



Trinity School for Ministry Partners with Church Army USA

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Trinity's first two Certificates of Evangelism were awarded at our 2021 Commencement to Angel Bailey and Andrenna Williams. The Certificate of Evangelism was established in 2019 at Trinity, in partnership with Church Army USA.

Church Army was established in England in the late 1800's to work with the Church of England to reach out those who were on the margins, and lost without Christ. Church Army was, in effect, the arm of the local congregations that took the gospel into their communities with the message of salvation for all who would accept Christ as Savior and Lord of their lives.

In these days of challenge to the Christian church and the gospel, we together reaffirmed the need to provide to our local congregations the training necessary to prepare them to be active in the evangelism of their local communities.

When Trinity was established, our founders were clear that they were creating not only a seminary for the training of ordinands [or clergy] for the church, but also a place for training Christian laity as well. Thus, when the opportunity arose to join with a leading ministry

in evangelism to provide training of church laity in evangelizing the gospel, the partnership was formed with Church Army.

The Certificate of Evangelism program requires the completion by audit of four academic courses provided by Trinity, and a Practicum administered by Church Army. Each of the courses can be accomplished online. Likewise, the Practicum does not require an on-campus presence to be completed. (See our Academic Catalog on our website for complete details)

In conjunction with our partnership, Church Army has developed a new outreach to introduce the program to dioceses and congregations in the ACNA and beyond. A major effort is being made to help local congregations to encourage their members who sense a call to evangelism to consider our Certificate program. Scholarship support for the program is being sought, and local congregations are being encouraged to join in supporting those who elect to seek the Certificate of Evangelism. Please contact Janessa Fisk, director of admissions and recruitment, at admissions@tsm.edu or 724-266-3838 for more information. ▼