



New degree offered: Master of Arts in Christian Leadership

The Master of Arts in Christian Leadership is a remake of the Master of Arts in Church Leadership degree. In the remake, the credit requirement went from 60 to 49, and greater flexibility was added for a required “ministry specialization project.” Students can incorporate other electives and disciplines — such as the [graduate certificate in restorative justice](#) offered by the [Center for Justice and Peacebuilding](#) — into their own individualized curriculum. This new degree reflects a growing trend of individuals seeking theological training toward ends beyond traditional church/religious structures. The new MACL is also tailored specifically to meet the educational requirements for United Methodist students who are seeking ordination as deacons.

2018 School for Leadership Training: January 15-17

EMS welcomed over 150 alumni, pastors and other ministry leaders to a challenging time of pondering what it means to be “*Broken Vessels, Thriving Pastors*.” Input was provided by leadership of MC-USA (Iris de Leon-Hartshorn) as well the United Methodist VA Conference (Meredith McNabb). A panel of alumni shared openly about finding their way through brokenness (in self, church, community) to thriving.

A diverse lineup of workshops by faculty and other experts across the church provided participants with practical tools, skills, and information for navigating their own way through brokenness and thriving.

As always, the worship times surrounded all the input with times for reflection on God’s work through, and among, us in our various ministry settings.

Visit <http://emu.edu/seminary/slt/archive/> for access to worship resources and podcasts from this event.

EMS alumna in the news!

Brittany Caine-Conley (MDiv, 2014) was named to Sojourners “2018 10 Christian Women to Watch.” This list is compiled each year on International Women’s Day to honor “...Christian women who are making and shaping history right now.” Brittany, who is a UCC ordained minister, was honored for her work in organizing a non-violent counter protest of clergy during a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville on August 12, 2017. Brittany noted that “At many points throughout our Christian history, we’ve dangled well behind the arc of morality and justice. We must awake from our slumber and do the work of justice before it’s too little, too late.” Congratulations, Brittany, on this honor.

Statement of Purpose

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- ▶ **Fred Kniss**, *interim seminary dean*
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