

# Church Leadership Excellence

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Doctor of Ministry Program • May 2017



Students in Wesley Seminary's Doctor of Ministry track in Church Leadership Excellence receive the enhanced knowledge, skills, and motivation to lead churches to increased service, vitality, and growth. This track focuses on the personal development and public practices of those called to lead the church toward the vision of God's reign. Students examine the biblical, theological, and ethical foundations of ministry through the lens of leadership to enhance their own fruitful practice of leadership. A serious engagement with contemporary secular leadership studies is held in tension with rigorous theological exploration. The combined resources of the Wesley faculty, the Lewis Center for Church Leadership, and exemplary practitioners bring depth and energy to this track.



## Class schedule:

**May 9-12, 2017:** *Effective and Visionary Leadership* — Dr. Lovett H. Weems, Jr.

**May 15-19, 2017:** *Contemporary Issues in Ecclesiology* — Dr. Josiah U. Young III

**Sept-Oct 2017:** Online: *The Leader as Communicator* — Rev. Carol Howard Merritt and Dr. Lovett H. Weems, Jr.

**January 8-12, 2018:** *Images of Leadership in the Bible* — Dr. Denise Dombkowski Hopkins

**May 14-18, 2018:** *The Church Leader as Consultant* — Dr. Phil Schroeder

**Sept-Oct 2018:** Online: *Project Seminar* — Dr. Lewis A. Parks

**January 7-11, 2019:** *Leading in a Pluralistic Culture* — Dr. F. Douglas Powe, Jr.

**January 14-18, 2019:** *The Tone of Church Leadership* — Dr. Michael S. Koppel

Plus two electives on campus, online, or through study trips such as the one to the Church of the Resurrection, in Leawood, Kansas, for the Leadership Conference in September 2017 or 2018.

## Professors:

**Dr. Lovett H. Weems, Jr.**, is Distinguished Professor of Church Leadership and Director of the Lewis Center for Church Leadership at Wesley Theological Seminary.

**Dr. Josiah U. Young III**, is Professor of Systematic Theology at Wesley Theological Seminary.

**Dr. Denise Dombkowski Hopkins** is Professor of Hebrew Bible and Woodrow W. and Mildred B. Miller Professor of Biblical Theology at Wesley Theological Seminary.

**Dr. Phil Schroeder** is Director of Congregational Development for the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Rev. Carol Howard Merritt** is a Presbyterian (PCUSA) pastor, writer, speaker, and teacher. She writes a regular column for *Christian Century* and co-hosts the *God Complex Radio* podcast.

**Dr. F. Douglas Powe, Jr.**, is James C. Logan Professor of Evangelism and Urban Ministry at Wesley Theological Seminary.

**Dr. Michael S. Koppel** is Howard Chandler Robbins Professor of Pastoral Theology and Congregational Care at Wesley Theological Seminary.

**Dr. Lewis A. Parks** is Professor of Theology, Ministry, and Congregational Development, and Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Apply today. Deadline: Feb. 15, 2017



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