

## *A Moment in Mission ❖ from Bethany Seminary*

This year Bethany is pleased to be recognized as part of the 2015 class of **Seminaries that Change the World**, an initiative launched by the Center for Faith and Service at McCormick Theological Seminary. What does it mean for Bethany to be part of this program? Bethany has been included because it is a school that puts its teaching and faith into action. While Bethany has been doing this sort of practical ministry based on classroom learning for over a century, the recently founded Center for Faith and Service is working to highlight theological schools doing this work and to connect schools with one another, demonstrating the importance of theological education in our current context.

Bethany continues to participate in this world-changing work (1) through cross-cultural and cross-generational learning requirements for each student; (2) through energy and resources directed at the Bethany Neighborhood, offering living and social space for Richmond residential students to integrate their learning into their lives; and (3) by asking questions about debt and financial well-being while offering resources to help students reduce or avoid taking on additional debt while studying at the Seminary. Bethany is proud of 2015's eighteen new graduates, already serving in ministry placements across the country, changing the world in significant ways.

### **What are the standards for being included in Seminaries that Change the World?**

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#### ◆ HIGH FINANCIAL AID

Among graduate schools, seminaries and divinity schools offer some of the best financial aid packages.

#### ◆ ISSUES THAT MATTER

Professors teach courses about issues like food security, human rights, immigration, and prison reform.

#### ◆ LOW DEBT

Graduates of seminary and divinity schools boast some of the lowest levels of debt when compared with their graduate school peers.

#### ◆ DIVERSITY OF CHANGE

These schools have diverse student bodies preparing to lead our communities and committed to systemic social change.

Bethany Theological Seminary was founded in 1905 and is the graduate school and academy for theological education for the Church of the Brethren. Bethany expresses gratitude for the many ways you have shown support for its mission. All are invited to take part in Bethany life, from campus visits, to support of a student, to inviting faculty and staff to provide a workshop for your local congregation.