

# Wesleyan Strategies for the Missional Church

Doctor of Ministry Degree Track

## THE PURPOSE OF THE WESLEYAN STRATEGIES FOR THE MISSIONAL CHURCH TRACK

The Church needs a revival of greater communion and mission. No other tradition knows revival quite like Wesleyans. To this purpose, the Saint Paul School of Theology Wesleyan Doctor of Ministry (DMin) track retrieves transformative insights from many streams of the larger Wesleyan movement from its beginnings in early British Methodism, its rise and development in North America, to its emerging forms today. The Wesleyan way integrates what has divided other traditions: evangelism and social concern, personal and social holiness, grace and responsibility, and works of piety, mercy, and justice. These and other Wesleyan distinctives offer a “practical divinity” that renews congregations and generates a fellowship of servant disciples and effective leaders for the sake of the mission of God in the twenty-first century.

A new wave of dynamic Christian community is emerging among mainline denominations. It is revitalizing older, established congregations and generating new communities of passionate discipleship. The Wesleyan DMin track will explore the principles and practices by which clergy and laity together lead communities into greater communion and mission for the sake of transforming the world.

## GOALS OF THE TRACK

- Retrieves the Wesleyan heritage critically and creatively
- Engages pastors of four vital congregations who seek to embody a Wesleyan missional vision
- Advances your knowledge, resources, and practices for congregational renewal and mission
- Explores practical models of spiritual formation and mission to diverse contexts
- Practices spiritual disciplines that clarify your vocation and engender a passion and vision for mission

## PASTORAL GUIDES

The lead faculty have invited pastors of some of the most dynamic Wesleyan congregations today to serve as pastoral guides. These include Rev. Adam Hamilton (UM Church of the Resurrection), Rev. Dr. Emanuel Cleaver III (St. James UMC), Rev. Matt Miofsky (The Gathering UMC), and Rev. Nanette Roberts (Grace UMC). *Note: Pastoral Guides are subject to change.*

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## DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

The Wesleyan Strategies for the Missional Church Doctor of Ministry track is a 30 credit hour program of study in which entering students form a cohort of mutual learning, collaboration, and support. The track combines core courses with track-specific courses to engage participants in topics and experiences that are fundamental to vital and informed Wesleyan leadership in ministry. Courses are scheduled as intensive sessions in January and June. Most sessions are conducted as two-week blocks, including the interim weekend, yielding about 5 credit hours.

## DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE TRACK

- Integration of communion and mission, personal and social holiness, evangelism and social reform
- Focuses on personal and congregational renewal
- Focuses on church leadership
- Focuses on organizing communities for prophetic ministry and missional effectiveness
- Three immersions in monastic communities
- Learning and engagement with four pastors of dynamic Wesleyan congregations

## DISTINGUISHING MARKS OF SAINT PAUL DMIN EDUCATION

- Robust faculty-student interaction
- Lead faculty shepherd students through the program
- Practical education that is useful and challenging
- Collegial and collaborative learning community
- Learning is practiced as a spiritual discipline
- Integrates spiritual formation and rigorous academics

## OVERVIEW OF COURSE SCHEDULE

<b>Term</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Credit Hour</b>
<b>January 2013</b>	DMin Orienting Seminar	(2)
	Theology and Spirituality in the Wesleyan Tradition	(3)
<b>June 2013</b>	Core Course: Spiritual Traditions and Ministry	(2)
	Practices of Personal Holiness	(1)
	Wesleyan Church Leadership	(2)
<b>January 2014</b>	Core Course: Theology and the Church's Ministry	(2)
	The Wesleyan Heart of Personal Holiness	(1)
	Evangelism and Mission in the Wesleyan Tradition	(2)
<b>June 2014</b>	Core Course: Prophetic Ministry	(2)
	Practices of Social Holiness	(1)
	A Ministry of Faith Formation in the Wesleyan Tradition	(2)
<b>January 2015</b>	Organizing Missional Communities in the Wesleyan Spirit	(3)
	The Wesleyan Heart of Social Holiness	(1)
	Praxis Thesis Seminar	(1.5)
<b>June 2015</b>	Proposal Conference	(0.5)
<b>June 2015</b>	Thesis Conference	(4)
<b>Total credit hours</b>		<b>(30)</b>

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