

Scott...Trinity Evangelical Divinity School



What a blessing SMI has been in my life!!

Entering seminary, **I was challenged as to how I would be able to go to school, continue serving in ministry and work to provide for my family at the same time.** Then, a neighboring seminary student introduced me to SMI. SMI provided the perfect avenue for me to complete a seminary degree while working 25

hours per week earning a wage competitive enough to pay the bills such that I graduated without going into debt for our living expenses.

But the benefit wasn't just financial. I was greatly enriched professionally by the mentoring relationships required by the SMI program. Under SMI's direction, I forged significant relationships that have no doubt impacted the health of the church I currently serve by their investment in my spiritual growth and ministry skills.

I have been personally impacted by SMI's outstanding staff who are passionate about future leaders in ministry and who are devoting their lives to making a difference at one of the most crucial times in the lives of the people most crucial to the advancement of the Gospel.

Without healthy, prepared, skilled leaders of exceptional character, the church will not be effective in its mission.

SMI is on the front lines of investing in these leaders now
while they are preparing to lead.

**I would not be the pastor I am today
without the multi-faceted influence of SMI.**