

United Theological Seminary

Dayton, OH

For the past 150 years, United Theological Seminary has educated men and women for Christian ministry within the historic traditions of the United Brethren, Evangelical United Brethren and United Methodist churches. On October 11, 1871, United Theological Seminary, then Union Biblical Seminary, held its first classes in Dayton, Ohio. From a starting class of 11 students, the seminary has grown to 488 students in its most recent academic year, [*Student data represent 2020-2021 headcount enrollment.*] representing 39 denominations, 11 countries, and 39 states. Today's seminary serves a diverse student body that is 53% African American. [*Figure represents those who responded.*]

On October 10, 2021, the seminary celebrated its 150th anniversary and burned the mortgage on its current campus facilities, freeing up \$400,000 annually to support student scholarships.

In 2021, United received a grant of \$1 million from Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Pathways for Tomorrow Initiative to expand the seminary's Houses of Study, which offer specialized master's tracks to equip students for the unique ministry needs of the communities, movements and denominations they serve. The seminary has introduced six *Houses of Study*, currently enrolling for 2022-23:

- Fresh Expressions, directed by Michael Beck;
- Mosaix, in partnership with Mosaix Global Network and directed by Chip Freed;
- Hispanic, 100% in Spanish for Spanish-speaking leaders, directed by Jorge Ochoa;
- Black United Methodist, directed by Vance Ross;
- Global Pentecostal, directed by Mark Chironna;
- and Global Wesleyan, directed by Gregory Stover.

Because United believes so passionately in this initiative, the seminary has dedicated additional resources to offer half-tuition scholarships for inaugural students in its Houses of Study programs.

United also introduced the Academic Dean's Scholarship, which provides 50% tuition for the duration of a master's degree program, and the Presidential Scholarship, awarding up to \$5,000 per year to new students.

In honor of United's 150th anniversary year, a generous donor gifted \$2 million to help graduating students reduce their educational debt. Each graduate in the 2021-22 academic year will receive up to \$20,000 toward student debt from theological and previous academic studies.

As United looks forward to the next 150 years with gratitude and anticipation, the seminary remains committed to the preparation of faithful and fruitful Christian leaders to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Kent Millard, President