Today, visionary and transformative theological education is more important than ever in developing leaders who build thriving and effective church ministries. The nation, the world and the church need leaders who embody the kind of pastoral humility, prophetic vision and principled witness that can address the complicated social and moral challenges of our time.

Located at the global crossroads that is New York City, Episcopal Divinity School (EDS) at Union Theological Seminary (Union) is a place that nurtures this kind of leadership. As an institution, EDS@Union will carry forth EDS’ mission of dismantling racism and working for social justice, which is at the core of the Jesus Movement that Presiding Bishop Michael Curry urges us to embrace. Informed by the global richness of Anglican and Episcopal traditions, the program prepares students for ministerial vocations that will transform both them and the diverse ministries they serve and create.

Students will develop core competencies in the six canonical areas of study, including scripture, church history, Christian theology, ethics, liturgy and worship, Episcopal Church polity and ministerial practice, and will also participate in a required spiritual formation program. In addition to a rigorous theological education, EDS@Union students will be grounded in worship, prayer, and practices of spiritual accountability. Planning and leading Eucharist, morning prayer, and evensong according to the Book of Common Prayer and other liturgical resources will be required for EDS@Union students, who will work with a prayer partner as well as participate in quiet days and peer formation groups.