

The Ministerial Education Fund is the basic financial source for preparing and educating clergy leadership for The United Methodist Church. In 1968, General Conference established the fund because, without a strong denominational family of theological schools, there is no way to educate and develop deacons, elders and local pastors in the Wesleyan tradition who can preach, teach and model the gospel amid the complexities of life.

A portion of money goes to the schools based on the number of full-time United Methodist faculty and senior administrators within. The funds received by the 13 United Methodist schools of theology relate more directly to how many students in Master of Divinity programs are registered candidates for ordained ministry, and how many graduates have been ordained in The United Methodist Church. Forty percent of the fund reserved for theological schools is divided, based on the number of United Methodist students enrolled in candidacy for ordination and the number of graduates ordained after completing seminary. Twenty-five percent is distributed among the seminaries for basic support.

The remainder will be divided as follows:

- 3.5 percent, based on the number of United Methodist faculty and senior administrators;
- 3.5 percent, based on gender and ethnic inclusiveness of faculty, administrators and students; and
- 3 percent for grants to be used in programs of spiritual formation, continuing education and other theological education initiatives.
- 25 percent of the receipts remain in annual conferences to assist candidates for ministry, to support continuing education for pastors and clergy recruitment and to provide financial aid for students.

Since 1970, more than \$510 million has been raised for the Ministerial Education Fund. We celebrate more than 42 years of the church's continual apportionment support for clergy leadership development.

UNITED METHODIST SCHOOLS OF THEOLOGY

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Candler School of Theology, Emory University Atlanta, GA
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Claremont School of Theology Claremont, CA
email: admission@cst.edu • www.cst.edu

Drew University, The Theological School Madison, NJ
email: theoadm@drew.edu • www.drew.edu/theological

Duke University, The Divinity School Durham, NC
email: admissions@div.duke.edu • www.divinity.duke.edu

Gammon Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center Atlanta, GA
email: admissions@itc.edu • www.gammonseminary.org

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary Evanston, IL
email: GetAdmitted@garrett.edu • www.garrett.edu

Iliff School of Theology Denver, CO
email: admissions@iliff.edu • www.iliff.edu

Methodist Theological School in Ohio Delaware, OH
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Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University Dallas, TX
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Saint Paul School of Theology Kansas City, MO
email: admiss@spst.edu • www.spst.edu

United Theological Seminary Dayton, OH
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Wesley Theological Seminary Washington, DC
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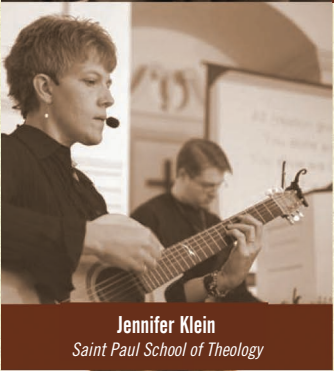
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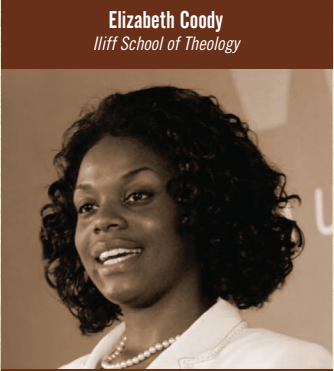
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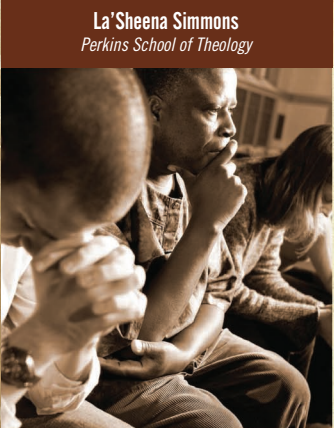
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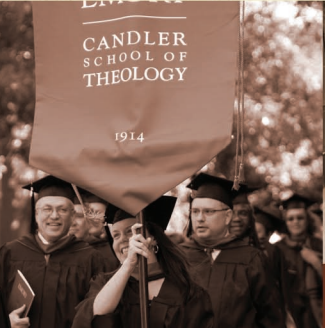
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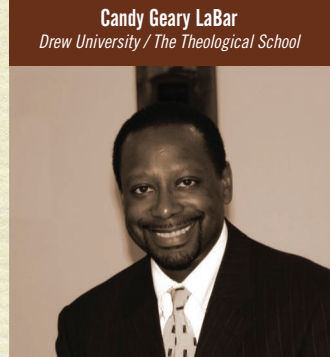
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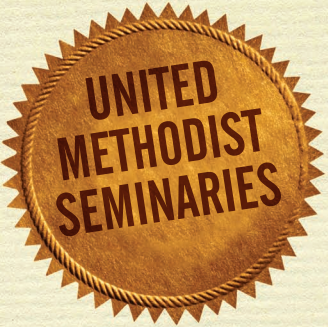
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Boston University School of Theology



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Gammon Theological Seminary



THESE ARE THE FACES OF CHURCH LEADERS

These are the faces of learners, leaders, servants. They are the faces of future pastors, chaplains, teachers, evangelists, missionaries and community organizers who will one day be part of who's who in The United Methodist Church.

They will stand behind our pulpits and sit at the bedsides of those who suffer. They will open doors to the unwelcome and speak up for those who are silent. They will counsel the grieving and embrace the confused. They will kneel on the battlefield and at the altar. They are the persons to whom we will turn for inspiration, wisdom and spiritual guidance.

They will follow the people to the concrete corners of the city, to crowded villages in lands afar, to rural pastures of the countryside. They will serve churches large and small, traditional and contemporary, newly born and reborn. They will preach to the immigrant, the imprisoned, the young, the old, the learned and the lost.

They will teach your children, mourn for your loved ones, encourage the discouraged. They will hold the hands of your sick, feed the mouths of your hungry and guard the souls of your weary. They will cry with you, rejoice with you, question with you and learn from you. There will be no place beyond their reach, no cause beyond their concern and no person beyond their compassion.

These are the clergy of The United Methodist Church.

UNITED METHODIST SEMINARIES

- Developing principled christian leaders • Creating new places for new people
- Engaging in ministry with the poor • Fighting killer diseases of poverty

These are the places where the called come.

These are the places where intellect is challenged and minds are stretched; where searchers become “thinking Christians” and “thinking Christians” become leaders.

It is within these walls, around these campuses, inside these sanctuaries that history comes alive, communities are built and worship is passionate. Here debate is encouraged. Listening is essential. Introspection is inevitable. These are the places where goals are discerned, where justice is not ignored, where old ways are reexamined and new ways are tried. These are places of preaching and practice, of quizzing and questioning, of connection and reflection.

These are the places where the called come to develop as pastors and teachers, evangelists and missionaries, chaplains and lay leaders. These are the 13 United Methodist seminaries that are changing the world, one student at a time.

- **Boston University School of Theology** - Boston, Mass.
The Boston University School of Theology, through its Center for Practical Theology, is expanding its “Sustaining Urban Pastoral Excellence” program. Students are mentored by urban pastors and given the tools to address social issues and to sustain healthy ministry practices throughout their careers.
- **Candler School of Theology, Emory University** - Atlanta, GA
Candler’s **Contextual Education Program** blends service with learning in a way that increases academic rigor and student success. Students receive two-plus years of practical experience in both social ministry and church settings.
- **Claremont School of Theology** - Claremont, Calif.
Claremont School of Theology faculty recognizes the lack of ministers prepared to address emerging needs in “globalized” cities. A new transdisciplinary **Doctor of Ministry** program will allow students to blend leading-edge sociology, organizational studies and political science research with the theological disciplines.
- **Drew University, The Theological School** - Madison, N.J.
The new Center for Clergy Health and Wholeness at Drew offers programs that help clergy, denominational officials and seminary students understand health issues and adopt better self-care practices.
- **Duke University, The Divinity School** - Durham, N.C.
Duke Divinity School’s Master of Arts in Christian Practice, provides a core theological education for lay professionals working in Christian churches. The new **Doctor of Ministry** first cohort focuses on “Leadership in the Christian Tradition.”
- **Gammon Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center** - Atlanta, GA
Every spring Gammon holds a **Conference on Ministry** for those who experience a call to the ministry. Prospective seminarians visit the campus and explore their call by engaging with current students, staff and faculty. More than 160 courses prepare students for ministry as preachers or teachers, or in other roles.
- **Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary** - Evanston, Ill.
At Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, graduates in the innovative **M.Div. Plus** program design their own postgraduate continuing-education opportunities to refine skills in leadership, administration, preaching, teaching, counseling and theology.
- **Iliff School of Theology** - Denver, Colo.
Iliff School of Theology is affiliated with the **Center for the Church and Global AIDS**. Its mission is to support and advocate for persons infected with and affected by HIV and AIDS in the world. This global health program is designed to motivate future clergy and lay leaders to relate their faith to God’s mission.
- **Methodist Theological School in Ohio** - Delaware, Ohio
MTO’s pilot certification program, **Engaging in Ministry with the Poor**, is one example of the school’s commitment to prepare United Methodist leaders for meaningful ministry. The program aligns with one of Four Areas of Focus for the church.
- **Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University** - Dallas, Texas
The **Global Theological Education** at Perkins immerses future Christian leaders in cultures other than their own. Participants emerge equipped to lead local congregations in reaching out beyond their home cultural context.
- **Saint Paul School of Theology** - Kansas City, MO
“Delivering Hope to the Congo” is a humanitarian-assistance project initiated by Saint Paul School of Theology. Working in partnership with the United Methodist Committee on Relief and the North Katanga (Africa) Conference, the seminary has organized and facilitated the delivery of medical supplies and hospital equipment urgently needed in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- **United Theological Seminary** - Dayton, Ohio
The **Master of Divinity concentration in Church Renewal** at United Theological Seminary equips students to bring new life to struggling congregations. Students learn from faculty and from clergy who have led in renewal at the local-church level.
- **Wesley Theological Seminary** - Washington, D.C.
Wesley’s Lewis Center for Church Leadership **defines best practices, develops new resources, equips lay and clergy leaders, assesses clergy effectiveness and helps clergy prepare for unique leadership challenges.**