Pastoral Ministry for Developing Congregational Identity

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**About the Course**

The vitality and the vision of a congregation often depend critically on how clearly the congregation communicates a corporate sense of “who we are.” When the members of a congregation understand and share this clearer sense of their own corporate identity, they can create and nurture a more vital and thriving congregational life.

In this course, we will (1) explore ways in which we can investigate and discover a core understanding of your congregational identity, (2) investigate the critical roles of pastoral and educational leadership in nurturing that corporate sense of identity, and (3) develop effective ways to express the corporate identity of a congregation through concrete, creative ministries, in order to accomplish the vision and purpose of your congregation as the Body of Christ.

**About Timothy Son**

The Rev. Dr. Timothy D. Son joined the Seminary faculty in 2005 as assistant professor of Christian education and youth ministry. Previously, he served as adjunct professor in Christian education at New Brunswick Theological Seminary and New York Theological Seminary. He is a graduate of Cornell University (B.A.), Princeton Theological Seminary (M.Div. and Th.M.), and Columbia University (Ed.D.).

Dr. Son has also been assistant dean for student affairs at New Jersey School of Christian Education, project team member for congregational studies at Auburn Seminary and the Lilly Foundation Project, and director of the Christian Education Library at Princeton Theological Seminary. He was also appointed educator and seminar leader for a three-year educational project in the Teacher’s Training Program at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Timothy has also served as pastor at four Presbyterian churches. He has authored numerous publications focusing on Christian education, including *Asian Americans and Christian Ministry* (Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2009).

**Cost**

$60

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