**Church & Entrepreneurship**

The primary focus...graduate students who think entrepreneurially.

Seminary students have lots of ideas to change the world...it is important to help them think through plans to put those ideas into practice and see them thrive.

Planning Process - Sioux Falls Seminary

- We are solving a problem - Framing a problem statement, identify a problem

- Innovation Process

- Industry Analysis

- Marketing Plan

- Financial Plan

- Implementation

Can we integrate this kind of thinking into entire program?  We think yes.  Sioux Falls Seminary will try a research project with 8 students in the fall that is outcome based.

Moody...Ministry Leadership Course

- Social Entrepreneurship Ventures are part of the course.

- Have launched a vocational stewardship track within ministry leadership program(4 courses)  One course...Integration of Faith and Work

CCDA - One of their tenants is that it should be church based.  Can we partner with organizations that are already doing this work.  Connecting our students to these partners.

Trinity - Chicago - churches are identifying people in their churches who want to start something. Students are going to partner with them.  Students gain experience and neighborhoods (and churches) are changed.  The goal is to equip churches.

Should we be working more with undergraduate programs to start the process earlier...difficult to do...seminary students come with varied backgrounds

Lawndale Community Church in Chicago is an example of a church modeling this well.  The church sees loving neighbors as its mission and community development flows out of that.

Do we need a distinction between program innovation and entrepreneurship?

End goal would be to connect people with the gospel and also provide them some skills to flourish.  Physical and Spiritual needs.

Whether you are in Chicago or Rural North Dakota skills need to be transferable.  How do we do community development in rural settings?  What does it mean to transform small communities.  Agribusiness...

Venture Capital

- Micro Finance...church based crowed funding?  How do we get ideas out to the community.  How do we train students to communicate vision in a way that invites people to be involved.  Money often follows vision.