

Hope for the Future:

Congregational Flourishing within Churches of Christ

We all know that congregations in the United States are going through serious transitions. The loss of members, the shortage of ministers, and any number of other dynamics confront ministers and congregations with serious challenges for their future. Yet even in the midst of those challenges and transitions, there is also great opportunity for ministers and congregations to lean into the good work God has placed before them. Join representatives from the Siburt Institute for Church Ministry as they explore some of the places for hope and innovation that they see growing in congregations.



Carson Reed holds the Frazer Endowed Chair for Church Enrichment and is an associate professor of practical theology in the Graduate School of Theology. Additionally, he is the Director of the Doctor of Ministry program. He also serves the University as Vice President for Church Relations and is the Executive Director for the Siburt Institute for Church Ministry. Before coming to ACU in 2012, Carson served for thirty years as a senior minister in three congregations. Currently, along with colleagues in the Siburt Institute, Carson is engaged with interim preaching and consulting with dozens of churches in the areas of transition, renewal, and leadership. His research areas include practical theology, preaching, faith and culture, and congregational renewal. He and his wife, Vickie, have been married for 40 years and have 4 grown children.



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Monday, Nov. 13

10:00 Chapel

10:30-11:30 Session 1

11:30-12:15 Lunch in Cafeteria

12:30-1:30 Session 2



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