

STUDENT INFORMATION PROJECT

Entering Student Questionnaire 1996-1997 Profile of Participants

Total Number of Schools : 81
Total Number of Students : 4,600

Selected Highlights of Your 1996-1997 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 **1996-1997 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: More than 20. Those whose commute was less than 1/2 hour represented: 26.2%. Those whose commute would take between 1/2 and 1 hour was: 14.4%.
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- > (Table 6) The percentage of students who had one or two dependents was: 23.2%. The following percentage had three or more: 14.5%.
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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: 10.5%.
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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: Graduate, Friend 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: 83.9%.
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- > (Table 14) The percentage of students who ranked your financial aid package as 'significant' or higher was: 46.7%.
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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, Denominational affiliation, Faculty 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': 58.8%. The following percentage first considered it 'After work experience': 26.4%.
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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	30	93.8	1	3.1	0	0.0	1	3.1	32
M.Div.	775	28.5	557	20.4	1023	37.6	369	13.5	2724
M.A. Professional/M.R.E./M.C.M.	93	18.2	191	37.5	137	26.9	89	17.5	510
M.A.R./M.T.S./M.A. (academic)	108	24.9	133	30.6	123	28.3	70	16.1	434
D.Min.	5	26.3	3	15.8	8	42.1	3	15.8	19
Ed.D./D.Miss./D.M.A.	1	6.3	1	6.3	11	68.8	3	18.8	16
Th.M./S.T.M.	31	21.1	24	16.3	81	55.1	11	7.5	147
Ph.D./Th.D./S.T.D.	23	18.4	22	17.6	63	50.4	17	13.6	125
Non-degree special	42	33.9	37	29.8	21	16.9	24	19.4	124
Diploma/certificate	12	12.9	25	26.9	31	33.3	25	26.9	93
Other	24	24.5	37	37.8	20	20.4	17	17.3	98
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Total	1144	26.5	1031	23.9	1518	35.1	629	14.6	4322

	Total	
	#	%
Pre-theology	32	0.7
M.Div.	2724	63.0
M.A. Professional/M.R.E./M.C.M.	510	11.8
M.A.R./M.T.S./M.A. (academic)	434	10.0
D.Min.	19	0.4
Ed.D./D.Miss./D.M.A.	16	0.4
Th.M./S.T.M.	147	3.4
Ph.D./Th.D./S.T.D.	125	2.9
Non-degree special	124	2.9
Diploma/certificate	93	2.2
Other	98	2.3
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Total	4322	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	6	19.4	2	6.5	2	6.5	21	67.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	31
M.Div.	186	6.6	318	11.3	62	2.2	2215	78.9	10	0.4	16	0.6	2807
M.A. Professional/M.R.E./M.C.M	44	8.5	22	4.2	12	2.3	430	82.9	1	0.2	10	1.9	519
M.A.R./M.T.S./M.A. (academic)	30	6.8	29	6.5	7	1.6	364	82.0	1	0.2	13	2.9	444
D.Min.	4	20.0	7	35.0	0	0.0	9	45.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	20
Ed.D./D.Miss./D.M.A.	4	26.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	8	53.3	0	0.0	3	20.0	15
Th.M./S.T.M.	58	38.4	18	11.9	3	2.0	66	43.7	0	0.0	6	4.0	151
Ph.D./Th.D./S.T.D.	24	18.9	10	7.9	3	2.4	87	68.5	0	0.0	3	2.4	127
Non-degree special	18	14.3	4	3.2	0	0.0	97	77.0	0	0.0	7	5.6	126
Diploma/certificate	6	6.3	3	3.2	4	4.2	77	81.1	1	1.1	4	4.2	95
Other	4	4.0	3	3.0	0	0.0	90	90.9	1	1.0	1	1.0	99
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Total	384	8.7	416	9.4	93	2.1	3464	78.1	14	0.3	63	1.4	4434

Degree Program	Total		U.S.	Citizenship	
	#	%		#	%
Pre-theology	31	0.7	4029	89.1	
M.Div.	2807	63.3	Canadian	39	0.9
M.A. Professional/M.R.E./M.C.M.	519	11.7	Other	456	10.1
M.A.R./M.T.S./M.A. (academic)	444	10.0	-		
D.Min.	20	0.5	Total	4524	100.0
Ed.D./D.Miss./D.M.A.	15	0.3			
Th.M./S.T.M.	151	3.4			
Ph.D./Th.D./S.T.D.	127	2.9			
Non-degree special	126	2.8			
Diploma/certificate	95	2.1			
Other	99	2.2			
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Total	4434	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	9	16.7	16	29.6	14	25.9	15	27.8	54	2.1
1941-1950	24	8.4	72	25.1	92	32.1	99	34.5	287	11.2
1951-1960	61	10.7	107	18.8	265	46.6	136	23.9	569	22.2
1961-1970	247	30.0	134	16.3	386	46.9	56	6.8	823	32.2
1971-1980	377	46.6	185	22.9	209	25.8	38	4.7	809	31.6
After 1980	9	52.9	2	11.8	6	35.3	0	0.0	17	0.7
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Total	727	28.4	516	20.2	972	38.0	344	13.4	2559	100.0

Professional M.A.

Year of Birth	Single				Married				Total	
	Male		Female		Male		Female		#	%
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		
Before 1941	0	0.0	1	16.7	1	16.7	4	66.7	6	1.3
1941-1950	4	12.5	7	21.9	14	43.8	7	21.9	32	6.7
1951-1960	4	5.6	10	13.9	32	44.4	26	36.1	72	15.1
1961-1970	30	19.2	54	34.6	46	29.5	26	16.7	156	32.6
1971-1980	50	23.9	103	49.3	36	17.2	20	9.6	209	43.7
After 1980	1	33.3	0	0.0	2	66.7	0	0.0	3	0.6
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Total	89	18.6	175	36.6	131	27.4	83	17.4	478	100.0

All Others

Year of Birth	Single				Married				Total	
	Male		Female		Male		Female		#	%
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		
Before 1941	8	14.5	23	41.8	10	18.2	14	25.5	55	5.4
1941-1950	36	23.2	32	20.6	43	27.7	44	28.4	155	15.3
1951-1960	39	15.7	60	24.1	105	42.2	45	18.1	249	24.6
1961-1970	98	27.9	77	21.9	141	40.2	35	10.0	351	34.6
1971-1980	77	39.1	71	36.0	32	16.2	17	8.6	197	19.4
After 1980	2	28.6	1	14.3	4	57.1	0	0.0	7	0.7
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Total	260	25.6	264	26.0	335	33.0	155	15.3	1014	100.0

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TABLE 4
Year of Birth and Racial Identity

Year of Birth	Asian		Black		Hispan		White		NatAm		NRes		Total #
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Before 1941	2	0.1	11	0.4	0	0.0	42	1.6	1	0.0	0	0.0	56
1941-1950	6	0.2	48	1.9	4	0.2	237	9.1	0	0.0	1	0.0	296
1951-1960	36	1.4	86	3.3	14	0.5	430	16.6	4	0.2	3	0.1	573
1961-1970	76	2.9	87	3.4	19	0.7	634	24.5	4	0.2	7	0.3	827
1971-1980	50	1.9	38	1.5	19	0.7	716	27.6	0	0.0	1	0.0	824
After 1980	0	0.0	3	0.1	1	0.0	13	0.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	17
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Total	170	6.6	273	10.5	57	2.2	2072	79.9	9	0.3	12	0.5	2593

	Total	
	#	%
Before 1941	56	2.2
1941-1950	296	11.4
1951-1960	573	22.1
1961-1970	827	31.9
1971-1980	824	31.8
After 1980	17	0.7
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Total	2593	100.0

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

M.Div.		FULL-TIME STUDENT										
		Planned Hours of Work per Week										
		None		1-10		10-15		15-20		More than 20		Total
Length of Commute	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
No Commute	273	23.0	192	16.2	293	24.7	284	23.9	145	12.2	1187	47.9
Less than 1/2 hour	142	21.8	60	9.2	125	19.2	136	20.9	187	28.8	650	26.2
1/2 to 1 hour	66	18.5	32	9.0	54	15.1	79	22.1	126	35.3	357	14.4
More than 1 hour	39	13.6	17	5.9	31	10.8	45	15.7	154	53.8	286	11.5
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Total	520	21.0	301	12.1	503	20.3	544	21.9	612	24.7	2480	100.0

Professional M.A.		FULL-TIME STUDENT										
		Planned Hours of Work per Week										
		None		1-10		10-15		15-20		More than 20		Total
Length of Commute	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
No Commute	26	12.8	20	9.9	49	24.1	57	28.1	51	25.1	203	48.3
Less than 1/2 hour	23	17.0	15	11.1	21	15.6	32	23.7	44	32.6	135	32.1
1/2 to 1 hour	9	16.7	5	9.3	7	13.0	11	20.4	22	40.7	54	12.9
More than 1 hour	9	32.1	2	7.1	2	7.1	1	3.6	14	50.0	28	6.7
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Total	67	16.0	42	10.0	79	18.8	101	24.0	131	31.2	420	100.0

M.Div.		PART-TIME STUDENT										
		Planned Hours of Work per Week										
		None		1-10		10-15		15-20		More than 20		Total
Length of Commute	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
No Commute	3	11.5	2	7.7	0	0.0	2	7.7	19	73.1	26	7.6
Less than 1/2 hour	3	3.4	2	2.3	5	5.7	6	6.9	71	81.6	87	25.5
1/2 to 1 hour	10	7.5	3	2.3	3	2.3	8	6.0	109	82.0	133	39.0
More than 1 hour	1	1.1	4	4.2	2	2.1	6	6.3	82	86.3	95	27.9
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Total	17	5.0	11	3.2	10	2.9	22	6.5	281	82.4	341	100.0

Professional M.A.		PART-TIME STUDENT										
		Planned Hours of Work per Week										
		None		1-10		10-15		15-20		More than 20		Total
Length of Commute	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
No Commute	1	7.1	0	0.0	2	14.3	1	7.1	10	71.4	14	14.0
Less than 1/2 hour	3	7.9	0	0.0	1	2.6	3	7.9	31	81.6	38	38.0
1/2 to 1 hour	3	8.1	3	8.1	1	2.7	4	10.8	26	70.3	37	37.0
More than 1 hour	1	9.1	1	9.1	0	0.0	1	9.1	8	72.7	11	11.0
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Total	8	8.0	4	4.0	4	4.0	9	9.0	75	75.0	100	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	1093	40.5	906	33.5	446	16.5	256	9.5	2701	62.3
One	30	5.7	73	13.9	297	56.5	126	24.0	526	12.1
Two	14	2.9	47	9.8	275	57.2	145	30.1	481	11.1
Three	4	1.1	11	3.0	287	77.4	69	18.6	371	8.6
Four or more	4	1.6	2	0.8	214	82.9	38	14.7	258	5.9
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Total	1145	26.4	1039	24.0	1519	35.0	634	14.6	4337	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	1043	58.0	578	62.9	134	58.3	176	63.5	427	68.2	314	69.6	2672	62.1
Less than \$5,000	185	10.3	85	9.2	35	15.2	18	6.5	52	8.3	41	9.1	416	9.7
\$5,000 to \$10,000	215	12.0	97	10.6	28	12.2	26	9.4	51	8.1	26	5.8	443	10.3
\$10,000 to \$15,000	161	8.9	62	6.7	15	6.5	19	6.9	35	5.6	27	6.0	319	7.4
\$15,000 to \$25,000	143	7.9	70	7.6	17	7.4	26	9.4	41	6.5	29	6.4	326	7.6
More than \$25,000	52	2.9	27	2.9	1	0.4	12	4.3	20	3.2	14	3.1	126	2.9
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Total	1799	41.8	919	21.4	230	5.3	277	6.4	626	14.6	451	10.5	4302	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	344	7.9	291	6.7	635	7.3
Some High School	271	6.2	277	6.4	548	6.3
Diploma/Equivalent	896	20.6	1185	27.2	2081	23.9
Business/trade school	214	4.9	237	5.4	451	5.2
Some college	478	11.0	569	13.0	1047	12.0
Associate/2-year degree	140	3.2	289	6.6	429	4.9
Bachelor's/4-year degree	730	16.8	743	17.0	1473	16.9
Some grad/prof school	208	4.8	207	4.7	415	4.8
Grad/professional degree	1077	24.7	563	12.9	1640	18.8
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Total	4358	50.0	4361	50.0	8719	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	45	54.2	14	16.9	24	28.9	83	1.5
Business	244	57.8	53	12.6	125	29.6	422	7.8
Classics	11	44.0	4	16.0	10	40.0	25	0.5
Communications	138	58.0	17	7.1	83	34.9	238	4.4
Economics	46	50.5	23	25.3	22	24.2	91	1.7
Education	226	56.9	27	6.8	144	36.3	397	7.3
Engineering	96	77.4	19	15.3	9	7.3	124	2.3
English	146	41.2	65	18.4	143	40.4	354	6.5
Health Professions	61	50.4	20	16.5	40	33.1	121	2.2
History	131	45.2	49	16.9	110	37.9	290	5.4
Languages	56	37.6	28	18.8	65	43.6	149	2.7
Life Sciences	86	53.1	21	13.0	55	34.0	162	3.0
Music	84	43.8	23	12.0	85	44.3	192	3.5
Philosophy	72	28.6	37	14.7	143	56.7	252	4.6
Physical Sciences, Math	93	54.1	26	15.1	53	30.8	172	3.2
Religion/Theology	123	11.3	104	9.6	857	79.1	1084	20.0
Social Sciences	319	50.5	93	14.7	220	34.8	632	11.7
Sociology	103	52.8	23	11.8	69	35.4	195	3.6
Visual and Performing Arts	36	46.2	13	16.7	29	37.2	78	1.4
Other	194	54.0	59	16.4	106	29.5	359	6.6
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Total	2310	42.6	718	13.2	2392	44.1	5420	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	2236	79.7	447	86.1	548	51.9	3231	73.8
Ed.D.	8	0.3	13	2.5	187	17.7	208	4.7
J.D./L.L.B.	352	12.5	41	7.9	227	21.5	620	14.2
Master's	44	1.6	5	1.0	7	0.7	56	1.3
M.B.A.	39	1.4	2	0.4	15	1.4	56	1.3
M.D.	2	0.1	0	0.0	6	0.6	8	0.2
M.Div.	6	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.1	8	0.2
M.S.W.	46	1.6	2	0.4	13	1.2	61	1.4
Ph.D.	6	0.2	0	0.0	5	0.5	11	0.3
Other Degree	10	0.4	1	0.2	7	0.7	18	0.4
Other Doctorate	8	0.3	1	0.2	7	0.7	16	0.4
Other Professional	26	0.9	4	0.8	14	1.3	44	1.0
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Total	2806	100.0	519	100.0	1055	100.0	4380	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 = 4236	
	N = 1769		N = 910		N = 226		N = 274		N = 612		N = 445			
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Graduate	829	44.7	417	22.5	102	5.5	127	6.8	209	11.3	172	9.3	1856	17.2
Relative	228	43.5	103	19.7	40	7.6	46	8.8	63	12.0	44	8.4	524	4.9
Friend	733	40.3	378	20.8	124	6.8	142	7.8	231	12.7	209	11.5	1817	16.8
Mailings	379	44.3	199	23.2	52	6.1	53	6.2	90	10.5	83	9.7	856	7.9
Theological school publ.	398	43.1	197	21.3	53	5.7	39	4.2	152	16.5	84	9.1	923	8.6
Current student	314	46.4	143	21.1	38	5.6	57	8.4	58	8.6	67	9.9	677	6.3
Newspaper/magazine ad	102	45.7	29	13.0	11	4.9	19	8.5	39	17.5	23	10.3	223	2.1
College advisor/contact	268	39.8	110	16.3	42	6.2	47	7.0	120	17.8	87	12.9	674	6.2
Pastor	874	49.0	469	26.3	97	5.4	106	5.9	130	7.3	106	5.9	1782	16.5
Religious superior	247	46.9	100	19.0	29	5.5	24	4.6	95	18.0	32	6.1	527	4.9
Knowing faculty member(s)	165	34.4	102	21.3	23	4.8	29	6.1	83	17.3	77	16.1	479	4.4
Conference or church event	186	41.3	148	32.9	22	4.9	27	6.0	31	6.9	36	8.0	450	4.2
Total													10788	100.0

* Total number of responses

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	26	5.4	67	13.9	173	36.0	215	44.7	481	21.4
Telephoned school	56	5.6	112	11.2	346	34.5	489	48.8	1003	44.6
Visited school	18	3.8	56	11.9	200	42.6	195	41.6	469	20.9
Returned postal card	2	2.1	16	16.8	37	38.9	40	42.1	95	4.2
Recruiter visited my college/church	4	3.2	19	15.3	47	37.9	54	43.5	124	5.5
School initiated contact	10	13.0	9	11.7	20	26.0	38	49.4	77	3.4
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Total	116	5.2	279	12.4	823	36.6	1031	45.8	2249	100.0

Professional M.A. First Contact	Level of Importance									
	Not Imp		Not VImp		Import		VImport		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Wrote to school requesting information	7	7.5	11	11.8	39	41.9	36	38.7	93	24.6
Telephoned school	10	6.3	20	12.5	56	35.0	74	46.3	160	42.3
Visited school	6	6.8	9	10.2	39	44.3	34	38.6	88	23.3
Returned postal card	1	9.1	1	9.1	3	27.3	6	54.5	11	2.9
Recruiter visited my college/church	2	10.5	7	36.8	4	21.1	6	31.6	19	5.0
School initiated contact	0	0.0	1	14.3	3	42.9	3	42.9	7	1.9
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Total	26	6.9	49	13.0	144	38.1	159	42.1	378	100.0

All Others First Contact	Level of Importance									
	Not Imp		Not VImp		Import		VImport		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Wrote to school requesting information	15	8.1	21	11.3	90	48.4	60	32.3	186	25.8
Telephoned school	26	8.6	52	17.2	100	33.1	124	41.1	302	41.9
Visited school	9	5.2	22	12.8	77	44.8	64	37.2	172	23.9
Returned postal card	1	5.0	3	15.0	9	45.0	7	35.0	20	2.8
Recruiter visited my college/church	3	15.8	5	26.3	6	31.6	5	26.3	19	2.6
School initiated contact	0	0.0	4	19.0	10	47.6	7	33.3	21	2.9
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Total	54	7.5	107	14.9	292	40.6	267	37.1	720	100.0

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

Frequency of Response to	Yes		No	
	#	%	#	%
Visited campus	3329	73.7	1185	26.3
Applied elsewhere	1387	30.7	3137	69.3
Comparable/better financial package	637	18.9	2725	81.1
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Total	5353	43.2	7047	56.8

Level of Importance of Campus Visit	#	%
Not important at all	114	3.4
Not very important	421	12.7
Important	1281	38.6
Very Important	1500	45.2
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Total	3316	100.0

Live In Student Housing	#	%
Yes	1946	42.9
No	2586	57.1
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Total	4532	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	255	26.5	170	17.6	400	41.5	139	14.4	964
Some significance	176	27.4	168	26.1	217	33.7	82	12.8	643
Significant	208	28.0	185	24.9	256	34.5	93	12.5	742
Great significance	227	26.1	255	29.3	280	32.2	107	12.3	869
Greatest significance	101	27.2	93	25.0	118	31.7	60	16.1	372
Did not apply for aid	157	23.8	148	22.4	215	32.6	140	21.2	660
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Total	1124	26.4	1019	24.0	1486	35.0	621	14.6	4250

Level of Significance	Total	
	#	%
No significance	964	22.7
Some significance	643	15.1
Significant	742	17.5
Great significance	869	20.4
Greatest significance	372	8.8
Did not apply for aid	660	15.5
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Total	4250	100.0

TABLE 15
Importance of Factors in Decision to Attend Institution

Source of Influence	Male		Female	
	N = 2613		N = 1647	
	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
My denomination encouraged attendance	2.5	1.5	2.4	1.5
Impressed with quality of faculty	3.7	1.2	3.8	1.2
Pastor encouraged me	2.5	1.5	2.3	1.5
School's academic reputation	3.9	1.1	3.9	1.1
Graduate recommended it highly	3.1	1.6	3.1	1.6
Faculty member encouraged me	2.0	1.4	1.8	1.4
Wanted school close to home/work	2.2	1.6	2.6	1.7
Comfortable with doctrinal position	3.5	1.3	3.5	1.3
I was sent there by a religious supervisor	1.6	1.2	1.5	1.0
Impressed with admissions staff	2.7	1.4	3.0	1.4
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	2.2	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	732	5.7	563	7.0	1295	6.2
Denominational affiliation	1316	10.2	799	10.0	2115	10.1
Theological perspective	1601	12.4	767	9.6	2368	11.3
Academic reputation	1608	12.5	922	11.5	2530	12.1
Curriculum	891	6.9	535	6.7	1426	6.8
Sense of community	636	4.9	556	6.9	1192	5.7
Financial aid package	592	4.6	396	4.9	988	4.7
Faculty	1214	9.4	553	6.9	1767	8.5
Ecumenical setting	308	2.4	262	3.3	570	2.7
Spirituality	944	7.3	576	7.2	1520	7.3
Location	768	6.0	492	6.1	1260	6.0
University setting	288	2.2	174	2.2	462	2.2
Family/spouse	312	2.4	196	2.4	508	2.4
Interdisciplinary/joint degree program	155	1.2	161	2.0	316	1.5
Flexible class schedule	319	2.5	232	2.9	551	2.6
Special academic program	384	3.0	227	2.8	611	2.9
Access to other theological schools	210	1.6	214	2.7	424	2.0
Multi-ethnic student body	246	1.9	213	2.7	459	2.2
Friend on campus	162	1.3	89	1.1	251	1.2
Availability of housing	181	1.4	90	1.1	271	1.3
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Total	12867	100.0	8017	100.0	20884	100.0

* Total number of responses

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TABLE 17

Time When First Considered Theological School and Personal Theological Position

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First Considered	Very Cons		Conserv		Middle		Liberal		Very Lib		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Before college	70	9.0	297	38.2	249	32.0	122	15.7	40	5.1	778	27.9
During college	82	9.5	402	46.6	201	23.3	133	15.4	44	5.1	862	30.9
After graduating college	29	10.2	116	41.0	69	24.4	53	18.7	16	5.7	283	10.2
After graduate work	8	9.3	23	26.7	24	27.9	24	27.9	7	8.1	86	3.1
After work experience	34	4.6	275	37.4	222	30.2	155	21.1	49	6.7	735	26.4
Cannot remember	4	9.3	13	30.2	13	30.2	10	23.3	3	7.0	43	1.5
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Total	227	8.1	1126	40.4	778	27.9	497	17.8	159	5.7	2787	100.0

Professional M.A.												
First Considered	Very Cons		Conserv		Middle		Liberal		Very Lib		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Before college	6	8.8	43	63.2	13	19.1	4	5.9	2	2.9	68	13.3
During college	9	4.5	122	61.0	43	21.5	18	9.0	8	4.0	200	39.2
After graduating college	3	3.4	45	51.1	28	31.8	9	10.2	3	3.4	88	17.3
After graduate work	2	12.5	3	18.8	6	37.5	4	25.0	1	6.3	16	3.1
After work experience	8	6.2	66	50.8	31	23.8	19	14.6	6	4.6	130	25.5
Cannot remember	0	0.0	2	25.0	5	62.5	1	12.5	0	0.0	8	1.6
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Total	28	5.5	281	55.1	126	24.7	55	10.8	20	3.9	510	100.0

All Others												
First Considered	Very Cons		Conserv		Middle		Liberal		Very Lib		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Before college	19	9.2	68	32.9	68	32.9	41	19.8	11	5.3	207	19.4
During college	14	4.7	108	36.1	87	29.1	51	17.1	39	13.0	299	28.0
After graduating college	5	3.2	54	34.4	36	22.9	39	24.8	23	14.6	157	14.7
After graduate work	2	3.4	21	36.2	14	24.1	16	27.6	5	8.6	58	5.4
After work experience	24	7.9	101	33.1	78	25.6	72	23.6	30	9.8	305	28.5
Cannot remember	4	9.3	13	30.2	10	23.3	12	27.9	4	9.3	43	4.0
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Total	68	6.4	365	34.1	293	27.4	231	21.6	112	10.5	1069	100.0

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TABLE 18
Description of Institution & Personal Theological Position

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Institution	Very Cons		Conserv		Middle		Liberal		Very Lib		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Very Conservative	70	41.9	76	45.5	15	9.0	6	3.6	0	0.0	167	6.0
Conservative	112	12.2	637	69.5	131	14.3	31	3.4	6	0.7	917	32.9
Middle-of-the-road	17	3.0	178	31.2	230	40.4	123	21.6	22	3.9	570	20.4
Liberal	16	2.8	121	21.2	218	38.1	167	29.2	50	8.7	572	20.5
Very Liberal	9	6.0	35	23.5	36	24.2	41	27.5	28	18.8	149	5.3
Theologically diverse	5	1.2	81	19.5	150	36.1	128	30.8	51	12.3	415	14.9
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Total	229	8.2	1128	40.4	780	28.0	496	17.8	157	5.6	2790	100.0

Professional M.A.

Institution	Very Cons		Conserv		Middle		Liberal		Very Lib		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Very Conservative	8	15.7	28	54.9	12	23.5	2	3.9	1	2.0	51	10.1
Conservative	16	6.1	202	77.1	39	14.9	3	1.1	2	0.8	262	52.1
Middle-of-the-road	2	2.4	27	32.9	37	45.1	14	17.1	2	2.4	82	16.3
Liberal	1	1.7	10	17.2	21	36.2	21	36.2	5	8.6	58	11.5
Very Liberal	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	50.0	3	37.5	1	12.5	8	1.6
Theologically diverse	0	0.0	11	26.2	9	21.4	13	31.0	9	21.4	42	8.3
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Total	27	5.4	278	55.3	122	24.3	56	11.1	20	4.0	503	100.0

All Others

Institution	Very Cons		Conserv		Middle		Liberal		Very Lib		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Very Conservative	21	46.7	15	33.3	7	15.6	1	2.2	1	2.2	45	4.2
Conservative	36	11.9	207	68.5	46	15.2	10	3.3	3	1.0	302	28.2
Middle-of-the-road	6	2.3	69	26.5	107	41.2	54	20.8	24	9.2	260	24.3
Liberal	1	0.5	35	16.2	61	28.2	82	38.0	37	17.1	216	20.2
Very Liberal	1	1.7	11	18.3	13	21.7	22	36.7	13	21.7	60	5.6
Theologically diverse	3	1.6	30	16.0	60	31.9	62	33.0	33	17.6	188	17.6
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Total	68	6.3	367	34.3	294	27.5	231	21.6	111	10.4	1071	100.0

TABLE 19
Religious Tradition of Upbringing and Current Denomination

Religious Traditions	Denomination of Upbringing		Current Denomination	
	#	%	#	%
Adventist, Seventh-day	5	0.1	4	0.1
Anglican Church of Canada	5	0.1	7	0.2
American Baptist Churches	69	1.6	83	1.9
Baptist General Conference	27	0.6	45	1.0
Conservative Baptist Assoc.	26	0.6	20	0.4
Independent Baptist	36	0.8	27	0.6
National Baptist Convention	89	2.1	68	1.5
North American Baptist Conference	5	0.1	5	0.1
Southern Baptist Convention	666	15.6	744	16.6
Baptist Other	91	2.1	58	1.3
Church of the Brethren	16	0.4	17	0.4
Christian Churches and Churches of Christ	52	1.2	40	0.9
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	50	1.2	73	1.6
Christian and Missionary Alliance	26	0.6	35	0.8
Churches of Christ	20	0.5	5	0.1
Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)	24	0.6	24	0.5
Church of the Nazarene	50	1.2	57	1.3
Episcopal	138	3.2	231	5.2
Evangelical Free Church of America	26	0.6	59	1.3
Friends, Religious Society of	10	0.2	16	0.4
Interdenominational/Multidenominational	20	0.5	35	0.8
Jewish	19	0.4	14	0.3
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	238	5.6	277	6.2
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod	56	1.3	13	0.3
Lutheran Church-Canada	1	0.0	0	0.0
Lutheran, Other	42	1.0	20	0.4
Mennonite	24	0.6	25	0.6
African Methodist Episcopal	47	1.1	52	1.2
United Methodist Church	620	14.5	783	17.5
Methodist, Other	92	2.2	67	1.5
Nondenominational	32	0.7	53	1.2
Orthodox Churches	38	0.9	43	1.0
Assemblies of God	73	1.7	77	1.7
Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)	13	0.3	8	0.2
Presbyterian Church in America	52	1.2	70	1.6
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	288	6.7	365	8.1
Presbyterian, Other	148	3.5	112	2.5
Christian Reformed Church	19	0.4	15	0.3
Reformed Church in America	22	0.5	26	0.6
Roman Catholic Church	546	12.8	318	7.1
Unitarian Universalist	17	0.4	47	1.0
United Church of Canada	2	0.0	2	0.0
United Church of Christ	69	1.6	77	1.7
Other denomination	175	4.1	195	4.3
Unaffiliated/No denomination	191	4.5	173	3.9
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Total	4275	100.0	4485	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	2	0.1	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0
Anglican Church of Canada	2	0.1	2	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
American Baptist Churches	53	1.9	44	83.0	0	0.0	4	7.5	5	9.4
Baptist General Conference	24	0.9	14	58.3	0	0.0	8	33.3	2	8.3
Conservative Baptist Assoc.	10	0.4	5	50.0	2	20.0	3	30.0	0	0.0
Independent Baptist	16	0.6	13	81.3	1	6.3	1	6.3	1	6.3
National Baptist Convention	50	1.8	26	53.1	1	2.0	9	18.4	13	26.5
North American Baptist Conference	2	0.1	2	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Southern Baptist Convention	445	15.8	279	63.0	33	7.4	49	11.1	82	18.5
Baptist Other	32	1.1	20	64.5	3	9.7	5	16.1	3	9.7
Church of the Brethren	12	0.4	9	75.0	1	8.3	2	16.7	0	0.0
Christian Churches and Churches of Christ	21	0.7	12	57.1	2	9.5	3	14.3	4	19.0
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	62	2.2	53	85.5	2	3.2	6	9.7	1	1.6
Christian and Missionary Alliance	18	0.6	11	64.7	3	17.6	2	11.8	1	5.9
Churches of Christ	2	0.1	0	0.0	2	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)	19	0.7	13	72.2	0	0.0	2	11.1	3	16.7
Church of the Nazarene	40	1.4	33	82.5	1	2.5	5	12.5	1	2.5
Episcopal	138	4.9	113	81.9	9	6.5	16	11.6	0	0.0
Evangelical Free Church of America	25	0.9	13	52.0	4	16.0	6	24.0	2	8.0
Friends, Religious Society of	11	0.4	3	27.3	7	63.6	1	9.1	0	0.0
Interdenominational/Multidenominational	18	0.6	11	61.1	3	16.7	3	16.7	1	5.6
Jewish	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	203	7.2	187	92.1	4	2.0	12	5.9	0	0.0
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod	3	0.1	1	33.3	0	0.0	1	33.3	1	33.3
Lutheran Church-Canada	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Lutheran, Other	5	0.2	4	80.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0
Mennonite	12	0.4	6	50.0	1	8.3	4	33.3	1	8.3
African Methodist Episcopal	43	1.5	23	54.8	0	0.0	1	2.4	18	42.9
United Methodist Church	638	22.6	556	87.7	11	1.7	55	8.7	12	1.9
Methodist, Other	43	1.5	28	65.1	0	0.0	2	4.7	13	30.2
Nondenominational	32	1.1	13	40.6	5	15.6	11	34.4	3	9.4
Orthodox Churches	29	1.0	24	82.8	1	3.4	2	6.9	2	6.9
Assemblies of God	39	1.4	28	73.7	1	2.6	6	15.8	3	7.9
Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)	3	0.1	2	66.7	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Presbyterian Church in America	47	1.7	28	59.6	2	4.3	16	34.0	1	2.1
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	285	10.1	239	83.9	3	1.1	42	14.7	1	0.4
Presbyterian, Other	46	1.6	26	56.5	8	17.4	10	21.7	2	4.3
Christian Reformed Church	6	0.2	5	83.3	0	0.0	1	16.7	0	0.0
Reformed Church in America	22	0.8	19	90.5	0	0.0	2	9.5	0	0.0
Roman Catholic Church	94	3.3	73	78.5	14	15.1	6	6.5	0	0.0
Unitarian Universalist	40	1.4	34	85.0	1	2.5	5	12.5	0	0.0
United Church of Canada	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
United Church of Christ	52	1.8	42	80.8	0	0.0	9	17.3	1	1.9
Other denomination	94	3.3	58	62.4	11	11.8	14	15.1	10	10.8
Unaffiliated/No denomination	81	2.9	37	45.7	12	14.8	30	37.0	2	2.5
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Total	2819	100.0	2110	75.2	149	5.3	355	12.7	190	6.8

TABLE 21
Importance of Influence in Personal Choice or Calling

Source of Influence	Male N = 2633		Female N = 1653	
	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
Family/spouse	3.1	1.4	2.9	1.4
Friend(s)	2.6	1.2	2.7	1.2
Encouragement of clergy	3.3	1.3	3.3	1.4
Pastoral Counseling/Spiritual Direction	3.0	1.4	3.1	1.5
Experienced call from God	4.5	1.0	4.5	1.0
Interest in religious/theological questions	3.7	1.2	3.9	1.1
Promise of spiritual fulfillment	3.4	1.2	3.7	1.2
Opportunity for study/growth	3.9	1.1	4.2	0.9
Search for meaning in life	2.9	1.4	3.3	1.4
Major life event	1.8	1.2	2.1	1.4
Desire to serve others	4.0	1.1	4.2	1.0
To celebrate sacraments	2.6	1.4	2.8	1.5
Contribute to social justice	2.9	1.4	3.3	1.3
Desire to preserve tradition	2.6	1.3	2.6	1.3
Desire to make a difference	3.8	1.2	3.8	1.2
Experience in campus organization	2.3	1.4	2.2	1.4
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	65	89.0	7	9.6	1	1.4	0	0.0	73	3.0
As member	1663	71.4	575	24.7	86	3.7	4	0.2	2328	97.0
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Total	1728	72.0	582	24.2	87	3.6	4	0.2	2401	100.0

Professional M.A.

Participation	Activity as Member									
	Very Active		Moderately		Not Very		Inactive		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
As Pastor	17	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	17	4.0
As member	277	68.1	108	26.5	22	5.4	0	0.0	407	96.0
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Total	294	69.3	108	25.5	22	5.2	0	0.0	424	100.0

All Others

Participation	Activity as Member									
	Very Active		Moderately		Not Very		Inactive		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
As Pastor	22	84.6	4	15.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	26	3.4
As member	446	59.9	234	31.5	56	7.5	8	1.1	744	96.6
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Total	468	60.8	238	30.9	56	7.3	8	1.0	770	100.0

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	844	55.9	148	44.7	274	37.9	1266	49.4
Other church body/organization	104	6.9	21	6.3	56	7.7	181	7.1
School/college organization	185	12.2	47	14.2	86	11.9	318	12.4
Civic/fraternal organization	19	1.3	4	1.2	11	1.5	34	1.3
Other leadership position	64	4.2	22	6.6	69	9.5	155	6.0
No recent position	295	19.5	89	26.9	227	31.4	611	23.8
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Total	1511	100.0	331	100.0	723	100.0	2565	100.0

Kind of Church	Membership										Total	
	Under 100		100-250		250-500		500-1000		1000 or more		#	%
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Rural	130	40.1	116	35.8	48	14.8	17	5.2	13	4.0	324	8.8
Small town	126	14.8	315	37.1	216	25.4	131	15.4	62	7.3	850	23.2
Suburban	100	7.6	249	19.0	325	24.8	250	19.1	384	29.4	1308	35.7
Urban	137	11.5	245	20.6	247	20.8	215	18.1	343	28.9	1187	32.4
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Total	493	13.4	925	25.2	836	22.8	613	16.7	802	21.9	3669	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	320	33.4	162	19.5	506	40.8	158	30.0	1146	32.2
Campus ministry	22	2.3	21	2.5	18	1.5	3	0.6	64	1.8
Inner-city ministry	8	0.8	5	0.6	17	1.4	7	1.3	37	1.0
Pastoral counseling	27	2.8	46	5.5	42	3.4	33	6.3	148	4.2
Hospital or other chaplaincy	20	2.1	24	2.9	27	2.2	30	5.7	101	2.8
Secondary/prep school teaching	7	0.7	5	0.6	2	0.2	5	0.9	19	0.5
College/university teaching	83	8.7	45	5.4	88	7.1	26	4.9	242	6.8
Seminary teaching	17	1.8	13	1.6	31	2.5	5	0.9	66	1.9
Social work/services	16	1.7	46	5.5	16	1.3	18	3.4	96	2.7
Foreign missions	46	4.8	51	6.1	60	4.8	21	4.0	178	5.0
Home missions	6	0.6	8	1.0	6	0.5	1	0.2	21	0.6
Church planting/evangelism	16	1.7	8	1.0	32	2.6	1	0.2	57	1.6
Youth ministry	78	8.2	34	4.1	57	4.6	8	1.5	177	5.0
Church musician	10	1.0	4	0.5	18	1.5	11	2.1	43	1.2
Christian education	17	1.8	32	3.8	31	2.5	34	6.5	114	3.2
Spiritual direction	3	0.3	11	1.3	5	0.4	8	1.5	27	0.8
Social justice ministry	12	1.3	16	1.9	12	1.0	3	0.6	43	1.2
Further graduate study	55	5.7	45	5.4	69	5.6	14	2.7	183	5.1
Professional lay ministry	8	0.8	9	1.1	9	0.7	10	1.9	36	1.0
Undecided	156	16.3	196	23.6	155	12.5	102	19.4	609	17.1
Other	30	3.1	51	6.1	38	3.1	29	5.5	148	4.2
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Total	957	100.0	832	100.0	1239	100.0	527	100.0	3555	100.0