



Join Our Celebration!

Cummins Memorial Theological Seminary Turns 150!

Cummins Memorial Theological Seminary (CMTS) is an Evangelical, Biblical and Anglican educational institution that began to provide education to formerly enslaved men. Founded in 1876 by Peter F. Stevens, the first Bishop of the Missionary Jurisdiction of the South in the Reformed Episcopal Church, CMTS has been a critical institution in the life of the Diocese of the Southeast of the Reformed Episcopal Church and the metropolitan Charleston, SC, area.

Since its inception, Cummins has evolved to become an ecumenical training ground for people of all denominations, races, and backgrounds.

We invite you to be a part of this momentous celebration. Events are planned throughout 2026.

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Our Mission

Equipping Church leaders with the theological foundation and skills to reach within and beyond the church with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our Vision

To advance Christ's Kingdom through faithful church leaders transforming lives in a changing global environment with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our Motto

***Enter to Learn —
Live to Serve***



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Course Offerings for Spring Semester 2025

Mondays

OT 731 Old Testament Book Study—Exodus Dr. Echols, Professor

This course studies the book of Exodus to discover the structure, historical background, theme, relationship to the plan of redemption, the Bible as a whole, and practical application and meaning for today.

Tuesdays

BIB 500 Introduction to the Old Testament Professor TBA

This course provides a fundamental overview of the Bible, covering its origins, original languages, and translation process. Students will examine the development of the biblical canon and the ideas of inspiration and inerrancy. The curriculum highlights the structure and themes of the Old Testament, focusing on what makes the Bible unique among religious texts. This course is designed for those looking for a comprehensive introduction to the Old Testament. *This course is required for all students.*

Thursdays

CH 503 The Apostolic Fathers Dr. Panagiotou, Professor

This course examines writings of Christian theologians and leaders from the 1st and 2nd centuries AD. Students study their historical contexts, backgrounds, and texts, highlighting their intellectual and spiritual contributions and their importance to today's Christian Church. The focus is on Ignatius of Antioch, Clement of Rome, and Polycarp of Smyrna. Students explore the Didache, one of the earliest Christian manuals of church life after the New Testament. If time permits, the course may also cover the Epistle of Diognetus, the Epistle of Barnabas, and the Shepherd of Hermas. This course concentrates solely on orthodox Christian writers, excluding the Gnostic heretical texts circulating during that period.

Preregistration: December 2 & 4, 2025
Registration: January 6 and 8, 2026

All classes begin at 5:30 p.m. However, the professor could amend the time.

Degrees/Programs Offered

Master of Divinity (M.Div.)

This is a three-year program, 90 hours degree designed to prepare students for ordination and ministry in the local church.

Master of Arts in Christian Leadership

This is a two-year, 36-hour program designed to prepare students for leadership roles inside or outside the church.

Diploma in Theology

This four-year, 120 hours diploma is designed to provide a concentration in theological education for those without a college degree.

Certificate Programs

Certificate in Biblical Studies
Certificate in Anglican Studies
Certificate in Diaconal Ministries
Certificate in Deaconess Ministry
Certificate in African American
Religious Studies

Continuing Education

Ministers and lay persons may continue their education by taking courses and seminars designed to meet their needs and the work of the church.

***"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God,
a worker who does not need to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word of truth."
2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)***

Reimagining Congregational Life Seminar



**Rev. Tory J. Liferidge,
Rector of Grace RE Church, Facilitator**

This seminar is designed to assess the health of a congregation, diagnose the symptoms, cultivate an authentic vision, and develop a strategy for implementation.

Sessions

Course Overview/Need for and Tools
To Assess Congregational Health
Causes of Decline and Appetite for Change
Developing a Congregational Vision
The Power of Language
in Shaping Culture
Asset Mapping—Congregation
and Community
Vision to Strategy
Measurements and Celebrations

This seminar will be offered during the Spring Semester 2026. Please check the website for more information.

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