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# MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP FOCUS

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## DOCTOR OF MINISTRY MENU

In our new missional era, congregations must learn to establish habits and practices for attending to God's presence and work in the world. Drawing from faculty expertise in reading contexts and leading congregations through change, this program cultivates leadership practices that can equip congregations to recognize, discern, and participate in God's mission.

- Dr. Scott Hagley, W. Don McClure Associate Professor of World Mission and Evangelism

## JOIN THE NEXT MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP COHORT

The Doctor of Ministry Missional Leadership Focus forms pastors and ministry leaders to guide congregations and communities of faith in discerning their participation in God's mission within specific contexts. Missional leadership points beyond churches and congregations and asks how we can join God's work in the world. Faculty mentors accompany you throughout the program and help you maintain a contextual focus as you clarify corresponding research questions. A cohort facilitator gathers the group for worship and group formation while on campus and connects students online between on-campus class sessions, serving as a pastor for the cohort experience. The 2025 cohort will first gather June 2-6 and June 9-13, 2025.



15  
COHORT SIZE

47%  
FULL

06/2-13  
FIRST INTENSIVE

## APPLY NOW

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Priority Deadline: Dec. 3, 2024

Final Deadline: March 12, 2025

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## DISTINCTIVES

The Missional Leadership Focus includes:

**Cohort Mentors** A distinctive aspect of this D.Min. program is the use of cohort mentors, who will companion the cohort throughout the program and help students maintain a global and contextual focus as they clarify corresponding research questions. Each cohort mentor will lead at least one online workshop between courses, providing integrative discussions and coaching on research. Each professor teaching a seminar will lead the Friday morning session to help the students bring the work of that course into conversation with the program goals and their own research agendas.

**Research Questions** Students in the Doctor of Ministry program's Missional Leadership Focus are required to develop a guiding research question and learn research methodologies appropriate to that question early in the program. This research question will guide each student's work between courses and will serve to further shape, clarify, and focus the relationship between course work and each student's ministry context.

## ABOUT THE DMIN PROGRAM

The D.Min. program allows you to step out of your ministry context to sift through new information and ideas, then step back in to discover how and why that learning matters. At the end of your course work, you will design and implement a project that engages your ministry context in conversation with your work in the classroom.

## REFLECTING ON W



Brenda Henry is excited about reflecting on what is God is up to and how God is challenging us to engage with our congregations and our communities.

## COHORT MO



D.Min. Missional Leadership student Jeff Sims reflects on the cohort model and how it shapes him as a pastor to advance the practice of pastoral care.

WHAT DO MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP FOCUS STUDENTS STUDY?

WHEN DO CLASSES MEETING?



# DOING IT DIFFERENT

## LISTEN TO LEARN MORE

Missional leadership, the gospel notion of mission and its distortion, the importance of place, relationship and neighborliness, and the gifts and challenges that the pandemic has offered the church are the focus of this episode of the *Doing It Different* podcast. Porsha Williams Gates explores the Missional Leadership Focus in the Doctor of Ministry Program with DMin student the Rev. Laura Strauss '09 and Dr. Scott Hagley.

[Listen to Episode 10.](#)

## LEARN MORE ABOUT PITTSBURGH SEMINARY'S D.MIN. PROGRAM

Connect with the Doctor of Ministry Office to learn more about our next Missional Leadership cohort. We'd love to have you join us! **Apply now** to reserve your space in a future focus. **Financial aid and scholarships are available for those who qualify.** Please note that applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Apply early, and before the priority deadline, for best consideration given a limited number of spots are available. If all spots in a particular cohort are filled, you can apply to be placed on a waitlist.

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