

COMMUNITY LIFE

The School of Divinity recognizes that formation and education together create a learning community. Interaction among students and faculty outside classrooms is integral to the School of Divinity experience. Ecumenical theological education embraces a commitment to community building and engagement: in classrooms, in worship, in study spaces, in surrounding communities of life and work, and in informal School of Divinity settings. Community life is celebrated and cultivated at the School of Divinity in three primary ways: communal worship, spiritual growth opportunities, and cultivation of common spaces for study, conversation, and relaxation.

Worship at the School of Divinity is multifaceted. Students have opportunities to worship together as part of the School of Divinity's weekly rhythms. A Worship Design Team made up of students, faculty, and staff curates each service through music, ritual, and proclamation. The services amplify the voices of an array of proclaimers, including guest clergy, faculty, and third-year students. Chapel services at the School of Divinity are a learning laboratory. They also offer a moment of sabbath in the midst of hectic days of classes and other responsibilities. The Worship with Wait program also provides worship programming throughout the year in collaboration with other University leaders and offices and often with partner congregations and religious leaders. Highlights each year of University-wide worship events include the Moravian Christmas Lovefeast, an annual Service of Remembrance, and special services on other Holy Days. Students can also discover diverse worship opportunities throughout Winston-Salem and surrounding areas.

The School of Divinity recognizes the importance of community-wide opportunities for **spiritual nurture and growth**. Students have opportunities to experience worship, prayer, and meditation through an array of internship settings. Students also have seasonal opportunities to participate in retreats, group spiritual practices, and other events designed to explore and cultivate spiritual renewal and growth.

Community is formed as people gather in **common spaces** to learn, play, rest, share meals, and dialogue about important events in their lives. The School of Divinity provides a number of common spaces that allow for communal interaction and conversation. Students also discover common spaces across the Reynolda campus and in nearby Reynolda Gardens. Both the Office of Student Life and student organizations utilize campus common spaces to hold workshops, celebratory meals, and other events, and conversations about topics important to the community.