Denver Seminary

Lilly Endowment

Project: Addressing Economic Challenges Facing Future Ministers

Key Objectives:

* A feasibility study to consider the impact of reducing credit hours in the Master of Arts and Master of Divinity Programs
* Development of ministry partnerships that provide internship opportunities for students
* Creation of a diagnostic tool to enable Denver Seminary to positively impact student financial health

Activities to date:

* Internship partnerships have been established with 6 churches
* Recruiting has begun to add a Ministry Residency Coordinator to build and maintain internship relationships with churches and ministries in the Denver, Colorado area.
  + Initial objectives would have students placed in 30 ministries by June 30, 2015
* A research firm was retained to analyze the impact of reducing the number of credit hours within the MA and MDiv programs. The study was completed and is now being reviewed by the administration and faculty. It will serve as a consideration in potential curricular revisions and impact on student debt.

Resources:

* Denver Seminary graduates already serving in ministries are a positive example to prospective ministries and to students enrolled or considering Denver Seminary.
* Churches currently using Denver Seminary interns are strong advocates and they are willing to discuss their experience with others.

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