
The Miller Chapel Sanctuary
Greetings and Welcome to PTS!

Throughout the past years, it has been a point to inform each incoming class that people at the Seminary had been praying for them ever since their first applications arrived—and this has been true for you, too.

Many people here have prayed for your safe travels, your academic curiosity, and your transition to Seminary life. We want nothing more than for you to feel an integral part of this community soon.

With more than 15 student organizations on campus, there are plenty of ways to become involved in Seminary life. Hopefully, you will be able to plug into some of these groups, make new friends, and make an impact on this community and in the world.

And, we hope you'll have a little fun, too!

May God's blessings be upon you as you begin this journey in ministry,

The Student Government Executive Council
Student Government

The Student Government is committed to responsible leadership in the formation of a community of seminarians dedicated to their ministry of preparation and their scholarship. The primary functions of Student Government shall include acting as the legislative assembly of the Seminary student body, the representative of the Seminary student body to the Seminary Faculty and/or Administration, the coordinator of student activities and concerns, the facilitator for student involvement in non-Seminary organizations, the allocation authority for the operating budgets of the Approved Seminary Organizations, the recommender of seminarians to the President for appointment to specified Faculty/Administration Committees, the appointer of seminarians to serve as Social Chairpersons, and the responder to the pastoral needs of the entire Seminary community by working directly with the Chapel Office and the Office of Student Life.

***Fall elections will be held October 3rd and nomination petitions will be available September 18.

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Asian Association at PTS
The purpose of the Asian Association at Princeton Theological Seminary (AAPTS) is to serve as an advocate for the quality of student life at Princeton Theological Seminary. We aim to provide space for deepening our spiritual identity through continual conversation with a diversity of Asian and Asian American perspectives. To this end, we strive to offer intentional space and resources in ways that promote worship, fellowship and social responsibility.

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Association of Black Seminarians
We, the Association of Black Seminarians of Princeton Theological Seminary, are committed to the liberating word of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and interpreting this message afresh for our contemporary age. We have organized in order to establish and give mutual support to our African and African-American brothers and sisters while matriculating at the seminary; to create an atmosphere for the sharing of our gifts and achievements; to provide a communal forum for telling our personal, ethnic and religious experience in the wider theological environment; to work together in building a network for the structure and support of our own ministries; to devote ourselves in word and deed to the transforming message of liberation through our support, presence, commitment and unity, such that Princeton Theological Seminary will be the continued recipient of our unique contribution.

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Association of Charismatic Theological Students

A.C.T.S. is a gathering of Pentecostal/Charismatic students at PTS, as well as any students interested in the study and/or practice of Pentecostalism. The Pentecostal/Charismatic group provides a scholarly and sacred space for the exploration of socio-cultural identity expressions, theological formation, and spiritual direction among Pentecostal-type Christians, combining historical-critical, interdisciplinary religious studies with active participation in faith communities. Any and all students are welcome at our activities.

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Association of Latino(a)/Hispanic American Students

The Association of Latino(a)/Hispanic Seminarians is primarily composed of students from a Latino(a) Hispanic background. It welcomes students from all ethnic backgrounds. The mission of AL/HAS is threefold. First, AL/HAS provides a community for students to engage the Latino(a)/Hispanic heritage. AL/HAS also seeks to enhance the students’ seminary education with workshops that address their needs specifically. Second, AL/HAS seeks to foster a constructive dialogue on issues affecting the Latino(a)/Hispanic American Community. Third, in conjunction with bringing awareness, AL/HAS encourages responsible action toward these concerns. This is done through various events which include, but are not limited to, panel discussions, workshops on academic needs, cultural awareness events, meetings, dialogue with other students, and social gatherings.

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Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Supportive Seminarians

BGLASS (Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian Association) seeks to provide support, education, resources, and fellowship to members of the PTS community, especially those who identify themselves as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, or questioning (GLBTQ), and their heterosexual allies. BGLASS believes that GLBTQ persons should be fully included in the church as they affirm their sexuality and discern God’s call. To that end, BGLASS also advocates for and witnesses to the love and justice of God for all people within the PTS community. BGLASS offers a variety of activities, including regular meetings, workshops and educational forums, movie screenings, fellowship and social events, and a confidential support group for GLBTQ persons. During the spring semester, BGLASS hosts its annual BGLASS Week with festivities on the quad, services of worship in the Chapel, panel discussions, and keynote speakers.

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Covenant Network of Presbyterians at PTS

The Covenant Network of Presbyterians at PTS seeks to uphold the mission of our national organization and to encourage all Christians to work for a more faithful, just, and inclusive Church. Each year, the Covenant Network hosts lectures and workshops on campus to foster a more hospitable environment for dialogue about the unity of the church, ordination, and the lives of GBLT Christians in the church, among other things. We also invite members of the community to enter into Biblical and theological studies and conversations with other members of the Network on campus and in the community. For anyone on campus who is interested, we can help provide resources on sexuality, ordination, covenantal relationships, faith stories, theology, and living as Church. Most importantly, the Covenant Network wants to hear your story of faith and enter into relationship with you for the building of a more inclusive, more whole Church.

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Great Lakes and Michigan Seminarians
The vision of GLAMS is to be an organization that promotes education about Michigan and the Great Lakes region of the United States and Canada, provides advocacy and networking opportunities for students interested in ministry opportunities in Michigan and the Great Lakes region, and encourages fellowship amongst students from Michigan and the Great Lakes and the rest of the campus community.

GLAMS encourages new and returning students, staff, and faculty that have interest in the Great Lakes region to get involved in planning an event or gathering throughout the year. Let’s work together to show the campus community that the Great Lakes region is so much more than something you fly over to get from the East coast to the West!

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International Students Fellowship
The mission of the International Students Fellowship is to encourage and facilitate a “fellowship of nations” at PTS. While the core group of ISF members is comprised of international students in the ThM., M.A., and M.Div. programs, the ISF also includes the families of international students, internationals in Ph.D. programs, professors and interested students of all backgrounds. We believe that while students come to PTS from abroad in order to enhance their particular ministries, our fellow colleagues bring with them broad and rich backgrounds from which the entire Seminary community can learn. The ISF endeavors to help this learning take place, both among international and domestic students. We invite you to come and participate in this opportunity for cross-cultural learning and fellowship.

Look in the “Wineskin” for upcoming events and information.

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Movements of Praise
Movements of Praise is a dance organization for people who desire to enhance the praise and worship atmosphere of Princeton Theological Seminary through dance. Those who participate will serve the Seminary community through passionate worship expression and performances in chapel, special services, and major dance productions. We desire to worship through diverse dance styles all across ages and experiences.

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Presbyterians for Renewal
What is PFR@PTS? We are a group of students who come together because we are committed to and seek the renewal of the Presbyterian Church (USA). What does PFR@PTS do? Our purpose is to encourage members of the Princeton Theological Seminary community, especially those who are members of the PC(USA), to participate in the renewal of the PC(USA) denomination. We believe renewal will be possible through 1) addressing and engaging in multicultural issues and the realization of a multicultural church, 2) prayer and discussion about renewal in the PC(USA), and 3) cultivation of a supportive place for people to pursue personal and corporate renewal based on the Word of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In so doing, we hope to create a campus community that actively thinks, discusses, and prays about the renewing work that God is doing in our denomination.

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Seminarians Affirming Reproductive Choices

Seminarians Affirming Reproductive Choices (SARC) is an organization and dedicated group of seminarians at Princeton Theological Seminary who represent the varied pro-choice positions of people within the Seminary community. We gather to provide education, advocacy and training about male and female reproductive rights not only within the religious community but within society at large. We are committed to operating within the auspices of our theological community and seek to share in dialogue with other groups and individuals. SARC is about choice and we affirm all individuals' freedom to follow their consciences when making prayerful decisions about reproduction. SARC’s activities have included participating in health fairs on campus, lobbying efforts in Trenton (New Jersey's state capitol) with regard to insurance reimbursement for birth control, attending Peaceful Presence workshops, sponsoring All Options Clergy Counseling training sessions, bringing medical professionals to campus to speak on birth control methods, their effectiveness and side effects; hosting a faculty panel discussion on the issues surrounding choice, and honoring every year the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision of 1973 with a January worship service in Miller Chapel.

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Seminarians for Fellowship

Seminarians for Fellowship aims to build unity and foster community on a diverse campus. In gatherings, we will share life together in an affirmation of Scripture (Acts 2:42), fellowshipping and breaking bread together. Hopefully, this will involve several aspects: loving one another through the discipline of empathy; deepening relationships with old friends and opportunities to build new ones; encouraging dialogue as opposed to stereotypes; and celebrating our calling and our differences. In the hectic pace of seminary life, SFF hopes to provide a safe space to have fun free from the rigor and stress of academic life.

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Seminarians for Life

Seminarians for Life provides a safe place for open discussion, prayer, education, and social action in regards to preserving God's gift of life. We act as a prayerful and Christ-guided peer organization whose vision is to teach others the value of every life. We believe that every human life is a wonderful creation of God's love and therefore should be protected without discrimination based upon stage of development or state of disability. We wish to act as proper stewards of the gifts God has granted us to protect those who may be unable to protect their own lives and to give voice to those who may be silenced by the threat or enacting of an unnatural imposed death. We sponsor several events to raise awareness in regards to right to life issues: a presentation from LifeNet, Stand True Ministries, Priests for Life, and a Celebration of Life prayer service.

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Seminarians for Peace and Justice

Seminarians for Peace and Justice (SFPJ) is a group of seminary students committed to pursuing God's call to be instruments of peacemaking and reconciliation in the world. In response to this call we gather weekly for prayer, Bible study, and the coordination of a variety of educational and advocacy-related activities that take place both on- and off-campus. Our concerns are local, national, and global, and we respond in a variety of ways. In cooperation with other campus organizations we help bring speakers to campus, coordinate student and faculty discussions, and provide opportunities for the seminary community to act in creative and constructive ways in response to the brokenness of the world.

We hope to be a "sending" organization, empowering individuals and groups of students to pursue ministries of peacemaking and reconciliation to which they feel called and providing resources and assistance whenever possible. Through prayer, study, and action, we seek healing and wholeness in God's good creation.

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Southern Society at PTS
The Southern Society of Princeton Theological Seminary was founded in order to foster the hospitality and good will that so many southerners have experienced and shown to others throughout their lives. We serve purely as a social organization and LOVE to cook. We encourage all people, southern or not, who love food and good times to participate in our events. In the past years, events included a number of cookouts, the Mardi Gras Ball, and a Jambalya Fundraiser for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Come out and join the fun! Lassiez le bon temps rouler!

Spouses for Seminarians

Stewardship and Missions Committee
The Stewardship and Mission Committee of Princeton Theological Seminary invites students, staff, faculty, and community members to work with one another for the mission of God in our local and global communities. The Committee gathers for worship, prayer, study of Scripture, investigation of both its members’ gifts and its communities’ needs, and engagement with its neighbors for God’s mission in the world. The Committee is comprised of four main groups who work with one another for different aspects of God’s mission: Discipleship, Local Mission, International Mission, and Stewardship. Events this year will include Stewardship and Mission Week; a Book Sale, which, a couple of years ago, raised more than $27,000 for theological institutions abroad; Theologiggle, which is sure to entertain the community and raise funds to equip members of our community in mission; a trip to Guatemala to establish relationships between the PTS community and members of Christian communities there; and many other new and reoccurring events. Have an idea for mission? Bring us your insight. We would love to work with you in discerning how we can together work for its realization.

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The Theological Students’ Fellowship is an organization of PTS students gathered around a confession of the Lordship of Jesus Christ as reflected in Scripture, who recognize our call to minister to one another and to the PTS community as led by the Holy Spirit. Through group meetings for fellowship and service, TSF seeks to provide a space for personal and spiritual growth as well as a way for students to build relationships and identity. In addition to these functions of TSF as a whole, the TSF includes four specific ministries that provide further opportunity for fellowship, growth and service.

The Well – An open, Christ-centered community that gathers weekly for a time of worship, prayer and the sharing of God's Word.

The Princeton Theological Review - The Princeton Theological Review seeks to engage contemporary theological issues in a way that is grounded in Scripture, centered on Jesus Christ, and formed by the work of the Holy Spirit. It does this primarily through its publication, The Princeton Theological Review.

Living Stones – A fellowship that exists to edify the seminary community by encouraging prayer, Bible study groups, and spiritual disciplines.

The Speaker’s Committee - The Speakers’ Committee serves as a resource for the PTS community by providing speakers who will address both the theological and practical natures of ministry for the purpose of up-building, empowering, and encouraging the Body of Christ and the leadership of the Church.

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Women’s Center

For over 35 years, the PTS Women’s Center has provided a supportive sisterhood for women of the seminary community to feel, speak, and act. Over the years, we have encouraged women through fellowship, performance, discussion, advocacy, outreach, speakers and panels, and other programs. The Women’s Center is a welcoming space located on the lower level of McKay Student Center, down the hall from the TBA. The room is open for student use from 8 am until 5 pm daily. Please refer to our handout “How Can You Benefit From the Women’s Center” or contact the Women’s Center co-moderators for more information on how to take advantage of this excellent resource. The Women’s Center is made up of female students, faculty, staff, administrators, and families of seminary students. We also have a Men’s Auxiliary, which is comprised of male students, faculty, and families of students. The Women’s Center is guided by a board of twelve women.

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