

Faith, Health and Community (May 2016)

Jesus healed the sick, opened the eyes of the blind, and cast out demons. He commissioned his followers to go out and do likewise. Church leaders continue to be called to provide pastoral care for those who are suffering from mental and physical illnesses, 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 to understand the scriptural and theological bases for health, healing and wholeness; to navigate the complexity of the health care industry; to clarify pastoral and ethical roles and responsibilities in caring for the congregation and community members; and to organize congregations to develop healing and whole person health ministries.

January 11-15, 2016 *Healing Miracles of Jesus*

Dr. Shively Smith (Assistant Professor of New Testament, Wesley)

May 10-13, 2016 *Health and Community: The Church's Roles in Promoting Health and Wholeness*

Dr. Sam Marullo (Director of Research on Missional Communities, Professor of Sociology, Wesley)

May 16-19, 2016 *Theological Framing for Health Care Decisions*

Dr. Sondra E. Wheeler (The Martha Ashby Carr Professor of Christian Ethics, Wesley)

Sep 6 – Oct 21, 2016 *Online Spirituality, Healing, and Medicine in a Global Context*

Dr. Bruce G. Epperly (Pastor and Teacher of South Congregational Church, Centerville, Massachusetts; theologian and author)

January 2-6, 2017 *Mission, Purpose, and Power in Healthcare*

Dr. Fred Smith (Faith and Health Educational Consultant)

Feb 6 – Mar 17, 2017 *Online Project Seminar*

Dr. Lewis A. Parks (Director, Doctor of Ministry Program, Wesley)

May 8-11, 2018 *Congregational Health Ministry*

Dr. Janet Fujikawa (Regional Managing Physician EBS Healthcare System and Medical Director, Lockheed Martin)

May 14-18, 2018 *The Wesleyan Tradition of Health and Healing*

Dr. Melanie Dobson, Minister of Faith Formation, Myers Parks UMC, Charlotte, North Carolina

Two Elective Courses from several classroom and online options