

L A I T Y E X C H A N G E

PROGRAM SELF-PORTRAITS

No.
"MIDLIFE EXPLORATION"

Address: New York Theological Seminary
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Leadership: The Rev. Dr. Willis E. Elliott, Director
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Financial Support: The modest fee, as explained in the brochure
bearing the program name.

Controlling Body: A regular program of the seminary.

Accreditation: While the program does not require partici-
pation for academic credit, credit is arrange-
able at either graduate or college level. As
participants are almost without exception
laity, the degree involved is normally the MPS
[Master of Professional Studies] with emphasis
on some area of lay ministry.

Type of participant: The program, as the brochure states, is "For
Christians with executive responsibility."
"Executive" is loosely construed: while most
participants are from the world of executive
business, what "executive" handles more complex
responsibilities than does the housewife?

Style: Peer learning, helping each other--through
Bible study and various group- and leadership-
skills--explore toward one's next stage of
life and ministry.

Group size: 12, equal number of men and women.

Meetings: An orientation, a review and redirection, and
an evaluation educational retreat--each being
long weekend (two-night); regular long sessions
every other Tuesday evening for nine months.

Viewpoint: Ecumenical Christian, as is the seminary....
Learning from differences of denomination,
sex, race, class background.

Goal of participants: For some, a new career; for most, more effec-
tive Christian life in secular employment.