

# Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

255 Students\*  
25 Faculty

## Degrees Offered

Master of Divinity  
Master of Arts (Theological Studies)  
Doctor of Ministry

## Joint Degrees Offered

Master of Divinity/Master of Science  
in Social Work with the University of  
Texas at Austin

## Special Programs

Houston Extension Program  
The College of Pastoral Leaders

## Partnerships

Enrollment agreements with the  
Seminary of the Southwest and  
Austin Graduate School of Theology  
Debrecen Reformed Theological  
University in Debrecen, Hungary  
Justo Mwale Theological College  
in Lusaka, Zambia  
The University of Stellenbosch  
in Stellenbosch, South Africa



\* Enrollment figures are based on 2008 data  
from the Association of Theological Schools.



For the glory of God and to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary is a seminary in the Presbyterian-Reformed tradition whose mission is to educate and equip individuals for the ordained Christian ministry and other forms of Christian service and leadership; to employ its resources in the service of the church; to promote and engage in critical theological thought and research; and to be a winsome and exemplary community of God's people.

**B**efore coming to Austin Seminary, Scott Wipperman worked in the fast-paced world of financial planning. "The whole time I was talking about retirement with people, I was always a bit conflicted: Am I really getting them to put their trust in the wrong place?"

Scott began to feel God nudging him a little at a time, through church involvement and through feedback he got after giving a presentation at a Presbyterian Cursillo conference. He wondered, "Is God calling me to be a pastor?" He had never considered that question before, but says looking back on his life, he saw things that "all of a sudden weren't quite so random events. There was a thread running through these things."

As a student, Scott was most surprised about the supportive ethos at Austin Seminary. "To come into an environment where people are truly interested in your success . . . I've been amazed how students pull together, at how the professors take the time and energy to help someone who is having trouble," he says.

In stark contrast to his frenetic stock-brokering days, Scott found solace serving as the chapel "beadle," preparing the elements of worship or carrying the processional cross, learning first-hand about the liturgical aspects of worship.

Today, as a pastor in Salt Lake City, Scott is more confident about the nature of the message he has to offer—and grateful to the place that nurtured him.

### **The Faculty**

The two dozen Christian scholars who make up our faculty integrate into their own daily lives a spirit of devotion to the mission of God's church in the world. This dedication is evident both in and outside the classroom; in a typical year, these scholars/pastors will preach and teach in more than five hundred settings around the country.

### **The Students**

The top three areas in which our students felt stronger as a result of their seminary education are trust in God, self-knowledge, and respect for their own religious traditions.

### **The Location**

Home to one of the nation's largest universities as well as the seat of state government, Austin is a welcoming community whose cultural diversity and tolerant attitude make it easy to fit in. As the self-proclaimed "Live Music Capital of the World," Austin is considered one of the nation's top creative cities and one of the best cities for relocating families.

### **Fun Facts**

For more than fifty years Austin Seminary's faculty, students, and staff have challenged their colleagues at Seminary of the Southwest in a football game called the Polity Bowl. Presbyterian Polity has reigned for several years, but with our quarterback's imminent graduation, we're on the lookout for her replacement!