

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Christian Spirituality

Equipping Christian leaders in ministry to encourage people to grow in the practices of daily worship, prayer, and service for building up the community of God's people in the world.

Introductory Seminar

NOVEMBER 9 – 20, 2009

Rodger Nishioka, Kathleen O'Connor, Barbara Brown Taylor, Haruko Ward

The introductory course for the Doctor of Ministry degree in Christian Spirituality provides students with the opportunity to explore God's relationship to persons, the community of faith, and the world, including the ethical and social dimensions of spirituality. Studies and projects are rooted in congregational life but may be expanded to include other locations for ministry. The introductory seminar engages students in a broad study of the history of Christian spirituality, the biblical resources in Israel's prayers, the practices of spirituality in the New Testament community, and the issues of spirituality in a post-enlightenment, post-modern culture. Since this is an academic course of study leading to a degree, students are invited to bring their minds to bear more critically on matters of the heart and to gain resources to foster spiritual renewal not only in the lives of Christian individuals, but also in the lives of Christian congregations. The instructors plan visits to congregations and other settings. The two-week intensive course also provides opportunities for personal and shared practices of spiritual disciplines.

Elective Courses (Students choose six electives during the four-year program)

JANUARY 11 – 22, 2010 (*You may choose one*)

Intercultural Readings and Interpretations of the Old Testament

Kathleen O'Connor

Prayer

Martha Moore-Keish

Pastoral Theology of Good and Evil

Pamela Cooper-White

JULY 6 – 16, 2010

History of Western Christian Spirituality

Catherine González

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROGRAM

The program requires completion of 36 semester hours over a three- to four-year period. Course work and research focus on the student's individual needs and interests. Students are active church leaders who typically use continuing education leave to complete degree requirements. Columbia also offers the Doctor of Ministry in Gospel and Culture, in Church and Ministry, and in Church Planting and Transformation.

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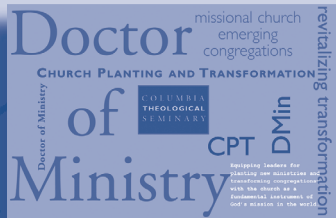
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Columbia is a seminary of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

What makes D.Min. studies at Columbia Seminary special?

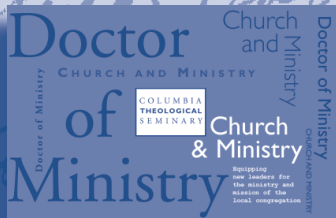
- A three- to four-year, 36 semester-hour program for active church leaders ready to use available continuing education leave for the best in D.Min. studies.
- Faculty committed to teaching intensive, two-week-long graduate-level elective courses just for D.Min. students.
- A supervised ministry practicum and final research project in your place of ministry.
- Individual, specialized advisement for your research project from expert faculty.
- Comfortable guest rooms and an optional meal plan while you're on campus; 24-hour computer lab and wireless Internet access.
- Colleagues in ministry who become your friends during your program of study.
- In addition to Christian Spirituality, Columbia offers three other D.Min. approaches designed to focus your coursework and research according to your needs and interests:



CHURCH PLANTING AND TRANSFORMATION

Preparing leaders for planting new ministries and transforming congregations—with the church as a fundamental instrument of God's mission in the world.

Introductory Seminar July 6 – 17, 2009

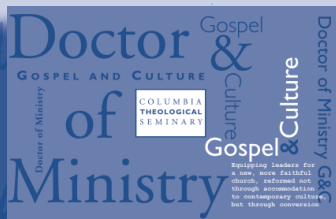


CHURCH AND MINISTRY

Guided analysis of student's ministry with a primary focus on the ministry and mission of the local congregation.

Introductory Seminar

September 14 – 16, October 12 – 14,
November 9 – 11, and December 7 – 9, 2009



GOSPEL AND CULTURE

Study of contemporary North American culture with a view toward effective preaching, teaching, and pastoral care in our post-modern world.

Introductory Seminar June 22 – July 2, 2009, or June 21 – July 2, 2010

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