

**DMIN – Wesley Theological Seminary**  
***Church Leader as Consultant***  
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**Course Description**

This class will examine the process of consulting with and within local churches through both a priestly and prophetic lens. Participants will study and construct practical tools to help churches identify the confluence of vision, context, strengths and leadership. Topics will include discernment and proclamation of vision, demographic analysis of context, identification of functional and relational strengths and aspects of leadership development.

**Readings**

Required Reading

1. Farr, B, & Kotan, K. (2015)

*Ten Prescriptions for a Healthy Church*

**ISBN-13:** 978-1630883157

2. McIntosh, Gary L. (2011)

*There's Hope for Your Church: First Steps to Restoring Health and Growth*

**ISBN-13:** 978-0801014062

3. Smith, D. & Sellon, M. (2008)

*Pathway to Renewal: Practical Steps for Congregations*

**ISBN-13:** 978-1566993715

Supplemental Reading

Friedman, E. (2014)

*Friedman's Fables*

**ISBN-13:** 978-1462516704

Callahan, Kennon, (2010)

*Twelve Keys to an Effective Church: Strong, Healthy Congregations Living in the Grace of God*

**ISBN-13:** 978-0470559291

Rendle, G. & Mann, A. (2003)

*Holy Conversations: Strategic Planning as a Spiritual Practice for Congregations*

**ISBN-13:** 978-1566992862

<http://studyingcongregations.org/>

## **Suggested Readings**

Bandy, T. (2013) *See, Know & Serve the People Within Your Reach*  
**ISBN-13:** 978-1426774171

Barna, G *The Power of Vision: Discover and Apply God's Plan for Your Life and Ministry*  
**ISBN-13:** 978-0801017391

Baskette, M. P. (2014) *Real Good Church: How Our Church Came Back from the Dead, and Yours Can, Too* **ISBN-13:** 978-0829820027

Farr, B., Anderson, D. & Kotan, K. (2013) *Get Their Name: Grow Your Church by Building New Relationships* **ISBN-13:** 978-1426759314

Farr, B., & Kotan, K. (2011) *Renovate or Die: 10 Ways to Focus Your Church on Mission*  
**ISBN-13:** 978-1426715860

Knight III, H. & Powe Jr. , F. D. (2006) *Transforming Evangelism: The Wesleyan Way of Sharing Faith* **ISBN-13:** 978-0881774856

McIntosh, G. (2009) *Staff Your Church for Growth: Building Team Ministry in the 21st Century* **ISBN-13:** 978-0801090950

McIntosh, G. (2009) *Taking Your Church to the Next Level: What Got You Here Won't Get You There* **ISBN-13:** 978-0801091988

McIntosh, G. & McMahan, A. (2012) *Being the Church in a Multi-Ethnic Community: why it matters and how it works* **ISBN-13:** 978-0898274905

Oden, A. (2008) *God's Welcome: Hospitality for a Gospel-Hungry World*  
**ISBN-13:** 978-0829817355

Powe, D. (2012) *New Wine, New Wineskins: How African American Congregations Can Reach New Generations* **ISBN-13:** 978-1426742224

Rusaw, R. & Swanson, E. (2004) *The Externally Focused Church*  
**ISBN-13:** 978-0764427404

Searcy, N. & Dykes, J. (2009) *Ignite: How to Spark Immediate Growth in Your Church*  
**ISBN-13:** 978-0801072161

## Assignments

Pre-work – Creating Tools for Consultation

Pre-class Assignments Due Date: Bring to the First Day of Class and/or Email in Advance.

1. Read the required books above. Create a one-page handout for each book based on a key concept or concepts that could be shared with a local church leadership team seeking transformation.
  
2. Read an additional book of your choice that would help a local church to engage in revitalization and change. Suggestions directly related to local churches are provided but you are encouraged to choose something that is not directed at the local church. Danny Meyer's *Setting the Table: The Art of Hospitality in Business* would be an excellent example of this. Prepare a Powerpoint/Keynote presentation designed to teach the relevant concepts of this book to a church where you might consult. Please include a paragraph about why you chose this book and your hope for the application of its concepts. In addition, provide a transcript of your presentation or use the speaker notes in the computer program. The slides themselves are not to be your speaker notes. See the following for guidelines - [www.kapterev.com/Media/Death.by.PowerPoint.eng.ppt](http://www.kapterev.com/Media/Death.by.PowerPoint.eng.ppt)
  
3. Find a Ted Talk that would be a relevant tool for working with a local church or church staff that would help address key issues. Try to look beyond the obvious like *The Marshmallow Challenge* and *Simon Sinek's Start With Why and Leaders Eat Last*.
  
4. Take the Church Life Survey for your church or one you are/may be working with. <http://missioninsite.com/church-life-survey/>  
Include the results in your paperwork submission.

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