

GARRETT-EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

For 170 years Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary has been in service to the Church and the Wesleyan/Methodist connection through the formation of Christian leaders in ordained and lay ministries. As the result of a new strategic planning process that seeks to position the seminary more fully and purposefully in service to the global church, Garrett adopted a new mission and vision that will focus our work to this end: *Forming courageous leaders in the way of Jesus to cultivate communities of justice, compassion, and hope...for the thriving of the Church and the healing of the world.*

Garrett has had a year of growth and transformation, both in terms of numbers of students and expansion of programs, initiatives and partnerships. A few key partnerships include a joint venture with the Children's Defense Fund that will continue Garrett's legacy of preparing leaders equipped to center the thriving and well-being of children. A partnership with Africa University will provide support for our growing student body from the African continent by providing scholarships, mentoring support, collaborative programming, and funding for students to return home during and after their period of study. A partnership with the Association for Hispanic Theological Education is helping to strengthen our connection with Hispanic bible institutes and their communities, expanding our commitment to these students and to our Spanish language initiatives. We also welcomed three new faculty members to strengthen our already stellar faculty: Dr. Kate Ott in Christian Social Ethics, Dr. Esther Acolatse in Pastoral Theology and World Christianity, and Dr. AHyun Lee in Pastoral Care and Counseling.

Garrett-Evangelical continues to offer a broad array of degree programs that equip students for leadership in congregations, health-care settings, community organizing and public theology, counseling, and scholarship and teaching in the classic theological disciplines and practices. 60% of Garrett-Evangelical students pursue congregational leadership following graduation, and our pastoral care and counseling programs also increasingly attract a large portion of our student body, having been ranked as #1 in the nation for Christian pastoral counseling programs.

Garrett-Evangelical continues to extend its service to the church through its centers and institutes which are focused on equipping leaders with the resources necessary to thrive in ministry and public leadership, and on influencing the moral, theological, and ethical conversations in the public square. This year we will also launch the Garrett Collective, an online lifelong learning platform that will feature the teaching, research, and programming of our centers and institutes to serves as resources for congregations and other organizations. These will include resources for Christian education in the parish, as well other ways to strengthen and enliven congregational life.