

2025-2027 CAMPAIGN VISION GUIDE

STRENGTHENING

Presence

MULTIPLYING

Potential



CONSORTIUM
of CHRISTIAN
STUDY CENTERS



*It is the glory of God to conceal things, but
the glory of kings is to search things out.*

—Proverbs 25:2



*At the Consortium of
Christian Study Centers
we're advancing
thoughtful Christian
presence at secular
universities across
North America and
beyond.*

HERE'S WHY →

Today's students face a crisis in Christian spiritual formation.



A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Biblical illiteracy, cultural headwinds, and the “de-churching” of Gen Z all combine to create a crucial need for new ways forward for Christian presence on campus.

A NEW MODEL

The Consortium's member centers are putting down roots—and putting up buildings. We go beyond previous models of ministry by creating hubs of hospitality, communities of practice, and partnerships with the broader university communities we inhabit.

Christian Study Centers are nothing less than a new model of Christian higher education.

The Consortium gathers, unifies, and serves other stakeholders in the campus ministry space. In this way, we serve as a force multiplier for impacting students, scholars and the world of higher education.

→ Will you join us?

“If you had asked us a year ago whether one could bring a truly distinct Christian organization to Texas A&M, we would have said, ‘Absolutely not—if it’s Christian, it’s already here, and being done well to boot.’ That is why we were so caught off guard by the Christian Study Center movement. We were convicted by the fact that A&M is the largest R1 University in the nation, with the largest Christian Faculty Network in the nation, and yet somehow we have no university-facing Christian organization dedicated to either the proliferation of Christian knowledge or the gospel-forward integration of Christian faculty with students.”

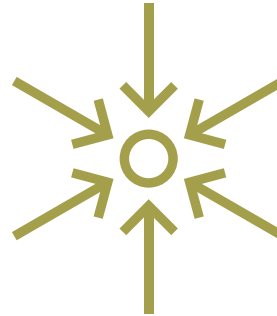


WILL HARRIS
SHILOH SOCIETY,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY



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Support and fortify existing centers to help them more effectively serve their campuses for the long-term.

We do this by:

→ Sharing best practices

→ Developing leadership

→ Acquiring talent

"As a new study center director, the Consortium has played a vital part in my onboarding and transition to this role. ...Hill House has participated in the pilot program with a Consortium consultant during our transition and relaunch of the study center. ...The counsel during this process and work together with the Consortium has made many otherwise daunting tasks feel quite seamless."



BILL WALKER
HILL HOUSE CHRISTIAN STUDY CENTER,
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN





Animated by the Past to *Meet the Present*

Creating gathering places for students and scholars animated by the ancient ideal of *faith seeking understanding*.

Eighty percent of Christian students attend secular universities, where they have little opportunity for distinctly Christian learning and formation. As little as **1% of faculty members** at 40 leading universities are Christians.¹ Meanwhile, parents and pastors have been displaced by a digital Babylon of screens as the primary agents of moral and spiritual formation.²

Christian Study Centers are rising to serve a generational need for Christian students and faculty who live and lead with a thoughtful faith.

*For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven.
—Ecclesiastes 3:1*

1: Veritas Forum, 2013.

2: David Kinnaman, Mark Matlock, Faith for Exiles: 5 Ways for a New Generation to Follow Jesus in Digital Babylon. (Baker Books, 2018)



"Chesterton House was the first time that I ever encountered a living community that charitably listens and honestly seeks the truth. The Logos Seminar course sparked my curiosity about Christianity's deep intellectual tradition and helped me see who I am in relation to God."

LYDIA, STUDENT AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY & CHESTERTON HOUSE RESIDENT



Serving at the *Intersection* of Church & University

→ HOW WE DO IT



Annual Meeting

Our signature service to member centers, the Annual Meeting is designed to advance the work of existing and nascent centers alike. Meeting participants also enjoy multiple keynote presentations as well as networking and many informal conversations that take place between sessions.



Internship Program

The Consortium recruits recent college graduates each year to serve onsite at member centers. The rigorous training provides a transformational experience for these young adults and is already building a pipeline of future center staff.



Prayer Initiative

The Consortium prays weekly for donors and center staff, and facilitates regular prayer by and for member centers via email.



Coaching

Without support, almost half of study centers fail. The Consortium provides coaching and expertise to help centers thrive.

“Without the Consortium, directing a study center would be, in my view, a far more challenging and isolating experience. The community the Consortium gathers and empowers is indispensable.”



MIKE SACASAS, CHRISTIAN STUDY CENTER OF GAINESVILLE, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Strategic Goals & Targets

Support existing study centers to ensure they deliver sustainable, scalable impact geared to long-term success, as measured by:

- 3-5 full-time employees
- Sustainable partnership base
- Diverse programming following observed best practices
- Serving multiple constituencies on their campus
 - Undergraduate and graduate students
 - Faculty and university administration
 - Ministry partners

Initiatives to Pursue

- ☐ Build a talent pipeline of future Center directors and staff
- ☐ Provide executive leadership and Board training
- ☐ Deliver fundraising training and systems support
- ☐ Systematically evaluate Center impact and influence

Ongoing Operations
3 Year Cost:

\$1,822,500

New Initiatives
3 Year Cost:

\$490,000

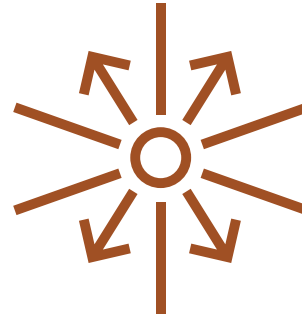
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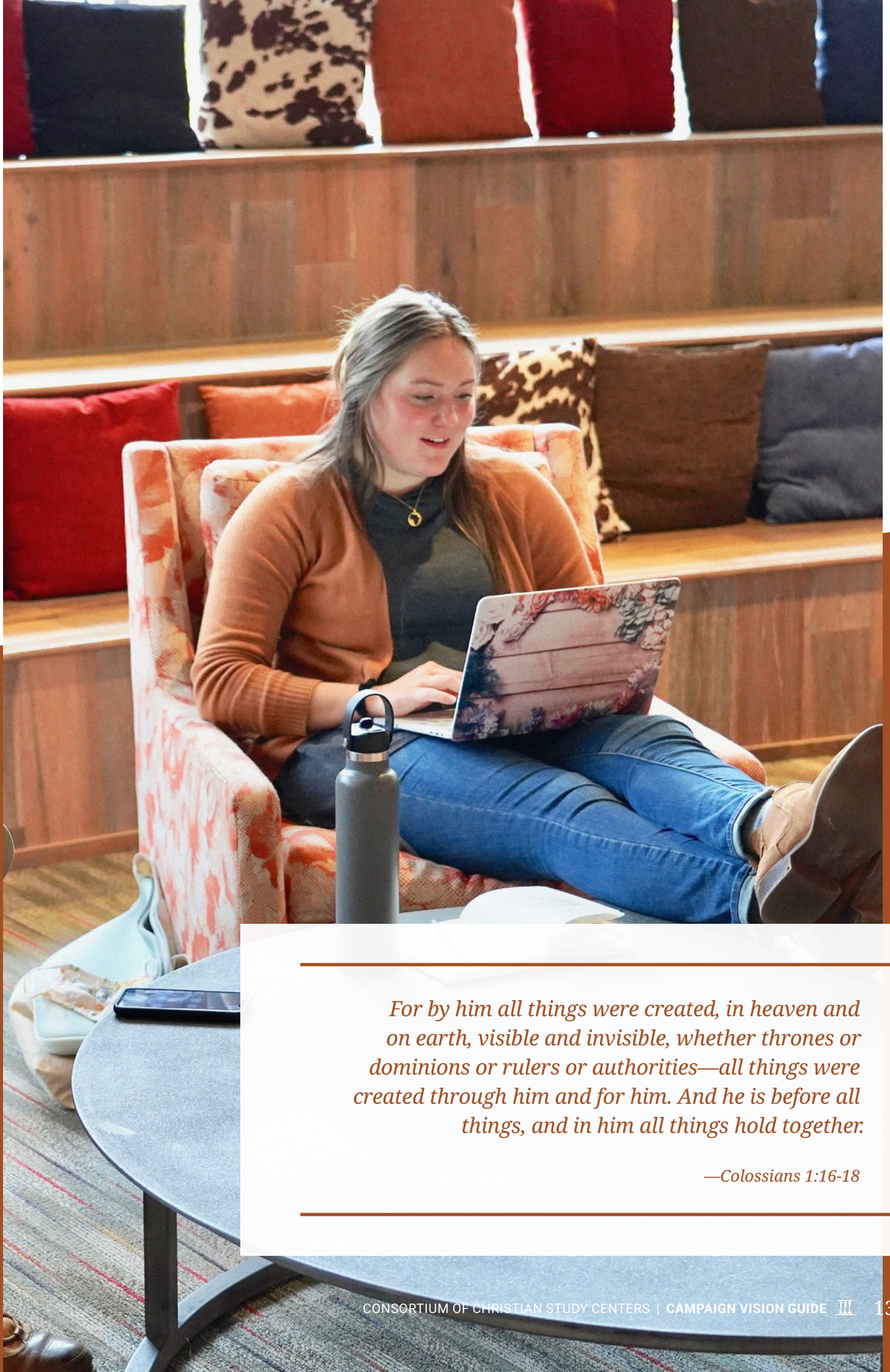
Launch and grow
new centers on more
campuses to multiply impact.

We do this by:

→ Raising awareness

→ Offering campus-specific startup consultation

→ Coaching local leadership

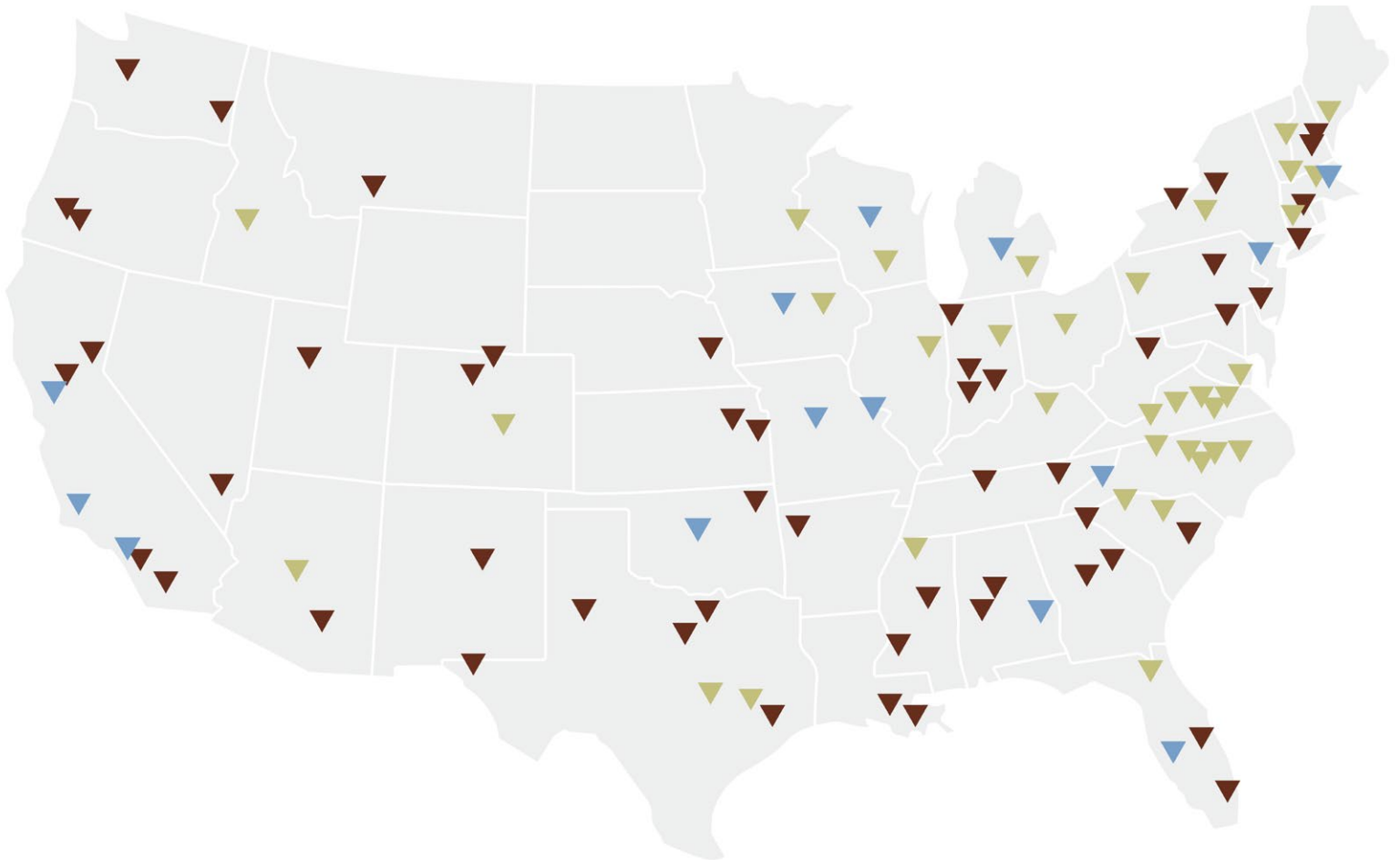


For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

—Colossians 1:16-18



*Imagine 100 centers across
the United States and beyond.*



STUDY CENTERS NOW + FUTURE

Colleges & Universities Where
Consortium Members Exist Today →

- ▼ Current Centers
- ▼ Centers in Process
- ▼ Possible Future Centers

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY
Arizona Center for Christian Studies ▼

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY
Alcuin Study Center ▼

BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY
Biblical Studies Center ▼

BOWDOIN COLLEGE
The Joseph & Alice McKeen Study Center ▼

COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY
Cambridge House Christian Study Center ▼

CORNELL UNIVERSITY
Chesterton House ▼

DARTMOUTH UNIVERSITY
The Wheelock Society ▼

DUKE UNIVERSITY
Center for Christianity & Scholarship ▼

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
East Carolina Study Center ▼

FIVE COLLEGES - AMHERST AREA
C.S. Lewis Study Center ▼

FURMAN UNIVERSITY
Mere Christianity Forum ▼

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
The Augustine Fellowship ▼

HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE &
LONGWOOD UNIVERSITY
The Schaeffer Center for Christian Study ▼

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
Octet Collaborative ▼

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY
The Study Center at NC State ▼

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
Carmen House Christian Study Center ▼

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Shiloh Society ▼

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT COLORADO SPRINGS
Nicaea Study Center ▼

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
Christian Study Center of Gainesville ▼

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN
Pascal Study Center ▼

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
Geneva ▼

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
Lewis House ▼

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Michigan Christian Study Center ▼

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
Anselm House ▼

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
Oxford Lodge ▼

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL
North Carolina Study Center ▼

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
Beatrice Institute ▼

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
South Carolina Study Center ▼

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
Hill House ▼

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
Center for Christian Study ▼

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MADISON
Upper House ▼

VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY
Scholé House ▼

VIRGINIA TECH
Bradley Study Center ▼

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY
The Study Center at Wake Forest ▼

YALE UNIVERSITY
Rivendell Institute ▼

OUR FIRST INTERNATIONAL CENTER:
TRINITY CHURCH OF YORK, UNITED KINGDOM
Saviourgate Christian Study Centre ▼

See a case study of how →



Multiplying the Movement

The Michigan Christian Study Center, launched in 2022, illustrates how the Consortium helps new centers get started.

A hub of authentic community for today—and tomorrow.

The center began as the dream of Rick Ostrander, who reached out to Consortium Director Karl Johnson for advice and guidance. Rick and Karl's efforts in 2021 blossomed into a 10-person steering committee and, in 2022, a fully functioning board. Within just two years, the center launched with Rick as Director, a robust slate of programming, and the purchase of a facility!

The facility, located adjacent to campus in an historic building, sees dozens of students and faculty daily. The center is a bustling hub that enriches the University of Michigan by providing a place of authentic community that connects Christian faith and academic life.

Today, the Michigan Christian Study Center is already operating with a larger staff and annual operating budget than more than half of the current member centers. The steering committee worked to identify key alumni partners *prior to launching* (the reverse of the strategy used by many centers in the past), thereby ensuring a solid support base before implementing programs. Identifying the correct Executive Director is also an important aspect of the process as someone with an entrepreneurial spirit is vital to the center's success.

With over 50,000 students, the University of Michigan is a strategic institution for the growth of the study center movement.

“The Consortium of Christian Study Centers has been essential in the creation and ongoing development of the Michigan Christian Study Center. Indeed, I think it’s safe to say that without the Consortium, and Karl Johnson’s guidance specifically, our center would not exist.”

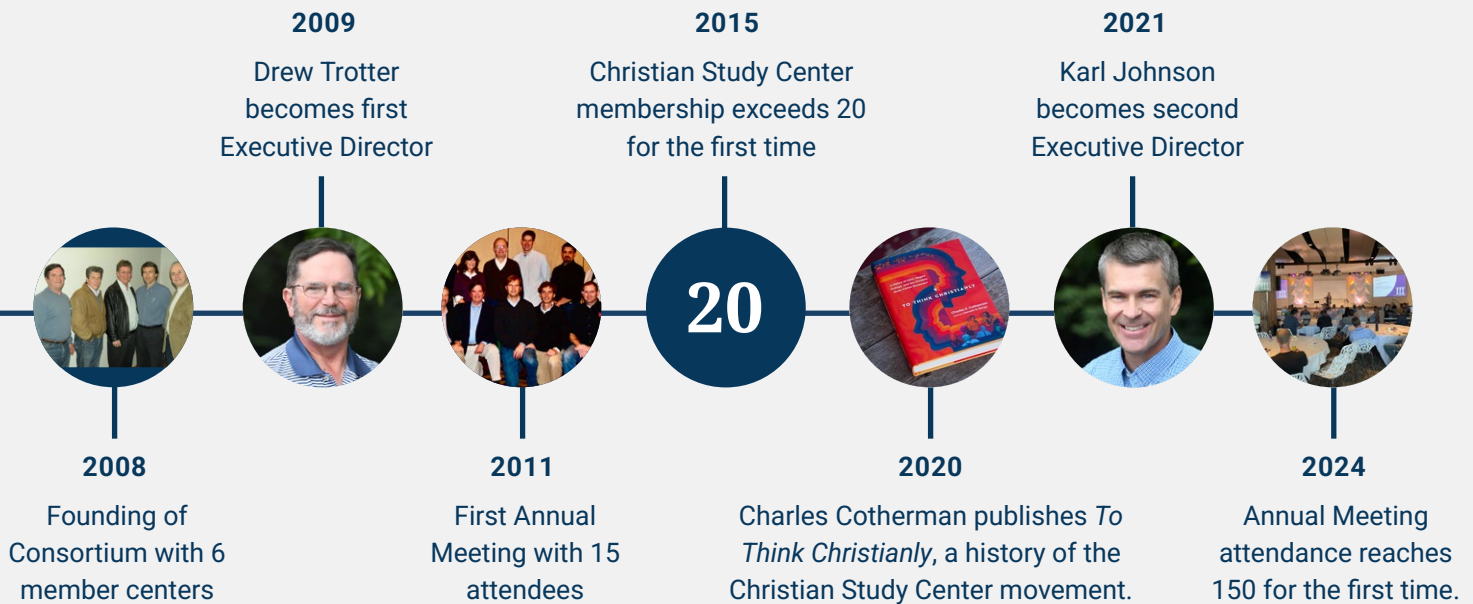


RICK OSTRANDER, MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN STUDY CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN





Building on a Solid Foundation to *Accelerate* Growth



Strategic Goals & Targets

- Launch 25 new Centers by 2029
- 20 additional Centers in the pipeline
- Focus on large, top-ranked public and private universities

Initiatives to Pursue

- ☐ Priority list of campuses for proactive engagement
- ☐ Campus-specific consultations, recognizing each institution's unique needs
- ☐ Toolkit, programming templates and pro-forma budgets to support launch

Ongoing Operations
3 Year Cost:
\$202,500

New Initiatives
3 Year Cost:
\$985,000

Total Project Cost
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\$1,187,500

Potential Impact by 2035

60+

New centers created to serve university communities via a sustained Christian presence



100k

Students from all faith backgrounds engaged annually on big questions of faith and relevance of Christianity to all of life



75k

Meals served annually, showing Christ's hospitality for the university and community



25k

Students engaged annually in recurring Bible studies and/or public scripture reading



15k

Faculty engaged annually via discussions and roundtable events



2.5k

Student fellows annually, committed to long-term, whole-life discipleship within intentional Christian community

Bringing the *Vision* to Life



"I support the Consortium for the same reason I supported the first Christian Study Center (at UVA) some 50 years ago. I have observed how these organizations are spiritual game changers. The Consortium facilitates the development of these centers and increases their success by sharing best practices. I hope what happened at UVA occurs '100 Fold' (Matthew 13:23) at colleges and universities around the country."

KENNETH G. ELZINGA IS THE ROBERT C. TAYLOR PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

→ **Drew & Marie Trotter Long-Term Fund**

In 2025, the CCSC governing board established this fund to recognize Drew and Marie Trotter for their lifetime of service to the Christian Study Center movement and to name the CCSC directorship in their honor. The fund was inaugurated with an initial gift of \$1M.

In order to ensure the long-term viability of the Consortium's flourishing, all estate and planned gifts not designated for other purposes will be placed in the Trotter Fund. As we look to the future of this ministry, we welcome the opportunity to walk supporters through the process of creating a legacy gift.

The Campaign Plan

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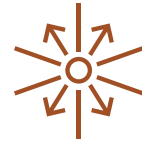


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The Gift Plan

# OF DONORS	GIFT AMOUNT	TOTALS
1	\$500,000	\$500,000
1	\$300,000	\$300,000
3	\$150,000	\$450,000
5	\$100,000	\$500,000
6	\$75,000	\$450,000
8	\$50,000	\$400,000
10	\$30,000	\$300,000
12	\$25,000	\$300,000
15	\$10,000	\$150,000
Many	VARIOUS	\$400,000
TOTAL CAMPAIGN GOAL		\$3,750,000

Gifts may be given over 3 years. Gifts indicated are a nonbinding intention to give and are not legally enforceable. Donors may modify or cancel their intended gifts at any time.

Leadership

Board of Directors



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Mike Weaver
Membership Director



*"What we have before us are
some breathtaking opportunities
disguised as insoluble problems."*

JOHN GARDNER

MISSION

The Consortium exists to catalyze and empower thoughtful Christian presence and practice at colleges and universities around the world, in service of the common good.



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Watch a four-minute video on the study center movement by scanning the QR code above!

cscmovement.org

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