Doctor of Ministry

Pastoral and Ministry Leadership Cohort 2021-2023

Effecting Gospel-Centered Transformation

with Dr. Steve Mathewson

Course: Jan. 9- Apr. 16, 2021 | Intensive: Mar. 15-18, 2021

Theology in and for the Church: A Place and Practice of Disciple-Making

with Dr. Kevin Vanhoozer

Course: May 8-Aug. 13, 2021 | Intensive: July 19-22, 2021

Conflict Resolution in the Church

with Dr. Chris Brauns

Course: Aug. 15-Nov. 20, 2021 | Intensive: Oct. 4-7, 2021

The Leader's Spiritual Growth

with Dr. Darryl Dash

Course: Jan. 8-April 15, 2022 | Intensive: March 14-17, 2022

Mere Sexuality: Rediscovering the Christian Vision of Sexuality

with Dr. Todd Wilson

Course: May 7-Aug. 12, 2022 | Intensive: July 11-14, 2022

Advanced Preaching Skills

with Dr. Steve Mathewson

Course: Sept. 3-Dec. 9, 2022 | Intensive: Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2022

Ministry Leadership and the Reformers

with Dr. Scott Manetsch

Course: May 6-Aug. 11, 2023 | Intensive: July 10-13, 2023

Research Design and Methodology

with Dr. Reid Kisling, John Kwak, and Matthew Thiesen

Course: May 8-Aug. 13, 2021; May 7-Aug. 12 and Sept. 3-Dec. 9, 2022

Intensives: July 23, 2021; July 15 and Nov. 4, 2022 (This course is broken up into three, 1-credit courses.)







Chris Brauns

Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns has been in pastoral ministry for over 26 years including the last 15 years at the Red Brick Church in Stillman Valley. Chris is the author of "Unpacking Forgiveness: Biblical Answers for Complex Questions and Deep Wounds" (Crossway, 2008) and "Bound Together: How We are Tied to Others, in Good and Bad Choices" (Zondervan, 2013).



Darryl Dash

Darryl Dash is pastor of Liberty Grace Church in Toronto, and author of "How to Grow: Applying the Gospel to ALL of Your Life." He has a Doctor of Ministry degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and has over 25 years of ministry experience. Darryl is married to Charlene, and has two adult children, Christy and Josiah.



Reid Kisling

Dr. Kisling (PhD, Regent University, ThM, Dallas Theological Seminary) serves as Western Seminary's VP of Student Development and Chief Information and Effectiveness Officer. He also teaches our Research Design and Methodology course and serves as a dissertation reader for all DMin students. His life vision is to mentor and shepherd others, both personally and professionally, and to impact administrative and leadership structures and operations in theological education.



John Kwak

Dr. John Kwak (PhD, University of Rochester) is an Asst. Professor of Pastoral Theology at Western Seminary. He also serves there as the Chair for the Center of Ministry and Leadership and as the Asst. Director for the Doctor of Ministry program. Previously, John served as the Assoc. Pastor of Adult Education, Life Groups, and Asian American Ministry at Village Church (2012–2019), and the Assoc. Pastor of Teaching and Administration at Living Way Community Church of Los Angeles (2000-2005).



Steve Mathewson

In addition to his role as Western Seminary's DMin Director, Steve Mathewson serves as Senior Pastor of CrossLife Evangelical Free Church in Libertyville, Illinois. Prior to moving to the Chicago area in 2006, he served as a pastor in Montana for two decades. He is the author of several books, including "The Art of Preaching Old Testament Narrative" and "RISEN: Fifty Reasons Why the Resurrection Changed Everything."



Scott Manetsch

Dr. Manetsch (Ph.D. University of Arizona) is Professor of Church History and the History of Christian Thought at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He is a specialist in Early Modern Europe, John Calvin and Reformed Christianity, the history of the pastoral office, and the history of exegesis in the Reformation era. He has authored two monographs and is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church in America.



Kevin Vanhoozer

Kevin J. Vanhoozer is Research Professor of Systematic Theology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, where he has taught off and on since 1986. He is the author of several books, including "Is There a Meaning in this Text?" and "The Drama of Doctrine," as well as several books for pastor theologians, including "Everyday Theology: How to Read Cultural Texts and Interpret Trends."



Todd Wilson

Dr. Todd Wilson is the Cofounder and President of the Center for Pastor Theologians. He is the author or editor of over a dozen books related to Christian ministry, theology, and biblical studies, including "The Pastor Theologian," "Real Christian," and "Mere Sexuality." Todd has over 15 years of pastoral ministry experience, and most recently served for a decade as the Senior Pastor of Calvary Memorial Church in Oak Park, Illinois.