

## SPIRITUALITY AND STORY

Pastors live and work at the teeming intersection of stories. They follow a call and look for providence in their unfolding autobiographies. They spend themselves helping parishioners to reframe the bits and pieces of their lives. They discern and lend themselves critically to the legends, tragedies, and emerging plots of the congregations they serve. And they do all this more or less intentionally shaped and informed by the great stories of the Bible and of the church. This doctor of ministry program will further equip pastors to live and work at that intersection by focusing on narrative as a category of spirituality and by fine-tuning the skills by which pastors participate in the demanding but rewarding work of weaving human stories into the fabric of God's story.

- January 4-8, 2016**     ***Engaging the Narratives of Other Religions***  
 Dr. Sathianathan Clarke (The Bishop Sundo Kim Chair in World Christianity; Professor of Theology, Culture and Mission, Wesley)
- January 11-15, 2016**     ***Theology as Story***  
 Dr. Sondra E. Wheeler (The Martha Ashby Carr Professor of Christian Ethics, Wesley)
- May 16-19, 2016**     ***Paul's Use of Narrative to Shape Congregations***  
 Dr. Carla Works (Associate Professor in New Testament)
- Fall 2016 Online**     ***Narrative Collapse and Restoration: Story and Healing***  
 Dr. Bruce G. Epperly (Pastor and Teacher of South Congregational Church, Centerville, Massachusetts; theologian and author)
- January 9-13, 2017**     ***Narrative Leadership***  
 Dr. Larry A. Golemon (Executive Director of the Washington Theological Consortium)
- May 9-11, 2017**     ***James Baldwin's Understanding of God: Overwhelming Desire and Joy***  
 Dr. Josiah Ulysses Young III (Professor of Systematic Theology, Wesley)
- May 14-18, 2017**     ***A Word of Silence: Narrative, Spirituality, and Preaching***  
 Dr. Michael D. Williams (Senior Pastor, West End UMC, Nashville; General Editor of *The Storyteller's Companion to the Bible*)
- Sept 5 – Oct 10 2017 Online**     ***Project Seminar***  
 Dr. Lewis A. Parks (Director, Doctor of Ministry Program, Wesley)

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