

STUDENT INFORMATION PROJECT

Entering Student Questionnaire 2000-2001 Profile of Participants

Total Number of Schools : 106

Total Number of Students : 5,693

Selected Highlights of Your 2000-2001 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 **2000-2001 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: More than 20. Those whose commute was less than 1/2 hour represented: 29.4%. Those whose commute would take between 1/2 and 1 hour was: 16.9%.
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- > (Table 6) The percentage of students who had one or two dependents was: 23.8%. The following percentage had three or more: 13.2%.
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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: 15.5%.
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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: 72.4%. The percentage that ranked that visit as 'Important' or 'Very Important' was: 83.3%.
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- > (Table 14) The percentage of students who ranked your financial aid package as 'significant' or higher was: 48.0%.
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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, Denominational affiliation, Faculty 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': 57.7%. The following percentage first considered it 'After work experience': 27.7%.
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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	11	52.4	8	38.1	0	0.0	2	9.5	21
M.Div.	884	27.3	755	23.3	1078	33.3	523	16.1	3240
M.A. Professional/M.R.E./M.C.M.	92	16.8	182	33.2	119	21.7	155	28.3	548
M.A.R./M.T.S./M.A. (academic)	171	25.5	222	33.1	160	23.8	118	17.6	671
D.Min.	18	25.7	14	20.0	31	44.3	7	10.0	70
Ed.D./D.Miss./D.M.A.	3	13.0	13	56.5	5	21.7	2	8.7	23
Th.M./S.T.M.	29	21.2	25	18.2	75	54.7	8	5.8	137
Ph.D./Th.D./S.T.D.	12	14.3	9	10.7	54	64.3	9	10.7	84
Non-degree special	30	20.3	43	29.1	49	33.1	26	17.6	148
Diploma/certificate	25	14.2	46	26.1	62	35.2	43	24.4	176
Other	31	15.3	64	31.7	53	26.2	54	26.7	202
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Total	1306	24.5	1381	26.0	1686	31.7	947	17.8	5320

	Total	
	#	%
Pre-theology	21	0.4
M.Div.	3240	60.9
M.A. Professional/M.R.E./M.C.M.	548	10.3
M.A.R./M.T.S./M.A. (academic)	671	12.6
D.Min.	70	1.3
Ed.D./D.Miss./D.M.A.	23	0.4
Th.M./S.T.M.	137	2.6
Ph.D./Th.D./S.T.D.	84	1.6
Non-degree special	148	2.8
Diploma/certificate	176	3.3
Other	202	3.8
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Total	5320	100.0

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TABLE 2
Enrollment by Racial/Ethnic Identity and Citizenship

Degree Program	Asian		Black		Hispan		White		NatAm		NRes		Total #
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Pre-theology	1	4.5	3	13.6	0	0.0	18	81.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	22
M.Div.	226	6.8	381	11.4	64	1.9	2605	78.1	25	0.7	36	1.1	3337
M.A. Professional/M.R.E./M.C.M	54	9.7	40	7.2	15	2.7	441	79.6	2	0.4	2	0.4	554
M.A.R./M.T.S./M.A. (academic)	85	12.4	40	5.8	21	3.1	522	76.0	3	0.4	16	2.3	687
D.Min.	8	11.0	3	4.1	2	2.7	57	78.1	0	0.0	3	4.1	73
Ed.D./D.Miss./D.M.A.	2	9.1	1	4.5	0	0.0	18	81.8	1	4.5	0	0.0	22
Th.M./S.T.M.	48	34.5	9	6.5	2	1.4	60	43.2	0	0.0	20	14.4	139
Ph.D./Th.D./S.T.D.	24	27.9	9	10.5	1	1.2	46	53.5	2	2.3	4	4.7	86
Non-degree special	13	8.6	8	5.3	2	1.3	119	78.3	0	0.0	10	6.6	152
Diploma/certificate	26	14.3	4	2.2	2	1.1	145	79.7	2	1.1	3	1.6	182
Other	20	10.0	13	6.5	4	2.0	156	77.6	1	0.5	7	3.5	201
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Total	507	9.3	511	9.4	113	2.1	4187	76.8	36	0.7	101	1.9	5455

Degree Program	Total		Citizenship		
	#	%	#	%	
Pre-theology	22	0.4	U.S.	4831	85.9
M.Div.	3337	61.2	Canadian	288	5.1
M.A. Professional/M.R.E./M.C.M.	554	10.2	Other	503	8.9
M.A.R./M.T.S./M.A. (academic)	687	12.6	-		
D.Min.	73	1.3	Total	5622	100.0
Ed.D./D.Miss./D.M.A.	22	0.4			
Th.M./S.T.M.	139	2.5			
Ph.D./Th.D./S.T.D.	86	1.6			
Non-degree special	152	2.8			
Diploma/certificate	182	3.3			
Other	201	3.7			
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Total	5455	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	4	12.1	9	27.3	10	30.3	10	30.3	33	1.1
1941-1950	22	8.5	69	26.5	81	31.2	88	33.8	260	8.5
1951-1960	71	11.2	145	22.9	231	36.5	186	29.4	633	20.7
1961-1970	127	18.9	129	19.2	307	45.6	110	16.3	673	22.0
1971-1980	603	41.2	360	24.6	399	27.3	101	6.9	1463	47.8
After 1980	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
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Total	827	27.0	713	23.3	1028	33.6	495	16.2	3063	100.0

Professional M.A.

Year of Birth	Single				Married				Total	
	Male		Female		Male		Female		#	%
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		
Before 1941	1	11.1	2	22.2	3	33.3	3	33.3	9	1.8
1941-1950	3	7.7	13	33.3	6	15.4	17	43.6	39	7.7
1951-1960	7	7.4	16	17.0	22	23.4	49	52.1	94	18.7
1961-1970	10	8.8	30	26.3	35	30.7	39	34.2	114	22.6
1971-1980	66	26.7	107	43.3	39	15.8	35	14.2	247	49.0
After 1980	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.2
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Total	87	17.3	169	33.5	105	20.8	143	28.4	504	100.0

All Others

Year of Birth	Single				Married				Total	
	Male		Female		Male		Female		#	%
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		
Before 1941	8	20.5	11	28.2	17	43.6	3	7.7	39	2.7
1941-1950	11	7.6	36	25.0	42	29.2	55	38.2	144	10.0
1951-1960	33	10.5	74	23.6	116	37.1	90	28.8	313	21.8
1961-1970	63	17.2	73	19.9	175	47.7	56	15.3	367	25.6
1971-1980	194	34.0	222	38.9	107	18.8	47	8.2	570	39.7
After 1980	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.1
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Total	310	21.6	416	29.0	457	31.9	251	17.5	1434	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	3	0.1	0	0.0	30	1.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	34
1941-1950	6	0.2	39	1.3	5	0.2	210	6.8	1	0.0	1	0.0	262
1951-1960	27	0.9	106	3.4	9	0.3	486	15.7	7	0.2	6	0.2	641
1961-1970	62	2.0	97	3.1	13	0.4	487	15.7	7	0.2	17	0.5	683
1971-1980	107	3.4	91	2.9	30	1.0	1239	39.9	7	0.2	9	0.3	1483
After 1980	0	0.0	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
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Total	203	6.5	337	10.9	57	1.8	2452	79.0	22	0.7	33	1.1	3104

	Total	
	#	%
Before 1941	34	1.1
1941-1950	262	8.4
1951-1960	641	20.7
1961-1970	683	22.0
1971-1980	1483	47.8
After 1980	1	0.0
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Total	3104	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	279	23.7	207	17.6	327	27.8	219	18.6	144	12.2	1176	42.8
Less than 1/2 hour	170	21.0	116	14.4	167	20.7	189	23.4	166	20.5	808	29.4
1/2 to 1 hour	78	16.8	38	8.2	70	15.1	103	22.2	176	37.8	465	16.9
More than 1 hour	65	21.7	26	8.7	29	9.7	56	18.7	123	41.1	299	10.9
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Total	592	21.5	387	14.1	593	21.6	567	20.6	609	22.2	2748	100.0

FULL-TIME STUDENT												
Professional M.A.	Planned Hours of Work per Week											
	None		1-10		10-15		15-20		More than 20		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
No Commute	24	18.5	13	10.0	27	20.8	42	32.3	24	18.5	130	31.9
Less than 1/2 hour	25	18.2	10	7.3	16	11.7	39	28.5	47	34.3	137	33.6
1/2 to 1 hour	27	27.6	13	13.3	12	12.2	14	14.3	32	32.7	98	24.0
More than 1 hour	6	14.0	7	16.3	2	4.7	7	16.3	21	48.8	43	10.5
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Total	82	20.1	43	10.5	57	14.0	102	25.0	124	30.4	408	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	4	12.1	1	3.0	0	0.0	4	12.1	24	72.7	33	5.6
Less than 1/2 hour	9	5.9	1	0.7	4	2.6	17	11.2	121	79.6	152	26.0
1/2 to 1 hour	14	5.6	8	3.2	12	4.8	17	6.9	197	79.4	248	42.4
More than 1 hour	13	8.6	5	3.3	4	2.6	10	6.6	120	78.9	152	26.0
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Total	40	6.8	15	2.6	20	3.4	48	8.2	462	79.0	585	100.0

PART-TIME STUDENT												
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	0	0.0	2	28.6	0	0.0	5	71.4	7	4.5
Less than 1/2 hour	7	16.3	4	9.3	2	4.7	1	2.3	29	67.4	43	27.7
1/2 to 1 hour	7	10.4	4	6.0	1	1.5	7	10.4	48	71.6	67	43.2
More than 1 hour	2	5.3	1	2.6	3	7.9	2	5.3	30	78.9	38	24.5
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Total	16	10.3	9	5.8	8	5.2	10	6.5	112	72.3	155	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	1251	37.0	1214	35.9	508	15.0	410	12.1	3383	63.0
One	38	5.7	99	14.9	360	54.3	166	25.0	663	12.4
Two	20	3.3	59	9.6	325	52.8	211	34.3	615	11.5
Three	7	1.6	15	3.5	282	66.4	121	28.5	425	7.9
Four or more	3	1.1	6	2.1	220	78.0	53	18.8	282	5.3
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Total	1319	24.6	1393	26.0	1695	31.6	961	17.9	5368	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	1100	56.2	781	61.1	129	61.4	228	67.5	533	65.5	482	67.5	3253	61.3
Less than \$5,000	150	7.7	82	6.4	13	6.2	17	5.0	55	6.8	39	5.5	356	6.7
\$5,000 to \$10,000	206	10.5	112	8.8	19	9.0	16	4.7	53	6.5	55	7.7	461	8.7
\$10,000 to \$15,000	175	8.9	97	7.6	15	7.1	30	8.9	53	6.5	47	6.6	417	7.9
\$15,000 to \$25,000	214	10.9	138	10.8	17	8.1	28	8.3	64	7.9	47	6.6	508	9.6
More than \$25,000	111	5.7	68	5.3	17	8.1	19	5.6	56	6.9	44	6.2	315	5.9
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Total	1956	36.8	1278	24.1	210	4.0	338	6.4	814	15.3	714	13.4	5310	100.0

TABLE 8
Highest Level of Education of Parents or Guardians

Highest Level of Education	Father/Guardian		Mother/Guardian		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Grade School	419	7.7	337	6.2	756	7.0
Some High School	340	6.3	331	6.1	671	6.2
Diploma/Equivalent	1058	19.6	1388	25.7	2446	22.6
Business/trade school	281	5.2	281	5.2	562	5.2
Some college	590	10.9	680	12.6	1270	11.7
Associate/2-year degree	192	3.5	411	7.6	603	5.6
Bachelor's/4-year degree	984	18.2	983	18.2	1967	18.2
Some grad/prof school	247	4.6	268	5.0	515	4.8
Grad/professional degree	1299	24.0	724	13.4	2023	18.7
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Total	5410	50.0	5403	50.0	10813	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	50	54.3	16	17.4	26	28.3	92	1.4
Business	309	55.1	93	16.6	159	28.3	561	8.5
Classics	12	34.3	11	31.4	12	34.3	35	0.5
Communications	149	52.3	30	10.5	106	37.2	285	4.3
Economics	51	56.0	22	24.2	18	19.8	91	1.4
Education	282	59.2	34	7.1	160	33.6	476	7.2
Engineering	146	78.9	31	16.8	8	4.3	185	2.8
English	173	41.4	67	16.0	178	42.6	418	6.4
Health Professions	121	63.4	23	12.0	47	24.6	191	2.9
History	154	48.9	48	15.2	113	35.9	315	4.8
Languages	80	43.0	43	23.1	63	33.9	186	2.8
Life Sciences	127	56.7	36	16.1	61	27.2	224	3.4
Music	101	41.1	39	15.9	106	43.1	246	3.7
Philosophy	98	31.6	43	13.9	169	54.5	310	4.7
Physical Sciences, Math	133	55.9	45	18.9	60	25.2	238	3.6
Religion/Theology	129	10.2	110	8.7	1031	81.2	1270	19.3
Social Sciences	341	52.5	94	14.5	215	33.1	650	9.9
Sociology	98	43.9	42	18.8	83	37.2	223	3.4
Visual and Performing Arts	32	39.0	23	28.0	27	32.9	82	1.2
Other	263	52.7	67	13.4	169	33.9	499	7.6
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Total	2849	43.3	917	13.9	2811	42.7	6577	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	2651	80.0	464	83.3	932	61.2	4047	75.1
Ed.D.	28	0.8	6	1.1	194	12.7	228	4.2
J.D./L.L.B.	373	11.3	48	8.6	243	16.0	664	12.3
Master's	48	1.4	6	1.1	19	1.2	73	1.4
M.B.A.	51	1.5	2	0.4	17	1.1	70	1.3
M.D.	5	0.2	2	0.4	1	0.1	8	0.1
M.Div.	3	0.1	2	0.4	3	0.2	8	0.1
M.S.W.	43	1.3	10	1.8	34	2.2	87	1.6
Ph.D.	14	0.4	4	0.7	12	0.8	30	0.6
Other Degree	26	0.8	0	0.0	9	0.6	35	0.6
Other Doctorate	8	0.2	1	0.2	13	0.9	22	0.4
Other Professional	37	1.1	5	0.9	25	1.6	67	1.2
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Total	3312	100.0	557	100.0	1523	100.0	5392	100.0

TABLE 11
How Student Learned About School

Source	MDiv				Prof MA				All Others				* Total	
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		N = 5164	
	N = 1917		N = 1244		N = 204		N = 329		N = 789		N = 681			
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Graduate	808	38.6	526	25.1	92	4.4	128	6.1	294	14.0	246	11.7	2094	17.2
Relative	262	38.8	151	22.3	39	5.8	52	7.7	84	12.4	88	13.0	676	5.5
Friend	808	37.8	498	23.3	107	5.0	146	6.8	305	14.3	274	12.8	2138	17.5
Mailings	320	39.3	217	26.7	31	3.8	47	5.8	108	13.3	91	11.2	814	6.7
Theological school publ.	357	37.3	272	28.5	32	3.3	41	4.3	151	15.8	103	10.8	956	7.8
Current student	313	37.8	221	26.7	50	6.0	47	5.7	107	12.9	91	11.0	829	6.8
Newspaper/magazine ad	78	35.1	38	17.1	9	4.1	19	8.6	58	26.1	20	9.0	222	1.8
College advisor/contact	263	36.2	152	20.9	26	3.6	46	6.3	139	19.1	101	13.9	727	6.0
Pastor	896	43.8	569	27.8	85	4.2	105	5.1	199	9.7	190	9.3	2044	16.8
Religious superior	262	43.0	130	21.3	19	3.1	27	4.4	88	14.4	84	13.8	610	5.0
Knowing faculty member(s)	180	31.7	123	21.7	22	3.9	41	7.2	105	18.5	97	17.1	568	4.7
Conference or church event	173	34.0	151	29.7	21	4.1	34	6.7	54	10.6	76	14.9	509	4.2
Total													12187	100.0

* Total number of responses

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	45	6.0	102	13.7	253	34.0	345	46.3	745	28.4
Telephoned school	71	7.5	111	11.6	357	37.5	414	43.4	953	36.3
Visited school	20	3.6	64	11.5	199	35.7	275	49.3	558	21.2
Returned postal card	3	3.3	13	14.4	38	42.2	36	40.0	90	3.4
Recruiter visited my college/church	12	6.3	28	14.7	75	39.5	75	39.5	190	7.2
School initiated contact	10	11.1	13	14.4	30	33.3	37	41.1	90	3.4
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Total	161	6.1	331	12.6	952	36.3	1182	45.0	2626	100.0

Professional M.A. First Contact	Level of Importance									
	Not Imp		Not VImp		Import		VImport		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Wrote to school requesting information	7	6.7	12	11.5	44	42.3	41	39.4	104	25.2
Telephoned school	20	11.3	32	18.1	70	39.5	55	31.1	177	42.9
Visited school	4	4.3	13	14.1	35	38.0	40	43.5	92	22.3
Returned postal card	1	8.3	6	50.0	4	33.3	1	8.3	12	2.9
Recruiter visited my college/church	0	0.0	4	20.0	9	45.0	7	35.0	20	4.8
School initiated contact	1	12.5	0	0.0	4	50.0	3	37.5	8	1.9
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Total	33	8.0	67	16.2	166	40.2	147	35.6	413	100.0

All Others First Contact	Level of Importance									
	Not Imp		Not VImp		Import		VImport		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Wrote to school requesting information	37	13.0	33	11.6	113	39.6	102	35.8	285	27.2
Telephoned school	37	10.1	58	15.9	134	36.7	136	37.3	365	34.9
Visited school	12	4.0	33	10.9	113	37.4	144	47.7	302	28.8
Returned postal card	3	9.7	6	19.4	13	41.9	9	29.0	31	3.0
Recruiter visited my college/church	4	10.0	8	20.0	11	27.5	17	42.5	40	3.8
School initiated contact	5	20.8	0	0.0	12	50.0	7	29.2	24	2.3
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Total	98	9.4	138	13.2	396	37.8	415	39.6	1047	100.0

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

Frequency of Response to	Yes		No	
	#	%	#	%
Visited campus	4042	72.4	1539	27.6
Applied elsewhere	1471	26.3	4117	73.7
Comparable/better financial package	720	17.8	3314	82.2
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Total	6233	41.0	8970	59.0

Level of Importance of Campus Visit	#	%
Not important at all	151	3.7
Not very important	523	13.0
Important	1552	38.5
Very Important	1803	44.8
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Total	4029	100.0

Live In Student Housing	#	%
Yes	1838	32.8
No	3773	67.2
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Total	5611	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	283	23.5	259	21.5	426	35.4	234	19.5	1202
Some significance	190	25.4	191	25.5	245	32.7	123	16.4	749
Significant	242	26.2	237	25.6	302	32.7	143	15.5	924
Great significance	293	27.4	332	31.1	282	26.4	162	15.2	1069
Greatest significance	113	21.4	167	31.6	150	28.4	98	18.6	528
Did not apply for aid	166	21.2	190	24.3	249	31.8	177	22.6	782
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Total	1287	24.5	1376	26.2	1654	31.5	937	17.8	5254

Level of Significance	Total	
	#	%
No significance	1202	22.9
Some significance	749	14.3
Significant	924	17.6
Great significance	1069	20.3
Greatest significance	528	10.0
Did not apply for aid	782	14.9
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Total	5254	100.0

TABLE 15
Importance of Factors in Decision to Attend Institution

Source of Influence	Male		Female	
	N = 2930		N = 2323	
	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
My denomination encouraged attendance	2.5	1.5	2.3	1.5
Impressed with quality of faculty	3.7	1.2	3.8	1.2
Pastor encouraged me	2.5	1.5	2.4	1.5
School's academic reputation	3.9	1.1	4.0	1.1
Graduate recommended it highly	3.1	1.6	3.2	1.6
Faculty member encouraged me	2.0	1.4	1.8	1.4
Wanted school close to home/work	2.4	1.6	2.8	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	1.1
Impressed with admissions staff	2.7	1.4	3.0	1.4
Relative went there	2.3	1.5	2.3	1.6
Only theological school in area	1.6	1.2	1.8	1.3
Offered good financial aid package	2.2	1.5	2.3	1.6

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	951	6.7	883	7.8	1834	7.2
Denominational affiliation	1408	9.8	978	8.7	2386	9.3
Theological perspective	1816	12.7	1140	10.1	2956	11.6
Academic reputation	1765	12.3	1256	11.2	3021	11.8
Curriculum	962	6.7	764	6.8	1726	6.8
Sense of community	694	4.9	779	6.9	1473	5.8
Financial aid package	687	4.8	570	5.1	1257	4.9
Faculty	1243	8.7	792	7.0	2035	8.0
Ecumenical setting	300	2.1	328	2.9	628	2.5
Spirituality	1017	7.1	842	7.5	1859	7.3
Location	894	6.3	670	6.0	1564	6.1
University setting	365	2.6	215	1.9	580	2.3
Family/spouse	333	2.3	248	2.2	581	2.3
Interdisciplinary/joint degree program	153	1.1	206	1.8	359	1.4
Flexible class schedule	498	3.5	476	4.2	974	3.8
Special academic program	356	2.5	347	3.1	703	2.8
Access to other theological schools	221	1.5	225	2.0	446	1.7
Multi-ethnic student body	280	2.0	298	2.6	578	2.3
Friend on campus	194	1.4	122	1.1	316	1.2
Availability of housing	161	1.1	118	1.0	279	1.1
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Total	14298	100.0	11257	100.0	25555	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	55	6.3	310	35.4	301	34.4	169	19.3	40	4.6	875	26.6
During college	73	7.2	417	40.9	305	29.9	171	16.8	53	5.2	1019	31.0
After graduating college	23	6.9	123	36.7	102	30.4	74	22.1	13	3.9	335	10.2
After graduate work	1	1.2	24	28.6	27	32.1	20	23.8	12	14.3	84	2.6
After work experience	47	5.2	308	33.9	311	34.2	184	20.2	59	6.5	909	27.7
Cannot remember	2	3.2	19	30.6	21	33.9	15	24.2	5	8.1	62	1.9
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Total	201	6.1	1201	36.6	1067	32.5	633	19.3	182	5.5	3284	100.0

Professional M.A.

First Considered	Very Cons		Conserv		Middle		Liberal		Very Lib		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Before college	4	4.9	41	50.0	20	24.4	13	15.9	4	4.9	82	14.9
During college	10	5.9	92	54.1	44	25.9	14	8.2	10	5.9	170	31.0
After graduating college	8	9.1	48	54.5	23	26.1	6	6.8	3	3.4	88	16.0
After graduate work	0	0.0	1	10.0	5	50.0	2	20.0	2	20.0	10	1.8
After work experience	7	3.8	82	44.3	52	28.1	38	20.5	6	3.2	185	33.7
Cannot remember	1	7.1	6	42.9	5	35.7	2	14.3	0	0.0	14	2.6
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Total	30	5.5	270	49.2	149	27.1	75	13.7	25	4.6	549	100.0

All Others

First Considered	Very Cons		Conserv		Middle		Liberal		Very Lib		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Before college	23	8.0	118	41.0	92	31.9	38	13.2	17	5.9	288	18.9
During college	34	8.1	150	35.6	128	30.4	72	17.1	37	8.8	421	27.6
After graduating college	16	6.7	93	38.9	69	28.9	49	20.5	12	5.0	239	15.7
After graduate work	3	4.4	29	42.6	17	25.0	13	19.1	6	8.8	68	4.5
After work experience	26	5.9	186	42.0	117	26.4	90	20.3	24	5.4	443	29.1
Cannot remember	1	1.6	17	26.6	27	42.2	13	20.3	6	9.4	64	4.2
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Total	103	6.8	593	38.9	450	29.5	275	18.1	102	6.7	1523	100.0

TABLE 18
Description of Institution & Personal Theological Position

M.Div.

Institution	Very Cons		Conserv		Middle		Liberal		Very Lib		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Very Conservative	73	39.0	86	46.0	22	11.8	6	3.2	0	0.0	187	5.7
Conservative	75	8.3	609	67.3	175	19.3	40	4.4	6	0.7	905	27.6
Middle-of-the-road	27	3.2	230	27.5	383	45.9	166	19.9	29	3.5	835	25.5
Liberal	14	2.1	145	21.5	243	36.0	212	31.4	61	9.0	675	20.6
Very Liberal	6	3.0	37	18.8	54	27.4	64	32.5	36	18.3	197	6.0
Theologically diverse	5	1.0	86	18.0	192	40.2	145	30.3	50	10.5	478	14.6
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Total	200	6.1	1193	36.4	1069	32.6	633	19.3	182	5.6	3277	100.0

Professional M.A.

Institution	Very Cons		Conserv		Middle		Liberal		Very Lib		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Very Conservative	11	20.0	33	60.0	10	18.2	1	1.8	0	0.0	55	10.1
Conservative	17	6.2	188	68.1	64	23.2	7	2.5	0	0.0	276	50.8
Middle-of-the-road	1	1.3	24	31.2	30	39.0	20	26.0	2	2.6	77	14.2
Liberal	0	0.0	6	9.7	19	30.6	30	48.4	7	11.3	62	11.4
Very Liberal	0	0.0	5	31.3	5	31.3	1	6.3	5	31.3	16	2.9
Theologically diverse	1	1.8	11	19.3	22	38.6	14	24.6	9	15.8	57	10.5
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Total	30	5.5	267	49.2	150	27.6	73	13.4	23	4.2	543	100.0

All Others

Institution	Very Cons		Conserv		Middle		Liberal		Very Lib		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Very Conservative	52	44.4	54	46.2	8	6.8	3	2.6	0	0.0	117	7.8
Conservative	36	7.3	343	69.9	93	18.9	12	2.4	7	1.4	491	32.6
Middle-of-the-road	8	2.3	88	25.1	159	45.4	74	21.1	21	6.0	350	23.2
Liberal	2	0.7	42	15.7	102	38.1	95	35.4	27	10.1	268	17.8
Very Liberal	0	0.0	12	16.2	17	23.0	30	40.5	15	20.3	74	4.9
Theologically diverse	3	1.5	50	24.3	65	31.6	55	26.7	33	16.0	206	13.7
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Total	101	6.7	589	39.1	444	29.5	269	17.9	103	6.8	1506	100.0

TABLE 19
Religious Tradition of Upbringing and Current Denomination

Religious Traditions	Denomination of Upbringing		Current Denomination	
	#	%	#	%
Adventist, Seventh-day	8	0.2	5	0.1
Anglican Church of Canada	28	0.5	41	0.7
American Baptist Churches	100	1.9	89	1.6
Baptist General Conference	36	0.7	36	0.6
Conservative Baptist Assoc.	43	0.8	32	0.6
Independent Baptist	50	1.0	31	0.6
National Baptist Convention	99	1.9	76	1.4
North American Baptist Conference	10	0.2	5	0.1
Southern Baptist Convention	725	13.9	742	13.3
Baptist Other	181	3.5	160	2.9
Church of the Brethren	22	0.4	31	0.6
Christian Churches and Churches of Christ	59	1.1	81	1.5
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	74	1.4	105	1.9
Christian and Missionary Alliance	45	0.9	65	1.2
Churches of Christ	54	1.0	39	0.7
Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)	25	0.5	29	0.5
Church of the Nazarene	59	1.1	79	1.4
Episcopal	171	3.3	296	5.3
Evangelical Free Church of America	43	0.8	76	1.4
Friends, Religious Society of	13	0.2	28	0.5
Interdenominational/Multidenominational	21	0.4	46	0.8
Jewish	20	0.4	10	0.2
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	234	4.5	289	5.2
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod	142	2.7	102	1.8
Lutheran Church-Canada	5	0.1	2	0.0
Lutheran, Other	39	0.7	18	0.3
Mennonite	44	0.8	47	0.8
African Methodist Episcopal	45	0.9	67	1.2
United Methodist Church	590	11.3	629	11.3
Methodist, Other	97	1.9	67	1.2
Nondenominational	101	1.9	164	2.9
Orthodox Churches	21	0.4	20	0.4
Assemblies of God	145	2.8	126	2.3
Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)	17	0.3	8	0.1
Presbyterian Church in America	52	1.0	82	1.5
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	325	6.2	383	6.9
Presbyterian, Other	162	3.1	137	2.5
Christian Reformed Church	40	0.8	29	0.5
Reformed Church in America	33	0.6	48	0.9
Roman Catholic Church	656	12.5	425	7.6
Unitarian Universalist	16	0.3	44	0.8
United Church of Canada	26	0.5	16	0.3
United Church of Christ	93	1.8	134	2.4
Other denomination	199	3.8	283	5.1
Unaffiliated/No denomination	265	5.1	341	6.1
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Total	5233	100.0	5563	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	3	0.1	3	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Anglican Church of Canada	16	0.5	12	75.0	0	0.0	2	12.5	2	12.5
American Baptist Churches	58	1.7	43	74.1	4	6.9	8	13.8	3	5.2
Baptist General Conference	22	0.7	18	81.8	1	4.5	2	9.1	1	4.5
Conservative Baptist Assoc.	12	0.4	8	66.7	0	0.0	3	25.0	1	8.3
Independent Baptist	16	0.5	11	68.8	0	0.0	3	18.8	2	12.5
National Baptist Convention	57	1.7	28	50.0	1	1.8	7	12.5	20	35.7
North American Baptist Conference	3	0.1	2	66.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	33.3
Southern Baptist Convention	417	12.5	239	57.7	36	8.7	83	20.0	56	13.5
Baptist Other	110	3.3	67	60.9	13	11.8	21	19.1	9	8.2
Church of the Brethren	11	0.3	5	45.5	2	18.2	3	27.3	1	9.1
Christian Churches and Churches of Christ	32	1.0	16	51.6	4	12.9	5	16.1	6	19.4
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	84	2.5	78	94.0	2	2.4	3	3.6	0	0.0
Christian and Missionary Alliance	26	0.8	17	65.4	5	19.2	3	11.5	1	3.8
Churches of Christ	26	0.8	7	26.9	14	53.8	2	7.7	3	11.5
Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)	16	0.5	12	75.0	0	0.0	3	18.8	1	6.3
Church of the Nazarene	59	1.8	41	69.5	3	5.1	5	8.5	10	16.9
Episcopal	198	5.9	161	81.7	9	4.6	24	12.2	3	1.5
Evangelical Free Church of America	42	1.3	28	66.7	4	9.5	9	21.4	1	2.4
Friends, Religious Society of	14	0.4	4	30.8	5	38.5	4	30.8	0	0.0
Interdenominational/Multidenominational	18	0.5	8	44.4	2	11.1	6	33.3	2	11.1
Jewish	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	203	6.1	187	92.6	3	1.5	12	5.9	0	0.0
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod	72	2.2	66	91.7	1	1.4	5	6.9	0	0.0
Lutheran Church-Canada	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0
Lutheran, Other	2	0.1	0	0.0	1	50.0	1	50.0	0	0.0
Mennonite	14	0.4	7	50.0	0	0.0	5	35.7	2	14.3
African Methodist Episcopal	56	1.7	44	78.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	12	21.4
United Methodist Church	489	14.6	424	88.1	12	2.5	40	8.3	5	1.0
Methodist, Other	43	1.3	25	59.5	1	2.4	6	14.3	10	23.8
Nondenominational	81	2.4	40	50.6	16	20.3	17	21.5	6	7.6
Orthodox Churches	10	0.3	5	55.6	2	22.2	2	22.2	0	0.0
Assemblies of God	46	1.4	28	62.2	3	6.7	7	15.6	7	15.6
Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)	4	0.1	2	50.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	1	25.0
Presbyterian Church in America	51	1.5	35	70.0	3	6.0	11	22.0	1	2.0
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	310	9.3	251	81.0	12	3.9	47	15.2	0	0.0
Presbyterian, Other	49	1.5	28	59.6	5	10.6	7	14.9	7	14.9
Christian Reformed Church	17	0.5	10	58.8	3	17.6	3	17.6	1	5.9
Reformed Church in America	37	1.1	30	81.1	2	5.4	5	13.5	0	0.0
Roman Catholic Church	182	5.4	95	53.1	62	34.6	21	11.7	1	0.6
Unitarian Universalist	32	1.0	27	84.4	0	0.0	5	15.6	0	0.0
United Church of Canada	7	0.2	6	85.7	0	0.0	1	14.3	0	0.0
United Church of Christ	88	2.6	75	85.2	2	2.3	11	12.5	0	0.0
Other denomination	145	4.3	93	65.5	8	5.6	33	23.2	8	5.6
Unaffiliated/No denomination	162	4.8	72	45.0	29	18.1	51	31.9	8	5.0
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Total	3341	100.0	2358	71.3	270	8.2	488	14.8	192	5.8

TABLE 21
Importance of Influence in Personal Choice or Calling

Source of Influence	Male N = 2952		Female N = 2339	
	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
Family/spouse	3.1	1.4	2.9	1.4
Friend(s)	2.6	1.2	2.7	1.2
Encouragement of clergy	3.3	1.3	3.3	1.4
Pastoral Counseling/Spiritual Direction	3.0	1.4	3.2	1.5
Experienced call from God	4.5	1.0	4.5	1.0
Interest in religious/theological questions	3.8	1.2	4.0	1.1
Promise of spiritual fulfillment	3.4	1.2	3.7	1.2
Opportunity for study/growth	3.9	1.1	4.3	0.9
Search for meaning in life	2.9	1.4	3.2	1.4
Major life event	1.8	1.2	2.0	1.3
Desire to serve others	4.1	1.0	4.3	0.9
To celebrate sacraments	2.6	1.4	2.7	1.4
Contribute to social justice	2.9	1.4	3.3	1.3
Desire to preserve tradition	2.6	1.3	2.5	1.3
Desire to make a difference	3.9	1.2	3.9	1.2
Experience in campus organization	2.3	1.3	2.2	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	76	91.6	6	7.2	1	1.2	0	0.0	83	2.9
As member	2021	72.3	665	23.8	108	3.9	3	0.1	2797	97.1
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Total	2097	72.8	671	23.3	109	3.8	3	0.1	2880	100.0

Professional M.A.

Participation	Activity as Member									
	Very Active		Moderately		Not Very		Inactive		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
As Pastor	11	91.7	1	8.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	12	2.5
As member	323	68.6	122	25.9	25	5.3	1	0.2	471	97.5
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Total	334	69.2	123	25.5	25	5.2	1	0.2	483	100.0

All Others

Participation	Activity as Member									
	Very Active		Moderately		Not Very		Inactive		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
As Pastor	39	92.9	2	4.8	1	2.4	0	0.0	42	3.5
As member	736	63.0	353	30.2	76	6.5	4	0.3	1169	96.5
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Total	775	64.0	355	29.3	77	6.4	4	0.3	1211	100.0

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	1000	53.9	176	49.4	466	44.5	1642	50.4
Other church body/organization	124	6.7	21	5.9	83	7.9	228	7.0
School/college organization	170	9.2	30	8.4	104	9.9	304	9.3
Civic/fraternal organization	20	1.1	4	1.1	7	0.7	31	1.0
Other leadership position	124	6.7	22	6.2	78	7.4	224	6.9
No recent position	417	22.5	103	28.9	309	29.5	829	25.4
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Total	1855	100.0	356	100.0	1047	100.0	3258	100.0

Kind of Church	Membership										Total	
	Under 100		100-250		250-500		500-1000		1000 or more			
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Rural	147	38.3	120	31.3	62	16.1	23	6.0	32	8.3	384	8.4
Small town	174	17.1	365	35.8	258	25.3	141	13.8	81	7.9	1019	22.4
Suburban	127	8.0	326	20.5	405	25.4	294	18.5	441	27.7	1593	35.0
Urban	181	11.6	305	19.6	319	20.5	239	15.4	512	32.9	1556	34.2
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Total	629	13.8	1116	24.5	1044	22.9	697	15.3	1066	23.4	4552	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	303	27.3	204	17.9	537	38.2	208	26.0	1252	28.1
Campus ministry	27	2.4	23	2.0	15	1.1	8	1.0	73	1.6
Inner-city ministry	16	1.4	25	2.2	22	1.6	7	0.9	70	1.6
Pastoral counseling	35	3.2	58	5.1	53	3.8	60	7.5	206	4.6
Hospital or other chaplaincy	17	1.5	50	4.4	34	2.4	44	5.5	145	3.3
Secondary/prep school teaching	8	0.7	9	0.8	4	0.3	3	0.4	24	0.5
College/university teaching	107	9.6	47	4.1	82	5.8	26	3.3	262	5.9
Seminary teaching	21	1.9	13	1.1	49	3.5	5	0.6	88	2.0
Social work/services	10	0.9	53	4.6	6	0.4	18	2.3	87	2.0
Foreign missions	71	6.4	56	4.9	69	4.9	21	2.6	217	4.9
Home missions	6	0.5	6	0.5	11	0.8	2	0.3	25	0.6
Church planting/evangelism	21	1.9	9	0.8	53	3.8	4	0.5	87	2.0
Youth ministry	68	6.1	51	4.5	69	4.9	17	2.1	205	4.6
Church musician	13	1.2	12	1.1	24	1.7	8	1.0	57	1.3
Christian education	18	1.6	40	3.5	39	2.8	40	5.0	137	3.1
Spiritual direction	10	0.9	15	1.3	5	0.4	15	1.9	45	1.0
Social justice ministry	7	0.6	40	3.5	4	0.3	8	1.0	59	1.3
Further graduate study	68	6.1	53	4.6	56	4.0	25	3.1	202	4.5
Professional lay ministry	12	1.1	15	1.3	18	1.3	25	3.1	70	1.6
Undecided	224	20.2	300	26.3	200	14.2	214	26.8	938	21.0
Other	48	4.3	63	5.5	57	4.1	41	5.1	209	4.7
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Total	1110	100.0	1142	100.0	1407	100.0	799	100.0	4458	100.0