



METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL IN OHIO
TRINITY LUTHERAN SEMINARY
Joint Doctor of Ministry Program



Applicants to the Doctor of Ministry degree should hold an ATS-approved Master of Divinity degree or its educational equivalent, should have spent three (3) years in professional ministry following graduation from theological school, and should currently be engaged in some form of formal ministry.

The institution to which the applicant applies will be the school from which the applicant graduates. Application is due April 20.

I wish to apply to the Joint Doctor of Ministry Degree and graduate from (indicate one):

Methodist Theological School in Ohio Trinity Lutheran Seminary

Part I

Title: Rev. Ms. Mr. Other _____

Name _____

Social Security number _____ Date of birth _____

Current address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Year of first enrollment _____ (D.Min. cohorts begin in July Term)

Religious affiliation

Denomination _____

Annual conference/synod/judicatory/convention _____

Local church/faith community _____

Church/faith community address _____

Part II

Ecclesial employment

What work have you done in the church or faith community? (Please begin with the most recent.)

<i>Position</i>	<i>Church or Faith Community</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Supervisor</i>	<i>Years Employed</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Non-ecclesial employment

Indicate other areas of employment during the past 10 years. (Please begin with the most recent.)

<i>Position</i>	<i>Employer/supervisor</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Years employed</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Educational history

Please list information for all post-secondary institutions attended (colleges, universities and graduate schools) in chronological order, beginning with the most recent. Request an official transcript from each institution and have it sent directly to the Office of Admissions at MTSO or TLS. Attach additional sheets as needed.

<i>School</i>	<i>City/state</i>	<i>Years attended</i>	<i>Degree earned</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Please submit an official transcript for all post-secondary work.

Optional information

This information is for reporting purposes only. It is not considered in the admissions process. Check all that apply.

What is your ethnicity?

- Hispanic or Latino
- Other _____

What is your race?

- American Indian or Alaska native
- Asian
- Black or African-American
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White
- Other _____

Are you a United States citizen?

- Yes. (You do not need to answer the remaining questions on this page.)
- No.

If not a U.S. citizen, country of citizenship _____

If a U.S. permanent resident, please provide:

Registration number _____

Date status granted _____

If not a U.S. permanent resident, are you currently in the U.S. on a visa?

No, not currently in the United States.

Yes, in the U.S. on the following visa:

F-1 J-1 H-1 Other _____

TOEFL score _____

International students are required to complete the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language). Scores must be sent directly from the reporting agency to either Methodist Theological School in Ohio (Institution Code 1540) or Trinity Lutheran Seminary (Institution Code 1214).

International applicants also must be able to document that they have sufficient financial resources available to support all study and living expenses throughout the Doctor of Ministry program. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services have established certain health insurance coverage requirements that must also be documented.

Policies of non-discrimination

MTSO: Formally affiliated with The United Methodist Church, Methodist Theological School in Ohio is multidenominational in relationship and ecumenical in both spirit and practice. MTSO does not unlawfully discriminate in the administration of its employment, education and admissions policies.

TLS: It is a policy of Trinity Lutheran Seminary to provide equal opportunity for all qualified persons. The seminary does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation, or physical ability in administration of educational policies and financial aid programs.

Part III

Written statements

Please type and attach as a separate document a 1,000- to 1,250-word statement tracing professional growth through continuing education since graduation from theological school, and identify areas of professional strength and challenge in ministry. Also submit a 1,000- to 1,250-word statement answering these questions: *What is your choice of specialization? What are your goals for D.Min. study in this area of specialization? What changes do you hope for in your practice of ministry and in your ministry setting?*

References

Please provide three references:

- One from a denominational judicatory official (for example, bishop, D.S., regional minister, executive presbyter, et al., or in the case where there is no denominational official, a supervisor within the ministry setting, such as chair of deacon board)
- One from a person with leadership responsibility in a ministry setting who can speak to your competence and appropriateness for the program
- One from a professor who can attest to your ability for doctoral work in the area of specialization

If you have graduated more than 10 years ago, you may substitute a letter from a ministerial colleague or other professional leader who can comment on your fitness for doctoral study. Those writing references can return their completed forms to Director of Admissions, Methodist Theological School in Ohio or Trinity Lutheran Seminary by standard mail.

Please include name, address, phone and e-mail for each of the following:

Judicatory official or supervisor _____

Ministerial leader _____

Academic reference _____

Résumé

Please include a current résumé or *curriculum vitae* with your application.

Background check authorization

Your signature on this application form provides the appropriate agreement necessary for MTSO or TLS to perform a basic background check on the following items: criminal records (national and regional), civil records, Social Security number validation/verification, educational credentials, and professional credentials (as applicable).

Please initial here to grant your permission for MTSO or TLS to complete the background check: _____

Additional information

If you answer yes to any of the following questions in this section, please provide a written explanation on the back page of this application.

Have you ever been refused admission or dismissed by another theological school or seminary? Yes No

Have you ever been charged with or convicted of child abuse or a crime of violence? Yes No

Have you ever been charged with or convicted of any felony? Yes No

Have you ever been disciplined by an employer or academic institution for alleged sexual misconduct? Yes No

By my signature below, I affirm that I have completed this application completely and honestly. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of information may result in denial or rescinding of admission to Methodist Theological School in Ohio or Trinity Lutheran Seminary

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Submission instructions

1. **Submit this completed application with a non-refundable application fee of \$50 U.S.**
2. **Request official transcripts from each college or university and divinity school attended, to be sent directly to one of the following:**

Admissions Office
Methodist Theological School in Ohio
3081 Columbus Pike
Delaware, OH 43015
800-333-6876

Admissions Office
Trinity Lutheran Seminary
2199 E. Main St.
Columbus, OH 43209
866-610-8571