

## **2018-2019 Meadville Lombard MDiv Application Essay and Short Answer Portions**



The short answer and essay section of our application gives the admissions committee an opportunity to assess who you are, how you think, and what matters most to you in your vocational calling. Meadville Lombard values individuality and strongly believes that learning together pushes our community to “act ourselves into new ways of thinking.” This axiom not only creates a community that respects diverse experiences and perspectives, but also inspires our students to think broadly, challenge assumptions, and cultivate new ideas as we prepare ministers to lead in an increasingly complex world.

### **Essay One**

What are your deepest religious questions, and why? How has your life path brought you to this point in your vocational journey? (Word Count Limit: 1000 words) For this essay, we would like you to: Focus on the “why”

- Do some deep self-examination in order to genuinely illustrate who you are, how you came to be this person, and how your interest in Unitarian Universalist ministry plays a role in your journey.
- Share the insights, experiences, and lessons that have shaped your perspectives
- Write from the heart and illustrate the significance of ministry (your calling) to you

### **Essay Two**

What are your vocational goals? How will graduate study at Meadville Lombard help you prepare to be a religious leader in the 21st century? How will you contribute to spiritually grounded social change in your home community as well as the learning community at Meadville Lombard? (Limit: 500 words)

### **Short Answer One**

Meadville Lombard’s contextual learning model enables us to bridge theory and practice in multiple ways: through Signature Courses, internships, intensive classes, Teaching Pastors, and our distinguished faculty and accomplished practitioners. How will you take advantage of this educational model? (Limit 300 words)

### **Short Answer Two**

Our Signature Course cohort model allows classmates to learn more about one another on a personal level. What will your classmates be happy to learn about you? (Limit 250 words)