



## Doctor of Ministry **Hungering for God: The Pastor as Spiritual Guide**

The Hungering for God Doctor of Ministry cohort builds on the conviction of the pastor as a spiritual guide inspired by the Holy Spirit, seeking to equip ministry leaders to assist others in knowing, loving, and serving God more fully. Through biblical, theological, and historical reflection and regular engagement with spiritual practices, we will examine how various individuals and movements across the history of the church have experienced and sought to nurture their relationship with the Triune God. Our cohort will examine the foundation of union and communion with God, desiring maturing experiences with God, the proper use of spiritual practices, enjoyment and contemplation of God, and barriers and obstacles where people get stuck. Guided by humility our goal is to become receptive and life-long learners in the spiritual school of Jesus and also model a similar hunger and desire for those with whom we live and minister. This cohort recognizes the critical need for creating a supportive community of disciples learning and journeying together. The final project will be grounded in the student's ministry setting and integrate cohort readings, spiritual practices, class discussions, and experiences.

**Faculty Mentors:** Rev. Tom Schwanda, Ph.D.

**Length & Launch:** A three-year program, plus additional time for the writing and defense of the D.Min. Final Project. The cohort will launch May 15-19, 2023.

**Schedule:** Six required seminars over the course of three years, targeted in mid-May and late August.

**Location:** Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI, and an off-campus monastic retreat in the second year.

**Tuition:** \$2,700 per semester for six semesters (\$16,200 total.) Students are also responsible for their own seminar travel expenses.

**Application deadline:** January 30, 2023, for US citizens and others not requiring an entry visa.  
December 15, 2022, for students requiring entry visa to the US.

**Application Link:** Application for this cohort will open October 1, 2022, at <https://apply.westernsem.edu/>

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

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