For over 120 years, Central Seminary has lived out its mission to equip and empower present and future ministry leaders to seek God, shape church, and serve humanity and all creation. In today’s world, ministry roles are more unique and creative than ever before. Whether a student desires to serve in a traditional church setting or serve through nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, or businesses, our innovative programs and expert faculty help students craft a compelling vision for their future and be prepared to lead in times of change.

2022 saw a return to more normal operations as we began to emerge from the restrictions imposed by the pandemic. It has been a joyful time of reconnecting in person. We hosted the first in-person commencement service since 2019, and our board of trustees resumed meeting on the Shawnee campus to provide their expert and passionate guidance. In 2022, we also celebrated the launch of a Certificate in Peace and Justice Ministry, integrating biblical and theological literacy with hands-on peace and justice work.

We are excited by the promise of 2023 to move our mission forward. We are creating a new Enrollment Management department to unify all of our work in recruitment, admissions, and student services. Additionally, two Spanish language research consultants are finalizing their work and will soon guide Central’s leadership in determining ways in which we can expand our global presence by adding programs in Spanish. We believe these strategic moves will serve to strengthen our ability for the long-term.

Of course, we could not do this work without our supporters and encouragers. We remain grateful to their shared commitment as we prepare future ministers and leaders for a changing world. I look forward to sharing more about our vision and values with you.

With appreciation,

Dr. Pamela R. Durso
President

“What I’ve admired about Central is that it always seems to anticipate the next movement in theological education. This has allowed Central to remain viable and strong.”

Bruce Morgan
Donor and former chair of the Central Board

“I knew that I had to be at a school that accepted me 100% for who I am. Otherwise I could not tear down the walls and rebuild them in the way I needed to. When I heard that Central was welcoming, that was huge for me. They have surpassed my expectations.”

Staci Cooper
Current MDiv student
Central Seminary 2022 Impact Report

FY2022 Revenue
- Private Gifts, Grants & Bequests 72%
- Other Sources -1%
- Net Tuition & Fees 29%

FY2022 Expenses
- Academic Programs & Support 46%
- Physical Plant & Other 13%
- General & Administrative 28%
- Marketing & Community Engagement 12%

By program
- Masters 32.7%
- Diploma 24.5%
- Doctoral 19.9%
- Certificate (non-credit) 18.4%
- Certificate (credit-bearing) 3.7%
- Special Student 0.5%
- Lifelong Learner 0.3%

Age
- >21 1%
- 21-29 14%
- 30-39 22%
- 40-49 29%
- 50-59 21%
- 60-69 7%
- 70+ 1%
- Not reported 5%

67% of degree and certificate students received an institutional scholarship or other non-loan aid.

Joy Choi
MDiv ’22

“I was looking for a seminary with a rich history of overseas mission work and [being] open to every race and gender. Most of all, affordable tuition was a must in order for me to study far away from home.”

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Many more

24 different denominations reported