

## MISSION

The Mission of Christian Theological Seminary is to form disciples of Jesus Christ for church and community leadership to serve God's transforming of the world. To this end we:

- ▶ Celebrate the presence of the risen Christ in Word and Table;
- ▶ Welcome into partnership all who seek God's truth, love, and justice;
- ▶ Cultivate the virtues, passions, and practices of Christian leadership;
- ▶ Reflect critically on the sources of Christian understanding in scripture, the traditions of the ecumenical church, cultures, and experience; and
- ▶ Engage the spiritual and moral issues facing the human community.

## HISTORY

In 1850, members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indiana chartered North Western Christian University in Indianapolis. The school was soon renamed Butler University in recognition of the contributions of Indianapolis church and business leader Ovid Butler. In 1925, Disciples leaders William G. Irwin, Frederick D. Kershner and Z.T. Sweeney led the effort to establish a College of Religion at Butler to prepare students for Christian ministry. The College of Religion separated from Butler in 1958, receiving its independent charter as Christian Theological Seminary.

## RELATIONSHIP TO THE CHURCH

Christian Theological Seminary has a primary, historical relationship with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). A special relationship exists with that denomination's regions of Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, the Northeast, Pennsylvania, the Upper Midwest and Canada. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) also maintains an ecumenical communion in formal partnership with the United Church of Christ. The seminary attempts to provide the coursework necessary to fulfill educational requirements for a number of denominations. Special denominational courses are offered for students seeking ordination in the following:

- ▶ Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- ▶ United Methodist Church
- ▶ Presbyterian Church (USA)
- ▶ American Baptist Churches USA
- ▶ National and Progressive National Baptist Conventions
- ▶ United Church of Christ
- ▶ African Methodist Episcopal Church



## ACCREDITATION

Christian Theological Seminary is a fully accredited member of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada and the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. The Master of Arts in Psychotherapy and Faith program is recognized as an approved training program by the American Association of Pastoral Counselors.

## CHANGES TO CATALOG INFORMATION

Christian Theological Seminary strives to keep faith with students who have entered under a particular catalog. However, CTS reserves the right to revise programs, curriculum requirements, information, regulations or financial charges at any time. When changes occur, an effort will be made to notify students and any other persons who may be affected. This catalog is intended for informational purposes and should not be construed as a contract binding upon the seminary.

## WORSHIP AT SWEENEY CHAPEL

Worship is central to life at Christian Theological Seminary. Community worship at CTS is shared by students, staff, faculty and off-campus guests serving as preachers, musicians and liturgists. Chapel services are designed to nurture the faith and life of the CTS community and to provide a place for practice and growth in worship leadership. Services from varying traditions are conducted on a regular schedule during the week, and the entire seminary community is encouraged to attend. Other formal and informal worship opportunities take place during the course of the year, including Lessons and Carols, and services arising from concerns within the seminary community and from the world beyond our walls.

## CONTACTING THE SEMINARY

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Seminary offices are open from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, unless otherwise posted. The Bookstore is generally open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Friday. The Library is open from 8 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday; from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday; and from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. on Saturday. Hours likely will change when classes are not in session.

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