

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

Some denominations now require their ministers to acquire continuing education credit annually. The standard formula for continuing education credit is 10 structured learning hours equals one Continuing Education Unit (CEU). Using this formula, each minister can tabulate the number of CEUs she or he earns each year.

Continuing education opportunities take several forms. The seminary periodically offers dedicated continuing education classes. Pastors may also approach the dean to arrange a continuing education course for a group of pastors, e.g., a preaching practicum, a seminar for pastors of small churches, etc. Clergy may also take most masters' degree classes for CEUs. There are several endowed lectureships and programs which may be taken for CEU credit, including those during Ministers' Week, the Stacey Pastors' Workshop, the summer academic session and, periodically, in the form of the Marshall Scholar Program as well as various special lectureships, including Faith Matters and those co-sponsored by PTS and the Institute of Theological Studies.

The seminary welcomes ministers and other qualified persons to take regular course offerings either as auditors or as special students.

### **The Marshall Scholar Program**

This program provides the opportunity for a minister to be on campus for a period of study and enrichment. Normally such a period will be one to three weeks. However, special arrangements may be made with the dean for a study extension.

Each minister who participates as a Marshall Scholar is assigned to a particular member of the faculty for consultation and direction of his or her study program. Assignment of faculty members is made on the basis of the minister's interest and study objectives. The program consists of reading, attending classes, and a research paper if the minister chooses. The assigned faculty member will help make arrangements for the minister to attend those classes appropriate for his or her interest.

Any minister may apply for acceptance as a Marshall Scholar. The minister's living expenses in Tulsa are her or his own. A certificate is awarded by the seminary for the completion of the program.