

## **Purposes**

- To help students appreciate and understand Christian history, theology, and spirituality from the perspective of the biblical, historical Christian faith;
- To create opportunities for students to apply and integrate classroom knowledge and principles to in-service training experiences in local churches, cross-cultural settings, and missions;
- To prepare students to pursue the study of philosophy, theology, or religion in a graduate school or seminary;
- To educate students to be "practical thinkers" and "thinking practitioners."

## **Tradition of Excellence**

The School of Theology and Christian Ministry faculty is committed to Christian service and the Wesleyan heritage. It offers personal attention and programs geared toward preparing women and men for ministry in a variety of forms as well as for other professions. With approximately fifty denominations represented at Point Loma, students have the opportunity to learn the similarities and differences between the major denominations and traditions within the Christian faith. The faculty of the School of Theology and Christian Ministry is diverse in educational background, with degrees from leading seminaries and universities across the country. Faculty members have published commentaries, dictionary articles, Christian life pieces, books, articles in national scholarly journals, and Christian education booklets. All professors are members in academic societies in fields of study. Outside the classroom, the faculty are committed members of local congregations and often spend weekends preaching, teaching Sunday school, or speaking at camps and retreats.