

Track Description:

Designed to offer ministry leaders new knowledge, skills, and insight to more effectively lead church communities. With a cohort of other student leaders in the Midwest, students will explore biblical, theological, and ethical foundations of ministry in that context.

Initial Courses:

June 7-11, 2027:

Birth, Death, and Back Again: Christmas and Easter

This course explores the narratives of Jesus' birth, trial, death, and resurrection in the NT Gospels and beyond, considering issues in the interpretation of these texts as well as their reception.

Dr. Laura Sweat Holmes

Dr. Holmes serves as Professor of New Testament at Wesley Theological Seminary. Her research interests include investigating how the New Testament Gospels talk about God and how their manner of speech might be instructive and challenging for theology and discipleship in the church today. Her first book, *The Theological Role of Paradox in the Gospel of Mark* (Bloomsbury, 2013), explored this idea. She has also completed a commentary on John 1-12 for the New Beacon Bible Commentary Series. A lifelong United Methodist, she is called to and fulfilled by teaching Scripture to and for the church.

June 14-18, 2027:

Sustaining While Disrupting

This course provides theological grounding and practical skills for leaders to sustain and strengthen foundational elements of ministries while guiding the critical innovation required to serve a radically new context.

Dr. Lovett Weems

Lovett H. Weems, Jr. is respected as a pastor, educator, author, and church leader. Following his pastoral ministry in Mississippi and eighteen years as a seminary president, he came to Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC, as founding director of the Lewis Center for Church Leadership. He is now Distinguished Professor of Church Leadership Emeritus at Wesley and Lewis Center Senior Consultant.

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Wesleyan Theology of Mission for the Twenty-First Century

God and Country: Religion in American Public Life

Leadership that Engages Others

Missional Entrepreneurship

Application Information:

Application open: June 1, 2026

Application deadline: February 15, 2027

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