

Faith, Health, and Community

Wesley Theological Seminary

Doctor of Ministry Program • January 2016

Application Deadline: October 1, 2015



What does it mean for our practice of ministry to be Christ's healing hands in the world today? Church leaders continue to be called to provide pastoral care for those who are suffering from mental and physical illness, and to accompany those who are dying. More holistically, clergy are called to teach and model healthy behavior that integrates wellness of body, mind, and spirit. This track equips clergy in understanding the scriptural and theological bases for health, healing, and wholeness while navigating the complexity of the healthcare industry. It also clarifies our pastoral and ethical roles in caring for our congregation and community members and organizing our congregations so that they can develop healing and whole person health ministries, especially approaches that care for and support one another through times of sickness, and dying. In addition, clergy will focus on the importance of self-care for the clergy member's own well-being as well as for his or her congregation.

Class schedule:

January 4—8, 2016: *Health and Community: The Church's Roles in Promoting Health and Wholeness*—Dr. Sam Marullo

January 11—15, 2016: *Healing Miracles of Jesus*—Dr. Shively Smith

May 16—19, 2016: *Theological Framing for Health Care Decisions*—Dr. Sondra Wheeler

September 6—October 21, 2016: (ONLINE) *Spirituality, Healing, and Medicine in a Global Context*—Dr. Bruce Epperly

January 2—6, 2017: To be determined

February 6—March 17, 2017: *Project Seminar*—Dr. Lewis Parks

May 8—11, 2018: *Congregational Health Ministry*—Tom Pruski

May 14—18, 2018: *The Wesleyan Tradition of Health and Healing*—Dr. Melanie Dobson, Minister of Faith Formation, Myers Parks UMC Charlotte, NC

Professors:

Dr. Sam Marullo is a Professor of Sociology and the Director of Research at the Institute for Community Engagement at Wesley Downtown.

Dr. Shively Smith is an Assistant Professor of New Testament Studies at Wesley Theological Seminary and is ordained in the AME church.

Dr. Sondra Wheeler is the Martha Ashby Carr Professor of Christian Ethics at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Dr. Bruce G. Epperly is the Pastor and Teacher of South Congregational Church, Centreville, Massachusetts. He is a theologian and author.

Dr. Lewis A. Parks is the Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Tom Pruski is the Associate Director of the Heal the Sick Program at the Institute for Community Engagement at Wesley Downtown.



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