

*The purpose of the Doctor of Ministry Program at Wesley is to enhance participants' practice of ministry by...equipping them to add to the church's public fund of knowledge about the practice of ministry.*

### **DMin Public Presentation**

1. This is NOT part of the DMin project or DMin project paper. It is assumed that the DMin candidate's project is complete and the project paper needs only final editing.
2. The public presentation will normally occur in the March before graduation. Candidates should address any request for an exception to the DMin Office.
3. The DMin candidate is responsible for arranging the public presentation. The candidate should not build the event around the reader's availability. It is NOT necessary that the faculty reader be present.
4. One approach is for the DMin candidate to request a slot on the agenda of an event already established by others. The public presentation requires a minimum of an hour to hour and a half. The candidate should make the request to be placed on the agenda several months in advance.
5. Think big! If you've done your work well there are persons out there who will believe it is worth their time. Our graduates have found receptive audiences among judicatory officials, regional gatherings, continuing education events, boards and agencies.
6. A second approach is to organize an event on your own for a peer group. Invite them, host them, and offer to them your public presentation. In most instances lay persons should be invited as well.
7. Prepare two to four pages to hand out to all persons at the public presentation. (a) Give the title of your project and the fact that you have completed it as part of your DMin work at Wesley. (b) Summarize the project steps and the main conclusions in concise statements. (c) Provide a one page Selected Bibliography of what proved to be key resources for you in the project.
8. For the first half-hour you should review the project from the inspiration for the project question, through the theological component and on to the project itself. You will want to go over the conclusions, maybe even do a little exercise of "if I had it to do over again." For the remaining time allow others to engage you. The tone of the conversation should be collegial; e.g., how might they apply your findings to their ministry settings?
9. You will need to have a scribe. The scribe should note the engagement of others. What questions were asked? What observations were made? What novel applications

were suggested? What points of the project seemed to be touching nerves? What conclusions from the project seemed to generate energy?

- 10.** At the conclusion of the public presentation, (a) send to the DMin Office a notice of the event where your public demonstration was included in the agenda or was the agenda. (b) Ask the designated scribe to send a copy of his or her notes to the DMin Office as well. (c) Audio and video are not necessary.