

Wesley Theological Seminary
Doctor of Ministry Program

Course: DM-TL602 Transforming Community

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Pre-assignments

Assignment One:

Read the following materials:

1. Keller, Catherine, "Salvation Flows: Eschatology for a Feminist Wesleyanism," in *Quarterly Review* (winter 2003): 413ff
2. Newbigin, Leslie. *Signs Amid the Rubble: The Purpose of God in Human History* (Eerdmans Publishing, 2003) 978-0802809896
3. Newbigin, Leslie. *Trinitarian Doctrine for Today's Mission* (Wipf & Stock, 2006) 978-1597529242
4. Oduyoye, Mercy. *Hearing and Knowing: Theological Reflections on Christianity in Africa* (Wipf & Stock, 2009) 978-1606088616
5. Powe, F. Douglas, "Engaging Friendship," in *Just-Us or Justice: Moving Toward A Pan-Methodist Theology* (Abingdon Press, 2009), 105ff
6. Read the following Wesley sermons: sermon 43 (Scripture Way of Salvation), sermon 45 (New Birth), sermon 64 (New Creation), sermon 98 (Visiting the Sick)

Assignment Two:

Write a five page paper that includes the following:

1. A description of your community
2. Explain how you are defining community
3. What is the biblical basis for your definition of community?
4. What is the theological basis for your definition of community?
5. Explain the connection and disconnection between your understanding of community and the context in which you do ministry. **Due on December 14th (posted to Bb)**

Assignment Three:

Write a five page paper that articulates the thesis of Oduyoye related to community. Please include in your work how she helps you to re-think your understanding of community and the importance of context. It may be helpful to focus on one chapter of the book since this is a short paper. **Due on December 14th (posted to Bb)**

