

VIRGINIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

DEAN AND PRESIDENT SEARCH

2006 – 2007

INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE

The Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary in Virginia, usually referred to as Virginia Theological Seminary, invites applications and nominations for the position of Dean and President to succeed the Very Reverend Martha J. Horne who is retiring after 12 years of devoted and distinguished service. The Seminary grew out of “An Education Society” formed in 1818 by Frances Scott Key and a small group of men dedicated to recruiting and training a new generation of church leaders. Five years later in 1823, the “School of Prophets” was opened in Alexandria with two instructors and 14 students. The Bishop Payne Divinity School, a distinguished black institution started in 1836, was united with Virginia Seminary in 1953. Women were admitted as degree candidates in 1965. VTS is the largest of 11 Episcopal seminaries in the United States and has distinguished itself as a center for graduate theological education and as a theological resource for The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. It has 2,870 living alumni/ae. Opportunities are provided for students to be involved in cross-cultural experiences and study abroad. The attractive 83-acre campus is situated in the midst of urban Alexandria, near the nation’s capital adjacent to the campus of Episcopal High School. The new Dean and President will assume office during the summer of 2007.

Governance – The Dean and President is the chief executive officer of the Seminary and reports to a 42-member Board of Trustees. The Board is composed of the bishops of the seven founding dioceses ex-officio; thirteen diocesan trustees [four from the Diocese of Virginia, two from the Diocese of Southern Virginia, two from the Diocese Southwestern Virginia, two from the Diocese of West Virginia, one from the Diocese of Maryland, one from the Diocese of Easton, one from the Diocese of Washington, D. C.]; fifteen trustees-at-large; and five alumni/ae trustees. In addition, the President of the Alumni/ae Association and the graduated President of the Student Body serve ex-officio. Two members of the faculty, elected by the faculty, and the President of the Student Government serve as non-voting representatives.

Accreditation – The Seminary is accredited by The Association of Theological Schools. Its most recent re-affirmation as a fully accredited institution occurred in 2003.

Degree Programs – Master in Divinity (requires candidates to be in residence), Master in Theological Studies, Master of Arts in Christian Education, and the Doctor of Ministry.

Other Programs – Include Post-Graduate Diploma in Anglican Studies, Post-Graduate Diploma in Theology, and Evening School Diploma in Theological Studies. A Master of Arts in Christian Education/Youth Ministry degree concentration is offered in cooperation with Kanuga Conferences, Inc. in North Carolina.

Faculty

- a) Numbers 25 and supplemented by some 29 adjunct instructors and practicum leaders.
- b) Full-time teaching faculty numbers 15, of which 11 are tenured, 3 are eligible for tenure and 1 is on contract; 2 administrative faculty are tenured.

Campus and Facilities – Nine of the 51 buildings were built before 1900 including the chapel and some; before the Civil War. Most of the buildings have been built since 1950 and include dormitories, faculty residences, recreational facilities, refectory, bookstore, classrooms, library, auditorium, student lounge and day-care center for young children. The Seminary subsidizes nearby blocks of apartments for married students. The Dean and President resides on campus in a large and comfortable Deanery.

Library - The Bishop Payne Library houses 195,000 volumes, 6,700 microforms and 3,000 audio-visuals, and 950 linear feet of archives. The library receives 1,060 journals, periodicals and newspapers and subscribes to 45 electronic research databases. It is staffed with five professional librarians and six FTE support persons. The library catalog and computer databases can be accessed both on-site and remotely. Access is available to extensive collections held by the libraries of the 12 institutional members of the Washington Theological Consortium as well as other collections in the D.C. area including university libraries, the Library of Congress, and the Smithsonian Institution libraries. In cooperation with the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church, the library is the repository of The African American Episcopal Historical Collection.

Technology – All offices, classrooms, and dormitory rooms are connected to the Seminary network that provides access to e-mail and the Internet. Off-campus students also have access to the Seminary's network. In addition to faculty and student computer labs there are several "smart" classrooms.

Students –

- a) Total enrollment is about 250 (FTE ~ 210); 52% are male, 48% women.
- b) 13% of Masters and 9% of Doctorate candidates are African American, Hispanic, African and Asian.
- c) 30% reside on campus in dormitories; Married students reside in nearby Seminary-leased apartments.
- d) Enrollment by programs ----
 - Master in Divinity = 125
 - Master in Theological Studies = 19
 - Master of Arts in Christian Education = 18
 - Doctor of Ministry = 67

Finances, Gifts, Bequests and Endowment

- a) 2006 – 2007 operating budget = \$10,988,000; there is no debt.
- b) Gifts and bequests for operations and capital purposes were \$1,845,000 in 2005-2006.
- c) Market value of the endowment as of May 31, 2006 = \$126,176,319.