



AZUSA PACIFIC

Azusa, California

Dean School of Theology

MISSION STATEMENT

“Azusa Pacific University is an evangelical Christian community of disciples and scholars who seek to advance the work of God in the world through academic excellence in liberal arts and professional programs of higher education that encourage students to develop a Christian perspective of truth and life.”



Azusa Pacific University, one of the nation’s leading evangelical Christian universities, seeks an experienced administrative leader who understands both the academic environment and the importance of serving the University’s constituents effectively as Dean of its School of Theology. The Dean reports directly to the Provost and also works closely with the President and the Board of Trustees. In addition to serving as the chief administrator of the School of Theology, providing direction for its undergraduate and graduate programs, the Dean is at the center of the strategic and long-range planning of the University.

The Dean sustains the School’s commitment to preparing men and women to provide effective, practical ministry in the church and in the world by ensuring a collaborative, inclusive and engaged learning environment that emanates from the Wesleyan theological tradition. The Dean needs to be a thoughtful, evangelical leader, who values and embraces a culture of respect for diversity, student-centered services, church and community engagement, and student-faculty mentoring. This leader must have a love for the church and an understanding of its redemptive mission.



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collaborative leadership in working with faculty, staff and university administrators to develop, plan and implement programs, projects and initiatives that adhere to the budget and the goals of the School.



As a noted scholar who exemplifies the School's commitment to theological scholarship, the Dean will be a respected and authentic contributor to theological discussions within the national academic community. In addition, the leader will have a thorough understanding of the local church, along with a heartfelt commitment to pastoral ministry.

Azusa Pacific University

Azusa Pacific University is a comprehensive, evangelical, Christian university, located 26 miles northeast of Los Angeles. The University has been recognized as one of *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best Colleges" for six years running, and its graduates are known for professional excellence, the highest ethical standards, and their desire to make a difference in the world.

Azusa Pacific has garnered national attention in several areas over the past year. *Diverse Magazine* recognized Azusa Pacific for being 18th among the nation's 3,500 colleges and universities in the number of Latinos earning master's degrees. The University's Service Learning Program was named to the U.S. President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. Azusa Pacific recently acquired five Dead Sea Scroll fragments, becoming only the third institution of higher education to own original fragments.

With a total enrollment of more than 8,500 students on campus and online, APU offers 60 areas of undergraduate study, 26 master's degree programs and seven doctorates. In addition to its campus in Azusa, the University has seven regional centers throughout southern California.

A leader in the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, APU is committed to God First and to God-honoring excellence in higher education. The institution expects its employees to model Christ-centered values in

Responsibilities

The Dean will embody first a clear commitment to following Jesus Christ and will reflect the theological traditions of the School. Inspiring excellence in others, this senior leader will need broad administrative experience, a commitment to academic excellence, theological scholarship, and a passion for teaching.

A proven team-builder, the Dean will have the competence to plan and implement a comprehensive budget. The visionary leader will set the course of academic programs and strategies that will address the needs of the church for the next decade. The administrator also will provide



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their lives. The University is regionally accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

The School of Theology

The School of Theology is an expansion of an institution that began in 1899 with the formation of the Training School for Christian Workers. The School continues its firm commitment to preparing men and women for ministry in the church, whether as lay persons or as ordained professionals.

With a total enrollment of 527 students, the School of Theology offers more than 15 undergraduate and graduate academic programs. The undergraduates are served through the School's Division of Religion and Philosophy, with graduates programs taught through its C.P. Haggard Graduate School of Theology.

The Division of Religion and Philosophy

The School's Division of Religion and Philosophy offers majors in philosophy, theology, and Christian ministry. Faculty members equip students for Christian seminary, church and para-church ministry management, and Christian educational ministry.

In addition to serving the 202 students majoring in its programs, the Division of Religion and Philosophy teaches all the University's 3,700 undergraduates as they complete the required coursework in the core curriculum.

The C.P. Haggard Graduate School of Theology

Master's and doctorate programs are available through the C.P. Haggard Graduate School of Theology. Five graduate degree programs provide a depth of church and theological expertise and wide range of resources to students:

- Master of Divinity
- Master of Arts in Theological Studies
- Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies
- Master of Arts in Youth Ministry
- Doctor of Ministry

In addition to the programs on the Azusa campus, the C.P. Haggard Graduate School of Theology offers programs at the University's centers in Los Angeles, Orange County, San Bernardino and San Diego and has specialty programs for students who are Korean and Hispanic. Within the School are the Free Methodist Center and the Friends Center that help equip men and women to serve in ministry in those theological traditions.

The C.P. Haggard Graduate School of Theology is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools. Its next comprehensive evaluation is scheduled for 2016.

Library Resources

Located in the School of Theology is the James L. Stamps Theological Library which houses the print collections in



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the areas of Biblical studies, theology, philosophy, church history, and ethics. Two other main campus libraries complement these collections. The wireless campus also provides thousands of licensed electronic resources as well as access to over 25 million print books from various consortia through a centralized courier service.

The Dean of the School of Theology will have:

- A strong theological commitment to the Wesleyan tradition, with an absolute commitment to the church
- An understanding and appreciation for the theological traditions and mission and how they relate to the University's Christ-centered mission
- The ability and confidence to develop new relationships and nurture present ones that support the School's vision, mission, and goals
- A clear understanding of and unwavering commitment to church ministry and the preparation of ministers to serve the church
- Exceptionally effective communication skills, both oral and written, especially in articulating a conservative evangelical Biblical stand on issues
- Successful financial leadership and management experience, especially in administering a complex operating budget, that demonstrates entrepreneurial and resourceful approaches
- The ability to lead collaboratively in a manner that provides a supportive, responsive working and learning environment for faculty, staff and students
- The ability to find common ground among diverse views



of gender, ethnicity or nationality, who hold Jesus as Lord and the Bible as true

About Azusa, California

Azusa is located in the County of Los Angeles, situated 26 miles northeast of Los Angeles, and nestled against the San Gabriel Mountain foothills. This urban city has a population of approximately 45,000.

Azusa Pacific University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, or status as a veteran in any of its policies, practices or procedures. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Referrals and Applications

Referrals, letters of interest and applications, including a cover letter and resume, should be submitted to **AzusaPacific@myersmcræ.com**.

Confidential inquiries are invited.

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- A leadership style that enhances the connectedness of the School to the other schools and units of the University as well as the broader church community
- A commitment to diversity that embraces all Christ-followers, regardless