

## M.Div.

Master of Divinity

3-year program that educates future ministers in the Unitarian Universalist tradition, emphasizing "learning by doing"

## M.A.R.

Master of Arts in Religion

2-year program for laypersons who seek an interdisciplinary approach to theological reflection, religious education, and ethical action.

## M.A.L.S.

Master of Arts in Leadership Studies

2-year program for advanced work in theory and practice of leadership.

Learn where you serve and serve where you live.

# NEW!

## M.A.L.S

with a Concentration in Lay Community Ministry

18-month program for lay leaders who work in various fields that benefit from deeper theological knowledge.

## OUR HISTORY

### 1844

The Meadville Theological School was founded in Meadville, PA.

### 1881

Lombard College's Universalist Divinity School opened in Chicago.

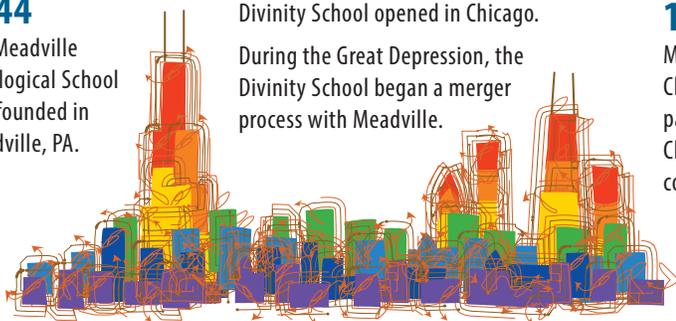
During the Great Depression, the Divinity School began a merger process with Meadville.

### 1926

Meadville moved to Chicago and became a part of the University of Chicago academic community.

### 2011

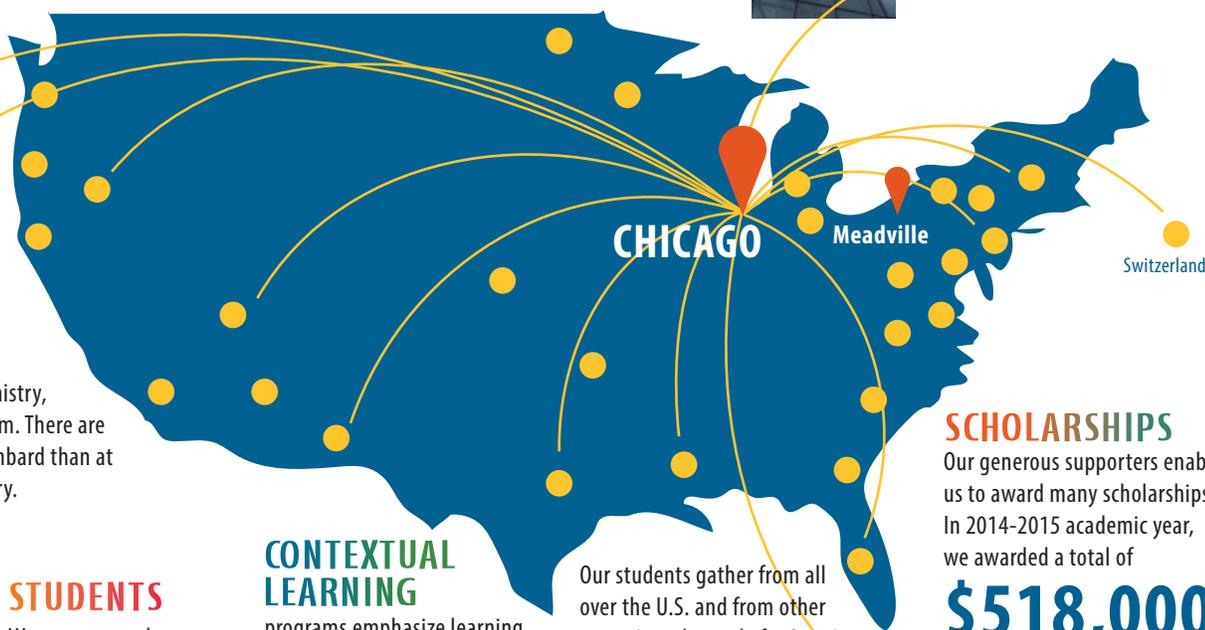
Meadville Lombard moved to South Loop.



## ACCREDITATION

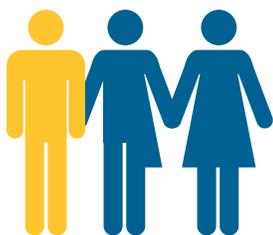
We are accredited by the Association of Theological Schools. Meadville Lombard is also one of only two UU seminaries in the country.

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## OUR FACULTY

are recognized UU leaders in ministry, teaching, academics, and activism. There are more UU Ph.D.s at Meadville Lombard than at any other seminary in the country.



## STUDENTS

We are not gender binary. That said, 67% of our students identify themselves as female, 33% as male.

Age range of our students is 26-74. That makes their average age **44.**

## CONTEXTUAL LEARNING

programs emphasize learning by doing (in the students' communities). Internship is built into the curriculum.

Our students gather from all over the U.S. and from other countries... but only for 2 to 4 times a year, because our

## LOW-RESIDENCY

curriculum lets you stay where you serve and live as you learn.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Our generous supporters enable us to award many scholarships. In 2014-2015 academic year, we awarded a total of

# \$518,000

in institutional aid.

## THEOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

You can be UU Christian, UU Jewish, UU Muslim, UU Humanist, UU Atheist, UU Agnostic, UU anything and be happy at Meadville Lombard. We respect all on the wide spectrum of UU-ism and beyond.

## JOBS AFTER GRADUATION

Most of Meadville Lombard graduates serve parishes, others extend UU values in social agencies, hospitals, and NPOs. The UUA is expecting a shortage of ministers as the Baby Boomer ministers retire. In 2015, 100% of our graduates who pursued a career as a parish minister found a congregation to serve.

YOU BELONG @

**MEADVILLE LOMBARD**  
THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL

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Educating future **UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ministers** and **vocational leaders**  
who are prepared to **energize SOCIAL JUSTICE MOVEMENTS** and **heal COMMUNITIES** from the inside out.

## TESTIMONIALS

**LIVING IN OMAHA**, Nebraska, with two children, I knew I was called to ministry but thought it would be a second career after my children had left the nest. But when I found out about Meadville Lombard's low-residency programs, I had no reason to delay ministerial training. The Contextual Learning model made immediate sense to me. It was academically rigorous to apply what I'd learned and reflect how the theology looked in the real world.

For me, a Master of Divinity degree was an extension of my commitment to social justice. I would not be working at a people-of-color led organization, fighting institutional racism in education at Padres & Jóvenes Unidos without my theological education. I went from being an activist to a community builder. Meadville Lombard taught me the importance of relationships—how to develop people rather than achieve outcomes. Understanding the meaning of our actions in the social sphere enhanced my skills in non-profits considerably.

So, if you are like me—thinking you can't move for three years to attend a seminary but are called to ministry or want to deepen your skills in a profound way in the social justice movement—, then you should enroll at Meadville Lombard Theological School. If you were waiting for a sign, THIS IS IT!

Shawna Foster M.Div '13  
Community Minister, Denver

**THE LOW-RESIDENCY FORMAT** allowed me to stay in Richmond, Virginia, and to continue my work at the UU church located there. It was the **ONLY** way I could attend seminary—I was not open to moving for a residential program. The intersection of learning and congregational work made my experiences grounded and “real life.” I cannot imagine a better formation process.

The work that I did and the learning I experienced at Meadville Lombard have provided a solid foundation for my ministry. If I were to look at a list of classes I took, I could tell you how they have provided insight; in understanding family systems, religious education that transcends the classroom, preaching and teaching, pastoral care—all of it permeates the everyday work of ministry.

What was most beneficial? The growth that I experienced both personally, and as a colleague—the journey with others. Ministry is not work done in a vacuum. Meadville Lombard taught me that.

Rev. Patricia Owen M.Div '14, Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa

**THE CONTEXTUAL LEARNING MODEL** at Meadville Lombard helped me learn in much deeper, imbedded ways. Because I was working in first a non-profit and then a church community while studying for classes, I was able to experience the abstract theoretical and theological classroom concepts in real life situations. I was hired as an assistant minister soon after graduation and found that my formation through attending Meadville Lombard had prepared me very well to step into my first ministry.

The Meadville Lombard model, wherein I would be in contact with fellow students while we were each studying wherever we lived and then come together several times each year for very intensive class experiences, resulted in several friendships that have endured well beyond our seminary days now. These are friends and colleagues that I love. We hold and support one another as we engage in our ministries.

Rev. Chris Jimmerson M.Div '14, First Unitarian Universalist Church of Austin

