

# THINKING ABOUT THE FUTURE OF YOUR CHURCH: SCENARIO PLANNING POST-PANDEMIC

# AN ONLINE CLASS

# **DATES**

Nov. 9 - Dec. 11, 2020

### **OVERVIEW**

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This course has three primary learning outcomes:

- 1. To gain a basic understanding of the key concepts in scenario planning.
- 2. To practice some of the techniques and methods of scenario planning.
- 3. To explore the link between scenario planning and strategic planning.

# **INSTRUCTOR**

**Jim Downey** is a senior strategy consultant for Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He most recently served as the vice president for planning and institutional effectiveness at PTS as part of a 30-year career in higher education.

Jim consults with colleges, universities, and non-profit organizations and teaches various online courses, including introductory physics. He also works with the Society of College and University Planning as a professional development facilitator. Additionally, Jim is active in a variety of capacities including anti-racism work as both a workshop facilitator and presenter and serving on the board of Bridge to the Mountains, a non-profit assisting people through street medicine and related services. Jim holds a graduate degree in nuclear physics from the Air Force Institute of Technology and a doctorate in aerospace engineering from the University of Illinois. He also was a fellow at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Jim has broad background in national security policy, systems thinking, organizational theory and culture, change management, strategic & facilities planning, higher education administration, and institutional effectiveness.

# REGISTRATION



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Registration is limited to 15 students.

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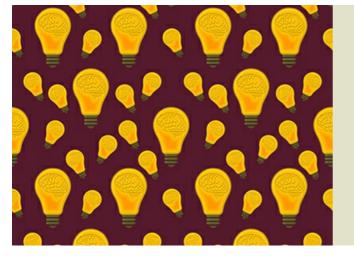
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