



WHY SEMINARY?

Are you thinking about going to seminary? Are you wondering what to do after graduation with your undergraduate degree, or contemplating a major career change? Are you trying to gain extra knowledge to help you in your current ministry, or thinking of studying theology in graduate school? Are you sensing a call of God on your life, calling you to serve him and the church in some form of Christian leadership? Or do you simply want to be better informed theologically and biblically in order to serve your local church as a lay person?

If you find yourself answering yes to any one of these questions, then a seminary education may well be your next step. Seminary education is designed to prepare the next generation of Christian leaders to serve God effectively, wherever that might be in the world. If you have experienced God calling you to serve him in some form of Christian leadership, you may need to consider seminary in order to prepare yourself adequately for that service.

You may be thinking that seminary is not for you because you are not intending to be a pastor. It is true that in the past, seminaries



used to be seen simply as places that train men and women for pastoral ministry. Seminaries are still the best place to do that, but seminaries train people for many other forms of ministry as well. Seminaries now train not only pastoral ministers, but chaplains, religious educators, counselors, missionaries, Bible translators, evangelists, worship leaders, teachers and scholars, among many others. Any and all are valid answers to the call to Christian leadership and ministry, and can be accomplished through various forms of seminary training.

If after reading this you believe that seminary study is for you, we believe that we may also be the place for you to do that study. Properly discerning God's call, and interpreting what that means for your life, can be a confusing and awkward time. We would welcome the opportunity to help you in this process. Please read through the rest of this catalogue to see if McMaster Divinity College may be your next place of preparation to serve God to the fullest. Then get in touch with us so we can become better acquainted, either through attendance at one of our Div Days or by personal appointment. We are here to help you in this next part of your spiritual and educational journey. ☺