

# Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

318 Students

24 Faculty

## Degrees Offered

Master of Divinity

Master of Arts

Master of Sacred Theology

Doctor of Ministry

## Joint Degrees Offered

Dual professional degrees in Social Work, Law, and Public Policy in conjunction with local universities

## Certificate Programs

Christian Leadership

Commissioned Lay Pastor

Pneuma, Spiritual Direction and Leadership

World Christian Discipleship

## Special Programs

Metro-Urban Institute

Summer Youth Institute

World Mission Initiative

Center for Business, Religion and Public Life

Kelso Bible Lands Museum and Biblical Archaeology





On a dynamic and challenging global stage, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary plays its part in God's redemption of the world through Jesus Christ by preparing leaders who proclaim with great joy God's message of good news in both word and deed!

While most think of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary as a school for the preparation of pastors, some who study there are destined for different callings. Matt Harbaugh participated in the Seminary's Summer Youth Institute in 2002. SYI provides a Christian community challenging youth to grow in faith and to gain a deeper understanding of the gospel and its implications for today's world. For two weeks each July, high school scholars from across the United States study the Bible with Pittsburgh Seminary faculty, shadow local pastors, engage in mission with the community, and worship, reflect, and pray daily. The program reflects Pittsburgh's commitment to raising up a new generation of leadership for the Church.

"I wanted to be involved in church leadership and incorporate medicine into a ministry of some kind," said Matt. "I saw SYI as an opportunity for me to explore church leadership and network with seminary students as well as other young people with similar interests." Now a college graduate, he is a medical student at the University of Pittsburgh. Although he did not feel that theological education was his calling, he plans to be continually involved in church leadership and ministry for years to come.

Matt's connection to Pittsburgh Theological Seminary continues in another significant way: his wife, Bethany, is now a student at the seminary. Matt and Bethany met during their college years, when they both volunteered as leaders of an after-school children's program at a local church. Teaching the Bible to elementary children grew into a joint love of ministry for children and youth. At their current church, they teach a junior high Sunday school class together as well as share their faith with the senior highs at youth group. They plan to continue working together in ministry. Although still considering her options, Bethany plans to pursue parish ministry.

The Harbaughs are a great example of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's emphasis on bridging the Word and the world. Matt and Bethany both appreciate Pittsburgh's focus on missions. "It is extremely important to me to share the message of Jesus Christ with others, and I appreciate that Pittsburgh Seminary helps to provide opportunities for mission through cross-cultural trips," said Bethany. The Harbaughs are remaining open to a possible call to the mission field in order to use their gifts of ministry and medicine inside and outside of Pittsburgh.