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SFTS continues tradition of diversity with incoming class

San Anselmo, Calif., Oct. 7 – San Francisco Theological Seminary welcomes 53 incoming master of divinity students and 28 doctor of ministry students between its two campuses as it begins its 136th academic year.

The total number of master's students enrolled at SFTS this fall is 112 at the San Anselmo campus and 54 in Pasadena (including the summer program enrollment). There are 226 students enrolled in the D.Min. program, including 32 in the pastoral counseling program offered through the Lloyd Center.

Of the M.Div. students, 42 percent are non-Anglo, including 16 percent international. Nearly 60 percent of the incoming class is from California.

Just more than 50 percent of students between the two campuses are members of the Presbyterian Church (USA), but several other denominations are represented, including United Church of Christ, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Korean Presbyterian Church in America.

Between the two campuses, the ratio of male and female M.Div. students is 50-50 with the average age being 39.

Rev. Wendy Tajima, associate dean of enrollment, said she has been impressed with the wealth of gifts, insights, cultural backgrounds, and faith traditions the incoming class brings to SFTS.

“From their first days here, we have enjoyed their enthusiasm and sense of the Spirit,” Tajima said. “I look forward to continuing to walk with them as they grow in their knowledge and skills for ministry in tomorrow’s church.”

SFTS was founded in 1871 in San Francisco and moved to San Anselmo in 1892. SFTS helped establish in 1962 the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, a consortium of nine seminaries. In 1990, SFTS opened its second campus in Pasadena. About 500 students between the two campuses are enrolled at SFTS.

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