



Doctor of Ministry Holy Presence: Eugene Peterson and the Pastoral Imagination

This Doctor of Ministry track will nurture experienced pastors more deeply into the slow, holy work required to be faithful to our pastoral call. Centered in Peterson's pastoral theology, we will also include other diverse voices to allow Peterson's expansive vision to roam wide and far.

Peterson believed the pastoral life must be lived and experienced in the context of relationships. If one's theology could not be lived interpersonally, then it was not a theology fit for the gospel of the Triune God who joined himself to humanity. He spoke often of a "pastoral imagination," the capacity to see, through the eyes of the Spirit, the truest world: God's world, the "wide country of the gospel." Peterson's pastoral writings offer working pastors the gift of a conversation partner who takes them and their vocational calling seriously. Eugene's writings unfold how pastors can become more biblically rooted, theologically robust, missionally aspiring, all the while offering others, and themselves, an expansive emotional canopy that shapes our shared human experience in Christ. The Holy Presence Cohort will be comprised by women and men who are committed to living out their calling as contemplative pastors in the company of like-minded pilgrims.

Faculty Mentor: Rev. Dr. Winn Collier

Cohort Facilitators: Rev. Dr. Trygve Johnson and Rev. Mandy Smith

Guest Instructor: Rev. Dr. Robert Smith, Jr.

Schedule: A three-year program launching May 24-28, 2021, with six seminars over the course of three years.

Location: Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI for four seminars. One year two seminar will take place in Flathead Lake, MT and in year three the group will travel to the Isle of Iona, Scotland.

Application: <https://www.westernsem.edu/apply-now/#application>

Application deadline: March 1, 2021 for US citizens and others not requiring an entry visa.
February 1, 2021 for students requiring entry visa to the US.

Tuition: \$4,500.00 per academic year for three years.

For more information visit: <https://www.westernsem.edu/academics/degrees/doctor-ministry-degree/>

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