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METRO-URBAN INSTITUTE MENU

The Metro-Urban Institute empowers leaders to navigate the complexities of urban contextual ministry, equipping them with



the vision, resilience, and compassion needed to transform communities and foster hope in the heart of the city.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO

Delivering relevant programming, actionable research, and empowering engagement through our contextual learning and ministry experiences which focus on: Jesus and Justice; Faith and Freedom; Hope and Health; and Arts and Activism. MUI works to deliver two primary events or programs per semester (one internally focused and one externally focused) and partners with others throughout the Seminary and broader Pittsburgh community for even greater impact and reach.

OUR CURRENT FOCUS

For academic year 2024-2025, the Metro-Urban Institute (MUI) is focused on partnering with others to transform traumas rooted in violence in our communities. This helps us to lean into our focus area of faith and freedom as we center the ways that the Christian faith and our inclusive view of the Imago Dei, leads us to create safe spaces where all people are able to live free of violence and individual and communal traumas.

VALUES AND PRIORITIES

With core values of mutuality, justice, service, hospitality, and diversity, MUI offers academically sound and contextually rich conferences and symposiums to equip and empower churches and faith-based organizations to challenge injustices and meet the critical needs of urban communities.

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INTERESTED IN SERVING IN AN URBAN CONTEXT?

Explore our **Graduate Certificate in Urban Ministry**, a flexible year-long program allowing community members and seminarians to explore their Christian vocation in urban settings. Not looking for a formal education but want to better serve your neighbors? Check out our **upcoming events**, which include workshops, lectures, conferences, and special events focusing on serving God's cities.

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TRANSFORMING TRAUMAS: FOSTERING HOPE AND RESILIENCE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

MARCH 13-14, 2025
DR. KERI DAY

Join us for a transformative gathering aimed at addressing the profound impacts of trauma and violence in our communities and fostering pathways to hope and resilience. This conference will bring together community leaders, mental health professionals, pastoral care leaders, grassroots activists, and local and national scholars who are passionate about creating positive change in neighborhoods. Our conversation kicks Thursday with the Kelso Lecture delivered by Dr. Keri Day and follows on Friday with workshops, panel discussions, and interactive networking sessions. Participants will leave with practical tools and actionable strategies that build on innovative approaches to trauma-informed care and healing centered engagement. **Learn more and to register for the event!**

HEAR FROM OUR CERTIFICATE STUDENTS

DESTINI HODGES

I appreciate the program's focus on social justice and community engagement. It equips me with the tools to address urban challenges through a faith-based lens, fostering personal growth and a commitment to serving diverse communities. This education empowers me to impact the urban environment meaningfully, blending theological insights with practical action.

JOHN F. B. ANDERSON SR.

The Graduate Certificate in Urban Ministry program helps individuals who are doing non-traditional ministry in urban settings to link the

work of healthy justice with community resources to alleviate problems in our neighborhoods.

RICHARD NORRIS III

My time as a GCUM student has shown me that learning does not only take place in a classroom. GCUM students have a holistic learning experience from the programming at the Seminary to conferences across the country.

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