

*Announcing a new
Doctor of Ministry track*

Public Engagement



A New Opportunity for Pastors

Wesley Theological Seminary has developed a Doctor of Ministry concentrated on exploring the intersection between public life and church leadership. This degree focus encapsulates Wesley's mission and, we hope, will raise up leaders to continue the Rev. Clementa Pinckney's legacy.

This degree track offers you the opportunity to engage theologians, public officials and church leaders in Charleston, S.C., and Washington, D.C. This is a unique opportunity for individuals to develop public leadership skills informed by prophetic exegesis from biblical and community resources.

Be Equipped with a Doctor of Ministry in **Public Engagement**

An Example of Public and Church Leadership

At age 23, the Rev. Clementa Pinckney won his first election to public office in the South Carolina General Assembly. When he was assassinated in June 2015, he was in his fifth year leading the historic Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston.

Pinckney dedicated his life to a ministry that served both the public and the church. At the time of his death, he was working on his thesis for the Doctor of Ministry program at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Wesley's mission involves equipping faith leaders to speak prophetically in the public square. **The events that followed Pinckney's assassination are examples of the impact a prophetic leader can have.** From President Obama delivering the eulogy at the funeral to Confederate flags falling across the South, Pinckney's life inspired change. The country is left longing for more pastors like him.

"He embodied the idea that our Christian faith demands deeds and not just words; that the 'sweet hour of prayer' actually lasts the whole week long – that to put our faith in action is more than individual salvation, it's about our collective salvation," said Obama of Pinckney.

Professors teaching in this new track include:

- **Dr. Shaun Casey**, Professor of Christian Ethics; U.S. Special Representative for Religion & Global Affairs, U.S. State Department
- **Mr. Mike McCurry**, Distinguished Professor of Public Theology; Director of the Center for Public Theology; former White House press secretary
- **Dr. Beverly Mitchell**, Professor of Historical Theology
- **The Rev. Dr. Douglas Powe**, James C. Logan Professor of Evangelism (an E. Stanley Jones Professorship) and Professor of Urban Ministry; Managing Director for The Institute for Community Engagement
- **The Rev. Dr. Lovett Weems**, Distinguished Professor of Church Leadership; Director, Lewis Center for Church Leadership
- **The Rev. Dr. Shively Smith**, Assistant Professor of New Testament

30-credit hours

Integrates online and classroom learning



Located in Charleston, S.C. and Washington, D.C.

Classes begin January 2017

Applications due October 1, 2016

Enrollment limited to 20 people



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Admission requires a Master of Divinity or equivalent degree from an ATS accredited seminary (3.0 GPA) and three years of post-seminary ministry experience. The in-person classes meet during intensive two-week terms in January and May.