

December 5, 2022

Director's Report of The Office of African American Leadership Development

My primary work for the calendar year 2022 is highlighted with the following bullets:

- Direct the Certificate in African American Ministry at Lexington Theological Seminary
- Review with Dean Loida Martell our 12 Course Offerings
- These 12 courses meet the requirements for the Apprentice track for ordination
- Evaluate our faculty and recruit new Faculty
- Recruit students for program
- Gave graduation address for the inaugural cohort of graduates (see attached Lexington Bulletin)
- Due to illness of one of our faculty members, in addition to the class on Evangelism and Missions, I taught the class on Worship
- Marketing the certificate program throughout the life of our church
- Consulted with Office of General Minister and President on the Compelling Preaching Grant proposal from Lily Endowment
- Hosted a luncheon for (35) Piedmont District Minister's and guest as recruitment tool for CAAM

The present Faculty for the CAAM program is:

Yolando Norton	Old Testament
Chris Dorsey	History of Christianity and Polity of Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Bill Lee	Preaching
Nadine Burton	Administration and Stewardship
Yvonne Gilmore	Diversity in a Globalized World
Kalia Williams	Worship
Darryl Trimiew	Ethics
Joanne Terrell	Systematic Theology
TBA	Pastoral Care and Spiritual Growth
TBA	New Testament
Bill Lee	Evangelism and Missions
TBA	Principles of Christian Education

I have attached three documents that pertain to the Certificate in African American Ministry

William L Lee

Lexington THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Certificate in African American Ministry

The Certificate in African American Ministry (CAAM) provides theological, biblical, spiritual, and leadership training for women and men as pastoral leaders with attention to the twenty-first century African American congregational context. It supports those enrolled in the program to pursue excellence in core areas of ministerial practice. The program is a partnership of Lexington Theological Seminary, The Office of African American Clergy Leadership Development, and the National Convocation. It is funded in part by the *Thriving in Ministry* Project at LTS with a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.

To accommodate busy schedules, students attend synchronous courses online (via Zoom) as well as four-day, in-person intensive courses* at Lexington Theological Seminary in Lexington, KY, in the summer (these in-person gatherings are dependent upon changing circumstances pertaining to the COVID 19 pandemic). Upon successful completion of all 12 courses, students earn the Certificate in African American Ministry or they may apply them as continuing education (CEU) credits.

Admission and Program Costs

The application for new students includes a nonrefundable \$25 application fee.

Additional costs are as follows:

online classes – \$75/course;

In-person courses – \$200/session
(includes lunch).

To find the link to apply go to:

<https://www.lextheo.edu/certificate-in-african-american-ministry/>

Upcoming Courses in 2020-2021

October 16, 2020 / on Zoom 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
(Eastern Time) / **Welcome & Orientation**

October 17 & 24, 2020 / each session held on
Zoom 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) /
LM 100 - Evangelism & Missions

December 12 & 19, 2020 / each session held on
Zoom 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) /
IS 100 - Old Testament

February 13 & 20, 2021 / each session held on Zoom 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) /
IS 110 - New Testament

April 17 & 24, 2021 / each session held on Zoom 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) /
IP 100 - History of Christianity & History & Polity of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

June 7-11, 2021 / Summer Intensive on Lexington campus*

Mornings: **LW 100 - Preaching**

Afternoons: **IF 100 - We Are One: Disciples Theology**

Courses in the Certificate Program

The curriculum of the CAAM program addresses sixteen areas of ministerial practice, including: biblical knowledge, church administration and planning, communication, cross cultural and anti-racism experience, ecumenism, teaching and leader development, ethics, evangelism, mission of the Church in the world, pastoral care, preaching, spiritual development, stewardship, theology, and worship.

Over the course of enrollment, students in the Certificate program take the following courses:

- IS 100 Old Testament
- IS 110 New Testament
- IB 100 Christian Social Ethics
- IB 110 Diversity in a Globalized World
- IF 100 We are One: Disciples Theology
- IP 100 History of Christianity & History
& Polity of the Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
- LC 100 Pastoral Care and Spiritual Growth
- LF 100 Principles of Christian Education
- LM 100 Evangelism and Missions
- LM 110 Administration & Stewardship
- LW 100 Preaching
- LW 110 Worship

Leadership

Rev. Dr. William Lee
Office of African American
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Rev. Dr. Charisse L. Gillett
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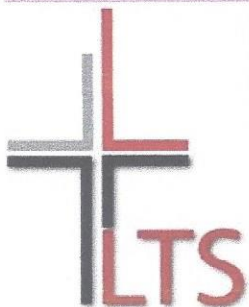
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The mission of Lexington Theological Seminary is to prepare faithful leaders for the church of Jesus Christ and thus to strengthen the church's participation in God's mission for the world.

Lexington Theological Seminary seeks to be a servant of the church by preparing men and women for ministry in congregations through innovative instruction, a flexible curriculum, congregational experience and compassionate engagement with the needs of society. The Seminary offers an online program that is competency-based, congregation-centered and reflects its commitment to prepare people for leadership in congregational ministry.

As an integral part of the church, Lexington Theological Seminary serves the church as a theological resource and as a center of continuing education for clergy and lay leaders.



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Choose the degree program that fits your calling!

Lexington Theological Seminary (LTS) offers an online model of theological seminary education. Graduate study at LTS provides students with a holistic approach to pastoral development in which the intellectual, practical, and spiritual are fully integrated throughout the curriculum. Rooted in the local congregation, your education is primarily hands-on. LTS makes it possible to answer your call where you live and work. It's also affordable. More than half of our students graduate with no debt.

Application fee is \$65. Monthly technology fee is \$30. Courses are \$480 per credit. LTS offers a zero-interest monthly payment plan. Most students receive a 30-percent tuition scholarship. Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ ministerial candidates qualify for 50-percent scholarships. Applications for most programs are accepted on a 12-month rolling basis.

Master of Divinity (MDiv)

The Master of Divinity is a professional degree designed to help people preparing for Christian ministry. This degree is required for ordination by many denominations. It can be completed in three to four years of full-time study.

Master of Theological Studies (MTS)

The Master of Theological Studies program is designed to prepare people for a wide variety of ministries, including advanced graduate study in one of the theological disciplines. It introduces students to these disciplines, provides opportunity for some specialization, and requires a thesis relevant to the student's goal. It is designed to be flexible enough to accommodate preparation for a variety of vocational goals.

Master in Pastoral Studies (MPS)

The Master in Pastoral Studies program acknowledges the important role the laity plays



in the life and health of thriving congregations. The **Spiritual Formation and Care** track seeks to respond to a growing concern centered on spiritual formation and care in various contexts—congregations, hospitals, and prisons, among others—by preparing students to engage the theological, biblical, and spiritual basis of formation and care, as well as becoming acquainted with the psychological theories that undergird formation and care. The **Roman**

Catholic Studies track is designed to form leaders who will enhance and aide the pastoral mission of the Church by partnering with clergy and serving as chaplains, counselors, parish life coordinators, pastoral associates, directors of religious education, catechists, hospice workers or other recognized lay ministries in the Church. The **Creation Care and Ecotheology** track is crafted to prepare students with the necessary biblical and theological tools to articulate a cogent plan of Creation care for their congregations and communities.

Doctor of Ministry (DMin)

The Doctor of Ministry program at LTS is a graduate professional degree designed to enhance

pastors' capacity to critically interpret and engage contemporary cultures as a means to give fresh expression to the gospel and to transform congregations for effective ministry in the 21st century. Designed on a cohort-based model that begins each year in October, the degree provides significant learning in an on-going community of peers. Application deadline is Aug. 1 of each year.

Certificate in Pastoral Ministry

The Certificate in Pastoral Ministry is a 24-hour program designed for students who are feeling called and are discerning their path. Certificate students participate in courses alongside degree-seeking students and take courses for credit or not for credit. Those who take the Certificate for credit may transfer those credits into a degree program at LTS.

Continuing Education Certificate

Each year from September through May, a five-course series is designed around a topic to meet the needs of today's leaders in the church. All courses are online and earn eight Continuing Education Units. Courses are 2 or 4 weeks each. Certificate students study alongside degree-seeking students in Seminary courses. Cost is \$1,100. Application deadline is Aug. 1st of each year. Application fee is \$65.

The Certificate in African American Ministry (CAAM)

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