

Vernon C. Grounds Chair

Pastoral Ministry and Societal Ethics



Denver Seminary is building a transformational global community in partnership with the church to equip leaders for the 21st century to think biblically, live faithfully and lead wisely for a lifetime.

Since 1951, Dr. Vernon C. Grounds has provided counsel to leaders seeking answers to difficult ethical questions and care for pastors wrestling with these and other issues. His assistance to them has been rooted in the application of the Scriptures to the challenges of life. Through the completion of the Vernon C. Grounds Chair and the launching of the Grounds Center for Public Ethics (GCPE), Denver Seminary seeks to perpetuate the legacy of Dr. Grounds by hiring a professor and forming a set of programs that will perpetuate his passion that wise biblical counsel speaks to the pastoral and ethical dilemmas of today and tomorrow.

The professor selected to occupy this chair will wear the mantle of this great man and be chosen to exemplify the qualities that best describe Dr. Grounds. This professor's time will be focused on doing research and teaching in the classroom with Christian leaders in areas such as (but not limited to) pastoral care, philosophy of religion and theology, while also providing leadership and facilitating the programs of the GCPE, which targets community leaders worldwide. The GCPE will strategically enhance the Seminary's mission by equipping leaders who have positions of influence, preparing them to impact society and the world.

The Vernon C. Grounds Chair has been formed by Denver Seminary to ensure the continuity of our chancellor's commitment to pastoral ministry and societal ethics. As of June 30, 2007, the balance of the Vernon Grounds Endowed Chair was \$1,351,541. While we are excited that we have received pledges which should help this fund reach its \$2 million mark, we are continuing to invite people to make gifts until outstanding pledges are completed. If you would like to give to the Vernon C. Grounds Chair or learn more about endowment giving opportunities, please contact Brian Fort at 303-762-6924 or brian.fort@denverseminary.edu.

Here is no unanchored liberalism—

freedom to think without commitment.

Here is no encrusted dogmatism—

commitment without freedom to think.

Here is a vibrant evangelicalism—

commitment with freedom to think within the limits

laid down in Scripture.

-Dr. Vernon C. Grounds