131 Master of Divinity degrees were awarded in May 2013.¹ Of these, 75% will be seeking ordination or have already been ordained by their denomination. Students identifying as Methodist’s comprise 50% of the total class size. 59% of 2013 graduates intend to pursue full-time parish-based ministry and 21% indicated a vocation in extension-based ministry.² Compared with the national average of 41%, Duke Divinity has an 18% higher rate of graduates pursuing full-time church-based ministry.³

¹ This number does not include four students who walked at the May Commencement, but will graduate in fall 2013. Therefore, the survey data reflects responses from 135 students.
² See page two for a list of what constitutes parish-based ministry and extension-based ministry.
³ See Association of Theological Schools Graduating Student Survey for national comparison.

http://www.ats.edu/Resources/Student/Documents/Questionnaire/ESQ/2012-2013ESQ.pdf (pp. 56-59)
Post-Graduation Plans for the M.Div Class of 2013 Include:

Parish-Based Ministry:
- Pastor
- Associate Pastor
- Associate Rector
- Local Pastor
- Music Minister
- Christian Education Director
- Discipleship Coordinator
- Associate Campus Minister
- Youth Ministry Coordinator
- UMC Deacon Associate
- Church Planter
- 1st Year Ministry Fellowship
- Missions Coordinator

Extension-Based Ministry:
- Chaplain Resident
- Counseling
- Professor/Instructor/Teacher
- Spiritual Formation Leader
- Urban Gardens Ministry
- Faith Based Advocacy
- Non-Profit Program Director
- Apprentice Institute for Christian Formation
- Curacy

Ordination Plans of the Duke M.Div Class of 2013 Graduates

- Yes or Already: 75%
- No: 12%
- Still Discerning: 13%

Chart represents 135 total responses

2013 Duke M.Div Graduates Vocational Plans

- Full Time Church Ministry: 99%
- Full Time Extension Ministry: 21%
- Further Graduate Work: 10%
- Undecided/Other: 10%

Chart represents 135 total responses