



NASHOTAH HOUSE

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



2025 IMPACT REPORT



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Dear Friends,

As I reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude—for God’s faithfulness, for the dedication of our faculty and staff, and for your steadfast partnership in the mission entrusted to Nashotah House. Because of your prayers and generosity, this sacred place continues to form men and women for lives of faithful ministry in Christ’s church and the world.

Over the past year, we have seen encouraging signs of renewal, highlighted in the report below. Our students come from across the country and around the world, responding to God’s call to service as priests, deacons, chaplains, and lay leaders. In the classroom, in chapel, and around the Refectory table, they are being shaped to answer this call – not merely intellectually, but spiritually and pastorally. The rhythms of common prayer, study, and community life remain at the heart of Nashotah House’s distinctive formation.

We have also taken important steps to strengthen our institutional foundation. Through careful stewardship and the generosity of our supporters, we continue working toward greater financial stability while investing in the people and programs that sustain our mission. Your support makes it possible for students to answer God’s call without the burden of overwhelming financial obstacles.

It is our privilege—and our responsibility—to prepare leaders for the Church who are grounded in scripture, formed by prayer, and committed to proclaiming the Gospel “with that resistless energy of love which shall melt the hearts of sinners to the love of God.”

Thank you for standing with us in this work. Your partnership ensures that Nashotah House remains a place where lives are transformed, vocations are nurtured, and the Church is strengthened for generations to come.

Peace,



Dr. Lauren L. Whitnah

Dean



OUR **MISSION**

FOUNDED IN 1842 AS AN HEIR OF THE OXFORD MOVEMENT AND INSPIRED BY JACKSON KEMPER, THE FIRST MISSIONARY BISHOP OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NASHOTAH HOUSE EXISTS TO FORM PERSONS FOR MINISTRY IN THE BREADTH OF THE CATHOLIC TRADITION, FOR THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, CHURCHES IN THE ANGLICAN TRADITION, THE WIDER ANGLICAN COMMUNION, AND OUR ECUMENICAL PARTNERS, THUS CONTINUING TO SERVE OUR HISTORIC ROLE AS “THE MISSION,” EMPOWERING THE CHURCH FOR THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

OUR **MODEL**



DAILY WORSHIP

The heart of our campus is St. Mary's Chapel, with daily worship anchoring our life together.



CLOSE-KNIT COMMUNITY

Students are formed for ministry in the context of a community that lives, works, eats, studies, and prays together.



TOP-TIER ACADEMICS

Students are rooted in sound theological and biblical teaching, delivered by a world-class faculty.

Dear Friends of Nashotah House,

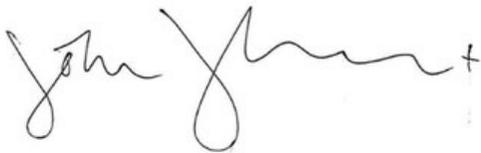
Thank you for your love and faithful support of Nashotah House!

The Board of Directors remains deeply committed to advancing the mission of Nashotah House: educating and forming leaders for the renewal of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. While there are many ways in which your generosity makes an impact, of most importance is that students and visitors alike continue to be formed at Nashotah House both in the classroom and in the chapel—where the name of Jesus Christ is glorified, His wisdom is diligently pursued, and lives are shaped for faithful service in His Church. The classical curriculum and deep commitment to our Anglo-Catholic identity make Nashotah House both unique and profoundly effective at training leaders for lives of ministry.

If you know anything about the trends in theological education, Nashotah House has an uphill battle in front of it. The vast majority of small residential seminaries in the U.S. have closed over the last several decades due to declining enrollment and lack of funding. The trends are towards online offerings or divinity school models associated with large universities. Nashotah House, with its sense of intimacy and holiness, offers a deeply powerful experience that is worth preserving and advancing. It can only continue to do so with your generous support.

Thank you for sharing in this hopeful and holy work.

With gratitude,



The Very Rev. John W. Jordan, SSC
Chair, Board of Directors



BY THE NUMBERS

159

students enrolled in
our degree programs

24

degrees conferred
in 2025

82

dioceses and/or ecclesiastical
jurisdictions represented
among our student body

1,419

living alumni serving
the Church and their
communities

91

visiting students
took classes in 2025

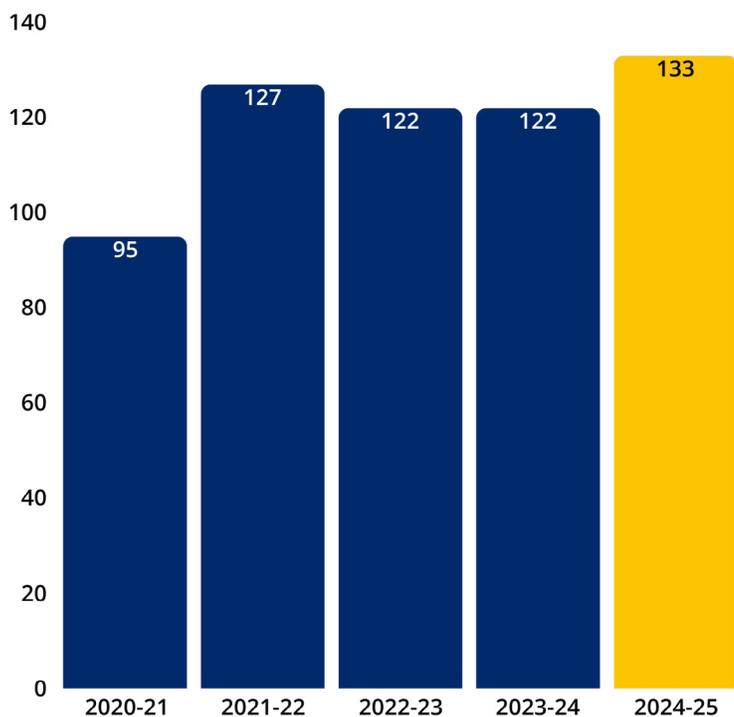
“Nashotah House faculty do an amazing job of taking the academic content that we’re receiving in lectures and through the readings and **APPLYING IT** to the **PASTORAL PRACTICE** of doing **MINISTRY IN THE PARISH.**”

Alonzo Crawford, '26





FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT



Full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment is a standard measure that converts the total course load of all students—both full-time and part-time—into the number of full-time students it represents.

40%
increase in FTE enrollment compared to 2020-21

STUDENT HEADCOUNT BY PROGRAM

29

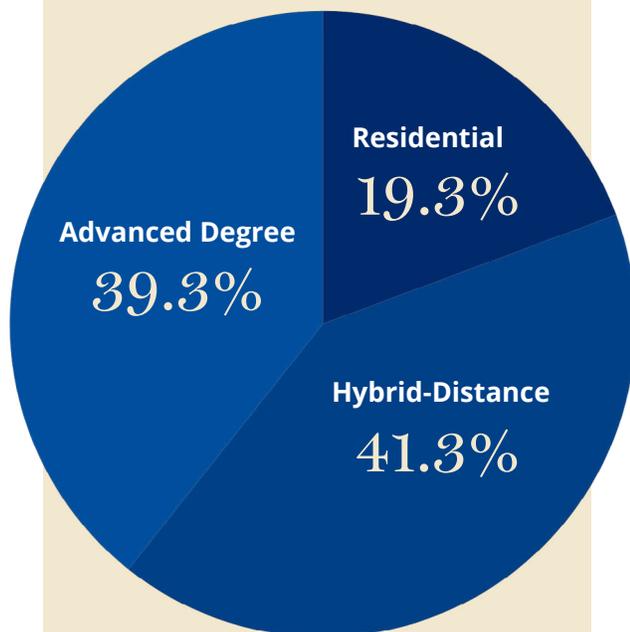
Residential Students

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Hybrid-Distance Students

59

Advanced Degree Students

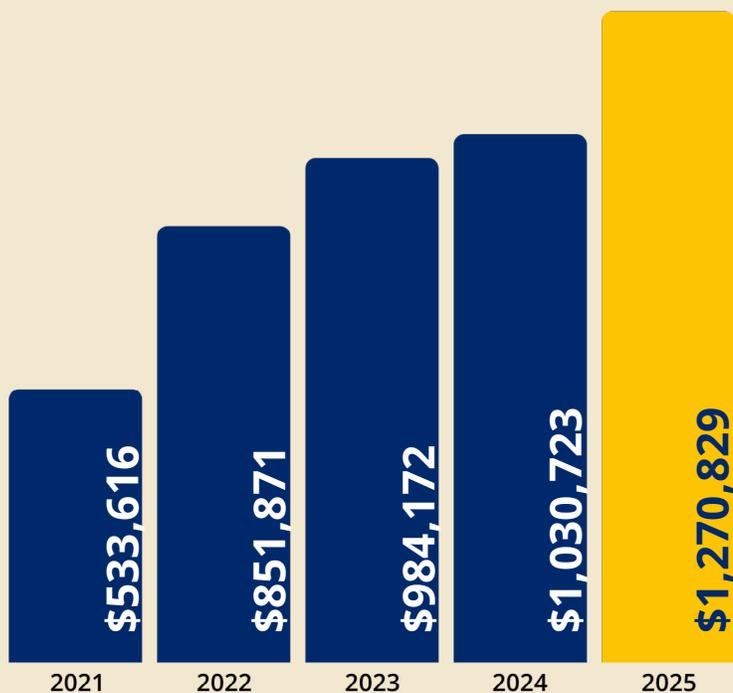


IN 2025, WE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF

\$1,597,811

INCLUDING UNRESTRICTED AND RESTRICTED DONATIONS, GRANTS, AND BEQUESTS

GIVING TO THE ANNUAL FUND



138%

increase in giving
to the Annual Fund
since 2021

Donations given to the Annual Fund support Nashotah House's regular expenses. These gifts are essential to the life of the seminary.

686

donors gave to
Nashotah House
in 2025



144

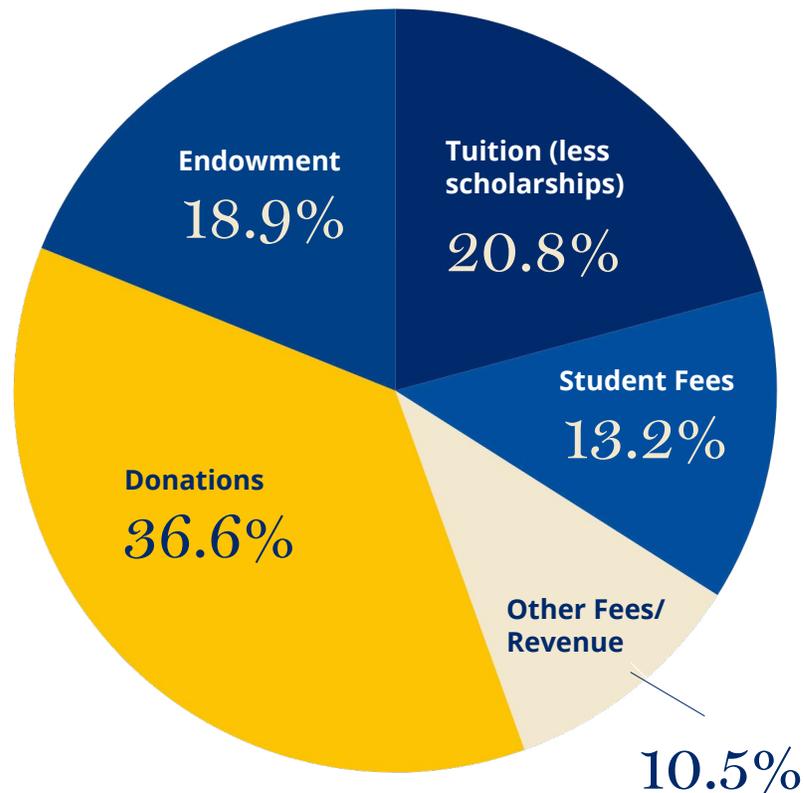
made their first
gift to Nashotah
House in 2025

HOW IS NASHOTAH HOUSE FUNDED?

Nashotah House depends on the generosity of donors to help us meet the financial needs that come with our exciting growth in recent years.

We are only able to provide the resources of our historic campus and academic programs for the formation of ministers for the Church with the support of our donors. More than one-third of our annual operations are funded by gifts from alumni, individuals, parishes, dioceses, and more. Additionally, the funding received from our endowment is only possible because of past and present benefactors and their planned gifts and directed support.

In short, we cannot do it without you.



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WAYS TO SUPPORT NASHOTAH HOUSE

1. Pray for Nashotah House, its students, faculty, staff, alumni, and supporters.

2. Visit our campus or take a class here. Invite a friend or a group from your church to join you.

3. Tell a prospective student about Nashotah House.

4. Consider making a financial gift in support of the Nashotah House mission.



Scan the code to read the Prayer for Nashotah House.



Scan the code to see our upcoming courses.



Scan the code to learn about our academic programs.



Scan the code to donate.

"I SUPPORT NASHOTAH HOUSE BECAUSE

I know of no better place for forming priests for the Church, priests who understand and **CAN TEACH HOLY SCRIPTURE**, who **KNOW THE TRADITION OF THE CHURCH CATHOLIC**, who **CAN PRESIDE WITH GRACE AND DIGNITY** in all services of worship, and who know how to **LOVE THE PEOPLE ENTRUSTED TO THEIR CARE."**

The Rev. Fred Robinson

Rector Emeritus, Church of the Redeemer (Sarasota, FL)

Dear Friends of Nashotah House,

I'm sure I am in the minority among fellow clergy when it comes to my opinion about annual parish meetings. While it is always good to have them out of the way, I actually do not dread them the way some others do. Yes, addressing financial concerns and issues affecting parish health is not fun. But the annual parish meeting provides a wonderful opportunity to pause, slow down, and consider all the work one's parish has accomplished in the previous year. A lot can happen in 12 months, and I enjoy being reminded of the wonderful ministries that have taken place. When seen as an opportunity rather than a burden, the annual parish meeting provides a space where one might become reinvigorated for the coming year. The 2025 Impact Report provides us with a similar opportunity in our relationship with Nashotah House. All institutions face challenges for the future, but there is much to be thankful for as Sons and Daughters of the House entering 2026. This report is evidence of Christ's providence — confirmation of his desire to see the mission of Nashotah House flourish for the wellbeing of his one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

Whether we live close to Nashotah or are far away, we can all play a role in building up the future of our beloved seminary. Please consider supporting Nashotah House through regular prayer, including the offering of Masses with special intention for the House and mentioning Nashotah House by name in the Daily Office. Alumni are encouraged to join *Floreat Nashotah*, and to support the legacy of the seminary through financial giving, legacy gifts, participating in classes and lectures on campus, and by waving the seminary banner as often as you can in your parish and diocese.

I hope to see many of you at our Alumni Day gathering on May 20.

May our Lord Jesus Christ richly bless the leadership, faculty, staff, and students of Nashotah House for many years to come.

In Christ,



Fr Joseph Francis, SSC, Class of 2018
President, Floreat Nashotah



CHARITY, LOVE, *and* MERCY



Led by 2015 graduate Fr. Steve Rice, St. Timothy's has discovered the "beauty of holiness" and service of neighbor go hand in hand

When the Rev. Steven Rice first heard there wasn't enough room in Winston-Salem's homeless shelters, he offered up his church without second thought.

He was among a group of community leaders gathered to discuss space constraints among the city's existing permanent shelters.

"I remember texting a colleague during that meeting and saying, 'Why don't we just open up the parish hall?'" said Rice, rector of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. "And that's exactly what happened. It was that quick and spontaneous."

After that meeting, St. Timothy's, located in a historic neighborhood about 3 miles southwest of the city's downtown, opened the parish hall for one month as an emergency overflow shelter. Other churches did the same, and a network of emergency overflow shelters formed in the city.

Parishioners rallied around the effort.

"That one month was absolutely transformative in every possible way," Rice said.

That was 14 years ago, and in the years since, the parish has remained committed to an evolving ministry of serving the unhoused. Called "Our Lady of Salem Shelter for Women," the emergency shelter is now open every night from mid-November through the month of February, with capacity to serve up to 30 women.

The ministry began as a volunteer-run initiative of the church, which has an average Sunday attendance of about 250. St. Timothy's has since employed staff who provide overnight monitoring of the shelter, but volunteers continue to prepare and serve meals and assist with checking in guests.

The church is pursuing 5013(c)(3) status, which would allow it to receive funds from organizations

that might not otherwise give money to a church. Plans are also underway to add multiple showers, larger restrooms, and commercial laundry facilities. Rice says the church is committed to this ministry “for the long haul.”

Our Lady of Salem is a “low-barrier” shelter, meaning guests don’t have to meet certain requirements, including sobriety, to stay there. The parish strives for “radical hospitality,” Rice said.

“One detail I love is that each guest gets a numbered bin (to check in their belongings),” he said. “If they return to the shelter, they will get the same pillow and blanket each time. They may not have an address—but they have their own pillow. That sense of dignity matters.”

“We take the words of our Lord seriously that, ‘you will also have the poor with you,’” he said. “We know that it’s important for us to respond with charity and love and mercy. We don’t pretend to be able to solve the problem, but we are responding on a cold night to make sure people have a safe place to sleep, that they have a warm meal, and they have a non-judgmental, compassionate presence to love them even if it’s for just that one night.”

Over the years, St. Timothy’s has experienced the ups and downs of serving a vulnerable population, including some property damage, but Rice says it’s a “small price to pay.” He’s more eager to tell the stories of the shelter guests who choose to worship in St. Timothy’s pews, the parishioners who have formed genuine relationships with them, and those who find permanent housing and stability after their stay in the temporary shelter.

Rice says the church has embraced the “active stewardship” of its buildings as the campus is used day and night.

“There is no building that is dormant six days out of the week,” he said. “Yes, we’ve given up things like parish dinners and events in the hall, but we decided this is more important. We’ve sacrificed our parish hall to this ministry, and we’re grateful to do it. It has fundamentally shifted the ethos of this parish.”



At St. Timothy’s, a “high-church” parish where the Mass is said daily, the homeless ministry has revealed how worship and service can feed into one another.

“We see zero difference between the beauty of holiness and Anglo-Catholic worship in the daily Mass and opening up our parish to those who don’t have a home,” he said. “We see them as two sides of the same coin. I don’t think we would have the shelter, frankly, if we didn’t have daily prayer at the church.”

The ministry hasn’t just changed the church’s character; Rice has been deeply affected by his interactions with shelter guests.

“I have probably been taught more Bible and gospel lessons from our guests than by any great theologian,” he said.

A 2015 graduate of Nashotah House’s Doctor of Ministry program, Rice says the seminary continues to be life-giving in his ministry.

“It’s that rarefied air of being there,” he said. “When you are in the middle of parish life, and all of its routines and frustrations, to be able to go to Nashotah and to breathe pure oxygen, that gives you energy to go back. I have found that when I do return to the parish (from Nashotah House), my spiritual blood oxygen level is really high and I’m able to go back with a different kind of enthusiasm for this work.”

GO *& make disciples of all nations*



The Rev. Dr. Travis Bott, Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, spent his sabbatical during the fall 2025 term with his family of six in the Solomon Islands.

The Bott family spent their nearly three-month trip visiting Nashotah alumni the Rev. Alister Rihumana and the Rev. Jack Waneuma, class of 2024, and their families. Fr. Rihumana invests in the next generation of clergy as a lecturer in Biblical Studies, while Fr. Waneuma is a parish priest serving many congregations in a large geographical area. While in the Solomons, the Botts joined the community life of Trinity School of Theology and Ministry, an Anglican seminary on the island of Malaita. Fr. Bott preached and taught seminars on exegesis, apologetics, and the book of Isaiah. He was also honored to deliver the 2025 TSTM graduation address, titled “The Prophet Samuel and Priestly Service.”

FACULTY UPDATES



World-class summer faculty

Nashotah House proudly welcomed the Rev. Dr. Katherine Sonderegger and the Rev. Dr. Ephraim Radner and other internationally regarded scholars as visiting faculty during our summer 2025 term.

New York Polyphony releases 10th album

Dr. Geoffrey Williams' vocal ensemble, New York Polyphony, released its tenth album, "Sky of My Heart" (BIS Records, Sweden), in June 2025 to high praise from BBC Music and Early Music America.



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cities visited by
Dr. Lauren Whitnah
in 2025, teaching, preaching,
and sharing the mission of
Nashotah House



MEET OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM



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Dean



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*Associate Dean of
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A PRAYER FOR **NASHOTAH HOUSE**

Bless, O Lord, this House, set apart to the glory of your great name and the benefit of your Holy Church; and grant that your Name may be worshiped here in truth and purity to all generations. Give your grace and wisdom to all the authorities, that they may exercise holy discipline, and be themselves patterns of holiness, simplicity, and self-denial.

Bless all who may be trained here; take from them all pride, vanity, and self-conceit, and give them true humility and self-abasement.

Enlighten their minds, subdue their wills, purify their hearts, and so penetrate them with your Spirit and fill them with your love, that they may go forth animated with earnest zeal for your glory; and may your ever living Word so dwell within their hearts, that they may speak with that resistless energy of love which shall melt the hearts of sinners to the love of you.

Open, O Lord, the hearts and hands of your people, that they may be ready to give and glad to distribute to our necessities. Bless the founders and benefactors of this House, and recompense them with the riches of your everlasting kingdom, for Jesus' sake. Amen.



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