

School of
**THEOLOGY
& MINISTRY**

BIBLICAL STUDIES

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY*

URBAN MINISTRY

WORSHIP MINISTRY

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

*accelerated degree offering

THE RC ADVANTAGE

We serve. We engage. We lead.

What makes us different? We seek to educate ministers who are able to serve communities of faith (whether they be congregations or another kind of community) from the foundation of a God-centered identity. This service of leadership incorporates understanding of scripture, knowledge of the Christian tradition, examination of communities of faith from a variety of perspectives (theological, sociological, anthropological), a focus on social engagement and more. We believe God is living and active in the world, and all our degrees seek to train ministers to lead in discerning and participating in God's ongoing activity in the world.

Course Highlights

- **Biblical Studies**
Courses in Greek or Hebrew depending on chosen track, Biblical Interpretation of the Old Testament, Biblical Interpretation of the New Testament, Ministry of the Word, Contemporary Issues in Hermeneutics, History and Theology of the Christian Tradition
- **Christian Ministry**
The Ministry Life, The Congregation, Practical Issues in Ministry, Pastoral Care, Spiritual Formation, Special Topics in Historical Theology
- **Urban Ministry**
Urban Ministry in the New Testament, Non-Profit Management, Social Welfare and Public Policy, Introduction to Social Entrepreneurship, Substance Abuse and Addictive Behavior
- **Worship Ministry**
Theology of Worship, Hymnology and Church Music, Ministry of the Word, Music Foundations, Choice of private voice, piano or guitar; Participation in Autumn (RC's traveling vocal performance group) or Worship Ensemble Lab
- **Youth and Family Ministry**
Introduction to Youth Ministry, Family Life Ministry, Religion, Media and Youth Culture, Adolescent Development

BIBLICAL STUDIES This degree focuses on the interpretation of biblical texts for the sake of building up the people of God. To interpret ancient biblical texts, students explore biblical languages (Greek and Hebrew), the historical contexts in which they were written, the ways texts have been interpreted and understood throughout Christian history, and the larger theological understandings that both influence and are influenced by biblical interpretation. While historical and grammatical aspects of interpreting texts are emphasized, students also focus on the use of scripture in contemporary settings.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY A degree in Christian ministry prepares students for ministerial leadership. The combination of courses in the areas of biblical studies, theology, Christian history, ministry and spirituality provide a broad educational experience conducive to understanding and engaging the challenges of ministry life. This broad experience is also designed to help students discern their ministry calling. Opportunities are available for ministry experience, both within RC's campus ministry program and through a variety of internship possibilities.

URBAN MINISTRY A degree in urban ministry prepares graduates to participate in God's work of new creation within urban contexts, which are alternately places of energy, vibrancy, cultural expression, neglect, fragmentation and exploitation. The unique opportunities and challenges of urban ministry life require particular training that combines theology, sociology/social work, social entrepreneurship, psychology and ministry. RC provides direct experience through campus ministry opportunities and internships with partners in Detroit, Pontiac and Flint, Michigan.

WORSHIP MINISTRY Worship is a primary place where Christian belief and practice is formed. The worship ministry degree prepares students to serve God's people in the planning and leading of worship. Theology, ministry, music and theatre come together in this interdisciplinary degree to equip leaders for the broad demands of contemporary worship. Students in this program will gain hands-on experience through student worship ensembles (both full band and acapella) and internships with area congregations.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY The youth and family ministry degree prepares students to aid families in spiritual formation. Students complete basic theology and ministry courses, as well as courses that orient them to the unique challenges related to adolescent spirituality in relation to contemporary culture. Additionally, youth and family ministry majors receive first-hand experience in the field, both within RC's campus ministry program and through internships.

average
**CLASS
SIZE** of

12

86% OF GRADUATES

were employed, enrolled in graduate school, or engaged in an internship within 6 months of graduation

CNN's Money Magazine recognized Rochester as one of the top places to live and the very

**BEST IN *all*
of MICHIGAN!**

1,172
STUDENTS
from 19 states and 10 nations

Rochester Hills has been named one of the
100 SAFEST CITIES IN THE US

OUR CAMPUS IS 83 PRISTINE ACRES

*LOCATED A SHORT WALK FROM DOWNTOWN ROCHESTER
-and no more than 30 miles from-*

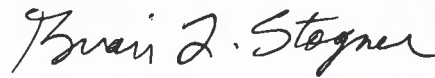
MUSEUMS • MARKETS • MALLS • CONCERTS
PRO SPORTS • THE AUTOMOTIVE SCENE • OUTDOOR ADVENTURE
FOOD TRUCKS • FINE DINING • WORLD CLASS ENTERTAINMENT
NATURAL BEAUTY, AND ALL KINDS OF OTHER FUN TO DISCOVER

We see you as a person created in the image of God. You're not just a name on a class roster or a number on an assessment report. You are a human being who belongs here!

We want you to come to RC to start discovering your life purpose and to envision how that purpose unfolds in your work life. Then, as you continue in these pursuits, we hope you will explore how all of those discoveries coincide with what God is doing in the world. We'll help you take your gifts and capabilities and use them productively for yourself and for your future. Equally important, we want you to use your degree to positively impact lives, communities and the world.

This approach to your future can also be described as "vocation." I encourage you to start thinking "vocation" in addition to "career." Why? Because employers are looking for individuals who have this holistic vision and who bring big-picture thinking and integrity to the workplace—every day.

Thus, our ultimate goal is to set you on a path where you have a vocation that allows you to support yourself and your family, brings positive energy to the workforce, and helps improve our world.



DR. BRIAN STOGNER, President



BIBLICAL STUDIES

CARA FORNEY '14

"My time at RC had a tremendous impact on my career path and helped me recognize my calling. My professors helped awaken interests and gifts within me that I never imagined existed, and they were fully invested in my development as a scholar and a minister of the Bible. The challenging coursework not only prepared me for graduate work but helped me excel in my field, culminating in my acceptance into Baylor University's prominent PhD program in Old Testament."



URBAN MINISTRY

**BREANNA
MIHALOVICH '17**

"The professors at RC are extremely helpful and want nothing more than to see you succeed in and outside of the classroom. The classes prepared me to think about how my vocation allows me to participate in the reconciliation of the world to God on a local and global context. I learned the church is not the only place where ministry occurs. I was given more freedom to choose a career path that didn't look like typical 'ministry,' but still allowed me to participate in the reconciling work of God's Kingdom, leading to my acceptance into the United States Peace Corps."



YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

JOE CRABB '10

"I would recommend the youth and family ministry program at RC for anyone who is thinking about going into student or family ministry. Since I graduated from RC, I have been employed at Woodside Bible Church in Troy, Michigan, as the student ministry pastor. Several courses and professors were instrumental to my development. One of the things I enjoyed most about my ministry and religion professors is they clearly taught and lived out the Gospel."



FACULTY

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Ph.D., Princeton Theological Seminary

YOUR DEGREE IS JUST THE BEGINNING.

Graduates are well prepared for several roles in Christian ministry, including preaching, ministry in urban congregations, working with para-church organizations, youth ministry, missions, worship ministry and teaching. Graduates also find positions at Christian youth camps, senior care facilities, and within schools and communities. The degree also provides a foundation for graduate studies in seminary or other graduate programs in theology. RC offers a Master's of Religious Education in Missional Leadership degree.



CURRENT STUDENT

JESSICA FILIPIAK

Senior from White Lake, Michigan

*Being part of
this academic
program has
been nothing
short of a
blessing."*

"I have loved studying Christian ministry at RC. The professors are all genuinely invested in students' lives, encouraging us intellectually and spiritually. What I appreciate the most is seeing the professors practice what they preach with students; this has made my educational experience much more meaningful. After graduation, I'd like to lead worship at a church. However, my time at RC has helped me discover that I would be comfortable doing other ministry jobs too. I am still learning and growing. I am thankful I can do that within the RC community."

take the next step

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