

BELONGING TO CHRIST

NURTURING CHRISTIAN IDENTITY AFTER CHRISTENDOM



UNIVERSITY *of* DUBUQUE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

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with

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"We live, it is evident, in a time of hostility when the church is imperiled not only by an external worldliness but by one that has established itself within the Christian camp."

So H. Richard Niebuhr argued in 1935, asserting that the identity of the church in America was threatened by accommodating too much to the world. Almost a century later, the church finds itself in a similar situation. In response, churches would do well to focus on issues of identity and heritage, seeking clarity about their role as messengers and servants of the God revealed in Jesus Christ by listening deeply to the resources of the faith.

About this DMin Cohort

We will analyze the current state of the church in America and listen deeply to Scripture and the tradition of the church as we discern ways to nurture authentic Christian identity in the church and live as faithful messengers of God in the decades ahead.

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About the Instructors



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Program Information

Belonging to Christ:
Nurturing Christian Identity After Christendom

40 Credits – Residential & Online

Residential component – Dubuque, Iowa in May (Year 1: May 14–21, 2025)
Online coursework – before and after residential instruction

Tuition and Costs

\$5,039 Annual Tuition (Years 1–3)
\$ 645 Annual Continuation Fee (Years 4 and, if necessary, 5)
\$ 1,600 One-time Project Fee (Assessed at the end of Year 3)

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