



# METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL

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## IN OHIO

### **A Letter of Welcome from the Director of Student Services**

Are you trying to discern where God is leading you? Are you wondering what, in heaven's name, you've gotten yourself into? Are you a student with a different way of learning or moving? Are you new to Ohio or to the United States? If the answer to any of these questions is "Yes!", then come and see me. My name is Leslie Taylor and I serve several roles at MTSO. As the Director of Student Services, I work with students with disabilities, International students, students discerning a call other than pastoral ministry, and I am the United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Minister-in-Residence. I can be found in Werner #129—in the same hallway with the Admissions Office, next to the door that leads to the Atrium.

Welcome to MTSO! As your Director of Student Services, I believe Community Life is a vital part of your seminary education and I want to help make that as rich an experience as possible. I work with Student Groups to assist them in developing and implementing new ideas. I am also the person with whom you can discuss concerns you have about residential life and programming needs to help integrate the experiences of commuting and residential students. I will be your listening ear on occasion, when you need to vent or celebrate. I provide some of the pastoral care and support you may need while you are here.

If you are an International Student I can assist you with the variety of concerns related to maintaining your visa status and adjusting to life in the United States. Please be in touch with me as you prepare to arrive.

As the United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Minister-In-Residence, I have a particular role with the UCC and DOC students. I am available to assist with vocational and denominational questions; provide particular programming that is designed to support you as you move through the In-Care or Under-Care Processes in each denomination. I have served as a pastor in both denominations and can help you with the UCC/DOC partnership questions.

In the meantime, if there is information you need as you relocate to Delaware, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you are a student with a disability of any sort, please be in touch with me as soon as possible to begin to establish the appropriate accommodations to make your transition to seminary as successful as possible. You may email me at [ltaylor@mtso.edu](mailto:ltaylor@mtso.edu) or call me, Monday through Friday 9:00-5:00 at 740.362.3126.

I want to tell you how excited I am to be here and how much I am looking forward to joining you on your journey through seminary. Whether you are here for two years, three years, or four or more—I know this will be a journey that will change your life and I am glad you chose to share the journey here. I look forward to working with you! Enjoy your time here.

In Christ,

Rev. Leslie Carole Taylor  
Director of Student Services