

LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Denominational Endorsement for Preparation for Ordained Ministry

Master of Divinity students who intend to seek ordination upon graduating from LTS are advised to consult their pastor prior to beginning seminary studies to learn the particular denominational requirements that must be met to ensure ordination eligibility.

Many denominations require a formal endorsement (sometimes called “in care”) documenting their local governing body's affirmation that the individual holds promise for ordained ministry.

Lancaster Theological Seminary does not require denominational endorsement for enrollment; it is the student's responsibility to determine whether and when to pursue it.

The process for securing and maintaining this endorsement varies by denomination, and can range from a simple approval to a lengthy sequence of conditions. For this reason, students are urged to give the matter prompt attention as they prepare to enter seminary.

Students who secure denominational endorsement are asked to submit the form below to the LTS Registrar in a timely fashion for inclusion in their academic file.

Authorization of Denominational Endorsement

to be completed and signed by the appropriate denominational official

Student's Name: _____

Denomination: _____

Conference/Synod (or equivalent): _____

Association/Presbytery/District (or equivalent): _____

The above-named Master of Divinity student at Lancaster Theological Seminary has been endorsed without conditions by the governing body named below to pursue seminary study with the intent to seek ordination.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Official: _____

Title: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Governing Denominational Body: _____

Please return to: Lancaster Theological Seminary
 Office of the Registrar
 555 West James Street
 Lancaster, PA 17603

Changes in endorsement status should be reported promptly to the above address.