





# PROBLEM

**Millions of Christians** aren't connecting the gospel to their daily lives and work...

**because**

...too many **pastors aren't equipped** to connect the gospel to what their people actually do all day.

## THE NEED

We need seminaries to **raise up church leaders** who connect faith to our daily work and our way of life.



# VISION

**A robust community of theological educators and schools** dedicated to raising up church leaders who help people develop **whole-life discipleship, fruitful work and economic wisdom** for God's people and God's world.

## WHO WE ARE

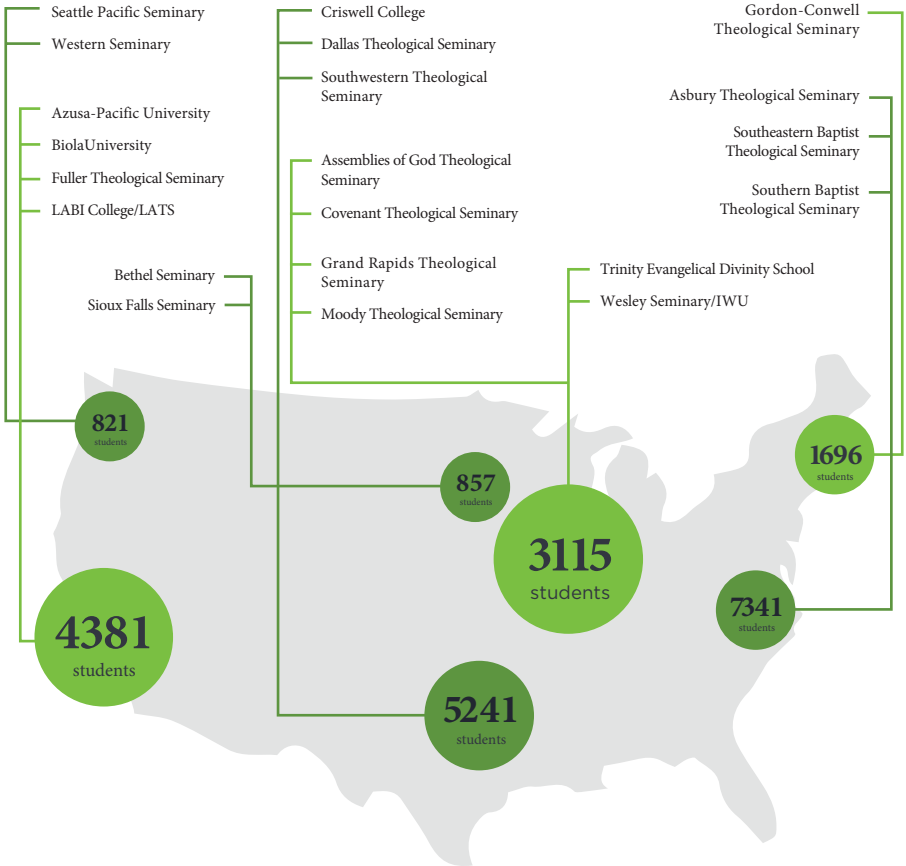
A network partnering with 21 evangelical theological schools, with **motivated faculty and administration support** at each school.

“The **essential**  
aspect of **work** is the  
**disposition**  
of the **heart** as much  
**as the effect**  
of the **labor.**”

— **JEREMIAH HINTON**  
SEATTLE PACIFIC SEMINARY



# SCHOOLS



Through events and resources, the Oikonomia Network is directly impacting:

**CLASSES**

**535**

every semester

**STUDENTS**

**9,300**

7,300+ in mandatory  
“core” courses

# 2019 ACTIVITIES

## KARAM FORUM

132

leaders

## EWP TALKS

839

students

## SYMPOSIA

47

leaders

## KARAM LABS

11

leaders

## NEWSLETTER

1259

subscribers

## BUDGET

\$350k

year





# WHAT WE BELIEVE

1. **True discipleship** to Christ in all of life
2. Living as stewards for **real flourishing**
3. Creating real **value for our neighbors** through our work
4. Working alongside the poor as **fellow stewards**
5. Meaning and purpose **beyond the church walls**
6. **Acting responsibly** to advance justice and mercy

For our full **Student Outcome Goals**,  
see: [OikonomiaNetwork.org](https://OikonomiaNetwork.org)

For our our resources on Economic  
Wisdom, see: [EconomicWisdom.org](https://EconomicWisdom.org)



# TESTIMONIES

“A movement is **coming together** like never before.”

**SAJAN MATHEWS**  
MOODY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

“It’s a value that we have inculcated across **all** our classes.”

**DARRELL BOCK**  
DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

“The Oikonomia Network has been able to **put into focus** what has been on the periphery for some time.”

**RODOLFO ESTRADA**  
LABI COLLEGE

“We started a **social entrepreneurship business competition** where students were encouraged to develop a business plan to address a social concern as well as create a profit.”

**JAY MOON**  
ASBURY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

“From my theology classes to Bible classes to spiritual formation to pastoral preparation – it’s **everywhere!**”

**GERRY BRESHEARS**  
WESTERN SEMINARY

“We’ve found the whole-life discipleship approach to just be **life-giving**. I mean, it’s the good news of the gospel, after all.”

**DONALD GUTHRIE**  
TRINITY EVANGELICAL DIVINITY SCHOOL

“Our **entire curriculum** now has material pertaining to money and stewardship built into every single discipline.”

**NATHAN HITCHCOCK**  
SIOUX FALLS SEMINARY



“We have reconfigured the M.Div. at our school so that the spine [is] four courses that each deal with **whole-life** discipleship.”

**SCOTT CORMODE**  
FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

“Students are **mentored** by somebody who’s doing ordinary work.”

**RICHARD LINTS**  
GORDON-CONWELL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

“The seminary has really been impacted by this... conversation that the network has started.”

**RANDY WALLS**  
ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

“In our **program introduction** seminar they get introduced to a theology of work.”

**DARRELL YODER**  
GRAND RAPIDS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

“We have a lot of classes that have been influenced by these themes. But there’s also an **implicit curriculum** that takes place outside the classroom.”

**JUSTIN IRVING**  
BETHEL SEMINARY

“They’re not doing the ministry while others sort of look on, or join them, but they’re **equipping** people for ministry.”

**KEN MAGNUSON**  
SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

“So much of the network is, well, networking! **I’ve been able to contribute, but I’ve learned** so much from different colleagues.”

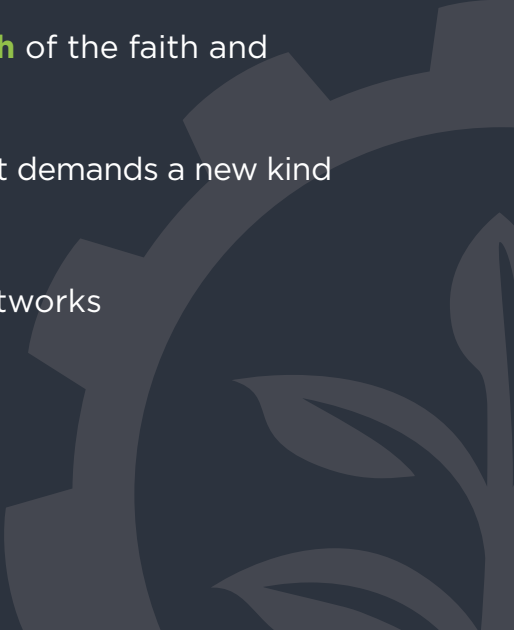
**KEITH REEVES**  
AZUSA-PACIFIC UNIVERSITY



## OBSTACLES

- **Complex** school governance
- **Traditionalism**
- Ivory tower **mentality**

## UNIQUE MOMENT

- “Burning platform” **disruption** of seminaries
  - **Explosive growth** of the faith and work movement
  - Cultural crisis that demands a new kind of **public faith**
  - The **power** of networks
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# GOALS

- Hire an ON associate director to stay on top of our growing activities
- Expand our new Karam Labs initiative, helping businesses and churches solve practical problems
- Build publication structures for long-term professional sustainability

# STRUCTURE

## SCHOOLS AND FACULTY

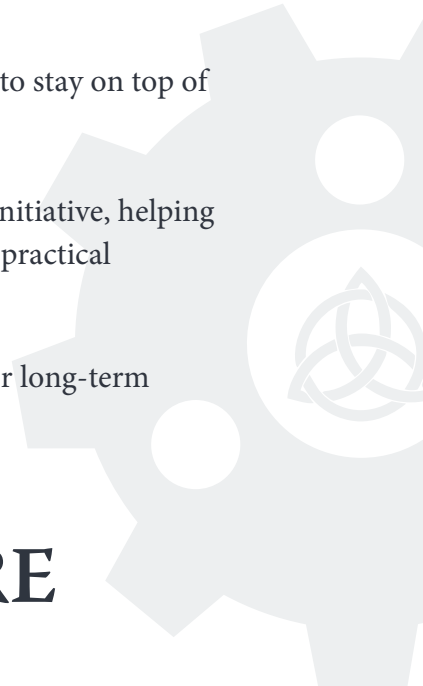
Faculty champion change at each school, with support from administration leadership

## LEADERSHIP

Steering committee stewards Oikonomia Network vision and strategy

## MANAGEMENT

Events and resources produced by the ON national office, located at Trinity International University



# WHAT WE DO

- Gather key seminary leaders at events to encourage, connect and equip them
- Resources for classrooms and churches, consulting services for organizations
- Start new conversations about faithfulness as a daily way of life in homes, workplaces and communities

## OUR NEEDS

### PRAYER

We trust the Lord for the fruit of our endeavor. We covet the prayers of all God's people toward this end.

### COLLABORATION

We know we can't walk alone. We're always looking for more people to learn from and collaborate with.

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The generous gift that has launched our network is strictly time-limited. We are looking for donors who share our vision.



# SUPPORT

## **\$1,000 GIFT**

Brings two faculty to our faculty retreat and Karam Forum, to be equipped and network

## **\$20,000 GIFT**

Covers the cost of a Karam Labs project, helping a business, church or Christian organization solve a practical challenge by connecting with the theological "big picture"

## **\$100,000 GIFT**

Covers the cost of Karam Forum, or the cost of launching a scholarly publication platform plus a year's salary for an ON associate director

## **\$350,000 GIFT**

Covers 100% of our existing operations for a full year, freeing us to grow and meet new opportunities!



# KARAM FORUM

A collaborative and catalytic two-day gathering. Leading scholars help theological educators train a new generation to follow King Jesus by loving their neighbors in their daily tasks in homes, workplaces, and communities, to help God's world flourish.

For more information see: [KaramForum.org](https://KaramForum.org)



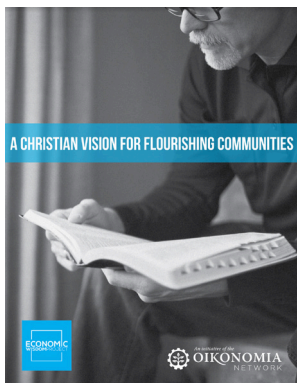


## ECONOMIC WISDOMPROJECT

The Economic Wisdom Project is a collection of publications and videos that invites Christians to wrestle with the complex issues of our ancient faith and the modern economy. Each year, EWP videos are assigned in classes with enrollment of 800+ students.

### THEMES

- Stewardship and Flourishing
- Value Creation
- Productivity and Opportunity
- Responsible Action



For the vision paper, short video talks from leading scholars, the *Economic Wisdom for Churches* book and much more see:

[EconomicWisdom.org](http://EconomicWisdom.org)

You can say **“oy-koh-noh-MEE-ah”** or **“oy-koh-NOH-mee-ah”**

Either way is fine!

What does our name mean? Visit: [OikonomiaNetwork.org](https://OikonomiaNetwork.org)