

## **Entering Student Questionnaire**

Revision E (Fall 2020)

Q1) [	egree)	program	ì
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- o Pre-theology
- o MDiv
- MA Professional (MRE/MCM/MA in pastoral studies, youth ministry, etc.)
- o MA Academic (e.g. MAR/MTS/MA)
- o ThM/STM

- o DMin
- o PhD/ThD/STD
- Doctor of \_\_ (E.g. EdD/DMiss/DMA)
- o Non-degree special
- o Diploma, certificate
- o Other: (Please specify)

## Q2) Are you enrolling:

- o Full-time
- o Part-time
- Q2a) Do you plan to take any courses at a campus or extension site?
  - o Yes
  - o No, I plan to take all my courses online. (if selected go to Question 4)
- Q2b) Do you plan to take any courses that are mostly or completely online while in this program?
  - o Yes
  - o No
  - o Maybe
- Q2c) How often do you plan to be at a campus or extension site for most of your courses?
  - o Weekly

o Once a quarter or semester

o Several times a quarter or semester

Once or twice a year

Q3a) Do you or will you use school-provided housing?

- o Yes
- o Yes, as a commuter only
- o No (if selected go to Question **3c**)
- Q3b) How important was the availability of student housing to your decision to attend this theological school?
  - o Of no importance

o Important

Slightly important

Very important

- Somewhat important
- Q3c) Did you or will you relocate in order to attend this program?
  - o Yes
  - o No
  - Maybe

#### Q4) Gender

o Male

o Other: (Please specify)

o Female

Prefer not to disclose

Q5) In	what year were you born? – Select from list –		
	w would your school or program identify you? A domestic student An international student		
Q7) Wi	ith which of the following do you identify? (Check all tha Black, African American, African Canadian Native North American, First Nation, Indigenous Asian-descent or Pacific Islander		Hispanic, Latino(a), Latin@ White, Caucasian
Q8) Are	e you: Single (includes widowed/divorced) Married		
Q9) Ho	ow many dependents do you have?  None (if selected go to Question 10)  One	0 0	Two Three Four or more
0 0 0	ow many hours a week do you plan to devote to primar Fewer than 10 hours 10-15 hours 16-20 hours	0 0	21-30 hours 31-40 hours More than 40 hours
0	low did dependent care impact your choice of school or I chose a shorter degree program I chose to enroll part-time I chose a school with more online courses I chose a school closer to home or a network of support	o O	a.i. (a)
Q10) H	low many hours a week do you plan to work at a paying No plans for paying job Fewer than 10 hours 10-15 hours 16-20 hours	j <b>ob t</b> 0 0	his year? 21-30 hours 31-40 hours More than 40 hours
Q11) H	low long is your commute to school?  I live in campus housing  I live within walking distance of campus  1/2 to 1 hour  1 to 2 hours	0 0	2 to 4 hours More than 4 hours I take all of my classes online

	Oo you have an undergraduate degree?		
0	Yes No (If selected, go to Question <b>16a</b> )		
Q13) F	From what type of undergraduate institution did you A public university, state college, or community co A private university or college (not religiously affil A private, religiously affiliated university or collego	ollege iated)	<u>.</u> ?
Q14a)	What type of undergraduate degree did you earn?		
0	Two-year Associate's Degree		
0	Degree from Technical School		
0	Bachelor's Degree		
Q1	14a1) What country and state/province did you atte	end school	?
Q1	14a2) What school did you attend?		
Q14b)	What was the area of your undergraduate major? (	Check all	that apply)
	Education		Religious Studies
	Fine Arts		Theology
	Humanities (e.g., classics, English, history,		Social/behavioral sciences (e.g., economics
	languages)		political science, psychology, sociology)
	Natural/physical sciences (e.g., chemistry,		Technical studies (e.g., business,
	mathematics, engineering) Philosophy		communications, computers)
O15) V	What is your highest degree beyond the bachelor's?		
0	None	0	MDiv
0	EdD	0	MSW
0	JD/LLB	0	PhD
0	Master's	0	Other Degree
0	MBA	0	Other Doctorate
0	MD	0	Other Professional
Q15b)	Was your degree from a theological school or progr	ram?	
0	Yes		
0	No		
Q16a)	How much educational debt did you bring with you	ı to this pr	rogram?
0	None	0	\$30,000 to \$39,999
0	Less than \$10,000	0	\$40,000 to \$59,999
0	\$10,000 to \$19,999	0	\$60,000 to \$79,999
0	\$20,000 to \$29,999	0	\$80,000 or more

	w much other debt did you bring with you (non-educad, car loan)?	ation	nal de	ebt, excluding home mortgage, e.g.,
	lone	0	\$30	,000 to \$39,999
	ess than \$10,000	0		1,000 to \$59,999
	10,000 to \$19,999	0		1,000 to \$79,999
	20,000 to \$29,999	0		1,000 or more
Ç	20,000 to \$23,333	O	700	,,ood of more
	e you currently responsible for payments on the stude	nt lo	ans	of a family member other than yourself?
	es			
0 N	0			
all that ap	• • •	een	appo	ointed to a leadership position in: (Check
□ Y	our local church		Civi	c or fraternal organization
	ther church body or religious organization		Oth	er leadership position
□ S	chool or college organization		No	recent leadership position
D	rent denomination or religious tradition renomination Family: - Select from list -			
D	enomination: - Select from list –			
See last t	wo pages for listing of Denominations, Denominationa	al Fai	milie	s, and Religious Traditions available.
C	(18a) If Catholic is selected: Pease indicate your antici	pate	_	
	☐ Diocesan priest			□ Religious sister or brother
	☐ Religious order priest			□ Deacon / permanent deacon
	☐ Lay ecclesial minister			☐ Lay person not in ministry
Q19) In w apply)	rhat denomination(s) or religious tradition(s) were you	ı prii	maril	y raised and/or formed? (Choose all that
	Select denomination(s) or religious tradition(s) from li	st -		
	ee last two pages for listing of Denominations, Denom vailable.	inat	ional	Families and Religious Traditions
•	nticipate pursuing any of the following? ) Ordination			
0	Yes		0	Unsure
0	No		0	Already Ordained
Q20b	) Other ministry credentialing (e.g. licensure, commiss	sioni	ng, c	haplaincy)
. 0			0	Unsure
0	••		0	Already credentialed
<u> </u>	) Other professional credential related to your degree	(e a	tea	ching counseling social work)
0		رد.8	. tea	Unsure
0	••		0	Already have professional credential
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Q21a) During the past two years, how would you describe your participation in a worshiping community, congregation, or parish?

- Very active
   Not very active
- o Active o Inactive (if selected go to Question 22)
- o Moderately active

Q21b) If not "inactive", was the church:

- o Ruralo Suburbano Small towno Urban
- Q21c) If not "inactive", what was the size of the church:
  - Under 100 members
     100 to 249
     250 to 499
     500 to 999
     1,000 to 1,999
     2,000 or more

Q22) When did you first consider going to theological school?

- o Before college o After graduate work
- During college
   After two to ten years of work
- One or two years after graduating from college

Q24) 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

Q24a) Influence of family or spouse	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q24b) Influence of friend(s)	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q24c) Encouragement of pastor / minister	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q24d) Experience of counseling/spiritual direction	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q24e) Experienced a call from God	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q24f) Intellectual interest in religious / theological questions	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q24g) Opportunity for study and growth	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q24h) Promise of spiritual fulfillment	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q24i) Search for meaning in life	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q24j) To discern God's will	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q24k) Desire to serve others	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q24l) Desire to administer the sacraments	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q24m) Desire to contribute to the cause of social justice	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q24n) Desire to preserve traditions of the church	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q24o) Desire to make a difference in life of church	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q24p) Experience in campus Christian organization	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q24q) Experience of the community life of a local church or	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
worshipping community										
Q24r) Desire to make a difference in the world	0	1		2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q24s) To increase my potential to get a job	0	1		2	0	3	0	4	0	5

#### Q25) How important were the following in your decision to attend this institution?

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

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Q25a) Quality of the faculty	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q25b) Curriculum	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q25c) Academic reputation of the school	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q25d) University / college affiliation	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q25e) Access to other theological schools / cross-	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
registration										
Q25f) Availability of distance learning	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q25g) Extension site of main campus	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q25h) Flexible class schedule	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q25i) Denominational affiliation	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q25j) Comfort with the school's doctrinal	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
positions/theological perspective										
Q25k) Encouragement of my pastor	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q25I) Sent by religious superior	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q25m) Recommended by a graduate/current student	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q25n) Encouragement of a faculty member/mentor	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
from my college										
Q25o) Participation in a vocational discernment	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
program (high school or college)										
Q25p) Family reasons	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q25q) Quality of the admissions staff	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q25r) Good financial aid assistance	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q25s) Wanted a school close to home / work	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q25t) Diverse / multicultural community	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
Q25u) Sense of community at the school	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5
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Q26) Which of the following most compelled you to find out more about this institution?

- o Graduate
- o Relative
- o Friend
- o Pastor
- o Religious superior
- o Current student
- College chaplain, advisor, or other college contact
- o Theological school recruiter

- Know a particular faculty member(s) at theological school
- o Online ad
- o Print ad or mailing
- o Theological school publications
- o Conference or church event
- School Website
- Web search
- o Social media search
- o Theological school initiated contact with me

Q27) A	fter hearing about our school, how did you gain more inf	orm	ation about it? (Check all that apply)
	Viewed school Website		
	Requested information via the school		Wrote to the school
	Website		Telephoned the school
	Social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)		Visited the school (if selected also answer
	Communicated with school staff		Question 28)
	Communicated with current student /		guestion 20)
	graduate		
Q2	8) If you visited the school as an individual or as part of a	pro	gram, how important was that visit to your
ded	cision to attend the institution?		
	o Of no importance		<ul> <li>Important</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Slightly important</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Very important</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Somewhat important</li> </ul>		
Q29) H	ow significant was financial aid assistance in your decision	n to	
0	Of no significance	0	Of great significance
0	Of some significance	0	Of greatest significance
0	Significant	0	Did not apply for financial aid
Q30a)	Are you currently engaged in ministerial work?		
0	Yes		
0	No (if selected go to Question 31)		
Q30b)	Do you intend to continue working in the same position	while	e pursuing your degree?
0	Yes		
0	No		
0	Unsure		
Q30c) I	s that ministerial work		
0	Full-time paid	0	Part-time paid
0	Full-time volunteer	0	Part-time volunteer
Q31) U	pon graduating from our school, do you anticipate work	ing f	ull-time or part-time?
0	Full-time		
0	Part-time		
0	I do not intend to work in a paid position. (if selected go	to Ç	Question <b>33</b> )
Q31a)	Do you anticipate holding multiple positions?		
0	Yes	0	Unsure, but at least one position will be
0	Yes, and one or more position will be		ministerial work
	ministerial work (bivocational ministry)	0	Unsure
		0	No

Q32a) ( apply)	Jpo	n graduating from our school, what types of paid p	ositio	ns d	o you anticipate having? (Check all that
	Co	ngregational/parish ministry		Fai	th-based nonprofit
	Tea	aching or educational setting		Otl	her: Please explain
	He	alth care chaplain or			
	cou	unselor			
Q3	2b)	If Congregational/Parish Ministry, what position do	you a	ntic	cipate having?
	0	Pastor, priest, minister of a		0	Spiritual director
		congregation/parish		0	New church development / church
	0	Associate or assistant pastor, priest, or			planting / evangelism
		minister		0	Other position within a
	0	Minister or director of			congregation/parish context
		Christian/religious education		0	Unsure what position within a
	0	Youth work or ministry			congregation / parish context
	0	Musician or liturgist			
	Q3	2c) If NOT Congregational/Parish Ministry, what po	sition	do	you anticipate having?
	0	Retreat or spiritual director (not in a		0	Other Religious or parachurch
		congregation/parish)			agency/organization
	0	Campus ministry or youth worker (not		0	Social work/social services
		in a congregation/parish)		0	Social justice ministry
	0	Hospital/hospice/healthcare chaplaincy		0	Community development or community
	0	Military chaplaincy			organizing
	0	Prison ministry		0	Pastoral counselor (not in a
	0	Other specialized ministry (not in a			congregation/parish)
		congregation/parish)		0	Licensed counselor or psychologist
	0	Missionary service (foreign)		0	Executive/administrator in a nonprofit
	0	Denominational administrator or staff			agency
	0	Teaching in primary or secondary		0	Executive/administrator in a for-profit
		education			business
	0	Teaching or administration in a		0	Further graduate or professional studies
		theological school		0	Full-time homemaking or childcare
	0	Other teaching or administration in		0	Medicine/engineering/law
		higher education		0	Other: (Please specify)
				0	Undecided
O33) D	0 V0	ou anticipate holding a volunteer/unpaid ministeria	l nosit	ion	after graduation?

- o No (if selected go to **END**)
- o Unsure

## Q33a) What type of ministerial position?

- Pastor, priest, minister of a congregation/parish
- Associate or assistant pastor, priest, or minister
- Minister or director of Christian/religious education
- o Youth work or ministry

## Q33b) Will that position be:

- o Full-time
- o Part-time
- o Unsure
- ~ End of Survey ~

- o Musician or liturgist
- o Spiritual director
- New church development/church planting/evangelism
- Other position within a congregation/parish context
- o Unsure

## Listing of Denominations, Denominational Families and Religious Traditions

## **Anglican**

Anglican Church of Canada

**Episcopal Church** 

Reformed Episcopal Church

Anglican, Other

# Associated Gospel Churches of Canada Baptist

American Baptist Churches USA

**Baptist** 

Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec

**Baptist General Association of Virginia** 

**Baptist General Convention of Texas** 

**Baptist Missionary Association of America** 

**Baptist State Convention of North Carolina** 

Canadian Baptist of Western Canada

Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada

**Canadian National Baptist Convention** 

Conservative Baptist Association of America

Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches

Converge Worldwide

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** 

Southern Baptist Convention

Baptist, Other

#### Brethren

Brethren Church (Ashland, Ohio)

Brethren in Christ Church

Christian Brethren (Plymouth Brethren)

Church of the Brethren

Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Brethren, Other

### **Buddhist**

#### **Catholic**

Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of

Pittsburgh

Roman Catholic

Catholic, Other

**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 Christ-Christian Churches,

Other

#### **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

**Korean Evangelical Holiness Church** 

**Jewish** 

## Lutheran

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Lutheran Church-Canada

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Lutheran, Other

#### 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 Methodist, Other

Missionary Church in Canada Moravian Church in North America

Muslim

**National Association of Congregational** 

**Christian Churches Nondenominational** 

Orthodox

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese

of North America

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

Pentecostal, Other

## Presbyterian

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

Cumberland Presbyterian Church ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical

Presbyterians

**Evangelical Presbyterian Church** 

Korean American Presbyterian Church

Orthodox Presbyterian

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Church in America
Presbyterian Church in Canada
Presbyterian Church International

Reformed Presbyterian Presbyterian, Other

#### Reformed

Canadian Reformed Churches Christian Reformed Church

Heritage Reformed Congregations (USA and

Canada)

Reformed Church in America

Reformed, Other

#### **Religious Society of Friends**

Friends, Quaker

**Religious Society of Friends** 

Religious Society of Friends, Other

**Salvation Army** 

Seventh-day Adventist Swedenborgian Church

General Church of New Jerusalem

Unitarian Universalist United Church of Canada United Church of Christ Other: (Please specify)

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