

Union Presbyterian Seminary
Faculty Position Description (Tenure Track)
New Testament

Mission Statement

Union Presbyterian Seminary equips people in the ways of Jesus to witness, teach, and live into the movement of God's Reign through their ministry in the church and world—a sacred vocation that requires deep learning, commitment to service, and an ability to read cultures and circumstances in the light of the rich resources of Scripture and theological tradition.

Areas of Responsibility

Union Presbyterian Seminary invites applications and nominations for a faculty position in New Testament, to serve primarily on our Charlotte, North Carolina campus. Preference will be given to candidates at the rank of assistant or associate professor. The applicant should have a doctorate in biblical studies, with a specialty in New Testament (or a comparable field), and should be competent and willing to teach within the full range of this field. While the area of particular specialization is open, special consideration will be given to those whose expertise complements our current faculty and who facilitate engagement with a range of approaches to biblical interpretation, including readings from diverse social locations. The position requires affirmation of the vocation of teaching and demonstrated excellence as a teacher, and a view of the professorial office as a calling to excel in scholarship, and to equip others as interpreters of Scripture for the life and mission of the church in the world.

While based in Charlotte, the candidate will be expected to teach courses on both the Richmond and Charlotte campuses, as well as across all degree programs and platforms, and through in-person, hybrid, and distance formats. The person will be expected to participate regularly in teaching the introductory courses in New Testament that combines content, exegesis, and biblical languages. Participation in all of the degree programs at the seminary, including the Master of Divinity (M.Div.), Master of Arts in Christian Education (M.A.C.E.), Master of Public Theology (M.A.P.T.), Master of Theology (Th.M.), and Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.), is expected. Regular opportunities for teaching electives will be part of the position. Members of the Bible department often take on editorial responsibilities with the seminary's journal, *Interpretation*.

Since Union's formation in 1812, it has sustained the intention of its founders to provide education for Christian ministry that is scholarly, pastoral, and engaged with contemporary life. As a free-standing, denominational seminary, we value the active participation of our faculty in the worship and community life of our campus and their service as a resource for churches and communities. The successful applicant will seek to live into this mission.

Union Presbyterian Seminary is a graduate educational institution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and an EO/AA employer committed to increasing the gender, racial-ethnic, ecumenical, and international and cultural diversity in its faculty and student body. Candidates from underrepresented groups are especially encouraged to apply.

Letters of application, including a curriculum vitae, should be addressed to Ken McFayden, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Academic Dean, Union Presbyterian Seminary, 3401 Brook Road, Richmond, Virginia 23227, and emailed to nsmith@upsem.edu. Review of applications will begin on October 15, 2023, and will continue until the position is filled.