

## Wesley Theological Seminary

### Doctor of Ministry Program

Course: DM-975OL Process Theology: Spirituality, Theology, and Mission

On-Line: October 5 – November 27, 2015 with synchronous sessions

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**Description:** This course will explore the resources of process theology for congregational mission and transformation. Participants will reflect on ways process theology shapes spiritual practices, congregational leadership, mission and evangelism, worship and preaching, and congregational vitality. In particular, we will consider how process theology supports congregational mission and outreach in our current postmodern, pluralistic, and post-Christian spiritual landscape.

**Requirements:** Completion of weekly reflections, participation in weekly synchronous meetings, and final project. Completion of weekly reading assignments.

**Final Project:** The final project will involve utilizing the theological and spiritual resources of process theology in responding to a particular issue in congregational mission and vitality, for example, preaching in a pluralistic context, evangelism in a post-Christian world, spirituality and social media, emerging Christianity, prayer and worship, and updating spiritual practices.

#### **Texts:**

Bruce Epperly, *Process Theology: A Guide for the Perplexed*

Bruce Epperly, *Tending to the Holy: The Practice of the Presence of God in Ministry*

Marjorie Suchocki, *In God's Presence: Theological Reflections on Prayer*