

# Wesleyan Spirituality, Leadership, and Congregational Renewal

## *Doctor of Ministry Cohort Track, Saint Paul School of Theology*

Application opening: February 2008

Application deadline: October 1, 2008

Track starting date: January 2009

The Wesley brothers created a transformative 'method' by which disciples were formed and the church was renewed in mission. Their method was not static but inherently dynamic and incarnational. This Doctor of Ministry track will reach back to the genius of the Wesleys and into the history of the Methodist movement to identify key insights for church transformation and mission in the present age.

The Wesleyan Spirituality Track integrates rigorous study, communal interaction, and real-life experience. Participants will combine biblical, historical, and theological study with the practice of spiritual disciplines within a context of mutual support and accountability.

Leaders in the church are sustained by their own spiritual practice as well as called to be agents of spiritual renewal. The purpose of the Wesleyan Spirituality Track is to renew the knowledge and spiritual vitality of students so that they can lead the church into renewal for the sake of the mission of God in the world.

## **Lead Faculty**



### **Henry H. Knight III**

Donald and Pearl Wright Professor of Wesleyan Studies

#### **Selected Publications:**

*Transforming Evangelism: The Wesleyan Way of Sharing Faith*, with F. Douglas Powe, 2006.

*Eight Life-Enriching Practices of United Methodists*, 2001.



### **Robert K. Martin**

Lovett H. Weems, Jr. Associate Professor of Church Leadership and Practical Theology

#### **Selected Publications:**

*The Incarnate Ground of Christian Faith*, 1998.

"Being in Youth Ministry: Incarnational Leadership," 2007.

Other faculty teaching in the track:

**Sondra H. Matthaei.** Professor of Christian Religious Education.

#### **Selected Publications:**

*Faith Formation: The Congregational Ministry of Making Disciples*, 2008.

Editor, *Loving God, Loving Ministry: Ministry with Searching Youth*, 2008.

**F. Douglas Powe, Jr.** Assistant Professor of Evangelism, E. Stanley Jones Chair in Evangelism.

#### **Selected Publications:**

*Transforming Evangelism*, co-authored with Henry H. Knight, III, 2006.

Such a Great Cloud of Witnesses: Evangelistically Vital Churches," in *Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century*, forthcoming 2008.

"Emerging Possibilities for African-American Worship", 2007.

**Lovett H. Weems, Jr.** Distinguished Professor of Church Leadership, Director, G. Douglass Lewis Center for Church Leadership, Wesley Seminary.

#### **Selected Publications:**

*Take the Next Step: Leading Lasting Change in the Church*, 2003.

*Leadership in the Wesleyan Spirit*, 1999.

**Susan Sonnenday Vogel.** Dean of the Chapel, Saint Paul School of Theology.

**Selected Publications:**

*And then Mark Died: Letters of Grief, Love, and Faith*, 2003.

*What about Divine Healing?* 2004.

**Purposes of the Track:**

- Engage the Wesleyan and especially the Methodist heritage critically and creatively.
- Provide advanced knowledge, resources, and practices for congregational and pastoral renewal.
- Engage students and faculty in a collaborative spiritual formation.
- Engage the great diversity of the Wesleyan heritage.
- Explore emerging forms of Wesleyan ecclesial life and mission.
- Apply insights and models of spiritual formation, congregational renewal, and mission in specific contexts.

**Overview of Course Schedule**

January 2009	<i>DMin Orienting Seminar</i> [2] <i>Theology and Spirituality in the Wesleyan Tradition</i> (Knight) [3]
June 2009	<i>Spiritual Traditions and Ministry</i> (DMin Core Seminar) [2] <i>Leading a Holy Life Retreat</i> (Martin) [1] <i>An experience in a monastic community of prayer, study, and mission</i> <i>History and Diversity in Wesleyan Spiritual Traditions</i> (Powe) [2]
November 09	<i>Wesley Studies Conference</i> (Adjunct) [1]
January 2010	<i>Theology and the Church's Ministry</i> (DMin Core Seminar) [2] <i>A Ministry of Faith Formation in the Wesleyan Tradition</i> (Matthaei) [2] <i>The Wesleyan Heart of Personal and Social Holiness</i> (Knight) [1]
June 2010	<i>Prophetic Ministry</i> (DMin Core Seminar) [2] <i>Leading a Holy Life Retreat</i> (Martin) [1] <i>An experience in a monastic community of prayer, study, and mission</i> <i>Person and Role of Minister as Leader</i> (Weems/Vogel) [2]
January 2011	<i>Leading a Holy People Retreat</i> (Martin) [3] <i>An experience in a monastic community of prayer, study, and mission</i> <i>Praxis Thesis Seminar</i> (DMin Core Seminar) [1.5]
May 2011	<i>Praxis Thesis Proposal Conference</i> - [0.5]
May 2012	<i>Praxis Thesis Conference – Graduation</i> [4]

**Features of the track:**

- Integrative: combining academic study, practice of spiritual disciplines, and communal collaboration.
- Interdisciplinary: combining doctrinal, biblical, historical, and practical theology grounded in concrete contexts and oriented toward productive, significant accomplishment.
- Holistic: an educational program for the body, mind, and spirit.
- Practical Spirituality: in order to learn a different rhythm and process of communal life, the cohort will experience monastic-style retreats that will have direct relevance to 21<sup>st</sup> Century ministry and mission. Rigorous academic study will be integrated with communal practice of spiritual disciplines.

**For further information:**

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**General Questions:**

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