

> > > COURSE DESCRIPTIONS: DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Ministry in our culture is constantly changing. Because of this continued fluctuation, we will regularly rotate existing courses and design new courses to respond to the emerging demands on servant leaders. Therefore, some courses listed here may be offered periodically. For the most current listing of upcoming courses, go to www.doctorofministry.org.

DM800 ACTIVE STATUS REGISTRATION (0)

This annual fee of \$500 maintains D.Min. students in “active standing” status in the program. This fee can be applied to any other academic charges incurred during the following 12 months. Students will automatically be registered July 1 each year and their accounts charged. Failure to pay the fee or register for a D.Min. course by September 1 will result in being withdrawn from the program. If inactive for over a year, the student must apply for re-admission.

DM 801 THEOLOGY OF MINISTRY (3)

Seamands

Considers the biblical basis for a special-called ministry within the larger context of the ministry of all Christians and the nature and mission of the Church. Reflection continues on scriptural insights which may inform such specific functions of ministry as preaching, worship leading, counseling and administration. This course is intended to assist participants in formulating and clarifying a distinctly theological basis for their vocation.

DM 802 BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION FOR LIFE AND MINISTRY (3)

Dongell, Thompson

Seeks to upgrade the students’ use of Scripture in personal spiritual formation, in their D.Min. project/dissertation and in ministry, by focused attention on the several critical tasks involved in biblical interpretation. The course will emphasize inductive interpretation of Scripture in its several contexts. In light of the Church’s experience at interpreting the text and benefiting from advances in critical study of Scripture, students will increase their interpretive skills by doing interpretive work on passages important to their ministry and/or project/dissertation.

DM 803 DISSERTATION WRITING AND RESEARCH METHODS (3)

Andrews

Designed to give knowledge of a library research methodology in preparation for writing a project/dissertation. Instruction will focus on writing the proposal, which includes a statement of the problem, the review of related literature, the theoretical framework, an extensive outline and a justification for the study. The course requirements assume that there will be active interaction with the student’s mentor in developing the proposal. Credit only.

NOTE: Students not completing a successful proposal hearing within 12 months of taking DM803 will be required to take the class again as an auditor at the cost of one (1) credit hour at the current tuition rate.

DM 804 DISSERTATION (3)

Candidates for the Doctor of Ministry degree will be registered for DM 804 at the time of the dissertation defense hearing and charged for 3 credit hours at the current tuition rate.

DM811 LEADING CHANGE (3)

Change inevitably comes, particularly when an organization experiences healthy growth. This

DM822 FAMILY MINISTRY IN THE FAITH COMMUNITY (3)*Joy*

Students, in an intensive seminar setting, will explore biblical and theological resources for ministry with families. They will identify agendas and develop curricula by which they may recruit and train leaders and the congregation on issues of roles, relationships, status, and value needs of family members in traditional, single-parent, intergenerational, and blended households.

DM823 FAMILY FAITH DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES (3)*Joy*

Participants will define "faith development" consistent with biblical understandings of Christian discipleship and utilizing, reconciling, or refining constructs and language emerging from human development/social science findings about moral, ethical, and faith development, (b) spiritual formation, Christian conversion experience, and (d) Christian growth in grace. Participants will complete a self-profile on both "seasons of my life" and on "trajectory of personal faith development, especially noting the generation to generation legacy that is yours." Participants will articulate a "program-curriculum project or research proposal on faith development from generation to generation in ministry," documenting from personal observation what seem to be connections between profound intergenerational faith patterns and family systems/structures from generation to generation.

DM824 TRINITARIAN IMAGES IN SEXUALITY, FAMILY, AND CONGREGATION (3)*Joy*

Participants completing the course will be able to: identify and articulate "Creation sex-positive" foundations for sexual well-being; initiate a life-long pursuit of a theology of God's image refracted through creating humans as "male and female; initiate a healthy staff culture which enhances both individual and family relationships for the ministry team; define and articulate congregational program elements which develop a mature congregational environment which will both enhance constituent well-being and establish a magnetic door of hope for the wider community."

DM 825 MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THE FAITH COMMUNITY (3)*Stonehouse*

Explores biblical and theological understandings of the child's spirituality and place in the faith community. These understandings will be integrated with insights from child development studies to formulate principles pastors can use to mold their personal ministry with children and in leading their congregations and families to become communities in which the faith of children grows.

DM 829 ISSUES IN FAMILY AND COUNSELING MINISTRY (3)*Staff*

This course addresses a variety of topics in family ministry through the use of resident and visiting faculty. It focuses on contemporary and emerging issues, and draws upon the expertise of noted experts in the field of family ministry in order to optimize flexibility and relevance for the doctoral student. Occasional and experimental. Instructor to be assigned. Previous topics include "Ministry with the Aging," "Cross Cultural Counseling," and "Forgiveness in Counseling."

DM 831 CHURCH GROWTH FOR LOCAL CHURCHES (3)*Hunter*

A course that focuses upon the "expansion growth" of local churches from the insights of Church Growth literature, with attention to planning and implementing the changes in churches that free them to achieve Great Commission objectives.

DM 832 BUILDING A CHURCH FOR THE UNCHURCHED (3)*Hunter*

Studies in organization leadership, especially the leadership of change, applied to the contemporary challenge of helping local churches move from tradition to mission and become effective “apostolic” churches. Draws from the writings and legacy of Lyle Schaller.

DM 834 NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT (3)*Crandall*

This course gives an orientation to the theological, sociological, and practical dimensions of starting new churches in the USA.

DM 835 THEOLOGY OF CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM (3)*Crandall, Tuttle*

Presents evangelism as the controlling purpose of divine revelation and clarifies the doctrines immediately related to the propagation of the gospel. Various theologies of evangelism will be examined in light of both their historical and contemporary expressions. The course seeks to clarify, from a Wesleyan perspective, the basic gospel message and aid students in their design of theologically appropriate methods and motivations for its communication in order that we may be better equipped as “ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us” (2 Cor. 5:20).

DM 836 REVITALIZING SMALLER CHURCHES (3)*Staff*

Designed to give an intensive examination of the special historical, theological, sociological and pragmatic dynamics of smaller congregations with attention to the challenges and opportunities for evangelism effectiveness in such settings.

DM 837 ANTHROPOLOGY FOR AMERICAN CHURCH MINISTRY (3)*Staff*

Designed to give a delineation of the shape, origins and major components and traits of American cultures and subcultures; enables ministers to see their own culture more objectively, understand its people and communicate and lead more indigenously and effectively.

DM838 CHRISTIAN WITNESS AND OTHER FAITHS (3)*Staff*

This course offers a survey of key issues in the encounter between Christianity and other religions. Looks at some historical precedents as well as contemporary trends including pluralism. Participants are encouraged to develop a theology of religious encounter.

DM 839 ISSUES IN EVANGELISM, MISSION & CHURCH GROWTH (3)*Staff*

This course addresses a variety of topics in evangelism, mission and church growth through the use of resident and visiting faculty. It focuses on contemporary and emerging issues, and draws upon the expertise of noted experts in the field of evangelism, mission and church growth in order to optimize flexibility and relevance for the doctoral student. Occasional and experimental. Instructor to be assigned. Previous topics include “Transcultural Evangelism,” “Cross-Cultural Discipling,” and “Cross-Cultural Counseling”.

DM841 INDUCTIVE PREACHING (3)*Staff*

This allows you to study sermons – their content, structure and style – to capture the attention and interest of our secular society. Study Jesus, the Bible, and the contemporary scene to sharpen preaching skills to cope with the culture of today's church.

DM 843 BIBLICAL PREACHING (3)*Kalas*

A Doctor of Ministry course designed to help the minister who has preached for a number of years to update his/her preparation and delivery skills. Emphases include tools, integrity to the text and contemporary communication.

DM 844 BIBLICAL PREACHING PRACTICUM (3)*Staff*

The course provides an intensive lab and classroom setting for the development of preaching skills. Participants will work on sermon development and delivery and will be introduced to various types of sermon structures, all within the context of emphasizing sound biblical content. Doctor of Ministry Beeson Pastors only.

DM 845 STORYTELLING AND PREACHING (3)*Killian*

Designed to help the student discover and appreciate the oldest art form in communication – story. Since narrative discourse (story) is the connector of our histories, storytelling will be looked at as the heart of the human experience, enabling us to make sense of our lives. The course is an attempt to understand the capacity of story as a basic humanizing intellectual and social skill, the primary developing tool of culture.

DM 846 PREACHING, WORSHIP & MINISTRY (3)*Staff*

This course seeks to set preaching and worship in an overall ecclesiology and theology of ministry. Participants will look at theological and biblical concepts which form our preaching and worship, and then examine models of churches which seek to express their theology in concrete fashion. The course seeks to help the pastor identify his or her own theology and goals in worship and church ministry.

DM 848 PREACHING AND THE MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN HEALING (3)*Dernaray*

This course is designed to assist participants in understanding biblical and psychosomatic perspectives on disease and healing, suffering and wholeness, and to translate that information into material forms communicable from the pulpit, with the view of implementing healing ministry.

DM 849 ISSUES IN PREACHING (3)*Staff*

This course addresses a variety of topics in preaching through the use of resident and visiting faculty. It focuses on contemporary and emerging issues, and draws upon the expertise of noted experts in the field of preaching in order to optimize flexibility and relevance for the doctoral student. Occasional and experimental. Instructor to be assigned. Previous topics have included “Clergy Burnout”, “Preaching the Text in a Postmodern World”, and “Issues in Preaching” with Dr. Haddon Robinson.

DM 851 READINGS IN WESTERN SPIRITUALITY (3)*Collins*

Explores the nature of spirituality and its relevance to contemporary life and ministry by means of a critical examination of classic Western spiritual literature, ranging from the work of Plato in the fourth century B.C. to that of Thérèse of Lisieux in the 19th century A.D. Special attention will be given to the work of John Wesley as that which exemplifies the leading themes of both spiritual literature and spiritual formation.

DM 853 SEMINAR ON SPIRITUALITY AND MINISTRY (3)*Staff*

This is a course designed to give a small-group, intensive experience in which the relationship between spiritual formation and ordained ministry is considered. It includes examination of the minister as person, professional, and practitioner.

DM 855 THE PASTOR AS SPIRITUAL GUIDE (3)*Johnson/Martyn*

This Doctor of Ministry course explores the meaning and place, as well as some of the models and dynamics, of the ministry of spiritual guidance (or spiritual direction) through an intensive, doctoral-level experience. Participants will be encouraged to experience spiritual direction, to receive feedback on their own ministry of offering direction and to consider the place of spiritual direction within their own ministries. The class utilizes lectures, videotapes, discussions, book reviews and practicums, and will be both “informational” as well as “formational.”

DM 856 INCARNATING THE WORD (3)*Mulholland*

In the context of a retreat, this course explores issues of incarnational living and the development of disciplines to facilitate such living in the world. It examines the nature of incarnational living in the context of Christian history, provides skills to facilitate incarnational interpretation of Scripture, and daily practices to inculcate incarnational life and ministry. The seminar time is held at a retreat center.

DM858 INTERCESSORY PRAYER (3)*Staff*

The purpose of this course is to introduce participants to the dynamics and practice of intercessory prayer for both the individual and the Church. During the course topics, such as the place of intercession, the role of intercession in revival and evangelism, intercession and spiritual warfare, fasting and intercession, and mobilizing the local church for intercession, will be discussed.

DM 859 ISSUES IN SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND DIRECTION (3)*Staff*

This seminar addresses a variety of topics in spiritual formation through the use of resident and visiting faculty. It focuses on a variety of historical and contemporary issues in spirituality, in order to optimize flexibility and relevance for the doctoral student. Occasional and experimental. Instructor to be assigned. Previous topics include “Christian Spirituality: Thomas Merton”, “Issues in Spiritual Formation” with Susan Muto, and “Foundations of Spiritual Direction.”

DM 861 VISIONARY LEADERSHIP (3)*Barton*

Offered in conjunction with module one of the Beeson Institute for Advanced Church Leadership, this seminar examines issues of defining, communicating and casting vision. The participant will identify

characteristics of visionary leaders, explore leadership habits and spiritual disciplines of effective visionaries, and develop strategies for conceiving vision and implementing tools for visionary leadership.

DM 862 PURPOSE DRIVEN CHURCHES (3)

Staff

Offered in conjunction with module two of the Beeson Institute for Advanced Church Leadership at Saddleback Church, this course examines applied ecclesiology, looking at issues of church health within a systematic theology of the church. Comparing Rick Warren's "Purpose Driven" model with other viable options, participants will develop a change plan that has greater depth in theological understanding and breath in systematic impact within the ministry context, more purposefully living out the mission of Christ's church.

DM 863 CHURCH FOR THE UNCHURCHED (3)

Collier

Offered in conjunction with module three of the Beeson Institute for Advanced Church Leadership, this course helps articulate a biblical and theological understanding of evangelism and assimilation. It gives strategies for leading a congregation to become an outward-focused church, helps create bridge-event strategies for need-meeting and interest-centered ministries, and helps articulate a strategy and theological underpinnings for dealing with transfer membership.

DM 864 THEOLOGY OF LAITY (3)

Seamands/West

Offered in conjunction with module four of the Beeson Institute for Advanced Church Leadership, this course seeks to develop practical competencies in equipping laity for ministry. Participants will be challenged to develop their biblical and theological rationale for a ministry of the laity upon which such competencies should be based.

DM 865 HEALTHY, WINNING STAFF TEAMS (3)

Andrews

Offered in conjunction with module five of the Beeson Institute for Advanced Church Leadership, this course will explore principles underlying the formation of the church staff, dynamics of staff relationships, impact of organizational structure on team relationships, cross-functional team development, and management within the church.

DM 866 THE QUEST FOR COMMUNITY: MODELS, FOUNDATIONS, PRACTICES (3)

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Offered in conjunction with module six of the Beeson Institute for Advanced Church Leadership, this course provides opportunity for interdisciplinary interaction on the nature of the church and the experience of "being church." Biblical, historical, theological and contextual resources guide discussion in the seminar, culminating in a final project in which participants examine their present ministry contexts with reference to resources, obstacles and strategies for the shaping of Christian community(ies).

DM 867 WORSHIP AND PREACHING IN A POSTMODERN CONTEXT (3)

Staff

Offered in conjunction with module seven of the Beeson Institute for Advanced Church Leadership, this course will address the challenges of leading worship and preaching in a postmodern world where tolerance and pluralism are valued and absolutes are no longer in fashion.

DM 868 CLERGY SELF-CARE: MAINTAINING BALANCE IN PASTORAL MINISTRY (3)*Powers*

Offered in conjunction with module eight of the Beeson Institute for Advanced Church Leadership, this course seeks to equip participants to establish a balanced lifestyle of work and play, duty and grace, in both written and practical expression that systematically enhances the physical, social and emotional health of pastors and their families and incorporates the spiritual disciplines necessary to be a spiritual leader at home and ongoing arenas of ministry.

DM 869 ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH (3)*Connell*

Offered in conjunction with module nine of the Beeson Institute for Advanced Church Leadership, this course investigates issues of managing and maximizing the impact of resources within the church. Covering issues from paid/unpaid staff to facilities and finances to time and vision, participants will gain understanding and tools to steward resources with integrity and impact.

DM 871 URBAN LEADERSHIP (3)*Gray*

A course that focuses on the basic principles of Christian leadership in the urban context, the city is explored from a socio-cultural perspective while examining successful urban leadership/ministry models.

DM 872 URBAN ANTHROPOLOGY (3)*Rynkeiwich*

A course explores some of the critical issues arising from two powerful forces at work in the world today: urbanization and globalization. At the intersection of these forces there is life and death, growth and decay, virtue and decadence, security and danger. Cities define civilization and the irony is that cities also symbolize savagery. Either way, cities are where the people are, and thus cities are where our Triune God wants to live and minister. We are called to the city.

DM 890 INDEPENDENT RESEARCH IN DOCTOR OF MINISTRY STUDIES (1-3)*Staff*

Guided independent research for Doctor of Ministry students. Subject matter varies based upon participant's program concentration and course requirement needs. See p.26 for academic policy and procedure. By contract. Credit only. May not be repeated.

Some courses in the Doctor of Ministry program can overlap as core courses for multiple concentrations. In addition to DM851, DM855, DM856, and DM859, students in the Doctor of Ministry Program may also take the following courses as part of their specialization in spiritual formation: DM818 and DM868. See respective course listings for more information regarding these courses. Other courses which relate to the Doctor of Ministry in spiritual formation are offered on an occasional basis. The office of Doctor of Ministry studies can supply this information on a year-by year basis. Some DM860 courses can be applied to both the Christian Leadership concentration and another. DM863 can be applied to the Missions and Evangelism concentration. DM867 can also be applied to the Preaching/Worship concentration. Any other application of courses to other concentrations (including transferred courses) must be approved by petition to the Dean of the Doctor of Ministry Program.