

Presidents Forum

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Presidential Leadership for Strategic & Spiritual Impact

Overview: Presidents are watchmen on the walls of their institution. While keeping a keen hand on institutional operations, they must see what's coming, the changes that must be made and how to align with future realities. Hear clear voices that are watching our global culture and consider opportunities that could make a significant impact.



7:00 – 8:00 **Forum Breakfast — Regency Foyer**

8:00 – 8:15 **Welcome & Introductions**

8:15 – 9:30 **Session 1: Voices that Shape Us**

Presenter: Sam Chand, President Emeritus | Beulah Hights University (GA)

Helping leaders discern which voices to trust and which to ignore on their journey is a key leadership skill. Explore how the voices around us—mentors, critics, friends, and even our own—shape our decisions and define our direction. Leave with greater clarity on how to filter noise, elevate truth, and move forward with confidence.

- Knowing the power of voices – positive and negative
- Keeping your voices filtered – choosing wisely
- Bringing key voices closer – the enrichment of friends

9:30 – 10:15 **Refreshment Break — Regency Foyer**

10:15 – 11:45 **Session 2: Global Shifts — Kingdom Opportunities**

Presenter: Michael Ortiz, Executive Director | International Council for Evangelical Theological Education (TX)

The landscape of global theological education is shifting—marked by rapid growth in the Global South, increasing digital access and changing models of formal and nonformal theological education. What are the current trends, emerging challenges, and strategic opportunities for North American colleges to engage in global theological collaboration? Together, we'll consider how presidents can steward their influence to strengthen theological education worldwide for the sake of the Great Commission.

- Recognizing the global shifts around us
- Shift markers—technical, geographic, models
- Implications for collaboration—strategic opportunities

11:45 – 12:00 **A word from our Sponsor**

12:00 – 1:00 **Buffet Lunch — Regency Foyer**

1:00 – 2:15 **Session 3: Answering the Call: New Ways of Being for a New Moment**

Presenter: Greg Henson, President | Kairos Seminary (SD)

Schools across North America are facing a pivotal moment. There is an urgent need for pastoral leaders and the strain on the systems that once supported their formation is increasing every day. Rather than clinging to operational and educational philosophies in an effort to scale up, we must cultivate new ways of being that embrace entirely new approaches to everything from governance and strategy to programs and collaboration.

- Describe the key elements of a communal model of discipleship in higher education
- Identify ways academic and co-curricular departments can articulate their role in student formation
- Design strategies to integrate discipleship efforts across institutional contexts

2:15 – 3:00 **Refreshment Break — Regency Foyer**

3:00 – 4:15 **Session 4: Leading an Institution as a Spiritual Enterprise**

Presenter: Michael Pawelke, President | Briarcrest College and Seminary (SK)

The high calling of presidents in biblical higher education includes the distinctive nature of our institutions as fundamentally a spiritual enterprise. We're much more than just an institution of higher education. We promise spiritual transformation which calls for spiritual leadership. Explore the rich dynamics of this calling with a distinguished president including ...

- Presidential leadership as a calling – with influence over a spiritual enterprise
- Cultivating spiritual vibrancy on campus – casting a vision for student transformation
- Caring for faculty, staff and students as chief shepherd – anchored in prayer and Scripture
- Multiplying spiritual leadership – from the boardroom to the classroom

4:15 – 4:30 **Wrap Up**

6:00 – 8:30 **Connections Dinner — Ballroom B/C/D**

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