MISSION
The Iliff School of Theology educates and develops leaders with courageous theological imaginations and, reflecting its United Methodist heritage and relationships, is committed to social justice, inclusiveness, and religious diversity. We transform the world by creating new and renewed local and global communities of inclusive justice by generating critical scholarship and engaging what is sacred.

THE DENVER CAMPUS
Iliff is located six miles south of downtown Denver and features a park-like setting adjacent to the University of Denver. Facilities range from the stately Iliff Hall, built in 1892 as the school’s first building, to the newly renovated Schlessman Commons. Students may live on campus, with options including apartment-style housing on campus to individual houses nearby. Located conveniently near restaurants, museums, and galleries, and just minutes away from excellent hiking and skiing, students enjoy the “best of the west.”

ILIFF GRADUATES
Iliff graduates work and serve – in denominations, nonprofit organizations, and corporations – in countries around the globe. Since 1892, Iliff students have learned from a variety of experiences inside and outside of the traditional academic classroom that help them encounter the “real” world with freshness and excitement.

FACULTY
Iliff’s ecumenical, multi-ethnic faculty brings a wealth of experience to students and provides a resource unique to Iliff. The educational background of this group is both varied and extensive.

Iliff’s faculty is active in scholastic research and publishing, in social and community service, as well as church leadership. The school also utilizes the rich resources of adjunct faculty from the Denver area and is host to visiting faculty from around the world.

DEGREE PROGRAMS
Traditional classroom, online, and hybrid opportunities provide you with optimal flexibility. Iliff is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and the Association of Theological Schools. Iliff offers the following degree programs:

Master of Divinity (MDIV) is designed primarily for you if you are seeking ordination in most ministry traditions or a career in parish ministry, chaplaincy, nonprofit or other forms of religious leadership. Iliff’s Journey MDIV online option – a modified residency learning track – allows you to complete your degree without moving to Denver.

Master of Arts in Social Justice and Ethics (MASJE) is a professional master’s degree that challenges students to understand, navigate, and engage diverse spiritual and religious motivations, communities, and strategies in order to create systemic social change toward more justice structures.

Master of Arts in Pastoral and Spiritual Care (MAPSC) is for those interested in employment as chaplains or spiritual caregivers through religious, healthcare, or hospice organizations. For military chaplains interested in learning more about spiritual resiliency to learning how help those experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), the MAPSC for Military Chaplains is a professional degree for those already holding a MDIV.

Master of Theological Studies (MTS) is designed for those who want to explore various areas of theological studies through an interdisciplinary approach and for those pursuing doctoral studies in religion or theology.

Master of Social Work (MSW) is offered through the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Denver and allows Iliff students to work concurrently at both schools.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in the Study of Religion is offered through the University of Denver/Iliff Joint Doctoral Program.

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GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS
The Graduate Certificate allows the pursuit of graduate theological study without commitment to a full degree program. Graduate Certificates are available in a growing number of areas, including:

- African American Church Studies
- Anglican Studies
- Biblical Studies
- Gender, Sexuality, and Religion
- General Theological Studies
- Justice and Peace Studies
- Leadership and Organizational Management
- Military Chaplaincy Ministry
- Pastoral and Spiritual Care
- Religion and Social Change
- United Methodist Studies

Certificates available and their respective requirements are subject to change. More information about graduate certificates is available from the Admissions office at 720-744-2656, admissions@iliff.edu.

STUDENT LIFE
All students – those who commute and those who live on campus – are encouraged to become involved with a wide range of social, intellectual and spiritual opportunities available at Iliff. Students’ unique gifts and talents are vital to the life of the community.

Administrative staff and student leaders collaborate to provide a variety of activities including art shows, meals, speakers, films, and general social events. In addition, a variety of student-led groups provide social networking and leadership opportunities for students. These include Fellowship Committee, Social Action Committee, Iliff Queer Coalition (LBGTQA Students and Allies), Students of Color, United Methodist Society, Spirituality in the Arts, NAPAS (National Association of Pan-African Seminarians), Lutheran Student Group, UCC Student Group, and Unitarian Universalist Student Association.

ILIFF CAREER CENTER
The Iliff Career Center provides resources and services to students to assist them in developing strategies and tactics for securing successful and fulfilling job placement upon completion of their Iliff education. The Career Center helps students chart their paths and forge relationships to support their professional and life goals.

In accordance with The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, the Iliff School of Theology publishes an Annual Security and Fire Safety Report by October 1 each year. The most current copy is available at: http://www.iliff.edu/learn/the-iliff-experience/security-and-fire-report

SPRINUTAL LIFE
Students have sacred time/worship together in the Iliff chapel and in other campus locations in a community service designed freely from the many traditions represented in the student body. Services are planned and conducted by students, faculty, staff, or outside guests to provide opportunities for spiritual renewal and to help build community.

Other spiritual programming includes prayer groups, retreats, field trips to visit special exhibits or congregations, service activities, prayer walking outdoors or on a labyrinth, and yoga. These events may be organized by students with the assistance of the Dean of the Chapel’s Office.

THE IRA J. TAYLOR LIBRARY
For more than 50 years, the Ira J. Taylor Library has served the research and information needs of the Iliff community and the public. The library contains the largest theological collection in the Rocky Mountain Region, with more than 205,000 volumes, 60,600 microforms, and over 400 periodical and serial subscriptions.

In 1998, Iliff dedicated the $3.6 million Bacon Education Center - which includes a 15,000 square foot addition to the library. The library catalog and other resources are accessible through the library's home page at http://library.iliff.edu.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS
1884 Elizabeth Iliff Warren announces an offer of $100,000 to endow a theological school
1892 The Iliff School of Theology formally opens, affiliated with the University of Denver
1903 Iliff incorporates as an independent institution from the University of Denver
1936 Accreditation by the newly formed American Association of Theological Schools
1956 Ira J. Taylor Library opens with 45,000 volumes.
1973 Accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges as a professional doctoral degree-granting institution
1981 Iliff and the University of Denver jointly inaugurate the Doctor of Philosophy in Religion degree program
2010 Iliff began offering the Master of Arts in Social Change (now called the Master of Arts in Social Justice and Ethics)