



## **New Degree Program Launched: D.Min. In Supervisory Spiritual Care Education**

Union has launched its first Doctor of Ministry program, with a distinctive focus on Supervisory Clinical Spiritual Care Education. The first of its kind in the U.S., this program aims to enhance the practice of ministry among spiritual care practitioners serving in multicultural and interreligious health care contexts. The new D. Min degree program builds on the strength of Union's interreligious engagement focus as well as its highly regarded program in Psychology and Religion and is intended to:

- Develop a theologically informed, contextually attuned, and integrated understanding of the nature, purposes, theories, and practices of ministry in the specialized area of Supervisory Clinical Spiritual Care Education.
- Develop analytical, pastoral, and practical ministerial competencies and skills within multicultural, interreligious, and clinical contexts.
- Develop and appropriate a personal and professional ethic in keeping with sound organizational principles, high ethical standards, and mature conduct in the profession.

The D.Min degree program has been designed to align with the requirements for certification as a supervisor in Clinical Pastoral Education. Courses in theology, psychodynamic theory, adult education, systems and group theory, interreligious engagement, and social justice will strengthen the theory papers required for certification and deepen the learning of potential supervisors.

Rev. A. Meigs Ross, a psychotherapist who served as a consultant on the design of Union's new D. Min., reflected: "I wish that this degree had been available twenty years ago when I was in supervisory education or even ten years ago when I first began supervising supervisory education students. It provides the in-depth academic education and support needed to complement the experiential mentoring model of clinical supervisory education."

This 42-credit degree is a hybrid degree, with intensive residency courses beginning in August 2017, online courses in the fall and spring terms, and a thesis or project. Courses constitute a total of 36 credit hours; a project or thesis will constitute the final 6 credits.

The application deadline is June 30, 2017. For more information on the D.Min degree, please contact Program Director, Jeffrey Silberman ([jsilberman@uts.columbia.edu](mailto:jsilberman@uts.columbia.edu) | (203)246.9018)