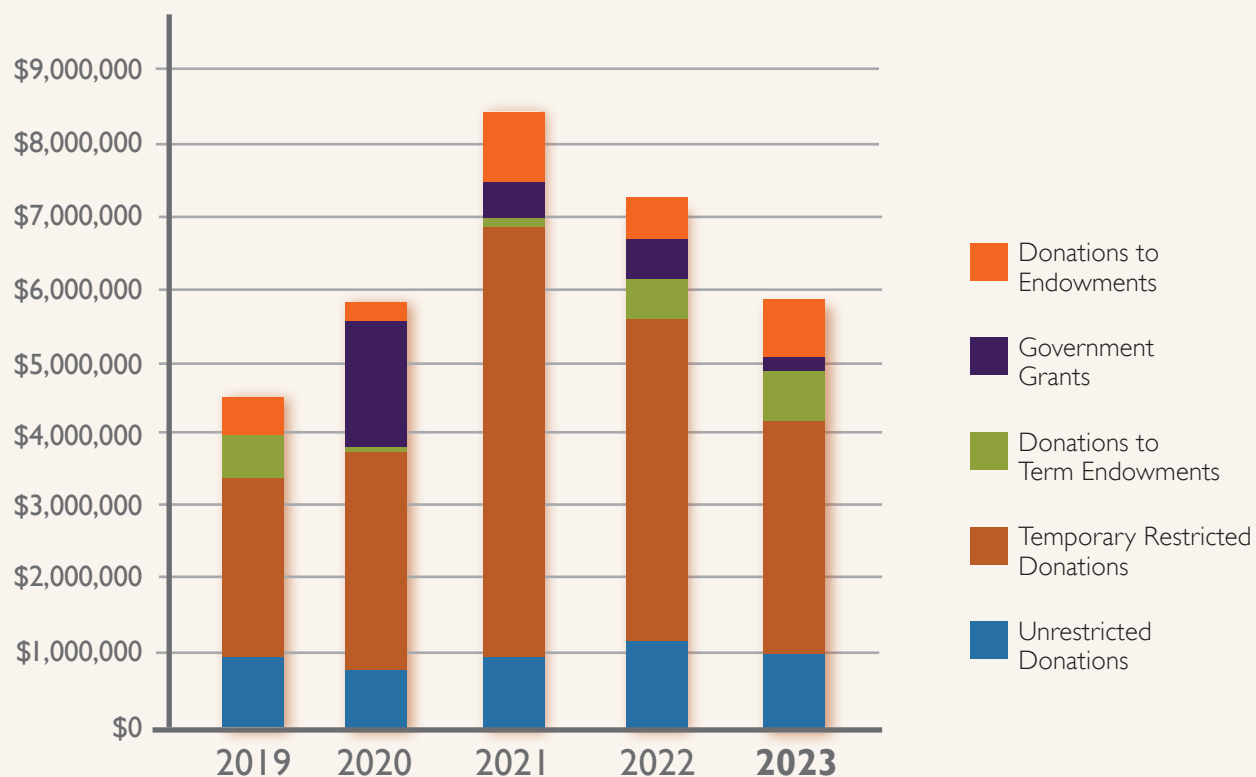




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# PROVIDING **RESOURCES**



## **THE** **GOSPEL INITIATIVE** DENVER SEMINARY

Denver Seminary continues to provide valuable resources to pastors, ministry leaders, students, alumni, donors, and the local and online community through The Gospel Initiative. In 2022-23, topics and guests included the following.

### **October 2022**

#### **The Church and Abortion**

Dr. Julie Hanlon Rubio, associate dean and professor of Christian social ethics, Santa Clara University

Dr. Andrew Walker, professor of Christian ethics and public theology, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

### **November 2022**

#### **Living as a Christian in a Secular Age**

Dr. Michael Bird, author and academic postgraduate coordinator and lecturer in theology at Ridley College

#### **Should a Christian Be an Environmentalist?**

Dr. Sandra Richter, the Robert H. Gundry Chair of Biblical Studies at Westmont College

### **January 2023**

#### **The Church and Immigration**

Dr. Danny Carroll, professor of biblical studies and pedagogy, Wheaton College

Professor Michelle Ferrigno Warren, advocate, author, and speaker; co-founder of Open Door Ministries

Dr. Alexia Salvatierra, academic dean of the Centro Latino at Fuller Theological Seminary

### **May 2023**

#### **The Church and Climate Change**

Dr. Rachel Lamb, Board member for A Rocha USA and Tearfund USA; founder of and senior advisor for the Young Evangelicals for Climate Action

Dr. Jessica Moerman, president and CEO, Evangelical Environmental Network

**TGI Resources:**  
**[DenverSeminary.edu/TGI](https://denverseminary.edu/TGI)**



#### **Dr. Patty Pell named Executive Director of The Gospel Initiative**

Dr. Patty Pell has assumed the role of executive director of The Gospel Initiative at

Denver Seminary. Alongside her role with The Gospel Initiative, Dr. Pell will continue as a full-time faculty member and director of the MA program in Theology, Justice, and Social Advocacy.



In Perspective panel discussions and the Engage360 podcast provide opportunities to regularly engage in a variety of conversations and topics that affect the Church today. The following are some of the panels and podcasts from 2022-23.

## DENVER SEMINARY **InPerspective:**

### **In Perspective Panel Discussions** **Sexual Abuse and the Church**

Panelists:

Kimberlee Norris, attorney and co-founder of MinistrySafe

Dr. Paula Tipton, associate professor of counseling

### **Pastoring Amid the Great Resignation**

Panelists:

Kyle Rohane, former managing editor at CTPastors.com, and writer

Dr. Craig Smith, lead pastor of Mission Hills Church

### **Old Testament God vs. New Testament God**

Panelists:

Dr. Darlene Seal, assistant professor of New Testament

Dr. Jim Greenberg, adjunct faculty, Old Testament

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### **Engage360 Podcasts**

#### **Episode 94: Finding Hope in Turmoil: Ministering to the US Senate**

Lisa Schultz, Denver Seminary alumna; chief of staff at U.S. Senate Chaplain's office

#### **Episode 117: Theology for Everyone**

Ellen Wildman, Denver Seminary alumna, author

#### **Episode 98: Frank Conversations: The Church and Suicide Prevention**

Dr. Adam Wilson, associate professor of counseling; program chair Dual Clinical Mental Health and School Counseling; chair, School counseling Mental Health Initiative

Michelle Gonzales, adjunct professor of counseling

#### **Episode 106: Understanding the History of Evangelicalism to Build Its Future**

Dr. Randall Balmer, historian, author

#### **Episode 107: Secularism and the Importance of Religious Freedom**

Dr. Michael Bird, author and academic postgraduate coordinator and lecturer in theology at Ridley College

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GIVING



## Grieving the Loss of a Friend

On Thursday, April 6, 2023, Board of Trustees member Sarah Johnson passed into the presence of Jesus. After a long journey with cancer, she passed at home with her husband, Roger, and their three children and five grandchildren at her side. Sarah lived with courage, faith, and grace, never allowing the cancer to define her final years. Her warmth and insight touched us all. We miss her dearly and grieve her passing.

If you would like to make a donation to the Sarah B. Johnson Endowed Scholarship, please visit [DenverSeminary.edu/SarahJohnson](https://denverseminary.edu/SarahJohnson).



## OUR MISSION

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Through our educational programs and mentoring process, the Seminary challenges students to grow spiritually, intellectually, and professionally, in order to lead God's people in the accomplishment of His mission in the world.

## OUR VISION

We are a seminary whose voice plays a greater role in shaping the identity and future of evangelicalism.

We are a seminary providing relevant, transformative theological education for a broader spectrum of God's people.

We are a seminary more profoundly shaped by the presence and voices of diverse communities.

We are a seminary with the resourcing needed to achieve annual growth in all key institutional indicators.

We are a seminary known for excellence in teaching, scholarship, formation, and governance.

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