

The Graduate Certificate in Church Planting and Revitalization seeks to provide specialized missional formation for leaders of new worshiping communities and churches undergoing transformation.

Through four hybrid courses, concurrent fieldwork, a coaching relationship, and an integrative final portfolio, students must complete 18 hours of coursework for this certificate. Four-day intensives take place quarterly for 12 months, including completion and presentation of students' final capstone project. See the Seminary's website for specific details: [www.pts.edu/CPandR](http://www.pts.edu/CPandR).

#### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply, visit [www.pts.edu/Admissions](http://www.pts.edu/Admissions). For non-degree students, the Admissions process for this graduate certificate follows normal admissions procedures, with the applicant's personal statement taking the form of a brief essay describing the applicant's current ministry context and articulating the applicant's sense of call to participate in church revitalization or the formation of new Christian communities.

#### COST AND FINANCIAL AID

For the founding year of the Church Planting and Revitalization Graduate Certificate Program, PTS is offering the opportunity to be a part of the Director's Circle. Tuition is just \$960 and a \$1,000 grant is available for travel costs if matched with funds from the student's church or judicatory.

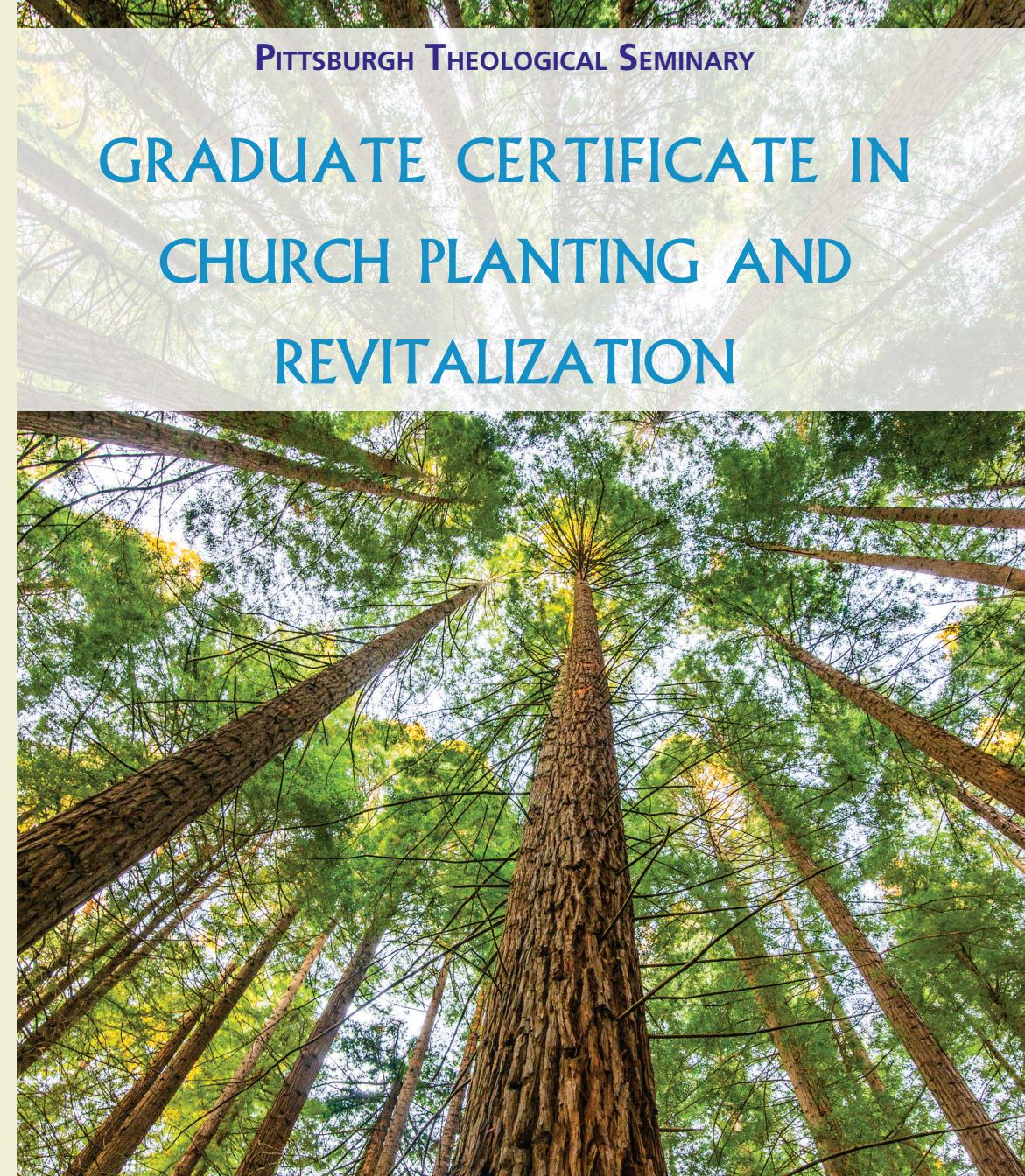
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# GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN CHURCH PLANTING AND REVITALIZATION

The context of the Church in North America is changing. But what is God doing amidst our shifting culture? How can we join in Christ's work of gathering people into Christian community in new ways for a transformed world?

We believe Christian leaders can discover what God is up to in our changing neighborhoods and communities through practices of attentiveness and discernment. And we believe such discovery revitalizes existing ministries and forms new worshipping communities.

The Graduate Certificate in Church Planting and Revitalization forms pioneer leaders who can practice attentiveness to the Holy Spirit and to their communities, who can lead teams in discerning God's activity, and who are continually engaged in practices that renew their own souls, enabling deeper discernment in their own life and calling.

Accompanied by a cohort learning community and coached by experienced missional leaders, students in the Graduate Certificate in Church Planting and Revitalization learn from both academics and practitioners. Our hybrid online and intensive classes allow leaders to set apart time to grow in missional and intellectual formation while staying rooted in their context.

To learn more about our Church Planting Initiative and see examples of new worshipping communities led by students and graduates of PTS, visit [www.pts.edu/CPI](http://www.pts.edu/CPI).

## SCHEDULE

### Listening and Leading: Spiritual Formation for Missional Discernment June 14-17, 2017

Believing that God calls, gifts, and sends us into God's world, Listening and Leading will introduce students to practices of personal and communal discernment regarding issues of vocation and missional ministry. The course will explore questions of vocation, discernment, and spiritual practices in a retreat-like setting.

### Mission Shaped Church Sept. 13-16, 2017

Mission is about God. This course explores the missional dimensions of Scripture, theology, and ecclesiology in order to cultivate missional imagination in students so they may recognize and join in God's activity in new church development and revitalization.

### Cultivating Christian Community Jan. 10-13, 2018

God's mission gathers people into one body, creating fellowship where it did not exist and renewing existing communities. This course

will explore practices related to studying and understanding a neighborhood context, developing shared spiritual practices, and discerning the mission of God in a particular context.

### Missional Leadership April 18-21, 2018

How does the mission of God shape leadership practice and formation? Drawing upon theories of sensemaking and adaptive leadership, this course will develop a spirituality for and a vision of faithful missional leadership as the cultivation of certain postures through intentional spiritual practice.

### Capstone Project and Coaching June 2018

With attentiveness to how God has called, inspired, and guided the formation of students in the program and with guidance from the coach, each student will create a particular project unique to the student's context which integrates the different elements of the academic program. The project will be written up as an integrative essay and presented to the cohort.

“ I'm excited about this new certificate being offered by Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, because it is theologically-grounded and practice-oriented with a missional spirituality. It will help students re-imagine what it means to be the church in the local by learning to discern God's transformative work in the student and in the student's neighborhood. ”

- JR Woodward, National Director, V3 Church Planting Movement and author of *Creating a Missional Culture* and *The Church as Movement*

“ The Graduate Certificate in Church Planting and Revitalization is not just a rearrangement of deck chairs on a sinking titanic but a fresh way to engage with a transforming Holy Spirit that longs to bring renewal to all lives and congregations, new and old. This is an opportunity that is sorely needed by the whole church and will set Pittsburgh Theological Seminary apart as an institution that has the courage to respond to new opportunities for the Church of Jesus Christ. ”

- Vera White, Coordinator for 1001 New Worshipping Communities, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

“ God is raising up new kinds of pioneering leaders in North America, but seminaries and theological schools have been slow to adapt. Thankfully, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is getting ahead of the curve in reimagining how to form pioneers for church planting and revitalization. This Certificate's emphasis on contextual, action-reflection theological learning promises a fresh and effective means of equipping churches and leaders for mission. ”

- Alan Hirsch, Leading Author and Activist, Founder of 100 Movements, Forge Mission Training Network, and Future Travelers