

For those who choose theological education, Bethany Seminary offers an array of choices for an experience that fits both life and call:

- Two graduate degrees—master of divinity and master of arts
- A Certificate of Achievement in Theological Studies and three additional specialized graduate certificates
- Courses offered in nine formats and locations, including online, intensives, and synchronous video
- Options to help students balance course load and employment to fit their lifestyles, wherever they reside

2017-18 at Bethany

Strategic Implementation Plan ■ Building on Bethany's new strategic vision, this plan was developed by faculty and staff and approved by the board of trustees. Objectives and goals were named in the areas of marketing Bethany's heritage and mission, innovative curricula, enrollment, financial sustainability, and new global connections.

Pillars and Pathways Residential Scholarship ■ Initiated in fall 2017, this program enables recipients to study at Bethany without incurring additional debt if they (1) live in the Bethany Neighborhood and participate in community living, (2) volunteer eight hours per month at a nonprofit in Richmond (3) cover tuition costs through scholarships and aid, and (2) earn \$7500 per year. The scholarship covers the remainder to equal one year's expected cost of attendance for residential students.

Partnership with EYN ■ With the completion of a technology center in Jos, the first joint course for EYN and North American students was offered in January. Through synchronous video, students and faculty in classrooms an ocean apart participated together in the course Global Perspectives on Scripture: 1 Corinthians.

Urban Ministry Experience ■ Through a new partnership with the nonprofit City of Refuge in Atlanta, the immersion travel course A Place of Refuge: Ministry in an Urban Context was offered in January. Graduate students, Brethren Academy students, and auditors participated directly in the ministry programs and learned about styles and approaches in working with marginalized populations.

Strong Enrollment ■ Eleven new students in fall 2017 were joined by seventeen in spring 2018, Bethany's largest spring enrollment in a number of years. These totals included nine international students, including those in the partnership with EYN.

2018 Graduates ■ The graduating class earned eight MDivs, five MAs, one Certificate of Achievement in Theological Studies, three Certificates in Theopoetics and Theological Imagination, and one Certificate in Intercultural Biblical Interpretation.

A Twenty-Year Legacy ■ Tara Hornbacker, professor of ministry formation, missional leadership, and evangelism, retired and was named professor emerita by the board of trustees.

Seminaries That Change the World ■ Bethany was named to this group of schools for the third consecutive year by the Center for Faith and Service at McCormick Theological Seminary.

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION ■ In 2017-18, the Pacific Southwest District

- had 8 students in the Brethren Academy;

You can also support Bethany Theological Seminary by

- *remembering Bethany with prayer and personal and congregational support;*
- *calling persons of all ages into ministry;*
- *encouraging those in other professions to take advantage of Bethany's course and certificate options;*
- *envisioning new forms of ministry for Bethany graduates, such as mentoring lay leaders, supervising Academy students, or coaching pastors new to the Church of the Brethren.*