

Doctor of Ministry Degree

Congregation Revitalization

‘One from Two’ : Teaching and Preaching the Christian Bible of the Old and New Testaments

Cohort Leaders:

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Seldom do two internationally noted scholars in two testaments come together in one D.Min. seminar to explore the distinctive callings of teaching and preaching one Bible of Old and New Testaments. Over the course of three consecutive years, Professors Moessner and Dearman will lead their cohort group to investigate such questions as:

“Why are pastors so partisan toward New Testament texts for preaching?”

“Why is the Old Testament often treated as only pointing forward to the ‘Christian’ revelation of God?”

“How legitimate is it for preachers to ‘find’ Christ in the Old Testament?”

“Is a canonical understanding of the formation of the Christian Bible helpful for today’s pastor?”

Participants in this seminar will explore how our calling as leaders and the lives of our congregations may be revitalized through an informed examination of scripture. Study of primary Old Testament and New Testament biblical passages, patristic texts, and secondary readings will form the focus of each year of the seminar. Group participants will work together to find contemporary application for the 21st century church.

Prospectus

Year One: “Canon and Covenant”

Year Two: “Canon and Atonement”

Year Three: “Canon and Community”

Early Applications Encouraged

Inquiries are encouraged as quickly as possible since participation will be limited. The application deadline is February 15, 2010, but early applications are encouraged. For more information about our 2010 Doctor of Ministry cohort, contact:

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Congregational Revitalization

The University of Dubuque Theological Seminary Doctor of Ministry degree program is focused on Congregational Revitalization - The Pastor as Leader.

This D.Min. is unique with its emphasis on congregational revitalization and the leadership role of the pastor. It is both practical and theoretical: practical in that it is based in the local congregation and attempts to identify concrete leadership tools for the pastor; theoretical in that it is rooted in the classical theological disciplines of the church.

Each entering class becomes a cohort group that will remain together throughout the duration of the program. Two faculty members organize and provide the leadership for the three years of

seminar work. Additional resource persons will be invited to share as appropriate. The three-year program consists of three two-week seminars and a doctoral project. Both pre- and post-class work are required for the seminars. Courses are held the second two weeks in May on the UDTS campus or at another site.

Students must maintain continuous registration in the D.Min. Program until completion of the degree. The maximum time allowed for completion of the program is five years.

The D.Min. program requires the completion of 36 credit hours for graduation: 27 credit hours of course work and nine credit hours for the doctoral project. Students complete the degree in three to five years. The maximum number of hours students may enroll in during a year is 12 credit hours. Only work receiving a grade of B or higher will count toward graduation requirements.