



## how to apply

For more information or to begin the application process, contact our Admissions Coordinator at [admissions@sksm.edu](mailto:admissions@sksm.edu) or 510/845-6232 x125.

Visit our Web site — [www.sksm.edu](http://www.sksm.edu) — for up-to-date information on the admissions process, tuition and financial aid opportunities.

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In faithfulness to our theological commitments, Starr King embraces all, regardless of age, gender, gender expression, race, color, national or ethnic origin, class, religion, sexual/affective orientation, physical character or disability in admission to or employment in the education programs or activities of the school.

If you have questions about Title IX regulations, please contact the federal "Office of Civil Rights," [OCR.SanFrancisco@ed.gov](mailto:OCR.SanFrancisco@ed.gov) or 415/556-4275, or Thomas W. Smith, Starr King Title IX officer, at 2441 Le Conte Ave., Berkeley, Calif. 94709-1209 or 510/845-6232 x111, [tsmith@sksm.edu](mailto:tsmith@sksm.edu), fax 510/845-6273.

The choice to **ble**ss the **world** is more than an act of will,  
a moving forward into the world,  
with the intention to do good.  
It's  
an act of recognition,  
a confession of surprise,  
a grateful acknowledgement  
that in the midst of a  
broken world  
unspeakable beauty, grace,  
and mystery abide.

*Rev. Rebecca Parker*

President  
STARR KING SCHOOL

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A NEW DEGREE PROGRAM

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Consider Starr King School for the Ministry's new **Master of Arts in Religious Leadership for Social Change (MASC)** degree. A two-year program for spiritual progressives, the MASC offers learning grounded in theological education and practical experience.



## who should apply?

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- Those seeking spiritual and theological grounding to pursue their life's work.
- Those already engaged in religious leadership for social change who want to enhance their professional competency.

## how does the MASC program work?

In keeping with Starr King School's educational philosophy, the MASC emphasizes an individual program of study. Our approach honors personal learning styles and passions, as well as the unique life experiences each student brings to the educational process.

MASC students learn leadership — community organizing, media relations, non-profit management, political actions and social service ministry — under the guidance of

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## our location

The Starr King campus is located in Berkeley, close to the University of California and across the bay from San Francisco, in the midst of stunning natural beauty. In this intellectually stimulating, culturally diverse, socially progressive region, students experience the intersection of religion, arts, scholarship and politics.