

## Pastoral Care, Personal Support, and Vocational Guidance

This program was established to provide support for students who are attempting to resolve issues of calling and/or who are experiencing an emotional crisis and need support in particular areas of personal development.

- a. If the student feels the need for professional counseling or is encouraged by a faculty member to seek professional counseling, the seminary may be able to provide limited financial support.
- b. The **first step** in the referral process is an assessment by a member of the pastoral psychology and counseling department (a faculty person has been designated for this responsibility). Please get the faculty members signature on the counseling verification form or have the faculty member send an e-mail of recommendation to the office of the Dean of Students.
- c. A list of professional counselors is available from the office of the Dean of Students or the student may make contact with an outside counselor, after consultation with the Dean of Students. The **second step** is to get the Dean of Students signature on the counseling verification form.
- d. When a counselor is selected, but **before** the first session has been scheduled, a student seeking seminary financial support must follow the two steps listed above and submit to the Dean of Students the completed counseling verification form. When the request has been approved, the student may schedule an appointment with the counselor.
- e. If the student encounters problems, she or he is asked to notify the Dean of Students.