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# 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



The fee for this class is \$100. Registration deadline: Oct. 25, 2020.

Registration is limited to 15 students.

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