

YALE DIVINITY SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Divinity School is to foster the knowledge and love of God through rigorous scholarly inquiry, the preparation of students for lives of transformative service, the promotion of broad inclusivity and diversity in our communal life, encounter with the sacred through music and the arts, and the advancement of the sustainability of the earth. Traditionally and primarily Christian in character, the school welcomes persons of all faiths and those of no faith.

A professional school within Yale University, the Divinity School is uniquely positioned to prepare leaders who will address the major issues confronting the global community. YDS prepares students through rigorous scholarly inquiry, corporate worship and spiritual formation, and engagement in a variety of practicing ministries for three major venues: lay and ordained Christian ministries; the initial stage of graduate preparation for the Academy and other professional guilds; and for public service or other careers. In all cases the school seeks to help students understand the theological dimensions of their vocations.