



## Sangre de Cristo Seminary

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THE NEWSLETTER OF SANGRE DE CRISTO SEMINARY

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## Seminary's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Family Camp Event – **Mark your Calendar!**



### Sangre de Cristo Seminary 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – You Are Invited to Join us In Westcliffe!

- Thursday p.m. – Sunday a.m. – **Family Camp** \$275 per person (Includes lodging for 3 nights, 8 meals, Rec. Center)
  - Children 2 and under are free, Ages 3-5 are 50% off. Recreation Center Included.
  - Meals-only option - \$135 for all 8 meals. (Great for those staying in town, pre-registration required.)
- Friday – Campus visit, **Graduation Service** – featuring the 100<sup>th</sup> seminary graduate (Our graduate will preach).
- Saturday – Gatherings, free-time, **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Evening Banquet**
- Sunday – **Seminary Chapel Service** – 10:00 a.m. – all are welcome.

Sangre de Cristo Seminary officially came into existence in the fall of 1976. History buffs remember that Dwight and Paul Zeller, along with their wives Lois and Jean, homesteaded several hundred acres in rural Westcliffe, Colorado where they sought to plant a Christian Camp and Seminary. It is only fitting that we make use of the existing camp and seminary to celebrate this memorable anniversary.

Graduates, students (current and former), faculty & staff, chapel congregants, donors & prayer-warriors are invited to join us for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Lodging and meals are available, as indicated above, at the Sky Ranch at Horn Creek property which borders the seminary property to the south. We will begin to accept reservations for lodging and/or meals for the event (4 days, 3 nights, 8 meals) (sorry, no individual nights or meals) during January 2026. To get “**early-bird**” consideration, please notify us of your interest to participate by providing your name, number in family/group, phone, and email at [info@sdcseminary.org](mailto:info@sdcseminary.org). Act now as we anticipate filling up quickly!

### Can Your Help Us Find One of “the Twelve”?

The seminary has a goal of educating 12 full-time students in 2026. Can you think of a better way in which to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary than to have 12 students receiving a seminary education by next year? The Lord has provided 4 students who are already committed, but our classrooms are enlivened by up to a dozen! We are fully equipped for students in Colorado or live streaming. Will you pray for “the Twelve”? Especially, pray for up-and-coming college graduates who are ministry minded and/or mature adults eager to embark on a ministry career.





### Welcome our New Ministry Director

Jesse Smith, 2023 graduate of Sangre de Cristo Seminary, will join our Core Faculty in the Spring of 2026. He preached from II Kings 5:1-15 in the SdCS Chapel in early December. He and his wife, Cathy, have been blessed with 8 children. Jesse brings to us valuable experience as a pastor and teacher in both Christian and public schools. He will lead our chapel in ministry to the community and teach at the seminary.

### Auditor Earns Certificate in New Testament Greek ~ Entirely Online

John Hargreaves began studying at SdCS in the Fall of 2023 over Zoom from his home in New Mexico. He is a retired mechanical engineer from Los Alamos National Laboratory. John has enjoyed playing French Horn in the Black Mesa Brass Quintet (photo upper left). He never missed an online class and completed Introductory Greek, translated First John, and recently finished Greek Exegesis and Seminar as the class worked through the Book of James. It's amazing what he has accomplished in his seventies! What about you? Classes start up again in June!



### 2026 Summer and Fall Schedules Published

In this envelop you should receive a color-copy of our 2026 Course Schedules, complete with instructor photos and bios, dates, and brief course descriptions. Could you, perhaps, share it with one of "the Twelve" for whom you might be praying?



### Sangre de Cristo Seminary Represented at ARTS Meeting in Canada

The Association of Reformed Theological Seminaries (ARTS) met in Toronto, Canada just a few weeks ago. SdCS is among 9 accredited seminaries, alongside 15 affiliate seminaries, whose representatives convened for worship, business, education, and fellowship. Jim Johnson currently serves as the SdCS appointee to the ARTS Board. ARTS was recently recognized as an accrediting body by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). Their standards help us maintain a high caliber of quality seminary education. CHEA is a non-governmental association that fosters higher education accountability.

### Year-End Donations are Being Accepted

One of Sangre de Cristo Seminary's objectives is for each student to graduate and answer their ministry calling with no seminary debt. For years, we have been able to accomplish that goal, but only through the generosity of our donors. Won't you help us carry on with this tradition? Please consider the following options in making a tax-deductible donation:

- Credit card gifts online – visit: [www.sdcseminary.org/giving](http://www.sdcseminary.org/giving)
- Bank-to-bank transfer – contact us by phone or email addresses at the top of this newsletter.
- Check through the mail – to the address at the top of this newsletter.
- Stock, Mutuals, or RMD – gifts of Mutual Funds, Stocks, or 401K or IRA Required Minimum Distributions.
  - Contact us by phone or at the email address listed above with any questions you might have.

*Your prayers and donations would be greatly appreciated.*

May the Lord bless you and yours,

*Andrew & Beth Ann Zeller*

*Jim & Helen Johnson*

*Jesse & Cathy Smith*

*Lois Zeller*



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