Q1) Degree program
   o Pre-theology
   o MDiv
   o 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
   o 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 Several times a quarter or semester
   o Once a quarter or semester
   o 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 Slightly important
   o Somewhat important
   o Important
   o Very important

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

Q4) Gender
   o Male
   o Female
   o Other: (Please specify)
   o Prefer not to disclose
Q5) In what year were you born? – Select from list –

Q6) How would your school or program identify you?
   o A domestic student
   o An international student

Q7) With which of the following do you identify? (Check all that apply)
   □ Black, African American, African Canadian
   □ Native North American, First Nation, Indigenous
   □ Asian-descent or Pacific Islander
   □ Hispanic, Latino(a), Latin@
   □ White, Caucasian
   □ Other: (Please specify)
   □ Prefer not to disclose

Q8) Are you:
   o Single (includes widowed/divorced)
   o Married

Q9) How many dependents do you have?
   o None (if selected go to Question 10)
   o One
   o Two
   o Three
   o Four or more

Q9a) How many hours a week do you plan to devote to primarily providing care for your dependents?
   o Fewer than 10 hours
   o 10-15 hours
   o 16-20 hours
   o 21-30 hours
   o 31-40 hours
   o More than 40 hours

Q9b) How did dependent care impact your choice of school or program?
   o I chose a shorter degree program
   o I chose to enroll part-time
   o I chose a school with more online courses
   o I chose a school closer to home or a network of support
   o Other: (Please specify)
   o It did not impact my choice of school or program

Q10) How many hours a week do you plan to work at a paying job this year?
   o No plans for paying job
   o Fewer than 10 hours
   o 10-15 hours
   o 16-20 hours
   o 21-30 hours
   o 31-40 hours
   o More than 40 hours

Q11) How long is your commute to school?
   o I live in campus housing
   o I live within walking distance of campus
   o 1/2 to 1 hour
   o 1 to 2 hours
   o 2 to 4 hours
   o More than 4 hours
   o I take all of my classes online
Q12) Do you have an undergraduate degree?
   - Yes
   - No (If selected, go to Question 16a)

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) What type of undergraduate degree did you earn?
   - Two-year Associate's Degree
   - Degree from Technical School
   - Bachelor's Degree

Q14a1) What country and state/province did you attend school?

Q14a2) What school did you attend?

Q14b) What was the area of your undergraduate major? (Check all that apply)
   - Education
   - Fine Arts
   - Humanities (e.g., classics, English, history, languages)
   - Natural/physical sciences (e.g., chemistry, mathematics, engineering)
   - Philosophy
   - Religious Studies
   - Theology
   - Social/behavioral sciences (e.g., economics, political science, psychology, sociology)
   - Technical studies (e.g., business, communications, computers)

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

Q15b) Was your degree from a theological school or program?
   - Yes
   - No

Q16a) How much educational debt did you bring with you to this program?
   - None
   - Less than $10,000
   - $10,000 to $19,999
   - $20,000 to $29,999
   - $30,000 to $39,999
   - $40,000 to $59,999
   - $60,000 to $79,999
   - $80,000 or more
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
- $40,000 to $59,999
- $60,000 to $79,999
- $80,000 or more

Q16c) Are you currently responsible for payments on the student loans of a family member other than yourself?
- Yes
- No

Q17) In the past five years, have you held, been elected to, or been appointed to a leadership position in: (Check 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

Q18) Current denomination or religious tradition
- Denomination Family: - Select from list -
- Denomination: - Select from list –

See last two pages for listing of Denominations, Denominational Families, and Religious Traditions available.

Q18a) If Catholic is selected: Pease indicate your anticipated goal of formation (Check all that apply):
- Diocesan priest
- Religious order priest
- Lay ecclesial minister
- Religious sister or brother
- Deacon / permanent deacon
- Lay person not in ministry

Q19) In what denomination(s) or religious tradition(s) were you primarily raised and/or formed? (Choose all that apply)
- Select denomination(s) or religious tradition(s) from list -
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Do you anticipate pursuing any of the following?
Q20a) Ordination
- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- Already Ordained

Q20b) Other ministry credentialing (e.g. licensure, commissioning, chaplaincy)
- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- Already credentialed

Q20c) Other professional credential related to your degree (e.g. teaching, counseling, social work)
- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- Already have professional credential
Q21a) During the past two years, how would you describe your participation in a worshiping community, congregation, or parish?
   o Very active
   o Active
   o Moderately active
   o Not very active
   o Inactive (if selected go to Question 22)

Q21b) If not "inactive", was the church:
   o Rural
   o Small town
   o Suburban
   o Urban

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

Q22) When did you first consider going to theological school?
   o Before college
   o During college
   o One or two years after graduating from college
   o After graduate work
   o After two to ten years of work
   o After ten or more years of work

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
   o 1 o 2 o 3 o 4 o 5

Q24b) Influence of friend(s)
   o 1 o 2 o 3 o 4 o 5

Q24c) Encouragement of pastor/minister
   o 1 o 2 o 3 o 4 o 5

Q24d) Experience of counseling/spiritual direction
   o 1 o 2 o 3 o 4 o 5

Q24e) Experienced a call from God
   o 1 o 2 o 3 o 4 o 5

Q24f) Intellectual interest in religious/theological questions
   o 1 o 2 o 3 o 4 o 5

Q24g) Opportunity for study and growth
   o 1 o 2 o 3 o 4 o 5

Q24h) Promise of spiritual fulfillment
   o 1 o 2 o 3 o 4 o 5

Q24i) Search for meaning in life
   o 1 o 2 o 3 o 4 o 5

Q24j) To discern God’s will
   o 1 o 2 o 3 o 4 o 5

Q24k) Desire to serve others
   o 1 o 2 o 3 o 4 o 5

Q24l) Desire to administer the sacraments
   o 1 o 2 o 3 o 4 o 5

Q24m) Desire to contribute to the cause of social justice
   o 1 o 2 o 3 o 4 o 5

Q24n) Desire to preserve traditions of the church
   o 1 o 2 o 3 o 4 o 5

Q24o) Desire to make a difference in life of church
   o 1 o 2 o 3 o 4 o 5

Q24p) Experience in campus Christian organization
   o 1 o 2 o 3 o 4 o 5

Q24q) Experience of the community life of a local church or worshipping community
   o 1 o 2 o 3 o 4 o 5

Q24r) Desire to make a difference in the world
   o 1 o 2 o 3 o 4 o 5

Q24s) To increase my potential to get a job
   o 1 o 2 o 3 o 4 o 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

Q25a) Quality of the faculty
Q25b) Curriculum
Q25c) Academic reputation of the school
Q25d) University / college affiliation
Q25e) Access to other theological schools / cross-registration
Q25f) Availability of distance learning
Q25g) Extension site of main campus
Q25h) Flexible class schedule
Q25i) Denominational affiliation
Q25j) Comfort with the school's doctrinal positions/theological perspective
Q25k) Encouragement of my pastor
Q25l) Sent by religious superior
Q25m) Recommended by a graduate/current student
Q25n) Encouragement of a faculty member/mentor from my college
Q25o) Participation in a vocational discernment program (high school or college)
Q25p) Family reasons
Q25q) Quality of the admissions staff
Q25r) Good financial aid assistance
Q25s) Wanted a school close to home / work
Q25t) Diverse / multicultural community
Q25u) Sense of community at the school

Q26) Which of the following most compelled you to find out more about this institution?

- Graduate
- Relative
- Friend
- Pastor
- Religious superior
- Current student
- College chaplain, advisor, or other college contact
- Theological school recruiter
- Know a particular faculty member(s) at theological school
- Online ad
- Print ad or mailing
- Theological school publications
- Conference or church event
- School Website
- Web search
- Social media search
- Theological school initiated contact with me
Q27) After hearing about our school, how did you gain more information about it? (Check all that apply)

- □ Viewed school Website
- □ Requested information via the school Website
- □ Social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
- □ Communicated with school staff
- □ Communicated with current student / graduate
- □ Communicated with school faculty
- □ Wrote to the school
- □ Telephoned the school
- □ Visited the school (if selected also answer Question 28)

Q28) If you visited the school as an individual or as part of a program, how important was that visit to your decision to attend the institution?

- o Of no importance
- o Slightly important
- o Somewhat important
- o Important
- o Very important

Q29) How significant was financial aid assistance in your decision to attend this institution?

- o Of no significance
- o Of some significance
- o Significant
- o Of great significance
- o Of greatest significance
- o Did not apply for financial aid

Q30a) Are you currently engaged in ministerial work?

- o Yes
- o No (if selected go to Question 31)

Q30b) Do you intend to continue working in the same position while pursuing your degree?

- o Yes
- o No
- o Unsure

Q30c) Is that ministerial work...

- o Full-time paid
- o Full-time volunteer
- o Part-time paid
- o Part-time volunteer

Q31) Upon graduating from our school, do you anticipate working full-time or part-time?

- o Full-time
- o Part-time
- o I do not intend to work in a paid position. (if selected go to Question 33)

Q31a) Do you anticipate holding multiple positions?

- o Yes
- o Yes, and one or more position will be ministerial work (bivocational ministry)
- o Unsure, but at least one position will be ministerial work
- o Unsure
- o No
Q32a) Upon graduating from our school, what types of paid positions do you anticipate having? (Check all that apply)
- □ Congregational/parish ministry
- □ Teaching or educational setting
- □ Health care chaplain or counselor
- □ Faith-based nonprofit
- □ Other: Please explain

Q32b) If Congregational/Parish Ministry, what position do you anticipate having?
- o Pastor, priest, minister of a congregation/parish
- o Associate or assistant pastor, priest, or minister
- o Minister or director of Christian/religious education
- o Youth work or ministry
- o Musician or liturgist
- o Spiritual director
- o New church development / church planting / evangelism
- o Other position within a congregation/parish context
- o Unsure what position within a congregation / parish context

Q32c) If NOT Congregational/Parish Ministry, what position do you anticipate having?
- o Retreat or spiritual director (not in a congregation/parish)
- o Campus ministry or youth worker (not in a congregation/parish)
- o Hospital/hospice/healthcare chaplaincy
- o Military chaplaincy
- o Prison ministry
- o Other specialized ministry (not in a congregation/parish)
- o Missionary service (foreign)
- o Denominational administrator or staff
- o Teaching in primary or secondary education
- o Teaching or administration in a theological school
- o Other teaching or administration in higher education
- o Other Religious or parachurch agency/organization
- o Social work/social services
- o Social justice ministry
- o Community development or community organizing
- o Pastoral counselor (not in a congregation/parish)
- o Licensed counselor or psychologist
- o Executive/administrator in a nonprofit agency
- o Executive/administrator in a for-profit business
- o Further graduate or professional studies
- o Full-time homemaking or childcare
- o Medicine/engineering/law
- o Other: (Please specify)
- o Undecided

Q33) Do you anticipate holding a volunteer/unpaid ministerial position after graduation?
- o Yes
- o No (if selected go to END)
- o Unsure
Q33a) What type of ministerial position?
   o Pastor, priest, minister of a congregation/parish
   o Associate or assistant pastor, priest, or minister
   o Minister or director of Christian/religious education
   o Youth work or ministry
   o Musician or liturgist
   o Spiritual director
   o New church development/church planting/evangelism
   o Other position within a congregation/parish context
   o Unsure

Q33b) Will that position be:
   o Full-time
   o Part-time
   o Unsure

~ End of Survey ~
## 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)
- 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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