

In 1970 the Senate of Perkins School of Theology joined other members of the Association of Theological Schools in voting to re-designate the Bachelor of Divinity degree as that of Master of Theology. On November 6, 1970, the Board of Trustees of Southern Methodist University authorized Perkins to change the name of its basic theological degree from Bachelor of Divinity to that of Master of Theology. Since the former B.D. degree represented three years of academic work beyond the baccalaureate degree, a more appropriate designation would be that of M.Th.

On May 8, 1981, the Board of Trustees of Southern Methodist University authorized Perkins to change the name of its basic theological degree from Master of Theology to Master of Divinity. This was done to conform to wording used by other members of the Association of Theological Schools.

Anyone holding the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southern Methodist University, Perkins School of Theology, may exchange that degree for the Master of Divinity by sending a request in writing with the appropriate fee to the Registrar's Office of Perkins.

INSTRUCTIONS:

To order a new diploma in your name from SMU, please send a check made out to Southern Methodist University for \$45.00. Include your birth date and Social Security number. Send to:

Registrar's Office
Perkins School of Theology
SMU Box 750133
Dallas, TX 75275-0133

We usually require that the old diploma be returned for stamping "redesignated". It will be returned to you, if you would like to have it for sentimental reasons.

Please note that diploma orders are not made very often. This process will take at least six weeks, once your request and check are received.