

As we enter our 60th year at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, we reflect on the many voices that have transformed us. At the anniversary kickoff event in September, members of the United community were invited to write down the names of people at the seminary whose voices—past or present—changed their lives and touched their spirits. The slips of paper were placed in the south wall of the chapel and lifted up in celebration. Photo by Hillary Vamstad.



Education for Transformation



respectfully to create a beloved community both within the seminary and beyond. Jnited will be recognized as a progressive Christian seminary that engages its multifaith world

Dear Friend of United,

The best part of my job as President is thanking people! Whether it is through a letter to a donor, an event on campus that welcomes friends of the seminary, or through a publication like this *Gratitude Report*, I love expressing gratitude for the generosity of resources and spirit that sustain the mission of United.

This report offers an overview of the significant accomplishments of the past year. You will read about a student, Darrell Gillespie, who has a remarkable ministry in a challenging context; an alum, Beth Long-Higgins, who is a transformative presence in her work with aging adults; and receive the promising current financial data. In addition, you will learn about enrollment increases, which distinguishes us as a seminary in these challenging times for theological education. The class seated in 2022–2023 is a 164 percent increase over the student population enrolled just five years ago (85 students in the Fall term of FY18 versus 224 students in the Fall term of FY23).

Because you care about the well-being of our students, I want you to know that the amount of scholarships has kept pace with the slight tuition increase, ensuring that new and existing students enjoy affordable programming. United remains in the moderately-priced range of graduate schools that provide theological education. My aspiration is that no student pays more than half of the cost of tuition. (This will require new funds for scholarships, of course.)

As we express gratitude, you will also read that in FY22, United experienced our biggest giving year in 22 years, with \$3.3 million in contributions. Many faithful donors made their largest gift ever to United in the past fiscal year, up 59 percent over FY21. We added 77 new donors, up 58 percent over the previous year. These results are indicators of momentum and renewed engagement with the seminary.

Thank you for being a faithful friend of United. We believe our mission is transformative; truly, we are out to change the world. For 60 years we have been a grand experiment in ground-

breaking scholarship, radical inclusion, and public witness.

So, we give thanks for all that has been and that is yet to be!

Gratefully,

Molly T. Marshall Molly T. Marshall, President





MEET DARRELL

Church schisms are painful events that cause trauma and loss for those involved. In these moments, God calls leaders to step into the breach. **Darrell Gillespie** (DMin student), a minister who is also a therapist, not only tended to the broken-hearted, but also answered the call to found a new church in his home in 2003. By 2020, Proverbs Christian Fellowship—a Pentecostal church—had grown so much that it needed to purchase a 20,000 square foot church in North Minneapolis.

In the midst of this challenging work, Rev. Dr. Alika P. Galloway, a former adjunct faculty member, inspired Darrell to consider earning a doctorate. She pushed him to attend United. Darrell remembers that she told him, "It will be a good place that will stretch you."

"I didn't really understand what she meant by that," Darrell confesses. "To me, it was just another



challenge." In retrospect, he adds, "it was probably one of the best decisions I made."

Now Darrell encourages people he knows to do this sort of stretching. "You need to come to United," he explains, "so you can be equipped to do effective ministry with all kinds of people from all different walks of life. If you are one dimensional, you will not be relevant and you will not be effective."



Beth Long-Higgins presents at the Ruth Frost Parker Center for Abundant Aging's 2022 annual symposium, "(Pro) Longevity: The Convergence of Ethics, Technology, and Spirituality," on September 30, 2022. Alum Ken Daniel ('81), President and CEO of United Church Homes, is pictured right.





Artwork: A quilt woven by Beth Long-Higgins, inspired by Hunderwasser (Friedrich Stowasser), an Austrian artist and architect.

MEET BETH

A musician, mother, fiber artist, and ordained United Church of Christ (UCC) minister, **Rev. Beth Long-Higgins** ('88) is a tireless advocate for older adults as the founding executive director of United Church Homes' Ruth Frost Parker Center for Abundant Aging.

For her first 25 years of ministry, Beth served as co-pastor in two UCC congregations with her spouse, Rev. Dave Long-Higgins ('88, United Trustee). Her first internship at United was in a retirement community in line with her initial interest in gerontology. In 2013, when she joined the staff at United Church Homes, it felt like a coming together of many strands of her life.

At the Parker Center, Beth manages and creates several interdisciplinary resources, conferences, and conversations about aging, the ways our culture views it, and how pastors can minister to older adults. The Center produces weekly blog posts and the *Art of Aging* podcast in association with the Dayton Foundation's Del Mar Encore fellows program. Beth has also contributed to *Age Friendly Congregations* and produced *Another Day Older* resources for small groups. And in 2021, she piloted the Enliven program, bringing online courses and programs to older adults that enrich their spiritual journey.

During the pandemic, the Parker Center began a partnership to offer the NEXT Steps Program, a 16-week curriculum that invites participants to "grow whole" instead of old. Through a mix of pastoral kindness, spirituality, practical resources, and humor, Beth has earned praise for this work.

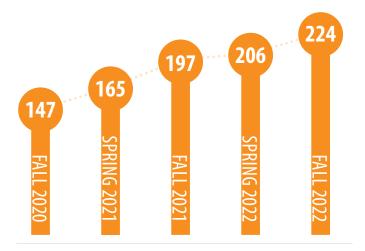
Today, Beth is grateful for the many ways that United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities helped her integrate her passions and her love of learning, preparing her for ministry to all ages.

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INCREASING ENROLLMENT

United has experienced growth in student enrollment over the last several years. Our current student body totals 224 future and current faith leaders. The last time the number of students was over 220 was the 2001–02 academic year—more than 20 years ago!



GROWING DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROGRAM

The total enrollment for Fall 2022 includes 161 Masters students and 63 Doctor of Ministry students. The DMin program has grown from 46 students a year ago. These faith leaders recognize United is a place where they can enhance their ministerial and leadership skills to transform their communities for a more just and loving world.

38 STATES & 4 COUNTRIES

United's investment in leading-edge technology has allowed us to open our doors to faith leaders around the world. The school's progressive mission and impact are expanding farther than ever with students from 38 states and four countries. Over half of our students are located in the Midwest.

22 DENOMINATIONS & FAITH TRADITIONS

Our welcoming and inclusive seminary is home to 22 denominations and faith traditions. The main denominations represented include: United Church of Christ (UCC), Unitarian Universalist (UU), Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), and United Methodist Church (UMC).

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In FY22, United experienced our biggest giving year in 22 years with \$3.3 million in contributions. Donors gave generously toward our mission to prepare innovative and compassionate leaders for the equipping of churches, other faith communities, and society toward justice and peace. United also received funds from Rev. Andrea Johnson ('17) and David Fry to endow a chair in World Religions and Intercultural Studies—a leading-edge investment that supports the seminary's progressive values and curriculum that trains ministers, chaplains, social justice and nonprofit leaders, and artists for the needs of today and tomorrow in a multifaith, multicultural world. A \$1 million gift from Lilly Endowment Inc. helped establish United's Leadership Center for Social Justice an innovative center that is preparing pastoral leaders to involve their congregations strategically in constructive actions that move their communities toward holistic justice.



77 NEW DONORS

United is growing in its number of donors. In FY22, we welcomed gifts from 77 new donors, up 58 percent over the previous year. With growth in both student enrollment and our donor base, United's mission is able to multiply its impact across the globe.



LARGEST GIFTS EVER

Many faithful donors made their largest gift ever to United in FY22. This is an increase of 59 percent over FY21. United gives gratitude to those donors who trust their financial gifts to our stewardship as we educate future faith leaders.

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United's trustees, alums, friends, staff, and faculty, along with churches, foundations, and members of the broader community gave generously in FY2021–2022, demonstrating confidence in United's mission and a commitment to the work of educating leaders for church and society. Your gifts supported scholarships, faculty, academic resources, seminary operations, and more. Your gifts as donors, both large and small, are an act of faith. Thank you for supporting us *for such a time as this*.

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UNITED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE TWIN CITIES' CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022

ASSETS

Total Assets	\$12,814,000
Physical Assets	1,078,000
Investments	10,980,000
Prepaid Expenses	151,000
Accounts Receivable	156,000
Cash	\$449,000

LIABILITIES

Total Liabilities	\$654,000
Accrued Expenses/Liabilities	359,000
Deferred Income	245,000
Accounts Payable	\$50,000

Fund Balances \$12,160,000

Total Liabilities and Fund Balances \$12,814,000

The seminary enjoys a great cash position going into the 2022–23 fiscal year with over \$3.5 million in liquid accounts and only \$410,000 in current and long term obligations.

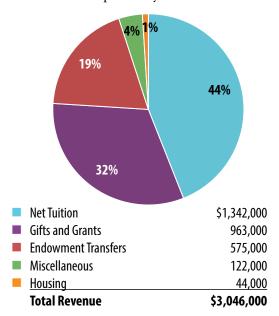
FIVE YEAR PLAN

In May 2021, seminary leadership—including then Interim President Molly T. Marshall, Chief Financial Officer Jeff Swenson, and the United Finance Committee, with approval from the Board of Trustees—redesigned a sustainable five-year plan that includes a planned and controlled growth of student tuition and donor giving while exhibiting cost control. This will allow the seminary to show operating surpluses—without the inclusion of investment income—by the third year.

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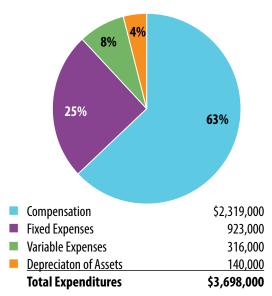
REVENUE

Student tuition continues to grow year-over-year. The seminary has remained consistent on the percentages of funds drawn from its endowment investments the past few years.



EXPENDITURES

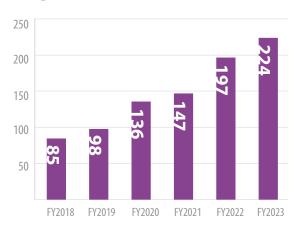
The seminary spends 63 percent of its funds on the direct student experience with another 25 percent on the technology and facilities that are associated in providing a central campus.



STUDENT ENROLLMENT

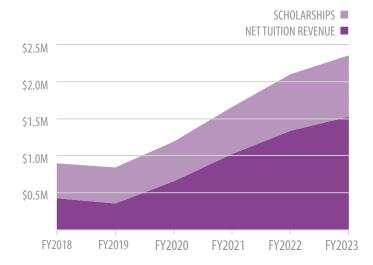
Enrollment continues to grow. The class seated in 2022–23 is a 164 percent increase over the student population experienced just five years ago (85 students in the Fall term of FY18 to 224 students in the Fall term of FY23).

Enrollment numbers as reported to the Association of Theological Schools (ATS)



STUDENT TUITION + SCHOLARSHIPS

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