

# Welcome to Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

## A Word from the Interim President



This catalog introduces you to Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (TEDS), a sibling school of Trinity College, Trinity Graduate School, and Trinity Law School. Read on to learn more about us—our mission, programs, faculty, operations, services, and affiliations. As you do so, I trust that you will also grasp our desire to serve the Lord Jesus Christ by educating godly leaders who will be effective agents of transformation in a world gone awry. The church is at the heartbeat of God’s mission—that truth makes seminary education both significant and thrilling. At TEDS, we prepare men and women to plant, lead, and serve local churches throughout the world by fostering the following values:

**Unity in Essentials, Diversity in Nonessentials.** We are committed unreservedly to biblical Christianity. Affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church of America, TEDS holds fast to the inerrancy of Scripture and the lordship of Christ. While emphasizing these essentials, we allow for diversity in other matters, making it possible for evangelical Christians from many different backgrounds to study, worship, and serve together. We have a learning community made up of people from approximately 60 denominations and 38 nations.

**Outstanding Faculty.** TEDS has drawn together a faculty made up of scholars with vibrant personal faith, high academic credentials, and a willingness to be involved in the lives of students. Students and alumni repeatedly affirm that this is our greatest strength. These faculty members have proven to be fine and godly mentors for future Christian leaders.

**Spiritual Formation.** We are not only to love God with our minds but also with our hearts and souls. Our program provides for intellectual development and for personal and spiritual growth. Christ’s church cannot be served well by even the best scholars if we have no passion for God and his people in our souls.

**Strong Scholarship.** Not by coincidence, this has become a part of our international reputation. We intentionally challenge students intellectually because a vital part of Christ’s greatest command is to love God with our minds. The relevance of this scholarship for spiritual growth and ministry development is a constant emphasis.

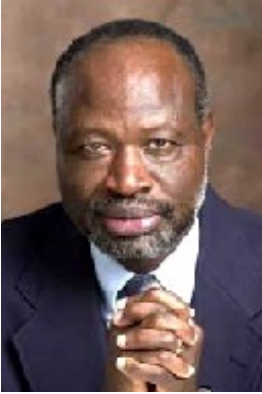
**Integration of Learning, Faith, and Life.** We challenge students to study “as unto the Lord” and then to integrate what they learn with their personal faith. The church of the twenty-first century requires leaders who know the Word of God and have been taught to communicate its truth to whatever society they are called to serve.

**Significant Relationships.** Many leaders of the church worldwide have studied at TEDS. We are privileged to invite you to study with a multinational, multiethnic student body in a major urban setting. TEDS will stretch you to think about ministry cross-culturally as you develop friendships with others who desire to make a difference for God’s kingdom.

If Christ is calling you to serve his church, then I invite you to become a part of the legacy of TEDS graduates now serving in more than one hundred nations around the globe.

**Jeanette L. Hsieh, EdD**  
Executive Vice President/Interim President

## A Welcome from the Dean



Greetings from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. We are delighted that you are interested in discovering what Trinity is about.

Trinity is not just an educational institution. It is a community—a community of people committed to one overriding vision: a vision of loving God wholly, not only with our minds but with all our might, all our souls, and all our spirits. It is also a community of people committed to one passion: that of serving God through his church.

The church today exists in a complex and rapidly changing world. As such, we at Trinity are compelled to take that world seriously as we prepare students for ministry. This requires a disciplined commitment to the understanding of the Scriptures and their implications for the world today, a vibrant spiritual life, and an unashamed commitment to the Triune God.

If God leads you to join us at Trinity, we will be better for it as you enrich our community of faith. In turn, we trust that we will be able to contribute to your continued faithfulness to God.

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