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Payne Theological Seminary Launches Doctor of Ministry Degree

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The inaugural group of DMin students worship at the Seminary's Church of the Living Savior. Fourth District, Senior Bishop and student mentor, John R. Bryant delivered the keynote address.

WILBERFORCE, OHIO — On Monday, August 17, Payne Theological Seminary launched its Doctor of Ministry (DMin) degree by welcoming a cohort of 31 students to its Wilberforce, Ohio campus. Even though the Seminary is primarily an online graduate program, students came from various states for a week of intensive study. Classes ranged from technical orientation and spiritual writing to strategic relationships, social justice and transformative learning – *just to name a few*.

Rev. Dr. J.T. Roberson, director, of the DMin program said, "Upon graduation, these students will be prepared to address the social, economic and spiritual shifts in theology, church and community. I look forward to witnessing their transformational leadership as well as their impact on the world."

Rev. Bruce Butcher, President of Payne's Alumni Association told the inaugural group at its Opening Worship Service, "You are history makers! Those yet unborn, will look back to this day

and say; yes, this is where it all started." Student mentor, Senior Bishop John R. Bryant, also spoke at the service. Payne's DMin program is a 48-credit hour program that students can complete in six consecutive semesters. On-campus intensives and online courses offer a flexible format to meet student needs.

The program seeks to deepen the basic knowledge, skill, and research in ministry, so students can engage in the practice of ministry with increasing professional, intellectual, and spiritual integrity. Participants must have a minimum of three years' experience in full-time ministry after the completion of a Master of Divinity degree to enroll.

To enroll or learn more about the DMin degree program visit www.payne.edu or call admissions at (937) 376-2946, ext. 222.

About Payne Theological Seminary: *Payne Theological Seminary is one of the oldest Black seminaries primarily concerned with the training of men and women for the ministry. The purpose of Payne has always been to prepare men and women of faith to be spiritual leaders, intellectual leaders, and agents of constructive social change in the church and world. Its origin can be traced to the Ohio Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, which met in Columbus Ohio on October 18, 1844. The Seminary is located at the corner of Wilberforce-Clifton Road and Coleman Road in Wilberforce, Ohio. Wilberforce is approximately three miles northeast of Xenia, Ohio, and 18 miles east of Dayton, Ohio. It is situated within driving distance of Dayton, Springfield, Cincinnati, and Columbus.*

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