

# PRESIDENTS FORUM

WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 16, 2022



FACILITATOR: PHILIP DEARBORN, PRESIDENT — ABHE

**Overview:** The role of president has become increasingly challenging considering internal and external realities. Join colleagues from other ABHE institutions to learn how to navigate the myriad of opportunities and challenges.

8:00 – 8:15

**Welcome & Instructions**

8:15 – 9:30

## **SESSION 1 — A PRESCRIPTION FOR LEADERSHIP BURNOUT (2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10)**

**PRESENTER:** BILL BLOCKER, PRESIDENT — COLLEGE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

**Overview:** Burnout — one of the biggest challenges facing leaders in biblical higher education today. Navigating the challenges of COVID-19, defending religious liberties, staff turnover, changing guidelines, plus daily operations, takes a toll on many leaders. Explore ways for leaders on the verge of burnout to be encouraged & empowered to reboot or be recharged, including . . .

- ▶ Grasping the mission/vision in light of your calling — Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done
- ▶ Recognizing the frank awareness of your current reality — identifying painful blind spots
- ▶ Applying proven leadership fundamentals — godly wisdom and biblical principles
- ▶ Cultivating servant leadership that ignites the power — how to refuel and retool
- ▶ Embracing the proper perspective and balance — God's pace = God's grace

9:30 – 10:15

**Refreshment Break — Regency Foyer**

10:15 – 11:45

## **SESSION 2 — REVERSING A CAMPUS TRAJECTORY FROM NEAR BANKRUPTCY TO DEBT FREE**

**PRESENTER:** PAUL ALEXANDER, PRESIDENT — TRINITY BIBLE COLLEGE

**Overview:** One of the most difficult assignments for a leader is to shift the mindset of an organization from surviving to flourishing. From financial concerns to an ethos of defeatism, flipping the culture takes hard work and persistent commitment.

- ▶ Best practices that build a positive trajectory forward for a college community
- ▶ Key characteristics necessary to build positive momentum
- ▶ What detractors work against forward progress?
- ▶ The importance of establishing a spiritual and relational campus ethos

12:00 – 1:00

**Buffet Lunch — Regency Foyer**

1:00 – 2:15

## **SESSION 3 — THE ROAD TO FLOURISHING**

**PRESENTER:** AL LOPUS, CEO & CO-FOUNDER — BEST CHRISTIAN WORKPLACES INSTITUTE (BCWI)

**Overview:** After years of testing and measuring the most significant factors affecting organizational flourishing, hear from the BCWI CEO's new book detailing the most salient insights from his research. Consider important lessons from institutions that are flourishing.

- ▶ The most compelling features of a flourishing institution
- ▶ Dynamics that build synergy and momentum
- ▶ The vital role of executive leadership – pros & cons
- ▶ Signposts on the road to flourishing – staying on course

2:15 – 3:00

**Refreshment Break — Regency Foyer**

3:00 – 4:15

## **SESSION 4 — LEADING INNOVATION**

**PRESENTER:** MARK PETTUS, PRESIDENT — HIGHLANDS COLLEGE

**Overview:** The future of biblical higher education is dependent on our capacity to lead innovative institutions. By nature, the academy has traditionally resisted innovation. But we serve an innovative God who has worked through the ages to accomplish His plan of redemption.

- ▶ Learn the keys to building a foundation that fosters a campus culture of innovation
- ▶ Identify the enemies that work against innovation
- ▶ Embrace managing the tension that comes with innovation and excellence
- ▶ Develop some initial steps that you can take now to lead innovation on your campus

4:15 – 4:30

**Wrap Up**

6:00 – 8:30

**CONNECTIONS DINNER — SAK COMEDY LAB — *Sponsored by Columbia International University***  
**Ballroom B/C/D**