

# ADVANCING SHALOM



*Expressing the human spirit*

*Boundless possibilities*

*Leaders for transformation*

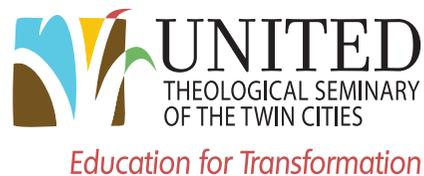
## BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

*Peace and justice*

*Innovative and compassionate*

### AT UNITED, WE VALUE:

- Our Christian heritage and other faith traditions as the foundation for genuine dialogue and profound spiritual experiences
- Rigorous academic study as an expression of the human spirit
- Lifelong learning that nurtures the journey of spiritual seekers from all walks of life
- Challenging conversations and bold partnerships for societal transformation
- A culture of creativity, where integration of the arts and theology is fundamental
- Promoting a just, peaceful and sustainable world through stewardship and courageous action

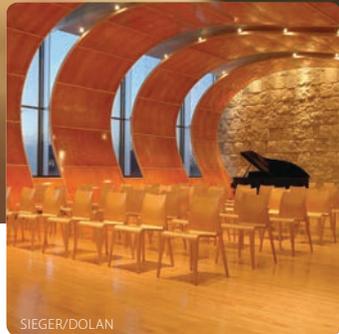
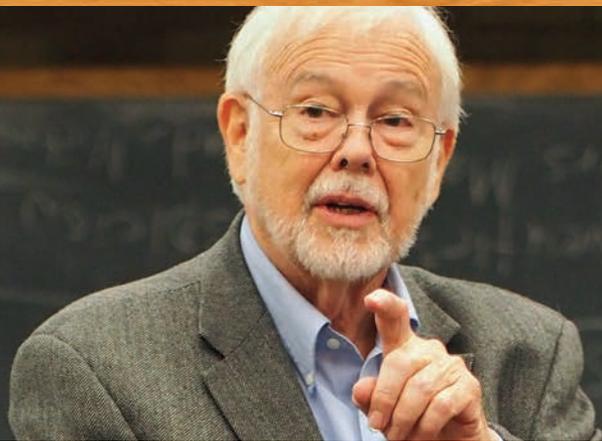


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# EDUCATION FOR TRANSFORMATION



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## AT UNITED, WE OFFER MORE THAN A GRADUATE DEGREE IN THEOLOGY.

We foster theological, intellectual, spiritual and personal GROWTH for those who are called to lives that build the COMMON GOOD. We educate INNOVATIVE and COMPASSIONATE LEADERS for a variety of sectors.

This is our mission.

United's DYNAMIC curriculum integrates theology into the ARTS, social JUSTICE, interfaith relationships and intercultural UNDERSTANDING. Graduates turn their learning to LEADERSHIP in areas as diverse as church ministry, chaplaincy, public and private sector business, artistic pursuits and nonprofit service. They MAKE A DIFFERENCE where they live and work.

### RELEVANT DIALOGUE FOR TODAY

At United, students represent over 20 denominations. In addition, many are not aligned with traditional religion or bound for professional ministry. Either way, United welcomes the spiritually hungry, the trailblazers, the questioners and the yearning spirits to join in rich theological dialogue about boundless possibilities for the world.

We strive to build the "beloved community," as advanced by the Fellowship of Reconciliation in the early 20th century. We work for a time when all people share in the wealth of the earth and standards of human decency are upheld for all.

### FORWARD-LOOKING EDUCATION

By its charter, United is a multid denominational, ecumenically focused seminary of the United Church of Christ.

United has been a progressive and inclusive force since its inception in 1960. From the mid-'60s voter registration drives in the south, to admitting its first female M.Div. student in '69 and its groundbreaking sexuality and racism courses, United has taken a stand for radical Christian witness. The staff, faculty and student body are a mix of ages, perspectives, life stages, races, physical abilities, sexual orientations and goals. We learn from being among differences.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Situated on a serene 20 acres where a front yard prairie restoration plot generates our backyard honey harvest, United is minutes from the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Known for their vibrant arts communities, progressive health care, diverse economy, active lifestyle and variety of religious traditions, the Twin Cities are also home to a significant number of immigrants from around the world. It's in this pluralistic context that students at United engage in learning theology, spirituality and social transformation.



### PURSUE YOUR PASSION FOR LEARNING

Interested in learning more about transformative theological education and where it leads? Let's talk.

Better yet, pay us a visit. Sit in on a class, attend a lecture or art opening, or register for a workshop. Begin a conversation. We'd love to hear from you. For more information, visit [unitedseminary.edu](http://unitedseminary.edu) or call 651.633.4311.



### ACADEMIC AND LEARNING PROGRAMS

United's rigorous academic curriculum instills in students spiritual depth, ethical commitment and practical skill.

#### PROFESSIONAL MINISTRY DEGREES

**Master of Divinity:** A graduate degree that prepares students for ordained leadership in churches and other forms of ministry. Our program has been designed so students can pursue denominational requirements or a concentration in their interest area.

#### Master of Arts in Religious Leadership:

Preparation for lay roles in religious leadership or for ordained roles where the Master of Divinity is not a requirement.

**Doctor of Ministry:** For ministers and religious leaders who already have a graduate theology degree and want to further advance their knowledge and ministry skills.

#### ACADEMIC DEGREES

**Master of Arts:** For those pursuing doctoral studies, teaching careers or academic enrichment through focused study of theology.

**Diploma in Advanced Theological Studies:** A program tailored for theologically trained international students who want to pursue a year of advanced study in the United States.

**Certificates:** Several courses of focused, in-depth study for more effective leadership.

**Concentrations:** Available for all degrees and matched to the student's professional or personal interest, including deeper study into social transformation, narrative theology, Black church leadership, theology and the arts, chaplaincy, intercultural religious leadership and more.

#### COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING

Alongside academic programs, United offers a wide variety of theologically based or spiritually enriching workshops, lectures and events.