



## Entering Student Questionnaire

- Q1. Degree program (Fill in only one.)
- Pre-theology
  - MDiv
  - MA Professional/MRE/MCM/MM
  - MAR/MTS/MA (Academic)
  - DMin
  - EdD/DMiss/DMA
  - ThM/STM
  - PhD/ThD/STD
  - Non-degree special
  - Diploma/certificate
  - Other
- Q2. Are you enrolling:
- Full-time
  - Part-time
- Q3a. Do you use school-provided housing?
- Yes
  - No
  - Yes, as a commuter only
- Q3b. If "yes," how important was the availability of student housing to your decision to attend this seminary?
- Of no importance
  - Slightly important
  - Somewhat important
  - Important
  - Very important
- Q4. Gender
- Male
  - Female
- Q5. Your age range
- 20-25
  - 26-30
  - 31-35
  - 36-40
  - 41-45
  - 46-50
  - 51-55
  - 56 or older
- Q6. Citizenship
- U.S. citizen
  - Canadian citizen
  - Other citizenship

- Q7. How do you describe yourself? (Fill in one only.)
- International student
  - Asian
  - Black
  - Hispanic
  - Native North American
  - White
- Q8. Are you:
- Single (includes widowed/divorced)
  - Married
- Q9. How many dependents do you have?
- None
  - One
  - Two
  - Three
  - Four or more
- Q10. How many hours a week do you plan to work at a paying job this year?
- No plans for paying job
  - Fewer than 10 hours
  - 10-15 hours
  - 15-20 hours
  - More than 20 hours
- Q11. How long is your daily commute to school?
- No commute
  - Less than ½ hour
  - ½ to 1 hour
  - 1 to 2 hours
  - More than 2 hours
- Q12. Do you have a bachelor's degree?
- Yes
  - No
- Q13. From what type of undergraduate institution did you graduate?
- A public university, state college, or community college
  - A private university or college (not religiously affiliated)
  - A private, religiously affiliated university or college
- Q14a. Where did you earn your undergraduate degree?
- No Undergraduate Degree
  - Two-year Associate's Degree
  - Degree from Technical School
  - Select School
- Country: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_

- Q14b. What was the area of your undergraduate major? (Fill in one only.)
- Fine Arts
  - Humanities (e.g., classics, English, history, languages)
  - Natural/physical sciences (e.g., chemistry, mathematics, physics)
  - Philosophy
  - Religion
  - Social/behavioral sciences (e.g., economics, political science, psychology, sociology)
  - Technical studies (e.g., business, communications, computers)
  - Theology
- Q15. What is your highest degree beyond the bachelor's?
- None
  - EdD
  - JD/LLB
  - Master's
  - MBA
  - MD
  - MDiv
  - MSW
  - PhD
  - Other Degree
  - Other Doctorate
  - Other Professional
- Q16a. How much educational debt did you bring with you to seminary?
- None
  - Less than \$10,000
  - \$10,000 to \$19,999
  - \$20,000 to \$29,999
  - \$30,000 to \$39,999
  - More than \$40,000
- Q16b. How much other debt did you bring with you (non-educational debt, excluding home mortgage, e.g., credit card, car loan)?
- None
  - Less than \$10,000
  - \$10,000 to \$19,999
  - \$20,000 to \$29,999
  - \$30,000 to \$39,999
  - More than \$40,000
- Q17a. In the past five years, have you held, been elected to, or appointed to a leadership position in: (Fill in all that apply.)
- Your local church
  - Other church body or religious organization
  - School or college organization
  - Civic or fraternal organization
  - Other leadership position
  - No recent leadership position

Q17b. If within your local church:

- |                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Was the church:                     | Size of the church:                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural      | <input type="checkbox"/> Under 100 members |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small town | <input type="checkbox"/> 100 to 249        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban   | <input type="checkbox"/> 250 to 499        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Urban      | <input type="checkbox"/> 500 to 999        |
|                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000 or more     |

Q18. Indicate the highest level of education completed by your father (or male guardian) and your mother (or female guardian). (Fill in one only for each parent or guardian.)

	<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother</u>
Grade school	—	—
Some high school	—	—
High school diploma or equivalent	—	—
Business or trade school	—	—
Some college	—	—
Associate's or 2-year degree	—	—
Bachelor's or 4-year degree	—	—
Some graduate of professional school	—	—
Graduate or professional degree	—	—

Q19. Current denomination or religious tradition (Fill in one only.)

**Adventist Bodies**

- Advent Christian Church
- Seventh-day Adventist

**Anglican**

- Anglican Church of Canada
- Anglican, Other
- Episcopal Church
- Reformed Episcopal Church

**Associated Gospel Churches of Canada**

**Baptist**

- American Baptist Churches USA
- Baptist
- Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec
- Baptist General Association of Virginia
- Baptist General Conference
- Baptist General Convention of Texas
- Baptist Missionary Association of America
- Baptist State Convention of North Carolina
- Baptist Union of Western Canada
- Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists
- Conservative Baptist Association of America
- Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches
- Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
- Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada
- General Association of General Baptists
- General Association of Regular Baptist Churches
- General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina
- Independent Baptist
- National Baptist Convention
- North American Baptist Conference
- Progressive National Baptist Convention
- Seventh Day Baptist General Conference
- Southern Baptist Convention

- \_ Union d'Eglises Baptistes Francaises au Canada
- Brethren**
  - \_ Brethren Church (Ashland, Ohio)
  - \_ Brethren in Christ Church
  - \_ Christian Brethren (Plymouth Brethren)
  - \_ Church of the Brethren
  - \_ Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches
- \_ **Buddhist**
- Catholic**
  - \_ Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh
  - \_ Roman Catholic
- \_ **Christian and Missionary Alliance**
- \_ **Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)**
- \_ **Church of the Nazarene**
  - Churches of Christ-Christian Churches**
    - \_ Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
    - \_ Christian Churches and Churches of Christ
    - \_ Churches of Christ
- \_ **Churches of God, General Conference**
- \_ **Evangelical Church in Canada**
- \_ **Evangelical Congregational Church**
- \_ **Evangelical Covenant Church**
- \_ **Evangelical Formosan Church**
- \_ **Evangelical Free Church of America**
- \_ **Evangelical Free Church of Canada**
- \_ **Interdenominational/Multidenominational**
- \_ **Jewish**
- Lutheran**
  - \_ Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
  - \_ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
  - \_ Lutheran Church-Canada
  - \_ Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
  - \_ Lutheran, Other
  - \_ Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
- Mennonite**
  - \_ Conference of Mennonites
  - \_ Mennonite Brethren Church in North America
  - \_ Mennonite Church Canada
  - \_ Mennonite Church USA
  - \_ Mennonite, Other
- Methodist**
  - \_ African Methodist Episcopal
  - \_ African Methodist Episcopal Zion
  - \_ Christian Methodist Episcopal
  - \_ Free Methodist Church
  - \_ Independent Methodist
  - \_ United Methodist Church
  - \_ Wesleyan Church
- \_ **Missionary Church in Canada**
- \_ **Moravian Church in North America**
- \_ **Muslim**
- \_ **National Association of Congregational Christian Churches**
- \_ **Nondenominational**
  - Orthodox**
    - \_ Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

- \_ Orthodox Church in America
- \_ Orthodox, Other
- Pentecostal**
- \_ Assemblies of God
- \_ Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)
- \_ Church of God in Christ
- \_ Foursquare Gospel Church
- \_ Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada
- \_ United Pentecostal Church International
- Presbyterian**
- \_ Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
- \_ Cumberland Presbyterian Church
- \_ Evangelical Presbyterian Church
- \_ Korean American Presbyterian Church
- \_ Orthodox Presbyterian
- \_ Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- \_ Presbyterian Church in America
- \_ Presbyterian Church in Canada
- \_ Reformed Presbyterian
- Reformed**
- \_ Christian Reformed Church
- \_ Reformed Church in America
- \_ Reformed Church in Canada
- Religious Society of Friends**
- \_ Friends, Quaker
- \_ Religious Society of Friends
- \_ **Salvation Army**
- Swedenborgian Church**
- \_ General Church of New Jerusalem
- \_ Swedenborgian Church, General Convention
- \_ **Unitarian Universalist**
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Q20. In what denomination or religious tradition were you primarily raised? (Fill in one only.)

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- Q21. Do you anticipate being ordained?
- \_ Yes
  - \_ No
  - \_ Undecided
  - \_ Already ordained



- Q22. During the past two years, how would you describe your participation in a worshiping community, congregation, or parish?
- Very active
  - Active
  - Moderately active
  - Not very active
  - Inactive
- Q23. When did you first consider going to theological school?
- Before college
  - During college
  - After graduating from college
  - After graduate work
  - After two or more years of work
- Q24. How would you describe your theological position?
- Very conservative
  - Conservative
  - Moderate
  - Liberal
  - Very liberal
- Q25. In your opinion, how conservative or liberal is your institution?
- Very conservative
  - Conservative
  - Moderate
  - Liberal
  - Very liberal

How important were the following in your decision to pursue theological education? (Select answer most closely approximating the importance of each factor.)

1 = Of no importance / 2 = Of little importance / 3 = Somewhat important / 4 = Important / 5 = Very important

- Q26a. Influence of family or spouse  
\_1   \_2   \_3   \_4   \_5
- Q26b. Influence of friend(s)  
\_1   \_2   \_3   \_4   \_5
- Q26c. Encouragement of clergy  
\_1   \_2   \_3   \_4   \_5
- Q26d. Experience of pastoral counseling/spiritual direction  
\_1   \_2   \_3   \_4   \_5
- Q26e. Experienced a call from God  
\_1   \_2   \_3   \_4   \_5
- Q26f. Intellectual interest in religious/theological questions  
\_1   \_2   \_3   \_4   \_5
- Q26g. Promise of spiritual fulfillment  
\_1   \_2   \_3   \_4   \_5

- Q26h. Opportunity for study and growth  
\_1    \_2    \_3    \_4    \_5
- Q26i. Search for meaning in life  
\_1    \_2    \_3    \_4    \_5
- Q26j. Major life event (e.g., a death, divorce)  
\_1    \_2    \_3    \_4    \_5
- Q26k. Desire to serve others  
\_1    \_2    \_3    \_4    \_5
- Q26l. Desire to administer the sacraments  
\_1    \_2    \_3    \_4    \_5
- Q26m. Desire to contribute to the cause of social justice  
\_1    \_2    \_3    \_4    \_5
- Q26n. Desire to preserve traditions of the church  
\_1    \_2    \_3    \_4    \_5
- Q26o. Desire to make a difference in life of church  
\_1    \_2    \_3    \_4    \_5
- Q26p. Experience in campus Christian organization  
\_1    \_2    \_3    \_4    \_5
- Q26q. Experience of the community life of a local church  
\_1    \_2    \_3    \_4    \_5
- Q26r. To discern God's will  
\_1    \_2    \_3    \_4    \_5

How important were the following in your decision to attend this institution? (Select answer most closely approximating the importance of each factor.)

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- Q27a. Encouragement of my denomination  
\_1    \_2    \_3    \_4    \_5
- Q27b. Quality of the faculty  
\_1    \_2    \_3    \_4    \_5
- Q27c. Encouragement of my pastor  
\_1    \_2    \_3    \_4    \_5
- Q27d. Academic reputation of the school  
\_1    \_2    \_3    \_4    \_5
- Q27e. Recommended by a graduate  
\_1    \_2    \_3    \_4    \_5
- Q27f. Encouragement of a faculty member from my college  
\_1    \_2    \_3    \_4    \_5

- Q27g. Wanted a school close to home/work  
\_1    \_2    \_3    \_4    \_5
- Q27h. Comfort with the school's doctrinal positions  
\_1    \_2    \_3    \_4    \_5
- Q27i. Sent by religious superior  
\_1    \_2    \_3    \_4    \_5
- Q27j. Quality of the admissions staff  
\_1    \_2    \_3    \_4    \_5
- Q27k. Relative/friend attended this school  
\_1    \_2    \_3    \_4    \_5
- Q27l. Only theological school in the area  
\_1    \_2    \_3    \_4    \_5
- Q27m. Good financial aid assistance  
\_1    \_2    \_3    \_4    \_5
- Q28. Mark the top five reasons for choosing this institution.
- Close to home
  - Denominational affiliation
  - Theological perspective
  - Academic reputation
  - Curriculum
  - Sense of community
  - Financial aid assistance
  - Faculty
  - Ecumenical setting
  - Spiritual atmosphere
  - Location
  - University setting
  - Family/spouse
  - Interdisciplinary/joint degree program
  - Flexible class schedule
  - Special academic program
  - Access to other theological schools
  - Multiethnic student body
  - Friend on campus
  - Availability of housing
- Q29. How did you learn about this institution? (Fill in all that apply.)
- Graduate
  - Relative
  - Friend
  - Mailings
  - Theological school publications
  - Current student
  - Newspaper/magazine ad
  - College advisor of other college contact
  - Pastor
  - Religious superior

- Knowing particular faculty member(s)
  - Conference or church event
  - Web site
  - Radio/TV commercial
- Q30a. My first contact was:
- Wrote to the school
  - Telephoned the school
  - Visited the school
  - Returned a post card
  - A recruiter visited my college/church to provide information
  - Theological school initiated contact with me
  - Email/Internet
- Q30b. If you visited the school as an individual or as part of a seminary program, how important was that visit to your decision to attend the institution?
- Of no importance
  - Slightly important
  - Somewhat important
  - Important
  - Very important
- Q31. How significant was financial aid assistance in your decision to attend this institution?
- Of no significance
  - Of some significance
  - Significant
  - Of great significance
  - Of greatest significance
  - Did not apply for financial aid
- Q32. What type of full-time position do you expect to have after graduation?
- Parish ministry
  - Campus ministry
  - Inner-city ministry
  - Pastoral counseling
  - Hospital or hospice chaplaincy
  - Military chaplaincy
  - Secondary/prep school teaching
  - College/university teaching
  - Seminary teaching
  - Social work/services
  - Foreign missions
  - Home missions
  - Church planting/evangelism
  - Youth ministry
  - Church musician
  - Christian education
  - Spiritual direction
  - Social justice ministry
  - Further graduate study
  - Professional lay ministry
  - Undecided
  - Other

**Up to 15 additional questions of your choice may be added here.**