

# Dubuque Theological Seminary

148 Students

16 Faculty

## Degrees Offered

Master of Divinity: Residential  
and Distance Education

Master of Arts in Religion

Doctor of Ministry

## Joint Degrees Offered

3/3 Program (BA/MDiv)

3/2 Program (BA/MAR)

## Special Programs

Distance Education Commissioned

Lay Pastor Training

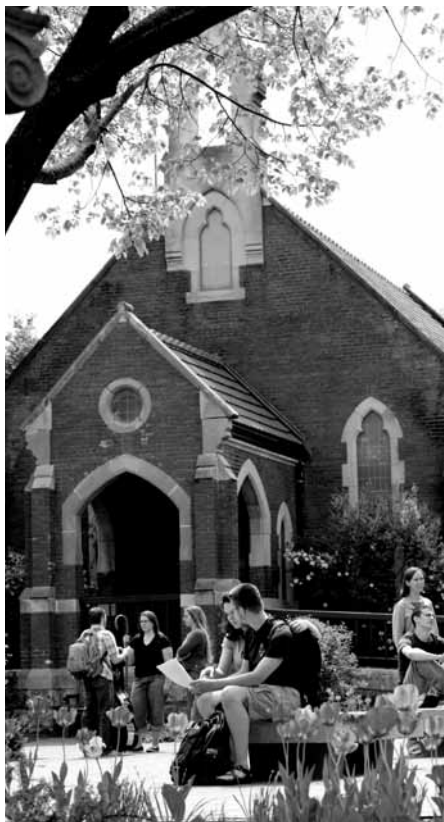
Native American Program

Continuing Education Program

## Partnerships

Wartburg Theological Seminary

Native American Theological  
Education Consortium





The University of Dubuque Theological Seminary is an ecumenical seminary of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Its purpose is to advance the mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ by preparing women and men for faithful, compassionate, and effective pastoral and lay ministry in congregations. The seminary seeks to live as an academy of the church and a community of Christians reflecting the glory of the one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

God calls people from all walks of life. In 2001, I began to discern God's call to ministry from my profession as a mechanic. I tried to ignore it. After a few years of hearing affirmations, such as, "When are you going to become a youth pastor?" my pastor handed me a stack of seminary brochures, including one from the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary (UDTS).

Though I was hesitant, my wife, Kim, and I attended an Exploring a Call to Ministry weekend at UDTS. The conference affirmed my call to ministry and left no doubt that Dubuque was the place for me.

I had not earned a bachelor's degree, but the University of Dubuque offered a 3/3 program that allowed me to save a year of study by combining undergraduate and seminary programs.

Dubuque is a diverse, welcoming community: neighbors help neighbors . . . women and men build friendships that last a lifetime . . . faculty, staff, and students break bread together . . . children play and grow with joy.

The courses at UDTS are challenging, rooted in the Christian tradition, and practical. Professors with extensive pastoral experience routinely relate their academic disciplines to the realities of ministry. Students are given opportunities to serve churches in a supervised environment while taking classes. I have been equipped with the theological foundation and tools for ministry and given the support to go forward with confidence!

God is at work at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. I have been truly blessed by the opportunity to learn and serve in such an institution.

—Jeffrey Spencer, MDiv, 2009

I have felt called into ministry since I was in middle school. Along the way, however, life happened and seminary was placed on the back burner. I went to college, got married, and started a family. My husband, Cory, went to seminary and is now a chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserves.

In the fall of 2006, at the age of twenty-eight, I was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. In the face of a life-changing illness, I felt my sense of call deepen, and there was a sense of urgency to complete my degree and start a formal ministry. Since Cory and I were not able to afford to attend seminary at the same time, I began to research ways of attending part time or online.

I found an article on the PC(USA) Web site discussing the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary distance education programs and announcing the new Distance Education MDiv program. It has been a perfect match. I have been able to attend seminary while working full time as well as being a full-time mom—all without having to leave our home church and supportive community! When my husband transitions to active duty, no matter where we are stationed, I will be able to continue my education and pursue my call.

—Ellen Germain, MDiv candidate