



Doctor of Ministry
Youth Ministry: Imagining More
Building Faithful Ministries through Practical Theology

The **Youth Ministry: Imagining More** cohort creates the space and time necessary for leaders to develop the concepts and seek the habits, skills, and practices necessary for leading a ministry made up of people with all kinds of abilities and at all life stages, but especially adolescence. The primary focus is to develop a better understanding of youth ministry in the U.S., advance a contextualized practical theology of youth ministry, and to work out the implications of both for Christian youth ministry.

Those who apply for this cohort will explore the theology and practice of youth ministry by using practical theology as a critical lens that provides insights for imagining more faithful ministry. We seek to build a cohort with women and men whose research interests intersect in meaningful ways such that deep and rich lifelong conversation partnerships and friendships are cultivated.

Faculty Mentor: Benjamin T. Conner, Ph.D., Professor of Practical Theology and Director of the Graduate Certificate in Disability and Ministry

Length & Launch: A three-year program, plus additional time for the writing and defense of the D.Min. Final Project. The cohort will launch in January 2024.

Schedule: Six required seminars over the course of three years, targeted in January and August.

Location: Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI, and virtual.

Tuition: The tuition rate will be the standard D.Min. rate in 2023-2024, not yet published. The current rate in 2022-2023 is \$16,200 for the whole program. Students are also responsible for their own seminar travel expenses.

Application deadline: October 1, 2023, for US citizens and others not requiring an entry visa.
August 15, 2023, for students requiring entry visa to the US.

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

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