

## GARRETT-EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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3 For 170 years Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary has been in service to the Church and the  
4 Wesleyan/Methodist connection through the formation of Christian leaders in ordained and lay ministries.  
5 As the result of a new strategic planning process that seeks to position the seminary more fully and  
6 purposefully in service to the global church, Garrett adopted a new mission and vision that will focus our  
7 work to this end: *Forming courageous leaders in the way of Jesus to cultivate communities of justice,*  
8 *compassion, and hope...for the thriving of the Church and the healing of the world.*  
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10 During this past academic year, Garrett also welcomed its largest entering class in over a decade, with 124  
11 new students, and a current enrollment of 314 students representing 37 states and 21 nations from across the  
12 globe. We have experienced particular growth in students from the African continent and the Indian  
13 subcontinent, adding to an already richly diverse student body. While our denominational diversity also  
14 continues to grow, we also proudly welcomed growth in our United Methodist students who constitute more  
15 than 50% of our student body.  
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17 Of particular importance in the past year has been the partnership we have entered into with Phillips School  
18 of Theology of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (CME). Phillips students are now also fully Garrett  
19 students and together we are preparing the next generation of CME leaders in a robust pan-  
20 Methodist/Wesleyan context alongside UMC, AME, and AMEZ students. Phillips President, Dr. Paul Brown,  
21 is now also affiliated with our faculty, teaching CME History, Doctrine, and Polity, as well as spiritual  
22 formation and organizational leadership courses. It is our hope and intention to continue to grow this  
23 partnership and foster a truly pan-Methodist/Wesleyan ethos which includes our growing global Methodist  
24 partners in Asia, Latin America, and Africa. Additionally, last year, all Garrett degree programs were made  
25 truly hybrid so that students can study with us and earn their degrees either on our Evanston campus or in  
26 virtual learning spaces around the globe. This has added an amazing breadth of experience and contexts  
27 to our classrooms, where we seek to address real-world challenges with gospel inspired solutions or  
28 responses.  
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30 Garrett's world-class faculty continue developing curricular innovations that are responsive to the church's  
31 growing needs, while also contributing a significant body of scholarly work to their respective fields. Our  
32 faculty are also at work developing The Garrett Collective, an online platform of theological learning and  
33 resources for churches and partner organizations inspired by our faculty's research and/or strategic  
34 partnerships. Finally, at this critical juncture in the history of United Methodism, faculty leaders are providing  
35 essential guidance to UMC students, while also continuing to envision with hope the next expression of  
36 Methodism that is responsive to the Spirit's call for such a time as this.