

Imago DEI

The Image of God is
Diversity, Equity,
& Inclusion

OUR CREDO

From our students to our staff to our faculty to our trustees and beyond, **we are committed to fostering a just community that embraces differences**—both here on campus and around the world. Always celebrating one another. And always with humility.

“God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness.’ So, God created humankind in God’s image, in the image of God they created them.” (Gen. 1:26-27)

DIVERSITY

IDEA

GENDER

ETHNIC

LANGUAGE

ORIENTATION

ABILITY

AGE

CULTURAL

ENVIRONMENTAL

RACIAL

NATIONAL

RELIGIOUS

EQUITY

WHEN WE...

SEE INJUSTICE,

we look to solidarity and restoration.

CANNOT HEAR VOICES,

we amplify them and lower our own.

WITNESS OUR COMMUNITY HURTING,
our hearts bend in compassion and care.

REACH AN IMPASSE,

we seek a Third Way.

BUILD WALLS,

**we seek collaboration
and transformation to dismantle them.**

DO NOT UNDERSTAND,

we seek understanding.

FEEL ALONE,

we break down structures of isolation.

INCLUSION

At SFTS, we see a world where many children of God are excluded from the life of the church and other faith communities. They suffer. They feel abandoned. **As a seminary and Christian community, we are united to be an inclusive place where diversity flourishes in all its forms.** Why do we do this? God calls us. We are called to live inside God’s beautiful family, and that means pursuing justice, knowledge, dignity, and well-being for all people. Especially as this big world gets smaller every day.

“For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes.” (Deut. 10:17)

Throughout it all, we recognize that this work is hard and absolutely vital. And we ask for grace along the journey. **The Image of God is made of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.** And SFTS will do all it can to reflect that image in its community, campus, and our greater world.



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