

## REDEEMER SEMINARY PROFILE

*(This is a very abbreviated overview of our commitments. For a fuller version, please contact the Seminary.)*

*Redeemer Seminary exists to provide graduate theological education and spiritual formation to prepare men and women for diverse Church and Kingdom callings and to bring the Redeemer's Word and presence to the peoples and the cultures of the world.*

Redeemer Seminary's Board, Faculty, Administration provide excellent graduate level theological education that fulfills the following imperatives:

### *Look Up to the Exalted Redeemer.*

In our community, the gospel is not only taught, but also loved. Those who teach and those who learn of the wonder of the cross and resurrection are to live in that wonder.

*Look Back to the Creeds Which, Under the Greater Authority of the Scriptures, Express the Redeemer's Person and Work.*

Redeemer Seminary is gladly bound to the authority of the Word of God that is summarized in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms.

### *Look Deep to the Gospel's Power to Change Student's Hearts.*

Redeemer Seminary is committed to the spiritual formation of its students:

- **Devotion** - so that holy affection for and communion with the Lord would mark each graduate
- **Integration** - so that each student reflects upon and applies the gospel's grace and power to meet the deepest of personal needs
- **Vocation** - so that each student may understand his/her vocational calling, both within the Church and in society.

### *Look Out to Equip Students to Be Competent In Their Callings.*

Students at Redeemer are to master the academic disciplines and the practical skills necessary for effective, winsome pastoral and Kingdom ministries.

*Look Forward to Creative and Efficient Methods of Delivering Redeemer Seminary's Education.*

The Seminary will seek to maximize its stewardship of resources by not owning property but going to Houston, Austin and San Antonio with seminary extensions in leased quarters. Seminary funding will therefore go primarily to scholarship students at significant levels.



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## C O N V O C A T I O N

*Pronunciation:* \,kän-və-'kā-shən\ *Function:* Noun *Date:* 14th century

*Etymology:* Middle English, from Middle French & Latin; Middle French, from Latin convocation-, convocatio, from convocare

*Definition:* 1: a ceremonial assembly of members of a college or university

## R E D E E M E R

*Pronunciation:* \-'dē-mər\ *Function:* Noun *Date:* 15th century

*Etymology:* LME redemen, MFr redimer, L redimere, re(d)-, back + emere, One who gets, buys, IE base \*em-, takes, Lith imù, OSlav imŏ, takes

*Definition:* 1: One who buys back

2: One who pays off (a mortgage or note)

3: One who sets free by paying a ransom

4: One who delivers from sin and its penalties,

as by a sacrifice made for the sinner, especially capitalized: Jesus

## S E M I N A R Y

*Pronunciation:* \,se-mə-,ner-ē\ *Function:* Noun *Date:* 1542

*Etymology:* Middle English, seedbed, nursery, from Latin seminarium, from semin-, semen seed

*Definition:* 1: a place where something develops, grows, or is bred

2: a school

3: a school or college where persons are trained to become priests, ministers, or rabbis



*The Greek says, "Be Reconciled to God" from II Corinthians 5.20*



# CONVOCATION

February 16, 2009

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HYMN NO. 701 *Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It*

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INTRODUCTION OF TIM KELLER Skip Ryan

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*Senior Minister,*  
*Redeemer Presbyterian Church, New York*

HYMN NO. 263 *Lift High the Cross*

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