

Nestled in the beautiful foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains and housed within the larger environs of one of the great urban centers of the United States, our school is located on the grounds of the Claremont School of Theology. Our affiliation with this esteemed Christian seminary allows us to boast a world class theological library and a collegial relationship with many of the finest theological minds in the country.

Bloy House has since its inception provided those seeking to exercise leadership in the Episcopal Church with the opportunity to pursue their callings while continuing to maintain their current employment and residence. This commuter model allows individuals to explore their vocations in a rich and challenging theological environment while developing a vocational identity that balances economic and employment needs, family and relationship issues, and Christian vocation.

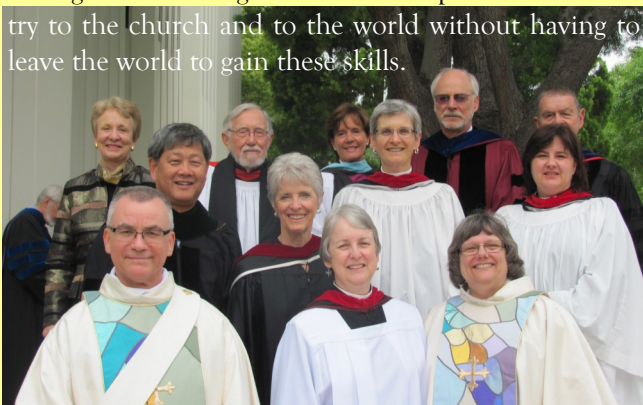
Classes meet on ten weekends per semester (Friday evening through Saturday afternoon). For those who commute from long distances or who seek to enrich their own experience with a residential component, Friday night housing is available on campus and in the area.



# BLOY HOUSE

## Vision of Ministry

Bloy House was founded by Bishop Francis Eric Bloy and the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles in 1958 as an institution dedicated to the training of both lay ministers and those seeking ordination. Our ongoing vision is to provide Episcopalians of the West with a setting in which to grow in leadership skills for ministry to the church and to the world without having to leave the world to gain these skills.



Throughout its history, Bloy House has sought to be responsive to the ever changing needs of the church, training ministers for work in urban and rural areas. We remain committed to responding to the challenges faced by the people of God in the uniquely specific times, places and circumstances of our own day. As a result, Bloy House seeks to form individuals for various styles of ministry related to their particular gifts and the needs within the church they have been called to address.

This includes theological training for traditional full-time parish ministry. It also includes theological formation for situations where other types of ministry are called for. Urban ministry, rural ministry, suburban ministry, mutual ministry, diaconal ministry, diocesan ministry, chaplaincies, social ministries, emergent ministries and a plethora of rich vital lay ministries that proclaim the Gospel of God's love and compassion for the world: you will find Bloy House graduates serving God in all these settings! Might God be inviting you to join us in today's great work of birthing the 21<sup>st</sup> century Episcopal Church?

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## The Episcopal Theological School at Claremont



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## The Bloy House Academic Program

*Adult learning, seminar style classes are held on Friday nights and Saturdays, enabling students employed during the week to engage in a full round of studies in a learning environment that emphasizes the unity between theory and practice. The full Master of Divinity curriculum consists of*



*60-63 academic units of theological education, designed to provide students with a broad-based theological foundation. Semester long courses are 3 units each. Those doing diaconal training or receiving certificates, do a full, but shortened, course of study. Lay persons seeking to grow in their ministerial skills are also strongly encouraged to attend classes at the seminary.*

*Full-time M. Div. study at a residential seminary often represents a load of 12 units, 4 courses per semester. Bloy House students usually take 3 courses per semester often completing more than the first two years of an M. Div. degree in three years at Bloy House, ETSC.*

*Because Bloy House courses are graduate level work, students are generally expected to hold a bachelor's degree in order to take courses for credit. In some instances acceptance may be granted to a non-degreed student with significant life learning.*

*Faculty members of Bloy House hold doctorates or are highly recognized practitioners in their field. Coming from a diverse background of denominations and life experiences, many of them are affiliated with other institutions of higher learning in the greater LA area, as well as being esteemed theological and biblical authors.*

## Choosing Your Program

Because Bloy House students are engaged in a variety of different ministerial pursuits, how one participates in Bloy House is shaped by the needs of the individual student and the juridical body sponsoring the student for enrollment. All students benefit greatly from the richness of intentional Christian community, shared liturgical life, and shared fellowship that are, along with academic pursuits, central to the formation process of our school.

Diaconal students follow a course of study designed to provide them with essential theological formation for this ministry. Lay leaders participate in "Education for Episcopal Leadership" and continue their education and ministry formation by taking courses that are most readily applicable to their own needs. A part of our EEL program is Instituto de Liderazgo, where lay leaders take ministry formation courses in Spanish.

For those specifically seeking a Master's of Divinity degree, there are several options. Because Bloy House is not a degree conferring institution, one may:

1. Enroll in the joint program with Episcopal Divinity School or with Claremont School of Theology and complete 18-21 units of studies in their coursework.
2. At the end of 63 units, transfer to Church Divinity School of the Pacific to complete a final year of studies in their residence.
2. Transfer to any residential Episcopal seminary after two years at Bloy House, entering the new seminary as a middler and completing two full years there. Students who choose this option are advised to be in touch with that institution early on in their studies.