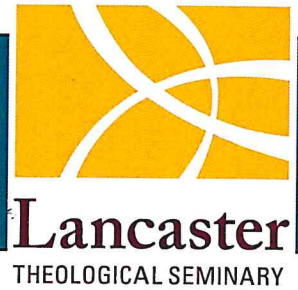


# Master of Divinity MINISTERIAL FORMATION



## FORMATION, A VITAL PART OF OUR MDIV

The process of becoming a spiritual leader in our world requires paying attention to our lives. Here you will actively engage in **integrating all aspects of your life** - spiritual, emotional, academic, ministerial, relational, financial, and physical - in order to **discover a wider and deeper way of living**.

You will be introduced to different ways to **shape a life of faith, service, and leadership** through supervised ministry experiences, focused discussions with colleagues, a guided international seminar, and interactions with a diverse student population.

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## FIVE ELEMENTS OF MINISTERIAL FORMATION

**Field Education**

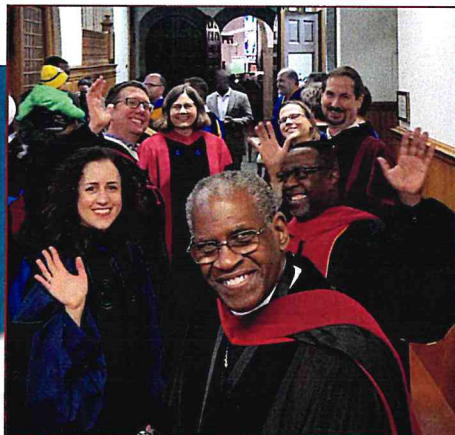
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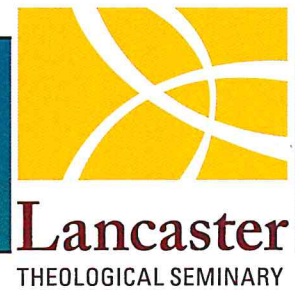
**Boundary Training**

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At Lancaster Theological Seminary, you will be welcomed into a **vibrant, inclusive community** of learning and spiritual formation.

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## FIELD EDUCATION

Field education, a two-year requirement, offers formative experiences in ministry outside the classroom in locations including churches, hospitals, retirement homes, university campuses, social service agencies, and local urban shelters.

You are led to **hone your skills** in pastoral care, preaching, church administration, and social ministries. And you are encouraged to take time for regular self-reflection.

You will **learn about yourself** and be shaped by ministerial experiences, encounters with the people you serve, and the wisdom of a skilled supervisor.

Field Education Coordinator **Dr. Melvin Baber** provides support to students, field ed sites, and on-site supervisors.

## MINISTRY SEMINARS

Ministry Seminars integrate faith, theological studies, spiritual practices, relationships, and ministry by exploring the challenges of shaping lives of faith, ministry, and leadership.

Early on, you will **process and integrate** the aspects of the MDiv program through reflection, spiritual practice, writing, presentations, and group discussions.

Later, you **research and explore** the expectations for ministry within your denominational context to discern your willingness and ability to commit to that mission.

Finally, you **reflect theologically** on your field education experiences, and carefully consider what it means to commit to a life of ministry.

## COMPREHENSIVE VOCATIONAL REVIEW

The Comprehensive Vocation Review is a key requirement in the Master of Divinity program. You will **receive feedback** concerning your participation in the program and your readiness and suitability for your chosen vocation.

The review session, typically 1.5-2 hours, includes you, a faculty member, ministerial guide, judicatory representative or mentor in your desired field, field ed supervisor, and one student peer.

The team will **make recommendations** about the final steps in your seminary education and preparations for your ministry.

## CROSS-CULTURAL SEMINAR

God's love embraces all peoples. This **international requirement** prepares leaders to be open and sensitive to other people and their realities. You will become more aware of your theological, cultural, ethnic, racial, gender, and socioeconomic biases and historical conditioning, as well as more appreciative of the diversity of the church around the world.

## BOUNDARY TRAINING

Boundary training promotes **healthy ministerial relationships** and reduces the risk of sexual and financial misconduct by focusing on issues of power and vulnerability in the ministerial relationship, engaging the concepts of sacred trust of ministry, fiduciary duty, and self-care for ministerial leaders.