



Official Student Groups 2020-2021

APTS Holy Spirit Squad and Polity Bowl

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MISSION STATEMENT: To provide an enthusiastic/athletic/creative outlet to promote school spirit.

Sponsor: Megan McMillan

A Threshold to Chaplaincy

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MISSION STATEMENT: A threshold takes you from one place into another, when you're about to start something new, leave something old, or are in transition – you're also on a threshold. As we stand at the threshold of learning we strive to be spiritual healers to those encountering a threshold in their lives. This group seeks to inform and guide students on the education requirements, volunteer opportunities, current events, and work options in the chaplaincy field.

Sponsor: Paul Hooker

African and African Diaspora Student Group

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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MISSION STATEMENT: To provide support for and address concerns particular to African-American students. Our goal is to serve and support each other, the APTS community and the larger Austin area.

Sponsor: Asante Todd

Austin Seminary Patristics Society

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MISSION STATEMENT: To empower students to wisdom and virtue through communal studies of the Early Church and the writings of the Early Church Fathers and inspire appreciation for church history through critical, yet impressionable readings of the Early Church Fathers.

Sponsor: David Johnson

How Great Thou ART

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MISSION STATEMENT: How Great Thou ART seeks to provide an opportunity for the artists of APTS to gather for Sabbath.

Sponsor: Margaret Aymer

Latinx Student Association

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MISSION STATEMENT: To provide a forum for students of Latinx decent to support each other and build community/network through the sharing of ethnic and religious experiences. As a student-centered organization, the group will provide opportunities to address specific concerns, issues and challenges in the community relating to Latinx within the APTS community. In addition, students will have opportunities to serve the APTS community and also the greater Austin community.

Sponsor: Gregory Cuéllar

Meditation & Prayer Group

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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MISSION STATEMENT: The purpose of this group is to provide a safe space to unwind from the week, connect with God, and focus on our own spiritual healing.

Sponsor: Jennifer Lord

Methodist Student Group

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MISSION STATEMENT: To establish a connection among Methodist Students for fellowship and discussion of relevant issues.

Sponsor: David White

MSSW/MDIV Student Group

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MISSION STATEMENT: To provide support to and a community for current dual degree students and a place where inquiring students might learn more and get questions answered.

Sponsor: Dave Jensen

Queer Alliance

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MISSION STATEMENT: Queer Alliance celebrates the imago Dei in all of God's children, recognizing God's creative power in all gender and sexual identities. Thus, the mission of Queer Alliance is to create a welcoming, supportive, and brave space within the APTS community for LGBTQIA+ persons and allies through fellowship, education, worship, and advocacy both in and beyond the walls of our seminary.

Sponsor: Bill Greenway

Queso Tour

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MISSION STATEMENT: Queso Tour exists to host fellowship opportunities with all Austin Seminary students over delicious queso.

Sponsor: Megan McMillan

Supporters of Seminarians (SOS)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

MISSION STATEMENT: To offer support for and create a community among spouses, partners, couples, families, and students, while enhancing the experience of and the atmosphere at APTS.

Sponsor: Sarah Gaventa

Students for Interfaith Action (SoFIA)

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MISSION STATEMENT: To help students get involved in interfaith work by hosting interfaith events and promoting organizations and activities in the Austin area, in order to help foster a loving and diverse community with depth and intentionality.

Sponsor: Ted Wardlaw

Students for Social and Environmental Justice (SOJ)

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MISSION STATEMENT: To encourage students to live out our ideals of social justice and environmental care as members of the body of Christ.

Sponsor: Bill Greenway

Students withOut Borders (SOB)

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MISSION STATEMENT: Students withOut Borders (SOB) exists to faithfully witness to the plight of immigrants in the United States, both on our border and in our local community.

Sponsor: Phil Hesel

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