

Doctor of Ministry Focus: Planting a New Church

This focus group will equip new church planters and leaders for the planting of new churches. One of the most effective strategies for making new disciples is through the starting of new churches. The United Methodist Church is beginning a new and bold wave of evangelism by developing and training 1,000 potential new church pastors, and starting 650 new congregations between 2008 and 2012. The eventual goal of the UMC is to move toward starting 350 new churches every year. To accomplish this new collaborative strategy, a new generation of leaders will need to emerge:

- Participants in this Doctor of Ministry Focus will be equipped with the knowledge and skills for successful new church starts.
- Some of the participants may eventually have the opportunity to start a new church or to be the second pastor of a new church.
- All of the participants will have the opportunity to be supportive of a new church beginning in their community and perhaps encourage their own congregation to give birth to a new church in their community.

The New Church Leadership Institute

- The New Church Leadership Institute was begun in 2004 for the purpose of equipping potential new church planting pastors with the knowledge and skills for successful church starts, and to assist pastors as they discern if they are called to be a church planting pastor.
- At the five day retreats (Monday-Friday) in January and October, the Institute keynote presenters are the best new church leaders in the country. At each retreat, additional presentations are made by a variety of successful new church planting pastors who tell their own unique story of how their church began.
- The institute retreats are held at the Mount Sequoyah Retreat Center in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Spouses are encouraged to attend and fully participate.

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UTS DMin Program

The Doctor of Ministry (DMin) program at United Theological Seminary (UTS) is an advanced professional degree in the "Practice of Ministry," which brings together religious leaders to pioneer new models of ministry that empower both minister and context to transform society. The program is undergirded by Action Research Methods to call participants toward deeper spiritual and intellectual synthesis that strengthens prophetic and pastoral competence.

The UTS DMin process is a contextual model in which each participant engages in a collaborative approach to Self-Directed Learning and Critical Reflection that leads toward Transformative Learning within the individual and the context.

Each participant individually designs a doctoral project after studying the context of ministry and visioning practical possibilities with members of the context, peers and professional advisors. A "replicable model of ministry" is designed in collaboration with members of the context, which addresses a specific need within the context. All projects must be action oriented with the objective of producing structural change within the context.

This program uses a unique distance education model. The student spends 5 days each semester on the UTS campus. Peer Sessions may be on UTS campus or other locations the mentor and group chooses. The included schedule shows the dates when the student must be away from his/her context. All other studies are done in peer sessions or in context.

Future Intensive Dates

Intensive I	August 16-20, 2010
Intensive II	January 24-28, 2011
Intensive III	August 15-19, 2011
Intensive IV	January 23-27, 2012
Intensive V	August 20-24, 2012
Graduation	December 2012

The Phases (Semesters)

Phase I: Advanced Preparation for the "Practice of Ministry"

Upon entering the program, participants are trained in methods for self-analysis and analysis of the context. These analyses produce a synergy that pairs the strength of the participant with the needs of the context. Through dialogue and collaboration with the context, peers, and professional consultants, a problem statement in a specific ministry focus is developed.

Phase II: Foundations in the "Practice of Ministry"

Undergirding all doctoral work is an understanding of God's action as a framework for our response in a specific ministry focus. Phase II provides training in methods for deepening biblical, historical, and theological understanding of the ministry problem. A review of the literature relative to the problem is developed in order to clarify direction and become familiar with similar and diverse results of projects others have tried.

Peer Session: New Church Leadership Institute

Peer Session I involves attending the week-long (Monday-Friday) January or October retreat of the New Church Leadership Institute. Future dates to choose from: October 11-15, 2010; January 24-28, 2011; October 10-14, 2011; January 23-27, 2012; October 8-12, 2012; January 28-February 1, 2013; October 14-18, 2013

Phase III: Research Design in the "Practice of Ministry"

Phase III provides the participants with methods to develop skills for designing, testing and evaluating a ministry project. Participants are required to engage in a collaborative research project through continuous dialogue with the context, peers, and professional consultants.

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Phase IV: Field Research for the "Practice of Ministry"

During this phase, participants will take the model of ministry to the field and test it for effectiveness. Participants engage in theological reflection with the context, peers, and professional consultants. A final document describing the model of ministry and its implementation is produced.

Phase V. Final Document and Defense

The final phase of the program begins with a focus on the final document. Candidates are required to develop a final document that meets strict academic standards. Once approved by the mentor, the participant comes before a final examination committee to present the final document. Upon approval, the candidate is recommended to the faculty for degree conferral.

Tuition and Fees

See <http://www.united.edu/admissions/tuitiondmin.shtml#dmin> for current D.Min. fees

For fees and housing at the New Church Institute, contact Dr. Bob Crossman at 501-324-8033.

Admission to the Program

Admission to the D.Min program is considered upon receipt of the following:

- application form (apply online at www.united.edu or obtain form from the Doctoral Studies Office)
- official transcripts of Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent, and all post high school academic work evidencing a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better
- evidence of at least three years of experience in professional ministry after receiving the M.Div degree
- two letters of recommendation: one from a church official, and one from an ecclesiastical supervisor or colleague-in-ministry.

United Theological Seminary reserves the right to cancel a focus group when enrollment is insufficient to warrant offering the group at this time or for any other reason.