

CL4530 Starting New Missional Ministries (revised)

This course prepares persons for mission development: planting a new congregation or innovating new missional initiatives in an existing congregation. Multiple resources are engaged, including Bible study, current literature, presentations by local mission developers, and examination of metro-area approaches. Attention is given to formulating theological foundations for mission development, along with designing a portfolio of effective strategies to carry out this type of ministry.

Full course

CL4535 Biblical and Theological Foundations for the Missional Church

A course that helps students develop a biblical and theological framework for engaging in mission development, the starting of a new congregation, or congregational vitalization, helping congregations redevelop. Students interact critically with the extensive literature on the missional church as they formulate a theology for mission development and/or congregational revitalization within a particular context.

Full course

CL4540 Transforming Congregation for Mission (revised)

How to survive your first call — and thrive! This course helps persons gain the ability to engage an existing congregation, discern what God is doing, and lead the congregation in mission. Renewal and revitalization efforts are learned through critical theological reflection, Bible study, current literature, case studies of real congregations, and examination of current practices. Participants develop a theological framework and an imagination for transforming congregations in diverse contexts and applicable within urban, suburban, small town, or rural settings.

Full course

CL4550 Travel Course: The Missional Church in Context

The Missional Church in Context is a travel course that provides students an opportunity to spend concentrated time in a congregation that is seeking to be a missional church. Normally students will spend a week on-site in the congregation in addition to completing reading and writing assignments.

Prerequisite: IC1615 Reading the Audiences

Half or Full course

CL4555 Practicing Stewardship

Stewardship is a foundational dimension of life for congregations as communities of faith, and for individuals as Christian disciples. This course provides biblical and theological foundations for grounding stewardship in relation to the mission of God in the world, and focuses on helping congregations and disciples develop holistic stewardship practices.

Half course

CL4560 Money and Mission of the Church (formerly PT4530)

Financial stewardship is essential to the life and mission of both congregation and wider church. This course will include a study of biblical texts related to giving and stewardship of resources, the meaning of money, one's own attitudes regarding money and stewardship, theological under-girdings for financial stewardship, the importance of pastoral leadership in a congregation's stewardship, analysis of stewardship programs, presentations from parish pastors, discussion of practical application to contemporary parish life and preaching a stewardship sermon.

Half course

CL4597 Guided Reading and Research in Congregational Leadership

An independent study for qualified students under the personal supervision of a member of the division. Consult faculty within the division.

CL6598 Guided Reading and Research in Congregational Leadership

An independent study for graduate students. Consult faculty within the division and Associate Dean – Graduate Theological Education.

Courses CL7511-CL7551 are designed only for students in the doctor of ministry program in congregational mission and leadership.

CL7511 Integrating Theology and Ministry

This seminar provides students with an opportunity to reflect on their ministry experiences by utilizing a variety of methods for doing theology. Participants develop skills for engaging in theological reflection in relation to the practice of ministry, and work on integrating previous theological training with their ongoing learning and experience. Attention is given to engaging in critical theological reflection and doing theology in context.

Full course

CL7512 Pastoral Identity, Leadership, and Spiritual Life

This seminar introduces students to extensive self-reflection and evaluation of their pastoral identity in regard to their ministry experience in order to enhance their leadership effectiveness. Attention is given to forming pastoral identity and leadership in relation to the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Issues explored include life mapping, personality, leadership style, spiritual giftedness, and discipleship.

Full course