

WELCOME FROM THE DEAN

The teaching-learning community at Brite Divinity School seeks to transform individuals, churches and communities through the integration of scholarship, justice and practice. Brite is a place where we encourage you to be bold: ask questions, struggle with your faith, make a difference in the world, get to know faculty and staff, become conversation partners with peers and colleagues. I invite you to explore our degree programs and use your imagination to help you envision how you might use one of these to further the integration of your mind and spirit. Whether your vocation is one that fits the more traditional models of denominations and churches, non-profit administration and service, or teaching and leadership, theological education can support your present and future!

I look forward to greeting you on the campus of Brite Divinity School,

Rev. Dr. Joretta L. Marshall
Executive Vice President and Dean
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BRITE DIVINITY SCHOOL HANDBOOK FOR STUDENTS

Brite Divinity School reserves the right to change any statement, policy or procedure set forth in this handbook, when deemed in the best interest of the Brite Divinity School and within established procedures. This handbook is for informational purposes only and does not constitute a contract between any student and Brite Divinity School.

Brite Divinity School regularly reviews and assesses program requirements and program offerings. From time to time necessary changes occur which will have an impact upon a student's progress toward degree completion. While the Divinity School will strive to accommodate students in implementation of changes, the Divinity School reserves the right to make such changes and to require students to adjust their programs accordingly. Changes to academic programs are not made lightly. There is no guarantee that an entering student will not experience changes in requirements before graduation, especially if time to graduation is longer than the time to complete the program as a full-time student.

The Divinity School's distinctive purpose is educating persons for varied ministries in churches and communities. Churches, however, retain the exclusive right and responsibility to determine the appropriate qualifications for ordained and licensed ministry, to assess the fitness for ministry of individual candidates, and to credential persons for ministerial leadership.