

STUDENT INFORMATION PROJECT

Entering Student Questionnaire 1998-1999 Profile of Participants

Total Number of Schools : 87
Total Number of Students : 4,232

Selected Highlights of Your 1998-1999 School Profile

The following statements reflect a sample of some of the important information contained in your school profile. There is more to be gleaned from a careful reading of your tables and those of the **1998-1999 Profile of Participants**.

- > (Table 5) The one statement indicating the number of hours per week your full-time M.Div. students plan to work this year more than any other was: 10 to 15. Those whose commute was less than 1/2 hour represented: 29.7%. Those whose commute would take between 1/2 and 1 hour was: 17.0%.
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- > (Table 6) The percentage of students who had one or two dependents was: 22.8%. The following percentage had three or more: 14.5%.
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- > (Table 7) Most students at your school brought the following amount of debt with them to seminary: None. The percentage that had a high debt load of \$15,000 or more was: 13.0%.
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- > (Table 9) Students come to seminary with a broad range of undergraduate degrees. In rank order, the most typical undergraduate degree programs for your entering students were: Religion/Theology, Social Sciences and Business.
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- > (Table 10) Students are more likely to come to theological programs with advanced degrees than was true in the past. The total percentage of students entering with such degrees was: NA. The most frequently cited degrees were: Total and J.D./L.L.B..
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- > (Table 11) From a list of twelve choices, your students indicated in rank order, that they were most likely to have learned about your school from the following sources: Friend, Graduate and Pastor.
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- > (Table 12) The first contact with your school was most likely to be: Telephoned school. The one contact rated 'Important' or 'Very Important' by the greatest number of your students was: Telephoned school.
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- > (Table 13) The percentage of students who visited your campus prior to beginning their studies was: 72.7%. The percentage that ranked that visit as 'Important' or 'Very Important' was: 84.1%.
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- > (Table 14) The percentage of students who ranked your financial aid package as 'significant' or higher was: 48.5%.
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- > (Table 15) The most important reasons for attending your school were, in rank order: School's academic reputation, Impressed with quality of faculty and Comfortable with doctrinal position.
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- > (Table 16) The most important reasons for choosing your institution were: Academic reputation, Theological perspective, Faculty, Denominational affiliation and Spirituality.
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- > (Table 17) Students in the M.Div. program at your school indicated that they were likely to consider seminary anytime from before college until after work experience. The following percentage selected either 'Before college' or 'During college': 55.1%. The following percentage first considered it 'After work experience': 26.7%.
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- > (Table 21) There are a variety of reasons involved in every seminarian's personal choice or calling. Among your students, the highest rated sources in rank order were: Experienced call from God, Desire to serve others and Opportunity for study/growth.

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TABLE 1
Percent of Enrollment by Degree Program, Marital Status, and Gender

Degree Program	Single				Married				Total #
	Male		Female		Male		Female		
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Pre-theology	23	85.2	1	3.7	2	7.4	1	3.7	27
M.Div.	665	28.6	544	23.4	733	31.5	382	16.4	2324
M.A. Professional/M.R.E./M.C.M.	71	16.6	149	34.7	117	27.3	92	21.4	429
M.A.R./M.T.S./M.A. (academic)	130	25.5	141	27.7	143	28.1	95	18.7	509
D.Min.	4	10.5	12	31.6	15	39.5	7	18.4	38
Ed.D./D.Miss./D.M.A.	3	27.3	6	54.5	0	0.0	2	18.2	11
Th.M./S.T.M.	31	22.1	23	16.4	72	51.4	14	10.0	140
Ph.D./Th.D./S.T.D.	11	16.4	10	14.9	32	47.8	14	20.9	67
Non-degree special	28	23.9	26	22.2	31	26.5	32	27.4	117
Diploma/certificate	24	18.3	40	30.5	31	23.7	36	27.5	131
Other	20	14.2	39	27.7	39	27.7	43	30.5	141
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Total	1010	25.7	991	25.2	1215	30.9	718	18.3	3934

	Total	
	#	%
Pre-theology	27	0.7
M.Div.	2324	59.1
M.A. Professional/M.R.E./M.C.M.	429	10.9
M.A.R./M.T.S./M.A. (academic)	509	12.9
D.Min.	38	1.0
Ed.D./D.Miss./D.M.A.	11	0.3
Th.M./S.T.M.	140	3.6
Ph.D./Th.D./S.T.D.	67	1.7
Non-degree special	117	3.0
Diploma/certificate	131	3.3
Other	141	3.6
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Total	3934	100.0

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TABLE 2
Enrollment by Racial/Ethnic Identity and Citizenship

Degree Program	Asian		Black		Hispn		White		NatAm		NRes		Total #
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Pre-theology	0	0.0	3	10.3	2	6.9	24	82.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	29
M.Div.	190	8.0	308	13.0	64	2.7	1775	74.9	14	0.6	18	0.8	2369
M.A. Professional/M.R.E./M.C.M.	34	7.6	41	9.2	17	3.8	352	78.7	2	0.4	1	0.2	447
M.A.R./M.T.S./M.A. (academic)	70	13.4	42	8.1	25	4.8	374	71.8	0	0.0	10	1.9	521
D.Min.	9	22.5	2	5.0	1	2.5	27	67.5	0	0.0	1	2.5	40
Ed.D./D.Miss./D.M.A.	1	8.3	4	33.3	0	0.0	6	50.0	0	0.0	1	8.3	12
Th.M./S.T.M.	53	38.1	13	9.4	0	0.0	64	46.0	0	0.0	9	6.5	139
Ph.D./Th.D./S.T.D.	17	24.6	8	11.6	1	1.4	41	59.4	0	0.0	2	2.9	69
Non-degree special	12	9.9	6	5.0	2	1.7	98	81.0	0	0.0	3	2.5	121
Diploma/certificate	19	13.9	11	8.0	4	2.9	101	73.7	0	0.0	2	1.5	137
Other	13	8.8	16	10.8	3	2.0	111	75.0	0	0.0	5	3.4	148
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Total	418	10.4	454	11.3	119	3.0	2973	73.7	16	0.4	52	1.3	4032

Degree Program	Total		Citizenship	
	#	%	#	%
Pre-theology	29	0.7	U.S.	3541 85.0
M.Div.	2369	58.8	Canadian	182 4.4
M.A. Professional/M.R.E./M.C.M.	447	11.1	Other	442 10.6
M.A.R./M.T.S./M.A. (academic)	521	12.9	-	
D.Min.	40	1.0	Total	4165 100.0
Ed.D./D.Miss./D.M.A.	12	0.3		
Th.M./S.T.M.	139	3.4		
Ph.D./Th.D./S.T.D.	69	1.7		
Non-degree special	121	3.0		
Diploma/certificate	137	3.4		
Other	148	3.7		
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Total	4032	100.0		

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TABLE 3
Year of Birth, Marital Status, and Gender

M.Div. Year of Birth	Single				Married				Total	
	Male		Female		Male		Female		#	%
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		
	Before 1941	2	6.3	11	34.4	14	43.8	5		
1941-1950	27	11.3	71	29.8	64	26.9	76	31.9	238	10.8
1951-1960	67	12.9	113	21.8	185	35.7	153	29.5	518	23.5
1961-1970	147	26.5	101	18.2	232	41.9	74	13.4	554	25.1
1971-1980	381	45.1	215	25.5	194	23.0	54	6.4	844	38.3
After 1980	8	42.1	4	21.1	6	31.6	1	5.3	19	0.9
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Total	632	28.7	515	23.4	695	31.5	363	16.5	2205	100.0

Professional M.A. Year of Birth	Single				Married				Total	
	Male		Female		Male		Female		#	%
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		
	Before 1941	0	0.0	2	66.7	0	0.0	1		
1941-1950	0	0.0	19	40.4	15	31.9	13	27.7	47	11.6
1951-1960	2	2.2	23	25.3	29	31.9	37	40.7	91	22.5
1961-1970	23	23.7	27	27.8	32	33.0	15	15.5	97	24.0
1971-1980	42	25.6	71	43.3	33	20.1	18	11.0	164	40.5
After 1980	1	33.3	1	33.3	1	33.3	0	0.0	3	0.7
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Total	68	16.8	143	35.3	110	27.2	84	20.7	405	100.0

All Others Year of Birth	Single				Married				Total	
	Male		Female		Male		Female		#	%
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		
	Before 1941	9	20.0	15	33.3	9	20.0	12		
1941-1950	21	14.2	44	29.7	37	25.0	46	31.1	148	13.4
1951-1960	34	12.9	47	17.8	105	39.8	78	29.5	264	23.9
1961-1970	69	23.0	62	20.7	117	39.0	52	17.3	300	27.2
1971-1980	123	35.8	115	33.4	65	18.9	41	11.9	344	31.2
After 1980	1	50.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.2
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Total	257	23.3	284	25.7	333	30.2	229	20.8	1103	100.0

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TABLE 4
Year of Birth and Racial Identity

Year of Birth	Asian		Black		Hispn		White		NatAm		NRes		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
Before 1941	1	0.0	5	0.2	0	0.0	25	1.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	31
1941-1950	8	0.4	41	1.9	7	0.3	182	8.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	238
1951-1960	31	1.4	90	4.1	9	0.4	384	17.3	5	0.2	3	0.1	522
1961-1970	60	2.7	81	3.7	21	0.9	380	17.2	4	0.2	12	0.5	558
1971-1980	78	3.5	62	2.8	18	0.8	684	30.9	3	0.1	3	0.1	848
After 1980	0	0.0	1	0.0	0	0.0	16	0.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	17
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Total	178	8.0	280	12.6	55	2.5	1671	75.5	12	0.5	18	0.8	2214

	Total	
	#	%
Before 1941	31	1.4
1941-1950	238	10.7
1951-1960	522	23.6
1961-1970	558	25.2
1971-1980	848	38.3
After 1980	17	0.8
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Total	2214	100.0

TABLE 5
Enrollment Status by Length of Commute and Planned Hours of Work per Week

FULL-TIME STUDENT												
M.Div.	Planned Hours of Work per Week											
	None		1-10		10-15		15-20		More than 20		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
No Commute	194	23.3	162	19.4	226	27.1	170	20.4	81	9.7	833	42.5
Less than 1/2 hour	112	19.2	73	12.5	121	20.8	141	24.2	136	23.3	583	29.7
1/2 to 1 hour	68	20.4	36	10.8	59	17.7	68	20.4	102	30.6	333	17.0
More than 1 hour	30	14.2	17	8.1	25	11.8	44	20.9	95	45.0	211	10.8
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Total	404	20.6	288	14.7	431	22.0	423	21.6	414	21.1	1960	100.0
Professional M.A.												
Professional M.A.	Planned Hours of Work per Week											
	None		1-10		10-15		15-20		More than 20		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
No Commute	8	10.1	15	19.0	25	31.6	15	19.0	16	20.3	79	24.4
Less than 1/2 hour	22	18.2	14	11.6	14	11.6	37	30.6	34	28.1	121	37.3
1/2 to 1 hour	11	13.1	6	7.1	11	13.1	16	19.0	40	47.6	84	25.9
More than 1 hour	7	17.5	3	7.5	4	10.0	6	15.0	20	50.0	40	12.3
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Total	48	14.8	38	11.7	54	16.7	74	22.8	110	34.0	324	100.0
PART-TIME STUDENT												
M.Div.	Planned Hours of Work per Week											
	None		1-10		10-15		15-20		More than 20		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
No Commute	1	5.3	0	0.0	2	10.5	1	5.3	15	78.9	19	4.5
Less than 1/2 hour	11	9.6	5	4.3	2	1.7	6	5.2	91	79.1	115	27.3
1/2 to 1 hour	14	7.7	8	4.4	10	5.5	14	7.7	137	74.9	183	43.5
More than 1 hour	13	12.5	4	3.8	2	1.9	9	8.7	76	73.1	104	24.7
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Total	39	9.3	17	4.0	16	3.8	30	7.1	319	75.8	421	100.0
Professional M.A.	Planned Hours of Work per Week											
	None		1-10		10-15		15-20		More than 20		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
No Commute	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	2	1.7
Less than 1/2 hour	3	8.1	1	2.7	2	5.4	3	8.1	28	75.7	37	30.6
1/2 to 1 hour	6	9.8	1	1.6	1	1.6	2	3.3	51	83.6	61	50.4
More than 1 hour	4	19.0	0	0.0	1	4.8	0	0.0	16	76.2	21	17.4
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Total	13	10.7	3	2.5	4	3.3	6	5.0	95	78.5	121	100.0

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TABLE 6
Number of Dependents by Gender and Marital Status

No. of Dependents	Single				Married				Total	
	Male		Female		Male		Female		#	%
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		
None	963	38.6	874	35.0	359	14.4	299	12.0	2495	62.7
One	38	7.7	74	15.0	261	53.0	119	24.2	492	12.4
Two	12	2.9	43	10.4	216	52.0	144	34.7	415	10.4
Three	8	2.3	10	2.9	225	64.5	106	30.4	349	8.8
Four or more	1	0.4	5	2.2	169	74.4	52	22.9	227	5.7
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Total	1022	25.7	1006	25.3	1230	30.9	720	18.1	3978	100.0

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TABLE 7
Educational Debt by Degree Program and Gender

Educational Debt	MDiv				Prof MA				All Others				Total	
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		#	%
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		
None	816	58.4	576	62.1	118	62.8	151	62.9	422	66.4	392	72.6	2475	63.0
Less than \$5,000	109	7.8	80	8.6	12	6.4	15	6.3	49	7.7	32	5.9	297	7.6
\$5,000 to \$10,000	141	10.1	80	8.6	15	8.0	23	9.6	49	7.7	29	5.4	337	8.6
\$10,000 to \$15,000	121	8.7	74	8.0	18	9.6	23	9.6	40	6.3	33	6.1	309	7.9
\$15,000 to \$25,000	150	10.7	72	7.8	16	8.5	21	8.8	40	6.3	28	5.2	327	8.3
More than \$25,000	61	4.4	45	4.9	9	4.8	7	2.9	36	5.7	26	4.8	184	4.7
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Total	1398	35.6	927	23.6	188	4.8	240	6.1	636	16.2	540	13.7	3929	100.0

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TABLE 8
Highest Level of Education of Parents or Guardians

Highest Level of Education	Father/Guardian		Mother/Guardian		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Grade School	316	7.9	283	7.1	599	7.5
Some High School	314	7.9	269	6.7	583	7.3
Diploma/Equivalent	784	19.7	1037	25.9	1821	22.8
Business/trade school	180	4.5	192	4.8	372	4.7
Some college	382	9.6	507	12.7	889	11.1
Associate/2-year degree	145	3.6	268	6.7	413	5.2
Bachelor's/4-year degree	689	17.3	704	17.6	1393	17.4
Some grad/prof school	197	4.9	208	5.2	405	5.1
Grad/professional degree	977	24.5	531	13.3	1508	18.9
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Total	3984	49.9	3999	50.1	7983	100.0

TABLE 9
Area of Undergraduate Degree and Type of Institution

Area of Degree	Public		Priv. Non Rel		Priv. Rel		* Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Art/Art history	56	54.9	21	20.6	25	24.5	102	2.1
Business	197	56.3	54	15.4	99	28.3	350	7.1
Classics	10	38.5	7	26.9	9	34.6	26	0.5
Communications	82	52.6	23	14.7	51	32.7	156	3.2
Economics	30	49.2	20	32.8	11	18.0	61	1.2
Education	199	58.0	26	7.6	118	34.4	343	7.0
Engineering	81	65.3	34	27.4	9	7.3	124	2.5
English	140	41.9	61	18.3	133	39.8	334	6.8
Health Professions	92	59.4	20	12.9	43	27.7	155	3.1
History	112	42.9	51	19.5	98	37.5	261	5.3
Languages	51	37.8	34	25.2	50	37.0	135	2.7
Life Sciences	92	54.8	37	22.0	39	23.2	168	3.4
Music	53	36.3	18	12.3	75	51.4	146	3.0
Philosophy	63	29.3	30	14.0	122	56.7	215	4.4
Physical Sciences, Math	84	55.6	32	21.2	35	23.2	151	3.1
Religion/Theology	111	10.5	110	10.4	837	79.1	1058	21.5
Social Sciences	288	50.6	102	17.9	179	31.5	569	11.6
Sociology	73	46.5	22	14.0	62	39.5	157	3.2
Visual and Performing Arts	26	46.4	15	26.8	15	26.8	56	1.1
Other	194	54.8	58	16.4	102	28.8	354	7.2
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Total	2034	41.3	775	15.7	2112	42.9	4921	100.0

* Total number of responses

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TABLE 10
Highest Degree Beyond Bachelor's

Beyond Bachelor's	M.Div.		Prof. M.A.		All Others		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	1870	78.7	367	82.5	686	58.1	2923	73.1
Ed.D.	11	0.5	8	1.8	154	13.0	173	4.3
J.D./L.L.B.	306	12.9	41	9.2	223	18.9	570	14.2
Master's	24	1.0	3	0.7	13	1.1	40	1.0
M.B.A.	37	1.6	6	1.3	14	1.2	57	1.4
M.D.	4	0.2	1	0.2	2	0.2	7	0.2
M.Div.	6	0.3	0	0.0	3	0.3	9	0.2
M.S.W.	33	1.4	3	0.7	24	2.0	60	1.5
Ph.D.	8	0.3	0	0.0	10	0.8	18	0.4
Other Degree	26	1.1	0	0.0	4	0.3	30	0.7
Other Doctorate	5	0.2	0	0.0	9	0.8	14	0.3
Other Professional	28	1.2	12	2.7	20	1.7	60	1.5
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Total	2375	100.0	445	100.0	1181	100.0	4001	100.0

TABLE 11
How Student Learned About School

Source	MDiv				Prof MA				All Others				* Total	
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		N = 3832	
	N = 1370		N = 904		N = 178		N = 231		N = 620		N = 529			
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Graduate	527	34.1	413	26.7	73	4.7	93	6.0	243	15.7	196	12.7	1545	16.8
Relative	179	39.7	112	24.8	21	4.7	39	8.6	56	12.4	44	9.8	451	4.9
Friend	586	36.6	379	23.7	81	5.1	86	5.4	235	14.7	232	14.5	1599	17.4
Mailings	261	36.4	196	27.3	31	4.3	39	5.4	95	13.2	96	13.4	718	7.8
Theological school publ.	254	33.2	213	27.9	21	2.7	32	4.2	151	19.8	93	12.2	764	8.3
Current student	212	36.0	155	26.3	29	4.9	36	6.1	76	12.9	81	13.8	589	6.4
Newspaper/magazine ad	70	32.6	31	14.4	10	4.7	25	11.6	50	23.3	29	13.5	215	2.3
College advisor/contact	217	35.9	113	18.7	38	6.3	32	5.3	112	18.5	92	15.2	604	6.6
Pastor	599	42.2	422	29.7	48	3.4	63	4.4	137	9.7	150	10.6	1419	15.4
Religious superior	191	43.3	107	24.3	12	2.7	17	3.9	68	15.4	46	10.4	441	4.8
Knowing faculty member(s)	132	27.7	102	21.4	25	5.2	28	5.9	95	19.9	95	19.9	477	5.2
Conference or church event	133	35.2	126	33.3	11	2.9	20	5.3	45	11.9	43	11.4	378	4.1
Total													9200	100.0

* Total number of responses

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TABLE 12
First Contact and Importance of Visit to Theological School

M.Div. First Contact	Level of Importance									
	Not Imp		Not VImp		Import		VImport		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Wrote to school requesting information	27	6.3	57	13.3	137	32.0	207	48.4	428	22.2
Telephoned school	48	5.8	90	10.9	294	35.5	396	47.8	828	42.9
Visited school	25	6.2	35	8.7	173	43.0	169	42.0	402	20.8
Returned postal card	5	5.9	10	11.8	28	32.9	42	49.4	85	4.4
Recruiter visited my college/church	14	13.1	12	11.2	31	29.0	50	46.7	107	5.5
School initiated contact	8	9.9	11	13.6	30	37.0	32	39.5	81	4.2
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Total	127	6.6	215	11.1	693	35.9	896	46.4	1931	100.0

Professional M.A. First Contact	Level of Importance									
	Not Imp		Not VImp		Import		VImport		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Wrote to school requesting information	6	12.0	8	16.0	20	40.0	16	32.0	50	15.4
Telephoned school	10	6.9	18	12.5	55	38.2	61	42.4	144	44.3
Visited school	2	2.1	16	16.8	46	48.4	31	32.6	95	29.2
Returned postal card	1	6.3	3	18.8	4	25.0	8	50.0	16	4.9
Recruiter visited my college/church	3	23.1	1	7.7	5	38.5	4	30.8	13	4.0
School initiated contact	1	14.3	2	28.6	2	28.6	2	28.6	7	2.2
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Total	23	7.1	48	14.8	132	40.6	122	37.5	325	100.0

All Others First Contact	Level of Importance									
	Not Imp		Not VImp		Import		VImport		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Wrote to school requesting information	14	7.5	30	16.0	67	35.8	76	40.6	187	23.2
Telephoned school	27	7.9	58	17.1	118	34.7	137	40.3	340	42.1
Visited school	9	4.0	33	14.6	88	38.9	96	42.5	226	28.0
Returned postal card	2	10.5	4	21.1	5	26.3	8	42.1	19	2.4
Recruiter visited my college/church	2	11.8	5	29.4	6	35.3	4	23.5	17	2.1
School initiated contact	2	11.1	6	33.3	5	27.8	5	27.8	18	2.2
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Total	56	6.9	136	16.9	289	35.8	326	40.4	807	100.0

TABLE 13
Questions on the Importance of Campus Visit and Student Housing

Frequency of Response to	Yes		No	
	#	%	#	%
Visited campus	3005	72.7	1126	27.3
Applied elsewhere	1266	30.6	2869	69.4
Comparable/better financial package	579	19.2	2430	80.8
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Total	4850	43.0	6425	57.0

Level of Importance of Campus Visit	#	%
Not important at all	108	3.6
Not very important	367	12.3
Important	1133	37.8
Very Important	1386	46.3
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Total	2994	100.0

Live In Student Housing	#	%
Yes	1404	33.9
No	2740	66.1
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Total	4144	100.0

TABLE 14
Significance of Financial Aid Package on Choice of School

Level of Significance	Single				Married				Total #
	Male		Female		Male		Female		
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
No significance	229	26.4	157	18.1	299	34.5	182	21.0	867
Some significance	128	23.9	141	26.3	174	32.5	93	17.4	536
Significant	203	28.7	199	28.1	207	29.3	98	13.9	707
Great significance	232	28.3	244	29.8	223	27.2	121	14.8	820
Greatest significance	76	21.9	99	28.5	109	31.4	63	18.2	347
Did not apply for aid	124	21.1	143	24.3	178	30.3	143	24.3	588
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Total	992	25.7	983	25.4	1190	30.8	700	18.1	3865

Level of Significance	Total	
	#	%
No significance	867	22.4
Some significance	536	13.9
Significant	707	18.3
Great significance	820	21.2
Greatest significance	347	9.0
Did not apply for aid	588	15.2
-		
Total	3865	100.0

TABLE 15
Importance of Factors in Decision to Attend Institution

Source of Influence	Male		Female	
	N = 2193		N = 1695	
	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
My denomination encouraged attendance	2.3	1.5	2.2	1.5
Impressed with quality of faculty	3.8	1.2	3.8	1.2
Pastor encouraged me	2.4	1.5	2.3	1.4
School's academic reputation	3.9	1.2	3.9	1.1
Graduate recommended it highly	3.0	1.6	3.0	1.6
Faculty member encouraged me	2.1	1.5	1.8	1.4
Wanted school close to home/work	2.4	1.6	2.7	1.7
Comfortable with doctrinal position	3.5	1.3	3.5	1.3
I was sent there by a religious supervisor	1.6	1.2	1.5	1.0
Impressed with admissions staff	2.8	1.4	2.9	1.4
Relative went there	2.1	1.5	2.2	1.6
Only theological school in area	1.6	1.1	1.7	1.3
Offered good financial aid package	2.3	1.5	2.3	1.5

1 - Of no importance	3 - Somewhat important	5 - Very important
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TABLE 16

Top Five Reasons for Choosing a Particular Institution

Top Reasons for Choice	Male		Female		* Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Close to home	693	6.5	636	7.7	1329	7.0
Denominational affiliation	894	8.4	664	8.0	1558	8.2
Theological perspective	1292	12.1	793	9.6	2085	11.0
Academic reputation	1321	12.4	909	11.0	2230	11.8
Curriculum	746	7.0	594	7.2	1340	7.1
Sense of community	567	5.3	554	6.7	1121	5.9
Financial aid package	537	5.0	406	4.9	943	5.0
Faculty	1004	9.4	591	7.2	1595	8.4
Ecumenical setting	263	2.5	292	3.5	555	2.9
Spirituality	761	7.1	614	7.4	1375	7.3
Location	647	6.1	481	5.8	1128	6.0
University setting	251	2.3	164	2.0	415	2.2
Family/spouse	229	2.1	202	2.4	431	2.3
Interdisciplinary/joint degree program	135	1.3	185	2.2	320	1.7
Flexible class schedule	374	3.5	345	4.2	719	3.8
Special academic program	297	2.8	231	2.8	528	2.8
Access to other theological schools	216	2.0	204	2.5	420	2.2
Multi-ethnic student body	211	2.0	240	2.9	451	2.4
Friend on campus	114	1.1	68	0.8	182	1.0
Availability of housing	131	1.2	78	0.9	209	1.1
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Total	10683	100.0	8251	100.0	18934	100.0

* Total number of responses

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TABLE 17

Time When First Considered Theological School and Personal Theological Position

M.Div.

First Considered	Very Cons		Conserv		Middle		Liberal		Very Lib		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Before college	32	5.6	191	33.6	219	38.5	97	17.0	30	5.3	569	24.3
During college	32	4.4	290	40.2	240	33.2	121	16.8	39	5.4	722	30.8
After graduating college	7	2.5	108	38.6	85	30.4	58	20.7	22	7.9	280	11.9
After graduate work	5	5.5	25	27.5	29	31.9	22	24.2	10	11.0	91	3.9
After work experience	27	4.3	204	32.6	198	31.7	148	23.7	48	7.7	625	26.7
Cannot remember	3	5.2	18	31.0	17	29.3	16	27.6	4	6.9	58	2.5
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Total	106	4.5	836	35.7	788	33.6	462	19.7	153	6.5	2345	100.0

Professional M.A.

First Considered	Very Cons		Conserv		Middle		Liberal		Very Lib		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Before college	6	8.8	36	52.9	17	25.0	9	13.2	0	0.0	68	15.6
During college	10	7.4	69	50.7	38	27.9	15	11.0	4	2.9	136	31.2
After graduating college	5	6.5	41	53.2	19	24.7	10	13.0	2	2.6	77	17.7
After graduate work	0	0.0	8	61.5	1	7.7	4	30.8	0	0.0	13	3.0
After work experience	8	6.1	49	37.4	53	40.5	16	12.2	5	3.8	131	30.0
Cannot remember	1	9.1	9	81.8	1	9.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	11	2.5
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Total	30	6.9	212	48.6	129	29.6	54	12.4	11	2.5	436	100.0

All Others

First Considered	Very Cons		Conserv		Middle		Liberal		Very Lib		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Before college	11	5.0	69	31.4	82	37.3	41	18.6	17	7.7	220	18.5
During college	24	6.9	107	30.7	107	30.7	70	20.1	40	11.5	348	29.3
After graduating college	8	5.1	60	38.2	48	30.6	28	17.8	13	8.3	157	13.2
After graduate work	0	0.0	16	29.6	16	29.6	17	31.5	5	9.3	54	4.5
After work experience	15	4.1	125	34.3	118	32.4	80	22.0	26	7.1	364	30.6
Cannot remember	2	4.4	9	20.0	17	37.8	14	31.1	3	6.7	45	3.8
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Total	60	5.1	386	32.5	388	32.7	250	21.0	104	8.8	1188	100.0

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TABLE 18
Description of Institution & Personal Theological Position

M.Div.

Institution	Very Cons		Conserv		Middle		Liberal		Very Lib		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Very Conservative	39	44.3	42	47.7	4	4.5	1	1.1	2	2.3	88	3.8
Conservative	37	6.4	405	70.4	101	17.6	27	4.7	5	0.9	575	24.6
Middle-of-the-road	7	1.2	170	28.9	267	45.3	115	19.5	30	5.1	589	25.2
Liberal	7	1.4	94	18.1	193	37.3	169	32.6	55	10.6	518	22.1
Very Liberal	12	7.2	43	25.9	42	25.3	43	25.9	26	15.7	166	7.1
Theologically diverse	4	1.0	78	19.3	175	43.3	110	27.2	37	9.2	404	17.3
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Total	106	4.5	832	35.6	782	33.4	465	19.9	155	6.6	2340	100.0

Professional M.A.

Institution	Very Cons		Conserv		Middle		Liberal		Very Lib		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Very Conservative	16	44.4	17	47.2	3	8.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	36	8.4
Conservative	10	5.0	148	73.3	37	18.3	6	3.0	1	0.5	202	47.2
Middle-of-the-road	3	3.2	28	30.1	45	48.4	15	16.1	2	2.2	93	21.7
Liberal	0	0.0	6	14.0	13	30.2	21	48.8	3	7.0	43	10.0
Very Liberal	0	0.0	3	23.1	4	30.8	5	38.5	1	7.7	13	3.0
Theologically diverse	1	2.4	8	19.5	22	53.7	7	17.1	3	7.3	41	9.6
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Total	30	7.0	210	49.1	124	29.0	54	12.6	10	2.3	428	100.0

All Others

Institution	Very Cons		Conserv		Middle		Liberal		Very Lib		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Very Conservative	23	37.1	30	48.4	8	12.9	1	1.6	0	0.0	62	5.2
Conservative	17	5.4	213	68.3	59	18.9	16	5.1	7	2.2	312	26.4
Middle-of-the-road	5	1.7	73	24.6	146	49.2	58	19.5	15	5.1	297	25.1
Liberal	4	1.6	35	14.2	77	31.3	98	39.8	32	13.0	246	20.8
Very Liberal	9	13.2	11	16.2	18	26.5	20	29.4	10	14.7	68	5.7
Theologically diverse	2	1.0	22	11.1	80	40.2	55	27.6	40	20.1	199	16.8
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Total	60	5.1	384	32.4	388	32.8	248	20.9	104	8.8	1184	100.0

TABLE 19
Religious Tradition of Upbringing and Current Denomination

Religious Traditions	Denomination of Upbringing		Current Denomination	
	#	%	#	%
Adventist, Seventh-day	12	0.3	17	0.4
Anglican Church of Canada	13	0.3	4	0.1
American Baptist Churches	65	1.7	85	2.1
Baptist General Conference	41	1.1	38	0.9
Conservative Baptist Assoc.	25	0.6	15	0.4
Independent Baptist	59	1.5	42	1.0
National Baptist Convention	90	2.3	74	1.8
North American Baptist Conference	6	0.2	11	0.3
Southern Baptist Convention	294	7.6	218	5.3
Baptist Other	128	3.3	141	3.4
Church of the Brethren	30	0.8	29	0.7
Christian Churches and Churches of Christ	57	1.5	72	1.8
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	71	1.8	95	2.3
Christian and Missionary Alliance	31	0.8	52	1.3
Churches of Christ	29	0.8	28	0.7
Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)	18	0.5	22	0.5
Church of the Nazarene	62	1.6	68	1.7
Episcopal	156	4.0	243	5.9
Evangelical Free Church of America	31	0.8	63	1.5
Friends, Religious Society of	9	0.2	29	0.7
Interdenominational/Multidenominational	32	0.8	48	1.2
Jewish	22	0.6	16	0.4
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	123	3.2	152	3.7
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod	50	1.3	7	0.2
Lutheran Church-Canada	2	0.1	1	0.0
Lutheran, Other	33	0.9	14	0.3
Mennonite	37	1.0	43	1.1
African Methodist Episcopal	59	1.5	63	1.5
United Methodist Church	476	12.3	524	12.8
Methodist, Other	85	2.2	60	1.5
Nondenominational	64	1.7	116	2.8
Orthodox Churches	5	0.1	4	0.1
Assemblies of God	105	2.7	132	3.2
Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)	14	0.4	11	0.3
Presbyterian Church in America	47	1.2	66	1.6
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	274	7.1	342	8.4
Presbyterian, Other	137	3.6	131	3.2
Christian Reformed Church	23	0.6	19	0.5
Reformed Church in America	17	0.4	13	0.3
Roman Catholic Church	554	14.4	375	9.2
Unitarian Universalist	21	0.5	48	1.2
United Church of Canada	14	0.4	9	0.2
United Church of Christ	77	2.0	117	2.9
Other denomination	162	4.2	215	5.3
Unaffiliated/No denomination	199	5.2	223	5.4
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Total	3859	100.0	4095	100.0

TABLE 20
Current Denomination and Plans for Ordination for M.Div. Students

Religious Traditions	Current Denomination		Plans for Ordination							
	#	%	Yes		No		Undec		Ordained	
			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Adventist, Seventh-day	9	0.4	6	66.7	3	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Anglican Church of Canada	2	0.1	0	0.0	1	50.0	1	50.0	0	0.0
American Baptist Churches	51	2.2	42	82.4	1	2.0	8	15.7	0	0.0
Baptist General Conference	12	0.5	10	83.3	0	0.0	2	16.7	0	0.0
Conservative Baptist Assoc.	8	0.3	3	37.5	3	37.5	2	25.0	0	0.0
Independent Baptist	14	0.6	10	71.4	0	0.0	4	28.6	0	0.0
National Baptist Convention	53	2.2	32	60.4	1	1.9	5	9.4	15	28.3
North American Baptist Conference	7	0.3	5	71.4	1	14.3	1	14.3	0	0.0
Southern Baptist Convention	161	6.8	102	63.4	6	3.7	32	19.9	21	13.0
Baptist Other	81	3.4	43	53.1	8	9.9	22	27.2	8	9.9
Church of the Brethren	15	0.6	12	80.0	3	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Christian Churches and Churches of Christ	31	1.3	12	38.7	2	6.5	4	12.9	13	41.9
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	79	3.3	67	85.9	2	2.6	8	10.3	1	1.3
Christian and Missionary Alliance	22	0.9	14	63.6	4	18.2	4	18.2	0	0.0
Churches of Christ	15	0.6	5	33.3	6	40.0	3	20.0	1	6.7
Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)	15	0.6	9	60.0	1	6.7	1	6.7	4	26.7
Church of the Nazarene	41	1.7	35	85.4	2	4.9	2	4.9	2	4.9
Episcopal	157	6.6	131	84.0	10	6.4	14	9.0	1	0.6
Evangelical Free Church of America	26	1.1	14	53.8	1	3.8	8	30.8	3	11.5
Friends, Religious Society of	9	0.4	1	11.1	5	55.6	3	33.3	0	0.0
Interdenominational/Multidenominational	21	0.9	11	52.4	3	14.3	4	19.0	3	14.3
Jewish	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	108	4.6	94	87.0	5	4.6	9	8.3	0	0.0
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod	1	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Lutheran Church-Canada	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Lutheran, Other	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Mennonite	13	0.5	3	25.0	1	8.3	6	50.0	2	16.7
African Methodist Episcopal	57	2.4	36	64.3	2	3.6	4	7.1	14	25.0
United Methodist Church	413	17.4	353	85.9	13	3.2	40	9.7	5	1.2
Methodist, Other	32	1.3	16	51.6	3	9.7	2	6.5	10	32.3
Nondenominational	51	2.2	18	36.0	11	22.0	15	30.0	6	12.0
Orthodox Churches	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Assemblies of God	57	2.4	33	58.9	4	7.1	11	19.6	8	14.3
Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)	5	0.2	3	60.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	1	20.0
Presbyterian Church in America	32	1.3	20	62.5	3	9.4	8	25.0	1	3.1
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	254	10.7	221	87.7	1	0.4	29	11.5	1	0.4
Presbyterian, Other	62	2.6	40	65.6	9	14.8	10	16.4	2	3.3
Christian Reformed Church	10	0.4	5	50.0	1	10.0	4	40.0	0	0.0
Reformed Church in America	11	0.5	9	81.8	0	0.0	1	9.1	1	9.1
Roman Catholic Church	113	4.8	79	71.2	22	19.8	10	9.0	0	0.0
Unitarian Universalist	34	1.4	28	82.4	1	2.9	5	14.7	0	0.0
United Church of Canada	4	0.2	4	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
United Church of Christ	83	3.5	74	89.2	0	0.0	9	10.8	0	0.0
Other denomination	109	4.6	69	65.1	12	11.3	11	10.4	14	13.2
Unaffiliated/No denomination	93	3.9	41	44.1	16	17.2	28	30.1	8	8.6
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Total	2371	100.0	1711	72.7	168	7.1	330	14.0	145	6.2

TABLE 21
Importance of Influence in Personal Choice or Calling

Source of Influence	Male		Female	
	N = 2208		N = 1713	
	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
Family/spouse	3.1	1.4	2.8	1.4
Friend(s)	2.6	1.2	2.6	1.2
Encouragement of clergy	3.3	1.3	3.2	1.4
Pastoral Counseling/Spiritual Direction	3.0	1.4	3.2	1.5
Experienced call from God	4.4	1.0	4.5	1.0
Interest in religious/theological questions	3.8	1.1	4.0	1.1
Promise of spiritual fulfillment	3.5	1.2	3.7	1.2
Opportunity for study/growth	3.9	1.1	4.3	0.9
Search for meaning in life	3.0	1.4	3.2	1.4
Major life event	1.9	1.3	2.1	1.4
Desire to serve others	4.1	0.9	4.2	1.0
To celebrate sacraments	2.6	1.4	2.8	1.4
Contribute to social justice	3.0	1.3	3.4	1.3
Desire to preserve tradition	2.6	1.3	2.5	1.3
Desire to make a difference	3.9	1.1	3.9	1.2
Experience in campus organization	2.3	1.3	2.1	1.4
Experience in church life	3.4	1.3	3.5	1.3

1 - Of no importance

3 - Somewhat important

5 - Very important

TABLE 22
Recent Participation in Worshipping Community and Activity as Member

M.Div.

Participation	Activity as Member									
	Very Active		Moderately		Not Very		Inactive		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
As Pastor	46	93.9	3	6.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	49	2.4
As member	1501	75.1	420	21.0	72	3.6	6	0.3	1999	97.6
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Total	1547	75.5	423	20.7	72	3.5	6	0.3	2048	100.0

Professional M.A.

Participation	Activity as Member									
	Very Active		Moderately		Not Very		Inactive		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
As Pastor	9	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	9	2.4
As member	214	59.6	120	33.4	24	6.7	1	0.3	359	97.6
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Total	223	60.6	120	32.6	24	6.5	1	0.3	368	100.0

All Others

Participation	Activity as Member									
	Very Active		Moderately		Not Very		Inactive		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
As Pastor	22	84.6	4	15.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	26	2.8
As member	529	57.6	319	34.7	64	7.0	6	0.7	918	97.2
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Total	551	58.4	323	34.2	64	6.8	6	0.6	944	100.0

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TABLE 23

Elected or Appointed Service in Leadership Within Past Five Years, Kind and Church Size

Service in Leadership	M.Div.		Prof.M.A.		All Others		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Local church	727	55.8	135	45.3	333	41.3	1195	49.6
Other church body/organization	68	5.2	20	6.7	66	8.2	154	6.4
School/college organization	136	10.4	28	9.4	86	10.7	250	10.4
Civic/fraternal organization	15	1.2	4	1.3	16	2.0	35	1.5
Other leadership position	77	5.9	21	7.0	71	8.8	169	7.0
No recent position	281	21.5	90	30.2	234	29.0	605	25.1
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Total	1304	100.0	298	100.0	806	100.0	2408	100.0

Kind of Church	Membership										Total	
	Under 100		100-250		250-500		500-1000		1000 or more			
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Rural	110	40.7	79	29.3	46	17.0	18	6.7	17	6.3	270	8.1
Small town	159	22.3	249	34.9	179	25.1	73	10.2	53	7.4	713	21.4
Suburban	115	10.1	251	22.0	288	25.2	204	17.9	283	24.8	1141	34.2
Urban	176	14.5	233	19.2	231	19.1	199	16.4	373	30.8	1212	36.3
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Total	560	16.8	812	24.3	744	22.3	494	14.8	726	21.8	3336	100.0

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TABLE 24
Expectation for Full-time Position After Graduation

Expectation	Single				Married				Total	
	Male		Female		Male		Female		#	%
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		
Parish ministry	277	32.5	147	18.3	374	37.4	142	24.0	940	28.9
Campus ministry	22	2.6	15	1.9	19	1.9	6	1.0	62	1.9
Inner-city ministry	15	1.8	17	2.1	14	1.4	8	1.4	54	1.7
Pastoral counseling	24	2.8	50	6.2	52	5.2	50	8.4	176	5.4
Hospital or other chaplaincy	9	1.1	32	4.0	20	2.0	42	7.1	103	3.2
Secondary/prep school teaching	10	1.2	9	1.1	5	0.5	3	0.5	27	0.8
College/university teaching	70	8.2	50	6.2	58	5.8	31	5.2	209	6.4
Seminary teaching	19	2.2	5	0.6	35	3.5	8	1.4	67	2.1
Social work/services	6	0.7	29	3.6	10	1.0	19	3.2	64	2.0
Foreign missions	33	3.9	39	4.9	45	4.5	9	1.5	126	3.9
Home missions	5	0.6	3	0.4	6	0.6	2	0.3	16	0.5
Church planting/evangelism	13	1.5	4	0.5	32	3.2	4	0.7	53	1.6
Youth ministry	67	7.9	26	3.2	37	3.7	9	1.5	139	4.3
Church musician	2	0.2	6	0.7	5	0.5	5	0.8	18	0.6
Christian education	12	1.4	33	4.1	24	2.4	19	3.2	88	2.7
Spiritual direction	8	0.9	21	2.6	11	1.1	7	1.2	47	1.4
Social justice ministry	5	0.6	20	2.5	8	0.8	7	1.2	40	1.2
Further graduate study	64	7.5	47	5.9	61	6.1	21	3.5	193	5.9
Professional lay ministry	3	0.4	12	1.5	11	1.1	16	2.7	42	1.3
Undecided	148	17.4	189	23.5	141	14.1	153	25.8	631	19.4
Other	40	4.7	49	6.1	32	3.2	31	5.2	152	4.7
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Total	852	100.0	803	100.0	1000	100.0	592	100.0	3247	100.0