



Doctor of Ministry **Performing the Bible:** **Exploring the Performance Genres of Scripture**

"Performing the Bible: Exploring the Performance Genres of Scripture" Doctor of Ministry Cohort invites those who love Scripture to deeply consider its performance genres. Applicants need only bring the scholarly disciplines of reading and writing along with a willingness to pray and play. We expect the cohort to include preachers and worship leaders as well as some scholars with gifts in the arts. Together we will study, practice, and thereby learn to reclaim the action and orality that was lost when the Bible became a "book." Our goal in the scholarly journey of this D.Min. cohort is to rejoin theory and practice, performer and audience, text and context, intention and fulfillment, rehearsal and performance. Through these activities, we hope to rediscover biblical meanings that were born in an ancient world. The participants of this cohort will aim to re-enter *a lost world of scripture* so that they may help others find their way to that world.

Primary Faculty/Mentors: Jeff Barker and Karen Bohm Barker

Guest Instructors: Gifted guest lecturers with a variety of relevant expertise will participate in each of the six teaching units.

Length & Launch: A three-year program, plus additional time for the writing and defense of the D.Min. Final Project. The cohort will launch April 17-21, 2023.

Schedule: Six required seminars over the course of three years, likely in mid-April and mid-October.

Location: Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI, plus a theatre trip to Chicago and one seminar in either Israel or the United Kingdom.

Tuition: \$450 per credit hour for 36 credits (\$16,200 total.)

Application deadline: January 31, 2023, for US citizens and others not requiring an entry visa.
December 1, 2022 for students requiring entry visa to the US.

Application Link: <https://apply.westernsem.edu/>

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