

# MASTER OF DIVINITY

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING FOR CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Payne Theological Seminary's academic program leading to the Master of Divinity degree is designed to prepare men and women for competent and faithful service to the Church and to the community in a way that meets the needs of a rapidly changing world.

The Master of Divinity degree is an 82-credit-hour program that can be completed in three to five years of full-time or part-time online study. In addition to the core curriculum, students are guided through a one-year supervised experiential learning experience in a church setting and a non-church setting.

The Master of Divinity degree provides professional training for Christian ministry and further graduate studies. While most Payne students go into the pastoral ministry, the seminary trains persons for work as chaplains, educators, pastoral counselors, community development practitioners, and scholars.

Core curriculum areas of study include:

1. Biblical Studies
2. Historical Studies
3. Theology, Religion and Ethics
4. Practical Ministry



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TOWARD A  
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# MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING FOR PERSONS NOT SEEKING ORDAINED MINISTRY

The Master of Arts in Religious Leadership (MARL) is designed to prepare men and women not seeking the ordained ministry. The MARL degree is a 48 credit-hour program that can be completed in two years of full-time **online study**.

The MARL degree provides those persons in non-ordained ministry roles to engage in theological training to fill positions of leadership in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and other faith-based opportunities.

### Areas of Specialization for MARL Degree:

Church and Administration  
Christian Education  
Social Justice Ministries  
Worship and Liturgy



# DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

## ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL TRAINING FOR MINISTRY

The Doctor of Ministry (DMin) degree program is a three-year program is designed for persons with a minimum of three years' experience in full-time ministry, completed their Master of Divinity degree, and wish to further their education.

### PROGRAM COMPONENTS

The DMin program is implemented over six consecutive semesters. Each semester begins with a one-week DMin intensive followed by Peer Focus Group seminar sessions. The six phases and corresponding semesters are:

1. Advanced Preparation for Ministry
2. Problem Analysis in the Practice of Ministry
3. Foundations for the Practice of Ministry
4. Research Methods for Ministry
5. Field Research, Data Collection/Data Analysis
6. Research Writing and Final Preparations

### DMin FOCUS GROUP RESEARCH

The DMin program uses the techniques of Focus Group Research whereby a small group of participants (normally 6 - 12) are led by a moderator to explore the probable success of a particular commodity.

# LIFELONG LEARNING NON-DEGREE LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Payne Theological Seminary's Lifelong Learning Program provides non-degree seminars and events that offer the opportunity for members of the laity and clergy to learn from highly esteemed seminary faculty and leaders in the church and allow them to gain a greater understanding of the church's role in the greater community.

The program's aim is to provide Christian leaders with topics that will enhance their leadership skills and provide them with the biblical and theological foundation to address real-time situations in the community.

### Leadership Retreats

-Presiding Elders -Ministry Leaders

### Seminar Topics

-Spiritual Formation  
-Liberation Theology 101  
-Ethics in Leadership  
-The Church and The Environment  
-The Church and Social Justice  
-An Exploration in Financial Liberation  
-Prayer

### Leadership Development Certificate

Payne is proudly offering Laity and Clergy 4 courses in 12 weeks. Participants will earn, 1.8 Continuing Education Units (CEUs).