

# BLACK CHURCH PROGRAMS LAY MINISTRY CERTIFICATE

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## What is the Lay Ministry Certificate?

Denver Seminary's Lay Ministry Certificate is designed to equip and support adult men and women to serve more confidently in positions of leadership in their church, Christian organization, or place of work. Students completing the year-long program are highly encouraged to apply to one of the many Degree and/or Certificate Programs offered by Denver Seminary, which include majors and concentrations such as: Divinity, Theology, and Spiritual Formation, just to name a few.

Lay Ministry Certificate classes are taught cohort style by members of our world-class faculty or one of our highly qualified Adjunct Professors.

This program will provide leaders with:

- A foundation upon which to conduct proper biblical exegesis
- An understanding of the essential doctrines of the Christian faith
- A biblical framework and foundation for spiritual/work-place leadership
- Preparation for seminary coursework and local church or marketplace ministry
- Foundational essentials for ministry credentialing (licensure or ordination)

Offered at the  
Littleton, Colorado  
and Washington DC  
campuses.

  
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Black Church Programs



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The Church is more diverse ethnically, culturally, economically, and geographically than ever before. Our students must experience and embrace that diversity as an essential part of God's purpose and mission. Likewise, they must learn to embody and communicate the truth of Scripture in multicultural settings. The Black Church Programs is committed to:

### Expand:

Expand the presence of Black students in Denver Seminary degree programs.

### Enhance:

Enhance the overall experience of Black students through support activities and services.

### Extend:

Extend the educational resources of Denver Seminary to the Washington DC Metropolitan and Denver, CO communities and to others across the nation.



### Dr. John Moreland

*Director of Black Church Programs*

John is a native of San Antonio, Texas. Upon graduating from Wayland Baptist University, he commenced studies at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, earning a Master of Divinity Degree. He earned a DMin in Leadership at Denver Seminary. In addition to his role as Director of Black Church Programs, John also serve as the Director of the Pathways Research Grant, funded by the Lilly Foundation, and is an adjunct faculty member. He and his wife, Kenna, have been married for 20 years and are the proud parents of five children. John is burdened to see every man, woman, and child walk in a personal and fruitful relationship with Christ and works tirelessly to heal the racial divide within the Christian community of faith. His daily prayer is that God would eradicate all remnants of racial strife among believers.



### Rev. Iantha Brown, MDiv

*Recruiter/Black Church Programs/ Community Liaison*

Rev. Iantha Brown is a proud graduate of Denver Seminary with a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) Degree. Currently, she serves as recruiter/community liaison for the Lay Ministry Program for the DC Campus and is as an adjunct professor for the program. Rev. Brown also serves as copastor, Refuge Church Ministries II, located in Glen Burnie, Maryland, a church she and her husband were called to plant in 2009.



### LaShonda Smith

*Assistant Director of Black Church Programs*

LaShonda is a recent graduate of Denver Seminary's Lay Ministry Program where she received the Robert E. Woolfolk Award [for exhibiting qualities of graciousness, love for the Church, commitment to bridge building and promise of future ministry leadership in the African American community]. She is continuing her education at Denver Seminary by working on her Master of Arts in Biblical and Theological Studies. LaShonda prioritizes mentoring young adults and time with her loved ones. Her calling is to serve God's people by coaching and developing strong leadership.

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For more information or to apply for the Lay Ministry program  
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