

## Seminary grads find new ways to minister

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Across the United States, less seminary graduates are looking to become ministers once their education is complete, according to a [Washington Post article](#) [1]:

"The skepticism about religious institutions has led to a broadened concept of what it means to minister. Like Alethea Allen, seminary graduates today use the words 'ministry' and 'calling' to describe their plans to employ their understanding of theology in a new career or to use their degrees to bring more purpose to what they are already doing. And seminaries are busily trying to accommodate them, creating new degrees for careers in such areas as urban ministry and psychology."

Due to increased skepticism of institutionalized religion and the so-called "Millennials" generation becoming less religiously affiliated, a greater number of divinity students are enrolling so their eventual degree will aid them in the career path they have already chosen.

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