

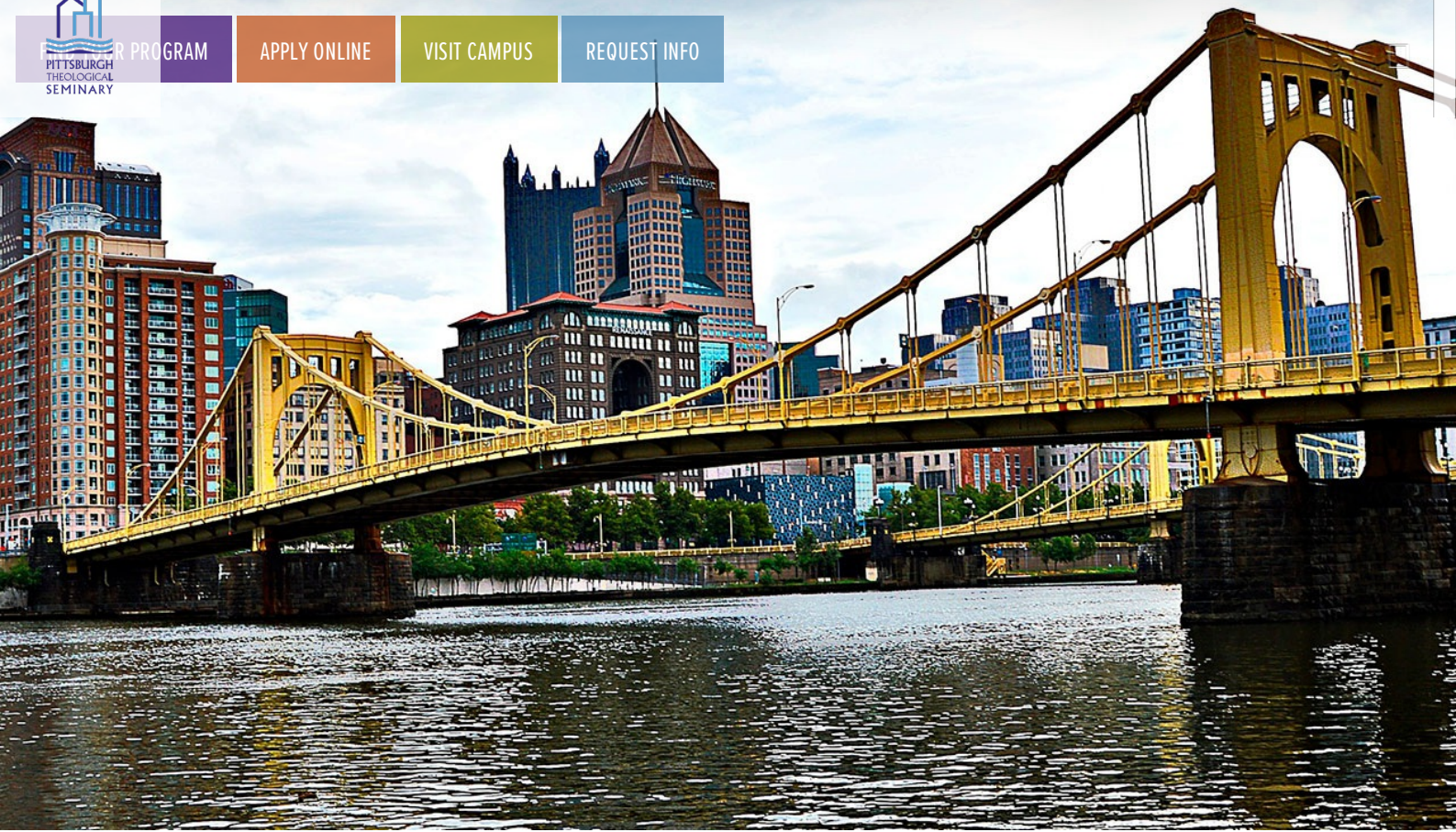


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DOCTOR OF MINISTRY MENU

JOIN THE FIRST BRIDGING DIVIDES COHORT

Designed in response to the current polarizing political and cultural climate, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's (PTS) three-to-four-year hybrid Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) in Bridging Divides: In Church, Community, and Country degree program explores the ways the Church can be a healing presence in a fractured world. Ministers, religious leaders, and community members come together to learn theological reflection techniques, conflict transformation practices, and strategies for preaching, care, and leadership that honor both our differences and shared identity as children of God.

HISTORY OF DIVISION: ANSWER THE CALL TO LEAD RECONCILIATION

Throughout time, and even within the Church, division has always existed. From the Great Schism to the Reformation, from the Civil War to the Civil Rights Movement, and from debates in the early church to current-day political polarization, faith communities have wrestled with how to embody unity in Christ while engaging the differences that exist between believers. In Galatians 3:28, Paul addresses tensions around the inclusion of Gentiles in the first-century Church, proclaiming, "There is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

At PTS, we invite students to confront the forces that separate us while learning to lead with hope, humility, and practical wisdom. As Howard Thurman once wrote, "When I look at myself through your eyes ... the wall that separates and divides will disappear." That vision shapes the Bridging Divides focus: learning to be present with others across divides, so the Church may better witness the reconciling love of Christ. Students will:

- Learn pastoral strategies to lead amid polarization and conflict
- Practice theological reflection rooted in unity and justice
- Engage theologies of place and neighborliness
- Explore historical and present-day divisions in the Church and culture
- Develop skills in preaching, teaching, and communal care
- Join a cohort of spiritually grounded, socially conscious ministry and community leaders



Faculty mentor Dr. Leanna Fuller offers an overview of the Bridging Divides cohort.



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COHORT SIZE

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FULL

06/26
ANTICIPATED LAUNCH DATE

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Priority Deadline: Dec. 5, 2025

Final Deadline: April 17, 2026

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HEAR FROM OUR FACULTY



"Students in the Bridging Divides cohort will engage conflict and division as central challenges in contemporary ministry, and will learn pastoral strategies for coping with these challenges in constructive and imaginative ways. Cohort members will also strengthen their identities as leaders by refining their capacities for reflection and self-awareness."

- The Rev. Dr. Leanna Fuller, Joan Marshall Associate Professor of Pastoral Care

CAREERS IN BRIDGING DIVIDES

Some of the most important ministry happens in the hardest places—divided churches, polarized communities, or neighborhoods grappling with change. Graduates with a Doctor of Ministry in Bridging Divides degree serve as pastors, community leaders, and nonprofit professionals who use practical strategies to lead through disagreements, cultivate unity, and help people move forward together. They directly apply communication and conflict resolution skills in contexts where reconciliation, listening, and healing are needed.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Review the application steps, tuition information, and curriculum for the Doctor of Ministry in Bridging Divides program.

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Now more than ever, the Church needs leaders who can bridge differences and guide communities toward reconciliation with grace and understanding. If you feel called to this work, apply to Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's hybrid Doctor of Ministry in Bridging Divides degree program.

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