

This spring more than 50 students are studying at PLTS to be capable, equipped leaders in the modern church. Of those students, 33 students are in a Master of Divinity pathway, four students are working on their Certificate of Advanced Theological Studies, and three are earning a common MA with the Graduate Theological Union.

THE CENTER FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE & FAITH

The PLTS Center for Climate Justice and Faith (CCJF) launched their Spanish-language Certificate in Climate Justice and Faith this February. The inaugural cohort of this program includes 24 students from 14 countries throughout North America, Latin America, the Caribbean, and Spain. The course was developed with Seminario Luterano Augsburg (SEMLA) in Mexico, Universidad Luterana Salvadoreña, Instituto para la Pastoral Contextual of the Iglesia Evangélica Luterana Unida of Argentina and Uruguay, and the ELCA.

A total of 60 students representing 26 different countries are currently enrolled in the CCJF's programs, which also include Community Organizing for Climate Justice as Love in Action. These programs were developed in collaboration with Lutheran World Federation and ELCA World Hunger. CCJF also held a hybrid screening of the film *The Ants and the Grasshopper* in February. More than 200 people tuned into the program which included a Q&A with the film's director, Raj Patel. Visit the QR code to get updates on upcoming application deadlines and other educational opportunities.



Pr. Shede Habila (left) leads a tree planting activity as part of a three-day seminar on Climate Justice he organized in Yola, Nigeria. Pastor Habila is a 2022 graduate of the Certificate in Climate Justice and Faith.

MASTER OF ARTS IN SPIRITUALITY & SOCIAL CHANGE

The 2022-2023 Academic Year is the first time that PLTS has offered a Master of Arts in Spirituality and Social Change. The curriculum is designed to prepare students to serve in a wide variety of faith-based leadership roles in diverse contexts, including rostered deacons, chaplains, community organizers, non-profit leaders, and much more. Use the QR code on the left to learn more about the Master of Arts in Spirituality and Social Change.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION FOR EMERGING MINISTRIES

The PLTS TEEM cohort gathered in person in Berkeley this winter for a week of instruction, worship, and community. There are 31 TEEM students in the 2022-23 academic year; these are students training as pastors in their local contexts and congregations. In May, four students are expected to graduate with a TEEM certificate and continue in ministry. The summer session for the PLTS cohort will be June 5th-9th at Luther Seminary. You can learn more about TEEM by scanning the QR code at the left.



TEEM students in the Berkeley cohort studying with Dr. Dan Peterson.

