

# STUDENT INFORMATION PROJECT

## *Entering Student Questionnaire* 1999-2000 Profile of Participants

*Total Number of Schools :* 103  
*Total Number of Students :* 5,083

### Selected Highlights of Your 1999-2000 School Profile

The following statements reflect a sample of some of the important information contained in your school profile. There is more to be gleaned from a careful reading of your tables and those of the **1999-2000 Profile of Participants**.

- > (Table 5) The one statement indicating the number of hours per week your full-time M.Div. students plan to work this year more than any other was: None. Those whose commute was less than 1/2 hour represented: 29.9%. Those whose commute would take between 1/2 and 1 hour was: 15.8%.  
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- > (Table 6) The percentage of students who had one or two dependents was: 23.0%. The following percentage had three or more: 14.4%.  
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- > (Table 7) Most students at your school brought the following amount of debt with them to seminary: None. The percentage that had a high debt load of \$15,000 or more was: 14.8%.  
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- > (Table 9) Students come to seminary with a broad range of undergraduate degrees. In rank order, the most typical undergraduate degree programs for your entering students were: Religion/Theology, Social Sciences and Business.  
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- > (Table 10) Students are more likely to come to theological programs with advanced degrees than was true in the past. The total percentage of students entering with such degrees was: NA. The most frequently cited degrees were: Total and J.D./L.L.B..  
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- > (Table 11) From a list of twelve choices, your students indicated in rank order, that they were most likely to have learned about your school from the following sources: Friend, Graduate and Pastor.  
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- > (Table 12) The first contact with your school was most likely to be: Telephoned school. The one contact rated 'Important' or 'Very Important' by the greatest number of your students was: Telephoned school.  
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- > (Table 13) The percentage of students who visited your campus prior to beginning their studies was: 73.7%. The percentage that ranked that visit as 'Important' or 'Very Important' was: 83.0%.  
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- > (Table 14) The percentage of students who ranked your financial aid package as 'significant' or higher was: 48.3%.  
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- > (Table 15) The most important reasons for attending your school were, in rank order: School's academic reputation, Impressed with quality of faculty and Comfortable with doctrinal position.  
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- > (Table 16) The most important reasons for choosing your institution were: Academic reputation, Theological perspective, Faculty, Denominational affiliation and Spirituality.  
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- > (Table 17) Students in the M.Div. program at your school indicated that they were likely to consider seminary anytime from before college until after work experience. The following percentage selected either 'Before college' or 'During college': 56.2%. The following percentage first considered it 'After work experience': 28.1%.  
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- > (Table 21) There are a variety of reasons involved in every seminarian's personal choice or calling. Among your students, the highest rated sources in rank order were: Experienced call from God, Desire to serve others and Opportunity for study/growth.

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**TABLE 1**  
**Percent of Enrollment by Degree Program, Marital Status, and Gender**

Degree Program	Single				Married				Total #
	Male		Female		Male		Female		
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Pre-theology	19	73.1	5	19.2	0	0.0	2	7.7	26
M.Div.	787	28.7	624	22.7	923	33.6	409	14.9	2743
M.A. Professional/M.R.E./M.C.M.	91	17.3	158	30.0	139	26.4	139	26.4	527
M.A.R./M.T.S./M.A. (academic)	174	27.1	201	31.4	157	24.5	109	17.0	641
D.Min.	11	17.5	17	27.0	25	39.7	10	15.9	63
Ed.D./D.Miss./D.M.A.	0	0.0	1	20.0	2	40.0	2	40.0	5
Th.M./S.T.M.	27	20.3	20	15.0	69	51.9	17	12.8	133
Ph.D./Th.D./S.T.D.	16	18.4	16	18.4	43	49.4	12	13.8	87
Non-degree special	32	21.5	32	21.5	45	30.2	40	26.8	149
Diploma/certificate	33	21.4	48	31.2	42	27.3	31	20.1	154
Other	46	25.7	62	34.6	38	21.2	33	18.4	179
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Total	1236	26.3	1184	25.2	1483	31.5	804	17.1	4707

	Total	
	#	%
Pre-theology	26	0.6
M.Div.	2743	58.3
M.A. Professional/M.R.E./M.C.M.	527	11.2
M.A.R./M.T.S./M.A. (academic)	641	13.6
D.Min.	63	1.3
Ed.D./D.Miss./D.M.A.	5	0.1
Th.M./S.T.M.	133	2.8
Ph.D./Th.D./S.T.D.	87	1.8
Non-degree special	149	3.2
Diploma/certificate	154	3.3
Other	179	3.8
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Total	4707	100.0

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**TABLE 2**  
**Enrollment by Racial/Ethnic Identity and Citizenship**

Degree Program	Asian		Black		Hispan		White		NatAm		NRes		Total #
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Pre-theology	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	21	84.0	0	0.0	1	4.0	25
M.Div.	219	7.8	329	11.7	69	2.4	2170	76.9	11	0.4	25	0.9	2823
M.A. Professional/M.R.E./M.C.M	51	9.5	63	11.7	10	1.9	403	74.8	3	0.6	9	1.7	539
M.A.R./M.T.S./M.A. (academic)	86	13.0	47	7.1	17	2.6	492	74.3	3	0.5	17	2.6	662
D.Min.	5	7.2	7	10.1	3	4.3	48	69.6	0	0.0	6	8.7	69
Ed.D./D.Miss./D.M.A.	1	20.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	3	60.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5
Th.M./S.T.M.	33	24.6	8	6.0	3	2.2	65	48.5	0	0.0	25	18.7	134
Ph.D./Th.D./S.T.D.	19	21.1	5	5.6	1	1.1	63	70.0	0	0.0	2	2.2	90
Non-degree special	13	8.6	10	6.6	2	1.3	114	75.0	1	0.7	12	7.9	152
Diploma/certificate	19	12.4	12	7.8	4	2.6	113	73.9	1	0.7	4	2.6	153
Other	27	15.0	12	6.7	6	3.3	122	67.8	0	0.0	13	7.2	180
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Total	474	9.8	495	10.2	116	2.4	3614	74.8	19	0.4	114	2.4	4832

Degree Program	Total		U.S.	Citizenship	
	#	%		#	%
Pre-theology	25	0.5	4136	82.7	
M.Div.	2823	58.4	Canadian	310	6.2
M.A. Professional/M.R.E./M.C.M.	539	11.2	Other	558	11.2
M.A.R./M.T.S./M.A. (academic)	662	13.7	-		
D.Min.	69	1.4	Total	5004	100.0
Ed.D./D.Miss./D.M.A.	5	0.1			
Th.M./S.T.M.	134	2.8			
Ph.D./Th.D./S.T.D.	90	1.9			
Non-degree special	152	3.1			
Diploma/certificate	153	3.2			
Other	180	3.7			
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Total	4832	100.0			

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**TABLE 3**  
**Year of Birth, Marital Status, and Gender**

M.Div. Year of Birth	Single				Married				Total	
	Male		Female		Male		Female		#	%
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		
	Before 1941	5	13.5	11	29.7	13	35.1	8	21.6	37
1941-1950	29	9.4	77	25.1	104	33.9	97	31.6	307	11.9
1951-1960	58	11.2	125	24.0	187	36.0	150	28.8	520	20.1
1961-1970	167	26.1	126	19.7	287	44.8	60	9.4	640	24.7
1971-1980	485	45.0	244	22.7	290	26.9	58	5.4	1077	41.6
After 1980	1	14.3	2	28.6	3	42.9	1	14.3	7	0.3
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Total	745	28.8	585	22.6	884	34.2	374	14.5	2588	100.0

Professional M.A. Year of Birth	Single				Married				Total	
	Male		Female		Male		Female		#	%
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		
	Before 1941	2	13.3	5	33.3	7	46.7	1	6.7	15
1941-1950	2	4.3	13	28.3	16	34.8	15	32.6	46	9.4
1951-1960	5	4.5	24	21.4	31	27.7	52	46.4	112	22.8
1961-1970	17	13.8	33	26.8	40	32.5	33	26.8	123	25.1
1971-1980	55	28.5	78	40.4	33	17.1	27	14.0	193	39.3
After 1980	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	1	50.0	2	0.4
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Total	81	16.5	153	31.2	128	26.1	129	26.3	491	100.0

All Others Year of Birth	Single				Married				Total	
	Male		Female		Male		Female		#	%
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		
	Before 1941	8	17.0	13	27.7	13	27.7	13	27.7	47
1941-1950	25	14.3	64	36.6	44	25.1	42	24.0	175	13.1
1951-1960	56	18.2	67	21.8	111	36.2	73	23.8	307	23.0
1961-1970	78	21.9	67	18.8	146	41.0	65	18.3	356	26.7
1971-1980	165	37.3	164	37.1	71	16.1	42	9.5	442	33.1
After 1980	2	25.0	3	37.5	3	37.5	0	0.0	8	0.6
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Total	334	25.0	378	28.3	388	29.1	235	17.6	1335	100.0

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**TABLE 4**  
**Year of Birth and Racial Identity**

Year of Birth	Asian		Black		Hispn		White		NatAm		NRes		Total #
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Before 1941	0	0.0	3	0.1	2	0.1	32	1.2	1	0.0	0	0.0	38
1941-1950	14	0.5	47	1.8	4	0.2	245	9.3	1	0.0	0	0.0	311
1951-1960	27	1.0	75	2.9	15	0.6	412	15.7	1	0.0	2	0.1	532
1961-1970	61	2.3	92	3.5	25	1.0	462	17.6	3	0.1	10	0.4	653
1971-1980	99	3.8	58	2.2	17	0.6	893	34.0	5	0.2	11	0.4	1083
After 1980	0	0.0	1	0.0	0	0.0	6	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	7
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Total	201	7.7	276	10.5	63	2.4	2050	78.1	11	0.4	23	0.9	2624

	Total	
	#	%
Before 1941	38	1.4
1941-1950	311	11.9
1951-1960	532	20.3
1961-1970	653	24.9
1971-1980	1083	41.3
After 1980	7	0.3
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Total	2624	100.0

**TABLE 5**  
**Enrollment Status by Length of Commute and Planned Hours of Work per Week**

<b>FULL-TIME STUDENT</b>												
<b>Planned Hours of Work per Week</b>												
<b>M.Div.</b> Length of Commute	None		1-10		10-15		15-20		More than 20		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
No Commute	285	28.6	194	19.5	260	26.1	176	17.7	81	8.1	996	42.5
Less than 1/2 hour	165	23.6	89	12.7	133	19.0	139	19.9	174	24.9	700	29.9
1/2 to 1 hour	88	23.8	32	8.6	61	16.5	80	21.6	109	29.5	370	15.8
More than 1 hour	53	19.1	26	9.4	35	12.6	51	18.3	113	40.6	278	11.9
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Total	591	25.2	341	14.5	489	20.9	446	19.0	477	20.3	2344	100.0
<b>Professional M.A.</b>												
<b>Planned Hours of Work per Week</b>												
Length of Commute	None		1-10		10-15		15-20		More than 20		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
No Commute	38	32.2	17	14.4	29	24.6	24	20.3	10	8.5	118	31.2
Less than 1/2 hour	29	23.8	11	9.0	18	14.8	35	28.7	29	23.8	122	32.3
1/2 to 1 hour	22	23.2	8	8.4	12	12.6	23	24.2	30	31.6	95	25.1
More than 1 hour	12	27.9	2	4.7	8	18.6	4	9.3	17	39.5	43	11.4
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Total	101	26.7	38	10.1	67	17.7	86	22.8	86	22.8	378	100.0
<b>PART-TIME STUDENT</b>												
<b>Planned Hours of Work per Week</b>												
<b>M.Div.</b> Length of Commute	None		1-10		10-15		15-20		More than 20		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
No Commute	2	8.3	0	0.0	1	4.2	1	4.2	20	83.3	24	5.0
Less than 1/2 hour	10	9.0	1	0.9	4	3.6	6	5.4	90	81.1	111	23.3
1/2 to 1 hour	19	9.9	9	4.7	9	4.7	11	5.7	144	75.0	192	40.3
More than 1 hour	19	12.8	3	2.0	12	8.1	12	8.1	103	69.1	149	31.3
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Total	50	10.5	13	2.7	26	5.5	30	6.3	357	75.0	476	100.0
<b>Professional M.A.</b>												
<b>Planned Hours of Work per Week</b>												
Length of Commute	None		1-10		10-15		15-20		More than 20		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
No Commute	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	3	60.0	5	3.0
Less than 1/2 hour	5	9.6	1	1.9	1	1.9	2	3.8	43	82.7	52	31.5
1/2 to 1 hour	7	9.0	4	5.1	5	6.4	12	15.4	50	64.1	78	47.3
More than 1 hour	7	23.3	3	10.0	0	0.0	1	3.3	19	63.3	30	18.2
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Total	20	12.1	8	4.8	6	3.6	16	9.7	115	69.7	165	100.0

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**TABLE 6**  
**Number of Dependents by Gender and Marital Status**

No. of Dependents	Single				Married				Total	
	Male		Female		Male		Female		#	%
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		
None	1190	39.8	1041	34.9	393	13.2	363	12.2	2987	62.7
One	34	6.1	82	14.7	318	57.1	123	22.1	557	11.7
Two	17	3.2	52	9.7	299	55.7	169	31.5	537	11.3
Three	9	2.3	17	4.3	267	67.1	105	26.4	398	8.4
Four or more	5	1.7	5	1.7	225	78.4	52	18.1	287	6.0
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Total	1255	26.3	1197	25.1	1502	31.5	812	17.0	4766	100.0



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**TABLE 7**  
**Educational Debt by Degree Program and Gender**

Educational Debt	MDiv				Prof MA				All Others				Total	
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		#	%
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		
None	976	57.2	639	61.6	150	65.8	195	65.7	525	67.9	460	70.2	2945	62.7
Less than \$5,000	114	6.7	70	6.8	23	10.1	24	8.1	52	6.7	33	5.0	316	6.7
\$5,000 to \$10,000	165	9.7	80	7.7	16	7.0	22	7.4	52	6.7	45	6.9	380	8.1
\$10,000 to \$15,000	167	9.8	77	7.4	13	5.7	19	6.4	43	5.6	41	6.3	360	7.7
\$15,000 to \$25,000	189	11.1	112	10.8	16	7.0	30	10.1	47	6.1	48	7.3	442	9.4
More than \$25,000	94	5.5	59	5.7	10	4.4	7	2.4	54	7.0	28	4.3	252	5.4
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Total	1705	36.3	1037	22.1	228	4.9	297	6.3	773	16.5	655	14.0	4695	100.0

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**TABLE 8**  
**Highest Level of Education of Parents or Guardians**

Highest Level of Education	Father/Guardian		Mother/Guardian		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Grade School	421	8.8	340	7.1	761	8.0
Some High School	343	7.2	332	7.0	675	7.1
Diploma/Equivalent	903	18.9	1191	25.0	2094	22.0
Business/trade school	231	4.8	257	5.4	488	5.1
Some college	485	10.2	576	12.1	1061	11.1
Associate/2-year degree	177	3.7	339	7.1	516	5.4
Bachelor's/4-year degree	812	17.0	843	17.7	1655	17.4
Some grad/prof school	232	4.9	236	5.0	468	4.9
Grad/professional degree	1166	24.4	651	13.7	1817	19.1
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Total	4770	50.0	4765	50.0	9535	100.0

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**TABLE 9**  
**Area of Undergraduate Degree and Type of Institution**

Area of Degree	Public		Priv. Non Rel		Priv. Rel		* Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Art/Art history	43	42.2	23	22.5	36	35.3	102	1.7
Business	245	56.7	67	15.5	120	27.8	432	7.3
Classics	19	55.9	3	8.8	12	35.3	34	0.6
Communications	101	47.4	33	15.5	79	37.1	213	3.6
Economics	48	49.0	29	29.6	21	21.4	98	1.7
Education	234	56.9	33	8.0	144	35.0	411	7.0
Engineering	132	72.9	41	22.7	8	4.4	181	3.1
English	195	48.3	82	20.3	127	31.4	404	6.9
Health Professions	106	65.8	19	11.8	36	22.4	161	2.7
History	141	45.3	61	19.6	109	35.0	311	5.3
Languages	76	40.6	43	23.0	68	36.4	187	3.2
Life Sciences	110	59.1	26	14.0	50	26.9	186	3.2
Music	68	40.0	26	15.3	76	44.7	170	2.9
Philosophy	75	27.4	47	17.2	152	55.5	274	4.6
Physical Sciences, Math	120	59.7	31	15.4	50	24.9	201	3.4
Religion/Theology	137	11.4	121	10.1	941	78.5	1199	20.3
Social Sciences	331	51.6	118	18.4	193	30.1	642	10.9
Sociology	80	44.9	23	12.9	75	42.1	178	3.0
Visual and Performing Arts	26	41.9	11	17.7	25	40.3	62	1.1
Other	241	53.6	71	15.8	138	30.7	450	7.6
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Total	2528	42.9	908	15.4	2460	41.7	5896	100.0

\* Total number of responses

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**TABLE 10**  
**Highest Degree Beyond Bachelor's**

Beyond Bachelor's	M.Div.		Prof. M.A.		All Others		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	2160	77.0	435	81.2	832	59.0	3427	72.1
Ed.D.	18	0.6	8	1.5	188	13.3	214	4.5
J.D./L.L.B.	392	14.0	49	9.1	229	16.2	670	14.1
Master's	53	1.9	13	2.4	17	1.2	83	1.7
M.B.A.	50	1.8	5	0.9	13	0.9	68	1.4
M.D.	3	0.1	3	0.6	6	0.4	12	0.3
M.Div.	7	0.2	0	0.0	1	0.1	8	0.2
M.S.W.	36	1.3	4	0.7	38	2.7	78	1.6
Ph.D.	11	0.4	3	0.6	13	0.9	27	0.6
Other Degree	17	0.6	3	0.6	11	0.8	31	0.7
Other Doctorate	9	0.3	2	0.4	7	0.5	18	0.4
Other Professional	29	1.0	10	1.9	19	1.3	58	1.2
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Total	2806	100.0	536	100.0	1410	100.0	4752	100.0

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**TABLE 11**  
**How Student Learned About School**

Source	MDiv				Prof MA				All Others				* Total	
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		N = 4546	
	N = 1664	N = 1010	N = 221	N = 284	N = 745	N = 622	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Graduate	686	38.1	406	22.6	88	4.9	119	6.6	254	14.1	247	13.7	1800	17.0
Relative	205	38.3	116	21.7	28	5.2	36	6.7	68	12.7	82	15.3	535	5.0
Friend	730	38.0	386	20.1	101	5.3	133	6.9	290	15.1	281	14.6	1921	18.1
Mailings	293	36.9	197	24.8	35	4.4	53	6.7	119	15.0	96	12.1	793	7.5
Theological school publ.	330	36.8	208	23.2	43	4.8	36	4.0	143	16.0	136	15.2	896	8.4
Current student	264	38.8	164	24.1	35	5.1	49	7.2	84	12.3	85	12.5	681	6.4
Newspaper/magazine ad	79	35.7	37	16.7	14	6.3	22	10.0	44	19.9	25	11.3	221	2.1
College advisor/contact	234	35.3	121	18.3	40	6.0	38	5.7	126	19.0	103	15.6	662	6.2
Pastor	725	45.2	416	25.9	56	3.5	72	4.5	179	11.2	157	9.8	1605	15.1
Religious superior	264	49.0	84	15.6	21	3.9	17	3.2	97	18.0	56	10.4	539	5.1
Knowing faculty member(s)	164	32.0	85	16.6	30	5.8	29	5.7	107	20.9	98	19.1	513	4.8
Conference or church event	159	35.9	137	30.9	12	2.7	22	5.0	43	9.7	70	15.8	443	4.2
Total													10609	100.0

\* Total number of responses

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**TABLE 12**  
**First Contact and Importance of Visit to Theological School**

M.Div. First Contact	Level of Importance									
	Not Imp		Not VImp		Import		VImport		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Wrote to school requesting information	33	5.7	76	13.1	207	35.7	264	45.5	580	25.6
Telephoned school	55	6.2	113	12.7	284	31.8	440	49.3	892	39.3
Visited school	28	5.6	66	13.1	203	40.4	206	41.0	503	22.2
Returned postal card	3	4.1	5	6.8	29	39.7	36	49.3	73	3.2
Recruiter visited my college/church	11	8.9	21	17.1	44	35.8	47	38.2	123	5.4
School initiated contact	9	9.4	14	14.6	32	33.3	41	42.7	96	4.2
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Total	139	6.1	295	13.0	799	35.2	1034	45.6	2267	100.0

Professional M.A. First Contact	Level of Importance									
	Not Imp		Not VImp		Import		VImport		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Wrote to school requesting information	5	5.8	13	15.1	36	41.9	32	37.2	86	21.8
Telephoned school	18	10.3	32	18.3	62	35.4	63	36.0	175	44.4
Visited school	0	0.0	16	18.2	38	43.2	34	38.6	88	22.3
Returned postal card	0	0.0	2	15.4	6	46.2	5	38.5	13	3.3
Recruiter visited my college/church	3	13.6	3	13.6	10	45.5	6	27.3	22	5.6
School initiated contact	1	10.0	2	20.0	3	30.0	4	40.0	10	2.5
-										
Total	27	6.9	68	17.3	155	39.3	144	36.5	394	100.0

All Others First Contact	Level of Importance									
	Not Imp		Not VImp		Import		VImport		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Wrote to school requesting information	23	9.5	43	17.8	96	39.8	79	32.8	241	24.7
Telephoned school	29	7.7	45	11.9	146	38.5	159	42.0	379	38.8
Visited school	17	6.5	28	10.7	100	38.2	117	44.7	262	26.8
Returned postal card	2	6.3	6	18.8	10	31.3	14	43.8	32	3.3
Recruiter visited my college/church	6	16.2	6	16.2	14	37.8	11	29.7	37	3.8
School initiated contact	4	15.4	4	15.4	11	42.3	7	26.9	26	2.7
-										
Total	81	8.3	132	13.5	377	38.6	387	39.6	977	100.0

**TABLE 13**  
**Questions on the Importance of Campus Visit and Student Housing**

Frequency of Response to	Yes		No	
	#	%	#	%
Visited campus	3635	73.7	1298	26.3
Applied elsewhere	1414	28.6	3535	71.4
Comparable/better financial package	639	17.9	2934	82.1
-				
Total	5688	42.3	7767	57.7

Level of Importance of Campus Visit	#	%
Not important at all	128	3.5
Not very important	487	13.5
Important	1381	38.1
Very Important	1624	44.9
-		
Total	3620	100.0

Live In Student Housing	#	%
Yes	1682	33.9
No	3280	66.1
-		
Total	4962	100.0

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**TABLE 14**  
**Significance of Financial Aid Package on Choice of School**

Level of Significance	Single				Married				Total #
	Male		Female		Male		Female		
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
No significance	281	26.4	205	19.2	383	36.0	196	18.4	1065
Some significance	175	26.1	166	24.7	228	34.0	102	15.2	671
Significant	243	29.9	222	27.3	226	27.8	123	15.1	814
Great significance	276	28.7	269	28.0	286	29.8	130	13.5	961
Greatest significance	118	25.7	142	30.9	142	30.9	58	12.6	460
Did not apply for aid	126	19.2	160	24.4	189	28.9	180	27.5	655
-									
Total	1219	26.4	1164	25.2	1454	31.4	789	17.1	4626

Level of Significance	Total	
	#	%
No significance	1065	23.0
Some significance	671	14.5
Significant	814	17.6
Great significance	961	20.8
Greatest significance	460	9.9
Did not apply for aid	655	14.2
-		
Total	4626	100.0



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**TABLE 15**  
**Importance of Factors in Decision to Attend Institution**

Source of Influence	Male N = 2687		Female N = 1954	
	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
My denomination encouraged attendance	2.3	1.5	2.2	1.5
Impressed with quality of faculty	3.8	1.2	3.8	1.2
Pastor encouraged me	2.4	1.5	2.3	1.4
School's academic reputation	3.9	1.1	4.0	1.1
Graduate recommended it highly	3.0	1.6	3.1	1.6
Faculty member encouraged me	2.0	1.4	1.8	1.4
Wanted school close to home/work	2.4	1.6	2.7	1.7
Comfortable with doctrinal position	3.5	1.3	3.5	1.3
I was sent there by a religious supervisor	1.7	1.3	1.4	1.0
Impressed with admissions staff	2.7	1.4	3.0	1.5
Relative went there	2.2	1.5	2.3	1.6
Only theological school in area	1.6	1.1	1.7	1.3
Offered good financial aid package	2.3	1.5	2.3	1.5

1 - Of no importance	3 - Somewhat important	5 - Very important
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**TABLE 16**  
**Top Five Reasons for Choosing a Particular Institution**

Top Reasons for Choice	Male		Female		* Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Close to home	841	6.4	680	7.2	1521	6.7
Denominational affiliation	1099	8.4	742	7.8	1841	8.2
Theological perspective	1568	12.0	936	9.9	2504	11.1
Academic reputation	1599	12.2	1060	11.2	2659	11.8
Curriculum	897	6.9	700	7.4	1597	7.1
Sense of community	665	5.1	610	6.4	1275	5.7
Financial aid package	683	5.2	470	5.0	1153	5.1
Faculty	1230	9.4	656	6.9	1886	8.4
Ecumenical setting	308	2.4	310	3.3	618	2.7
Spirituality	929	7.1	738	7.8	1667	7.4
Location	802	6.1	568	6.0	1370	6.1
University setting	319	2.4	192	2.0	511	2.3
Family/spouse	301	2.3	230	2.4	531	2.4
Interdisciplinary/joint degree program	146	1.1	177	1.9	323	1.4
Flexible class schedule	446	3.4	403	4.2	849	3.8
Special academic program	407	3.1	327	3.4	734	3.3
Access to other theological schools	226	1.7	235	2.5	461	2.0
Multi-ethnic student body	299	2.3	297	3.1	596	2.6
Friend on campus	178	1.4	65	0.7	243	1.1
Availability of housing	131	1.0	96	1.0	227	1.0
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Total	13074	100.0	9492	100.0	22566	100.0

\* Total number of responses

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TABLE 17

Time When First Considered Theological School and Personal Theological Position

M.Div.												
First Considered	Very Cons		Conserv		Middle		Liberal		Very Lib		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Before college	40	5.5	249	34.3	251	34.6	148	20.4	38	5.2	726	26.2
During college	62	7.4	325	38.9	248	29.7	148	17.7	52	6.2	835	30.1
After graduating college	13	4.5	111	38.5	85	29.5	69	24.0	10	3.5	288	10.4
After graduate work	2	2.3	19	22.1	32	37.2	19	22.1	14	16.3	86	3.1
After work experience	34	4.4	249	32.0	276	35.4	170	21.8	50	6.4	779	28.1
Cannot remember	4	6.5	21	33.9	22	35.5	11	17.7	4	6.5	62	2.2
-												
Total	155	5.6	974	35.1	914	32.9	565	20.4	168	6.1	2776	100.0
Professional M.A.												
First Considered	Very Cons		Conserv		Middle		Liberal		Very Lib		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Before college	2	2.6	39	50.6	25	32.5	7	9.1	4	5.2	77	14.5
During college	9	6.2	67	45.9	49	33.6	19	13.0	2	1.4	146	27.5
After graduating college	6	6.2	39	40.2	30	30.9	22	22.7	0	0.0	97	18.3
After graduate work	4	16.0	11	44.0	8	32.0	2	8.0	0	0.0	25	4.7
After work experience	10	6.0	78	46.4	44	26.2	29	17.3	7	4.2	168	31.7
Cannot remember	1	5.9	7	41.2	6	35.3	3	17.6	0	0.0	17	3.2
-												
Total	32	6.0	241	45.5	162	30.6	82	15.5	13	2.5	530	100.0
All Others												
First Considered	Very Cons		Conserv		Middle		Liberal		Very Lib		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Before college	14	4.9	104	36.7	89	31.4	59	20.8	17	6.0	283	19.9
During college	22	5.6	138	35.3	115	29.4	68	17.4	48	12.3	391	27.5
After graduating college	8	4.1	82	42.3	52	26.8	38	19.6	14	7.2	194	13.7
After graduate work	4	7.5	19	35.8	13	24.5	12	22.6	5	9.4	53	3.7
After work experience	20	4.6	176	40.2	117	26.7	95	21.7	30	6.8	438	30.8
Cannot remember	6	9.7	17	27.4	27	43.5	9	14.5	3	4.8	62	4.4
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Total	74	5.2	536	37.7	413	29.1	281	19.8	117	8.2	1421	100.0

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**TABLE 18**  
**Description of Institution & Personal Theological Position**

**M.Div.**

Institution	Very Cons		Conserv		Middle		Liberal		Very Lib		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Very Conservative	57	43.2	54	40.9	16	12.1	3	2.3	2	1.5	132	4.8
Conservative	67	9.0	501	67.3	140	18.8	28	3.8	8	1.1	744	26.8
Middle-of-the-road	9	1.3	189	27.9	337	49.8	118	17.4	24	3.5	677	24.4
Liberal	11	1.8	104	17.4	205	34.3	224	37.5	53	8.9	597	21.5
Very Liberal	7	3.9	39	21.7	51	28.3	55	30.6	28	15.6	180	6.5
Theologically diverse	4	0.9	83	18.7	162	36.6	142	32.1	52	11.7	443	16.0
-												
Total	155	5.6	970	35.0	911	32.9	570	20.6	167	6.0	2773	100.0

**Professional M.A.**

Institution	Very Cons		Conserv		Middle		Liberal		Very Lib		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Very Conservative	11	28.2	18	46.2	8	20.5	2	5.1	0	0.0	39	7.4
Conservative	16	6.4	173	69.5	51	20.5	9	3.6	0	0.0	249	47.2
Middle-of-the-road	3	2.7	38	33.9	51	45.5	20	17.9	0	0.0	112	21.2
Liberal	2	4.0	6	12.0	14	28.0	21	42.0	7	14.0	50	9.5
Very Liberal	0	0.0	2	11.1	8	44.4	7	38.9	1	5.6	18	3.4
Theologically diverse	0	0.0	5	8.3	28	46.7	22	36.7	5	8.3	60	11.4
-												
Total	32	6.1	242	45.8	160	30.3	81	15.3	13	2.5	528	100.0

**All Others**

Institution	Very Cons		Conserv		Middle		Liberal		Very Lib		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Very Conservative	34	37.0	48	52.2	9	9.8	1	1.1	0	0.0	92	6.5
Conservative	24	6.0	282	70.3	75	18.7	15	3.7	5	1.2	401	28.5
Middle-of-the-road	7	2.0	103	30.1	144	42.1	76	22.2	12	3.5	342	24.3
Liberal	5	1.8	40	14.7	78	28.7	100	36.8	49	18.0	272	19.3
Very Liberal	0	0.0	11	16.2	23	33.8	21	30.9	13	19.1	68	4.8
Theologically diverse	4	1.7	51	22.1	72	31.2	66	28.6	38	16.5	231	16.4
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Total	74	5.3	535	38.1	401	28.5	279	19.8	117	8.3	1406	100.0

**TABLE 19**  
**Religious Tradition of Upbringing and Current Denomination**

Religious Traditions	Denomination of Upbringing		Current Denomination	
	#	%	#	%
Adventist, Seventh-day	11	0.2	8	0.2
Anglican Church of Canada	36	0.8	39	0.8
American Baptist Churches	77	1.7	81	1.6
Baptist General Conference	42	0.9	46	0.9
Conservative Baptist Assoc.	25	0.5	26	0.5
Independent Baptist	71	1.5	50	1.0
National Baptist Convention	86	1.9	53	1.1
North American Baptist Conference	12	0.3	7	0.1
Southern Baptist Convention	404	8.7	343	6.9
Baptist Other	175	3.8	193	3.9
Church of the Brethren	33	0.7	30	0.6
Christian Churches and Churches of Christ	71	1.5	81	1.6
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	61	1.3	80	1.6
Christian and Missionary Alliance	45	1.0	66	1.3
Churches of Christ	45	1.0	44	0.9
Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)	23	0.5	21	0.4
Church of the Nazarene	58	1.3	54	1.1
Episcopal	183	3.9	316	6.4
Evangelical Free Church of America	33	0.7	71	1.4
Friends, Religious Society of	8	0.2	29	0.6
Interdenominational/Multidenominational	32	0.7	63	1.3
Jewish	26	0.6	15	0.3
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	224	4.8	275	5.6
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod	71	1.5	15	0.3
Lutheran Church-Canada	4	0.1	5	0.1
Lutheran, Other	46	1.0	32	0.6
Mennonite	42	0.9	62	1.3
African Methodist Episcopal	36	0.8	54	1.1
United Methodist Church	541	11.7	607	12.3
Methodist, Other	93	2.0	72	1.5
Nondenominational	67	1.4	135	2.7
Orthodox Churches	11	0.2	3	0.1
Assemblies of God	130	2.8	131	2.7
Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)	24	0.5	14	0.3
Presbyterian Church in America	53	1.1	100	2.0
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	280	6.0	361	7.3
Presbyterian, Other	174	3.8	130	2.6
Christian Reformed Church	23	0.5	28	0.6
Reformed Church in America	21	0.5	14	0.3
Roman Catholic Church	654	14.1	414	8.4
Unitarian Universalist	18	0.4	40	0.8
United Church of Canada	16	0.3	7	0.1
United Church of Christ	117	2.5	147	3.0
Other denomination	193	4.2	256	5.2
Unaffiliated/No denomination	241	5.2	320	6.5
-				
Total	4636	100.0	4938	100.0

**TABLE 20**  
**Current Denomination and Plans for Ordination for M.Div. Students**

Religious Traditions	Current Denomination		Plans for Ordination							
	#	%	Yes		No		Undec		Ordained	
			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Adventist, Seventh-day	3	0.1	3	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Anglican Church of Canada	18	0.6	13	76.5	0	0.0	3	17.6	1	5.9
American Baptist Churches	49	1.7	38	77.6	2	4.1	9	18.4	0	0.0
Baptist General Conference	19	0.7	15	78.9	2	10.5	0	0.0	2	10.5
Conservative Baptist Assoc.	12	0.4	8	66.7	0	0.0	4	33.3	0	0.0
Independent Baptist	25	0.9	16	64.0	2	8.0	4	16.0	3	12.0
National Baptist Convention	37	1.3	16	43.2	3	8.1	1	2.7	17	45.9
North American Baptist Conference	4	0.1	2	50.0	2	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Southern Baptist Convention	236	8.3	114	48.7	27	11.5	45	19.2	48	20.5
Baptist Other	116	4.1	64	55.7	10	8.7	30	26.1	11	9.6
Church of the Brethren	19	0.7	15	78.9	1	5.3	3	15.8	0	0.0
Christian Churches and Churches of Christ	34	1.2	17	50.0	4	11.8	7	20.6	6	17.6
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	57	2.0	52	91.2	0	0.0	4	7.0	1	1.8
Christian and Missionary Alliance	28	1.0	12	44.4	6	22.2	7	25.9	2	7.4
Churches of Christ	22	0.8	10	50.0	5	25.0	2	10.0	3	15.0
Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)	18	0.6	12	66.7	0	0.0	1	5.6	5	27.8
Church of the Nazarene	34	1.2	26	78.8	2	6.1	4	12.1	1	3.0
Episcopal	183	6.5	148	82.2	8	4.4	22	12.2	2	1.1
Evangelical Free Church of America	35	1.2	27	77.1	4	11.4	2	5.7	2	5.7
Friends, Religious Society of	18	0.6	5	27.8	9	50.0	4	22.2	0	0.0
Interdenominational/Multidenominational	27	1.0	15	55.6	2	7.4	8	29.6	2	7.4
Jewish	2	0.1	2	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	201	7.1	176	88.4	4	2.0	19	9.5	0	0.0
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod	4	0.1	3	75.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0
Lutheran Church-Canada	4	0.1	4	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Lutheran, Other	5	0.2	4	80.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Mennonite	24	0.8	15	62.5	3	12.5	6	25.0	0	0.0
African Methodist Episcopal	45	1.6	25	55.6	1	2.2	5	11.1	14	31.1
United Methodist Church	458	16.2	392	85.8	9	2.0	50	10.9	6	1.3
Methodist, Other	38	1.3	27	71.1	2	5.3	2	5.3	7	18.4
Nondenominational	51	1.8	24	48.0	8	16.0	14	28.0	4	8.0
Orthodox Churches	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0
Assemblies of God	56	2.0	33	61.1	5	9.3	6	11.1	10	18.5
Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)	3	0.1	1	33.3	1	33.3	1	33.3	0	0.0
Presbyterian Church in America	62	2.2	47	75.8	2	3.2	12	19.4	1	1.6
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	255	9.0	214	84.3	2	0.8	35	13.8	3	1.2
Presbyterian, Other	53	1.9	37	69.8	3	5.7	12	22.6	1	1.9
Christian Reformed Church	14	0.5	10	71.4	2	14.3	2	14.3	0	0.0
Reformed Church in America	10	0.4	8	80.0	0	0.0	2	20.0	0	0.0
Roman Catholic Church	175	6.2	117	67.6	39	22.5	14	8.1	3	1.7
Unitarian Universalist	25	0.9	22	91.7	0	0.0	2	8.3	0	0.0
United Church of Canada	3	0.1	0	0.0	2	66.7	1	33.3	0	0.0
United Church of Christ	101	3.6	85	85.9	0	0.0	14	14.1	0	0.0
Other denomination	114	4.0	74	65.5	8	7.1	20	17.7	11	9.7
Unaffiliated/No denomination	134	4.7	68	51.5	22	16.7	33	25.0	9	6.8
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Total	2832	100.0	2016	71.8	203	7.2	412	14.7	175	6.2

**TABLE 21**  
**Importance of Influence in Personal Choice or Calling**

Source of Influence	Male N = 2699		Female N = 1981	
	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
Family/spouse	3.1	1.4	2.9	1.4
Friend(s)	2.7	1.2	2.6	1.2
Encouragement of clergy	3.3	1.3	3.2	1.4
Pastoral Counseling/Spiritual Direction	3.0	1.4	3.1	1.4
Experienced call from God	4.4	1.0	4.5	1.0
Interest in religious/theological questions	3.8	1.1	4.0	1.1
Promise of spiritual fulfillment	3.4	1.2	3.7	1.2
Opportunity for study/growth	3.9	1.1	4.3	0.9
Search for meaning in life	2.9	1.4	3.2	1.4
Major life event	1.8	1.2	2.0	1.4
Desire to serve others	4.1	1.0	4.3	0.9
To celebrate sacraments	2.6	1.4	2.8	1.5
Contribute to social justice	2.9	1.4	3.4	1.4
Desire to preserve tradition	2.6	1.3	2.5	1.3
Desire to make a difference	3.9	1.2	3.9	1.2
Experience in campus organization	2.2	1.3	2.1	1.3
Experience in church life	3.4	1.3	3.5	1.3

1 - Of no importance	3 - Somewhat important	5 - Very important
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**TABLE 22**  
**Recent Participation in Worshipping Community and Activity as Member**

**M.Div.**

Participation

	Activity as Member									
	Very Active		Moderately		Not Very		Inactive		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
As Pastor	56	96.6	2	3.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	58	2.5
As member	1693	73.3	537	23.3	77	3.3	2	0.1	2309	97.5
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Total	1749	73.9	539	22.8	77	3.3	2	0.1	2367	100.0

**Professional M.A.**

Participation

	Activity as Member									
	Very Active		Moderately		Not Very		Inactive		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
As Pastor	10	83.3	1	8.3	1	8.3	0	0.0	12	2.6
As member	260	58.2	149	33.3	37	8.3	1	0.2	447	97.4
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Total	270	58.8	150	32.7	38	8.3	1	0.2	459	100.0

**All Others**

Participation

	Activity as Member									
	Very Active		Moderately		Not Very		Inactive		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
As Pastor	49	87.5	7	12.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	56	5.0
As member	626	59.1	336	31.7	86	8.1	11	1.0	1059	95.0
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Total	675	60.5	343	30.8	86	7.7	11	1.0	1115	100.0



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**TABLE 23**

**Elected or Appointed Service in Leadership Within Past Five Years, Kind and Church Size**

Service in Leadership	M.Div.		Prof.M.A.		All Others		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Local church	899	55.7	160	44.9	405	41.0	1464	49.5
Other church body/organization	108	6.7	24	6.7	83	8.4	215	7.3
School/college organization	148	9.2	30	8.4	105	10.6	283	9.6
Civic/fraternal organization	30	1.9	4	1.1	16	1.6	50	1.7
Other leadership position	95	5.9	20	5.6	90	9.1	205	6.9
No recent position	334	20.7	118	33.1	288	29.2	740	25.0
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Total	1614	100.0	356	100.0	987	100.0	2957	100.0

Kind of Church	Membership											
	Under 100		100-250		250-500		500-1000		1000 or more		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Rural	145	38.9	132	35.4	52	13.9	27	7.2	17	4.6	373	9.5
Small town	156	19.9	292	37.3	179	22.9	92	11.8	63	8.1	782	19.9
Suburban	131	9.6	283	20.7	370	27.0	240	17.5	344	25.1	1368	34.9
Urban	220	15.7	304	21.7	266	19.0	212	15.1	399	28.5	1401	35.7
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Total	652	16.6	1011	25.8	867	22.1	571	14.6	823	21.0	3924	100.0

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**TABLE 24**  
**Expectation for Full-time Position After Graduation**

Expectation	Single				Married				Total	
	Male		Female		Male		Female		#	%
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		
Parish ministry	300	29.1	199	20.5	482	39.6	179	27.0	1160	29.9
Campus ministry	21	2.0	14	1.4	13	1.1	6	0.9	54	1.4
Inner-city ministry	14	1.4	19	2.0	12	1.0	5	0.8	50	1.3
Pastoral counseling	24	2.3	51	5.3	51	4.2	39	5.9	165	4.3
Hospital or other chaplaincy	16	1.6	30	3.1	19	1.6	30	4.5	95	2.4
Secondary/prep school teaching	11	1.1	11	1.1	7	0.6	1	0.2	30	0.8
College/university teaching	74	7.2	47	4.8	77	6.3	24	3.6	222	5.7
Seminary teaching	19	1.8	14	1.4	38	3.1	10	1.5	81	2.1
Social work/services	8	0.8	40	4.1	7	0.6	28	4.2	83	2.1
Foreign missions	65	6.3	61	6.3	69	5.7	24	3.6	219	5.6
Home missions	8	0.8	5	0.5	7	0.6	4	0.6	24	0.6
Church planting/evangelism	17	1.6	7	0.7	46	3.8	5	0.8	75	1.9
Youth ministry	67	6.5	43	4.4	44	3.6	12	1.8	166	4.3
Church musician	6	0.6	5	0.5	6	0.5	8	1.2	25	0.6
Christian education	11	1.1	26	2.7	25	2.1	31	4.7	93	2.4
Spiritual direction	10	1.0	17	1.8	6	0.5	11	1.7	44	1.1
Social justice ministry	19	1.8	27	2.8	7	0.6	5	0.8	58	1.5
Further graduate study	79	7.7	47	4.8	56	4.6	13	2.0	195	5.0
Professional lay ministry	10	1.0	12	1.2	14	1.1	22	3.3	58	1.5
Undecided	198	19.2	246	25.3	185	15.2	161	24.3	790	20.4
Other	54	5.2	50	5.1	47	3.9	44	6.6	195	5.0
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Total	1031	100.0	971	100.0	1218	100.0	662	100.0	3882	100.0